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Intramural football championships this Saturday

by AMBER FORD

The intramural football season will come to an end on Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Nampa High School for the intramural football championship games. Two fantastic matches will be awaiting NNU students in a unique atmosphere.

This year, the intramural championships will be played at night, under the lights of Nampa High. The evening will include concessions and a halftime show.

The first game will take place at 7 p.m. between Bloodbath and The Marmots for the powderpuff football championship. The defending champion Marmots will look to defend their title against the undefeated Bloodbath. This has been a long-standing rivalry and every game between these two teams is competitive and high energy.

The second game will take place at 8 p.m. between BLT and Dynasty for the men's flag football championship. BLT went all season with only one loss, finishing at the top of the league. Dynasty struggled at times throughout the season, but pulled off a phenomenal win against Vick's Pitbulls last Saturday to get them into the championship. Look for these two teams to have a close game.

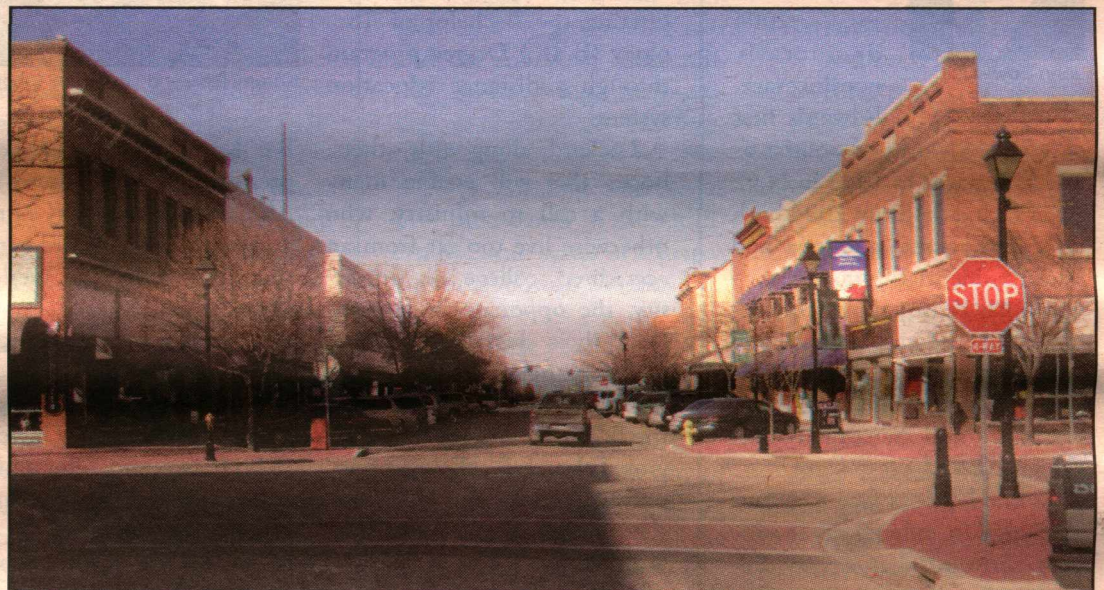
Restoring Nampa's historic beauty

Downtown restoration project will bring more attractions to students

by T.J. BARR

The City of Nampa has put into action a plan to revitalize its downtown district. Emphasizing the protection of the rich fabric of historical buildings, the revitalization of downtown Nampa seeks not only to maintain our historical landmarks, but to expand the preservation of said landmarks.

The revitalization of the downtown would protect vital bits of history. It makes economic sense. It will generate jobs in the region, mainly in the sectors of manufacturing, retail trade, services, and construction. The project would also increase property values and the attractiveness of the market for future merchants. The local government will benefit from additional tax revenues, which will partially be reinvested into the community for future preservation and rehabilitation projects.



Above: The area of downtown to be renovated under the downtown restoration plan (photo by Amber Ford).

Below: The future site of the outdoor ice rink on First Street and Thirteenth Avenue (photo by Amber Ford).

The project is composed of six points designed to improve key assets of Nampa. Physical improvements of downtown include gateways announcing the entrance to Nampa, increased and improved signs telling directions and location, an increase in circulation to allow for better traffic flow, increased amount of parking, and improve infrastructure of the downtown area. The project will also increase business and hopefully draw new markets to the downtown area.

One of the major improvements to the area would be a change to the library. A new mixed-use library would be built with the hope of stimulating economic

energy into the retail district through the increase in library patrons and employees.

Another major change that will be taking place is the construction of a 9,100-square-foot outdoor skating rink on the corner of First Street and Thirteenth Avenue. According to the developers, the rink would be open from mid-October to mid-March for youth ice hockey, figure skating classes, and broom ball. From April to September, it would be converted into a courtyard for open air markets, concerts, and outdoor movies.

An Arts and Heritage Commission will also be formed to provide a core for the underrepresented artistic

community of Idaho. This will provide an opportunity for local artists to display their talents and expose the unique artistic heritage of Nampa.

The project will also form an Urban Renewal District for Central Nampa to increase the tools available for local economic development. The District would also identify target projects and costs.

One of the most critical aspects of this project is the collaboration between the city and the private sectors. A team will be put together to ease the relations between the two groups. If all goes according to plan, the city will be instituting the plan over the next few years.

Wednesday



Hi: 60°, Low: 34°
Hazy.

Thursday



Hi: 57°, Low: 34°
Mostly sunny.

Friday



Hi: 57°, Low: 34°
Partly sunny.

Saturday



Hi: 53°, Low: 33°
30% chance rain.

Sunday



Hi: 48°, Low: 31°
Mostly cloudy.



Political Spotlight

Part 5 in an 8 part series on presidential candidates

by TREVAN HAUCK



John Edwards

John Edwards has been a major contender in the quest for the White House since the 2004 democratic nominerace. Edwards first

entered the world of politics as a U.S. Senator in 1998 in N.C. After facing defeat in 2004 both as a democratic nominee and Vice Presidential candidate, Edwards has returned as a fourth-ranked candidate who has been unable to step out of the shadow of Senator Hilary Clinton (D-N.Y.) and Senator Barack Obama (D-III.).

While he does face a serious challenge in rallying voter support, Edwards has a very solid social welfare platform that he has stood by since his days as a trial lawyer. He advocates healthcare for all Americans who are below the poverty line and establishing more firm labor and trade laws that would secure jobs for U.S. citizens.

As far as foreign policy goes, Edwards firmly believes that "America needs to restore its leadership role in the world." He calls for the removal of our entire military presence in Iraq in a 9-10 month timetable. Edwards also wants the U.S. to work with N.A.T.O. in order to put an end to the genocide in Darfur and the wars in Northern Uganda.

John Edwards says that he is the working families' representation in the senate and will continue to work for the underprivileged American as president. For more information on Senator John Edwards and his political ideals, log on to: www.johnedwards.com

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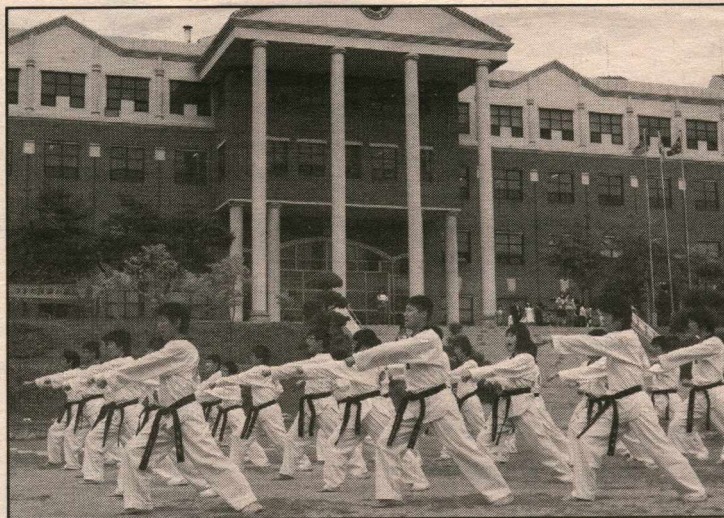
by ALLI SCHISLER

The Nazarene Church, now with a global membership of over 1.5 million, currently has "exciting happenings" in the Asia-Pacific region and in Africa.

Anna-Marie Lockard, vice president for Academic Affairs at the Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in South Africa, announced that NTC has been given approval to begin offering the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) Degree program through a distance education system.

Lockard, along with others, hopes this will enable many with a call to ministry, who otherwise live too far from an accredited college or university, the opportunity to complete their degree. According to NCN news, Lockard said, "NTC is moving ahead with the B.Th. We wish to thank the global church for their support, prayers, and interest in the further development of NTC-South Africa."

Furthermore, Nazarenes in Sierre Leone eagerly greet the country's new president Ernest



Korea Nazarene University (photo by Landon Loeber).

Bai Koroma. He was elected president of Sierra Leone, West Africa on Sept. 17. NCN news said Koroma is a "third generation member of The Wesleyan Church," a holiness denomination similar to the Church of the Nazarene.

In the Asia-Pacific region, Korea Nazarene University (KNU) is set to offer nursing courses beginning in spring 2008. The program—a top major at American Nazarene universities—has already increased KNU enrollment. In fact, 25 new nursing students

have been admitted to KNU.

In order for the nursing program to be successful, however, KNU must find both volunteer and paid staff to work short-term and long-term in the nursing program. According to NCN news, "KNU faculty believe this is a blessing from God that confirms the university's interest in pursuing a nursing major as another means of evangelism for students in the near future."

Also in Asia-Pacific news, KNU was able to donate computers to Luzon Nazarene Bible

College (LNBC) in Benguet, Philippines. KNU, like all institutions of higher learning in Korea, is required to upgrade their update computers every two years.

When the school found out about LNBC's need, it seemed natural to donate the computers which could no longer be used. Violly Lartec of LNBC said, "this act of generosity is a great example of a partnership between and among Asia-Pacific Nazarene schools."

In the Philippines, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (APNTS) is under new leadership. Floyd T. Cunningham was elected new interim president of APNTS. Cunningham is a graduate of Eastern Nazarene College and Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Cunningham has been teaching at APNTS since 1983, when the school opened. According to NCN News, "during his long tenure at APNTS, Cunningham has served as academic dean, professor of the history of Christianity, and officer-in-charge during times of leadership transition."

Clubs prepare next semester's budget

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

This year, SGA Business Manager Ryan Harter hopes to implement a budgeting cap of \$5,000 or \$6,000 for the SGA General Fund. Harter says that it is to ensure that SGA "doesn't get too carried away" when cutting funds to the different on campus clubs and organizations.

SGA has a General Fund that clubs and classes can request money out of when unexpected financial needs arise. The money that goes into the fund originally comes from an \$85 student fee that all undergraduate students pay at the beginning of each semester. SGA

then distributes the money according to club's needs.

"It's all relative," Harter says. "Some clubs need more money to survive because of the scope of their projects and membership levels, while other clubs only do one or two things all year."

The idea of the budget, as far as the clubs are concerned, is to provide the means for the clubs' activities, and to keep the clubs accountable to the SGA. Part of the accountability is that each club on campus is required to do two service projects and one fund-raiser of their own in the course of a semester. Occasionally, the clubs need to use money from the



SGA Business Manager Ryan Harter's office (photo by Tony Napier).

General Fund to do their service projects so they will go through senate.

In order to apply for the funds they need next semester, the club treasurers need to e-mail Harter with a roster of the

members of their club. Harter says that he will send further instructions, as well as the template of the form for requesting funds. "If they don't, then they won't have access to their accounts," Harter says.

Forensics team wins at C of I



Forensics team members display their awards from the C of I tournament. Top row: Julia Fitch, Elizabeth Hoover, Rachel Lund, and Rachel Allen. Bottom row: Heather Begin and Allison Hawn (photo courtesy of Brooke Adamson).

by TREVAN HAUCK

When most students hear the word "forensics," speech and debate is not the first thing that comes to mind. Here at NNU however, that is exactly what the forensics team does along with many other schools all over the country.

The types of speeches encompass a vast array of styles from Persuasive to Dramatic interpretation. The Forensics

team also includes parliamentary debate in which a two person team gets about twenty minutes to prepare and debate a current event topic.

Forensics is more than just public speaking; it also involves extensive speech writing and revision for those who practice Informative and Persuasive. Impromptu and debate require quick thinking and a good common knowledge base. "I do a lot of impromptu debate so I

can gain experience in this area and learn to be able to think on my feet" said Brandon Hagemeyer a Freshman Public Communications/ Political Science Major. The NNU team travels all over the Northwest and California competing against other schools for top honors in their respective styles. "Forensics prepares you by not only augmenting your public speaking abilities but improving your self-confidence" said freshman Allison Hawn.

The last tournament that the forensics team competed in took place in Caldwell at the College of Idaho two weekends ago. Junior Julia Fitch took first place in the Open Prose category and Hawn took second in her After Dinner speech, a category in which the main goal is to entertain the audience while making some sort of point at the same time.

"It is a great organization where students get to use and improve on their speaking, interpretation, argumentation, and writing skills. These are skills they will use for the rest of their lives" says Forensics program director and Communications professor M. Brooke Adamson.

Alumnus runs for U.S. House Seat



Idaho Republican candidate Matt Salisbury (by www.idahoforsalisbury.org).

by AIMEE NILES

NNU alumnus and Republican candidate for Congress Matt Salisbury addressed Dr. Mark Gismond's U.S. Foreign

Policy class last Thursday in the Science Lecture Hall. Salisbury is a 1998 graduate of NNU, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Currently, he is completing a

master's degree from Norwich University in Diplomacy and International Commerce.

Salisbury enlisted in the United States Army in 1992 and served in the second Battalion of the Army Airborne Rangers. In 1995, he joined the Idaho National Guard. In 2004-2005 Salisbury served in Iraq with the 216 Military Intelligence Ground Surveillance Radar Teams.

In Salisbury's presentation, he shared how his experiences in Iraq shaped his views and his desire to run for the United States Congress. Salisbury said his platform is based on searching for a way to live his faith so that he does not have to be a Christian—that people will just know.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

Flood claims lives south of the border

OSTUACAN, Mexico

Survivors saw relatives swept away by huge waves or buried by debris after a landslide hit a rain-swollen river, triggering what officials called a "mini-tsunami" that wiped a hamlet off the map and left at least 16 people missing.

Residents of San Juan Grijalva told The Associated Press on Monday they had been awakened by a rumbling roar and the sound of rocks rolling down from surrounding mountaintops on Sunday night, almost a week after massive flooding sent rivers over their banks in the southern Mexican states of Chiapas and neighboring Tabasco.

Deadliest year for U.S. soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq

The U.S. military on Tuesday announced the deaths of five more soldiers, making 2007 the deadliest year of the war for U.S. troops, according to an Associated Press count.

Five U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in two separate roadside bomb attacks, said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, director of the Multi-National Force-Iraq's communications division.

"We lost five soldiers yesterday," Smith told reporters in Baghdad's heavily-guarded Green Zone.

At least 852 American military personnel have died in Iraq so far this year — the highest annual toll since the war began in March 2003, according to AP figures. Some 850 troops died in 2004.

North Korea begins disabling Nukes

INCHEON, South Korea

North Korea is cooperating with U.S. experts to disable its nuclear weapons-making facilities, a U.S. diplomat said Tuesday after a trip to the communist nation to oversee the start of the work this week.

"I think we are off to a good start and will look forward to completing the task by the end of the year as planned," Sung Kim, the State Department's top expert on Korea, said after arriving in Seoul following a visit to North Korea's Yongbyon nuclear site.

Kim said North Korean officials were "very cooperative" and that work had begun at three major facilities.

Astronauts prepare for return trip home

HOUSTON, Texas

Discovery's astronauts got their spaceship ready for the ride home on Tuesday, wrapping up a 15-day mission that kept the crew far busier than they had planned.

NASA said the preliminary weather forecast looked good for Wednesday's planned early afternoon touchdown at Kennedy Space Center.

After leaving the international space station on Monday, Discovery's crew inspected their ship one final time to make sure it would be prepared for the fiery descent through the atmosphere.

China grapples with oil shortages

BEIJING, China

China's two main oil companies have promised to step up diesel production, the government said Tuesday, following two weeks of shortages blamed on price controls that have disrupted trucking and caused long lines at filling stations.

The government raised diesel and gasoline prices by about 10 percent last week to curb demand at a time when refiners say they are losing money due to controls that block them from passing on record-high crude costs to consumers. Some refiners have responded by suspending production, leading to rationing, especially in China's fast-growing south.

Crises in Pakistan

President Musharraf faces staunch opposition

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Police and soldiers emboldened by state of emergency powers swept up hundreds of activists and opposition members on Sunday, dragged away protesters shouting "Shame on you!", and turned government buildings into barbed-wire compounds.

Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government said parliamentary elections could be delayed up to a year as it tries to stamp out a growing Islamic militant threat — effectively linking two of the greatest concerns of Pakistan's biggest international donors:



Pervez Musharraf, current president of Pakistan (photo by AP).

the United States and Britain.

Increasingly concerned about the unfolding crisis, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Washington was reviewing billions of dollars in aid to its close terrorism-fighting ally. Britain is also examining its assistance.

"Some of the aid that goes to Pakistan is directly related to the counterterrorism mission," Rice told reporters traveling with her. "We just have to review the situation."

But, she said, she did not expect the U.S. "to ignore or set aside our concerns about terrorism."

Scores of paramilitary troops blocked access to the Supreme Court and parliament. Streets in the capital appeared largely

calm, with only a handful of demonstrations. But one, attended by 40 people at the Marriott Hotel, was broken up by baton-wielding police.

"Shame on you! Go Musharraf go!" the protesters shouted as officers dragged some out of the crowd and forced them to the ground. Eight were taken away in a van.

Others were apathetic. Standing at on a dusty street corner in Islamabad, Togul Khan, 38, said he didn't care about the emergency declaration.

"For us, life stays the same, even when politicians throw Pakistan into the sky, spin it around and watch as it crashes back down to earth," the day laborer said as he waited for work.

In an address to the nation late Saturday, Musharraf said the growth of a militant Islamic movement and a court system that hindered his powers forced him to declare a state of emergency, despite the urging of Western allies against authoritarian measures.

Less than 24 hours after the order was issued, militants in the Afghan border freed 211 captured Pakistani soldiers in exchange for the army's decision to free 28 insurgents, including some allegedly connected to suicide attacks, officials said.

Though they gave no explanation for the decision, it appeared to fly in the face of Musharraf's claims that emergency rule was needed to make sure terrorists — dozens of whom he says have been freed by Pakistani courts — stay off the streets.

Critics say Musharraf, a 1999 coup leader who had promised to give up his army post and become a civilian president this year, imposed emergency rule in a last-ditch attempt to cling to power.

His leadership is threatened by the Islamic militant movement that has spread from



Police officers in uniform and plain clothes clash with lawyers outside the District Courts in Multan, Pakistan on Tuesday. Lawyers clashed with police as Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's government considered when to hold elections amid growing international pressure to end emergency rule and restore democracy in Pakistan (photo by AP).

border regions to the capital, the reemergence of political rival and former prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, and an increasingly defiant Supreme Court, which was expected to rule soon on the validity of his recent presidential election win. Hearings scheduled for next week were postponed indefinitely.

Attorney General Malik Mohammed Qayyum denied claims by Bhutto and others that Musharraf had imposed martial law — direct rule by the army — under the guise of a state of emergency. He noted the prime minister was still in place and that the legislature would complete its term next week.

Crucial parliamentary elections had been scheduled for January, but Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said the polls could be delayed up to a year. He said the extraordinary measures would be in place "as long as it is necessary."

In Islamabad, phone service that was cut Saturday evening appeared to have been restored by Sunday morning, but television news networks other than state-controlled Pakistan TV remained off the air.

Aziz said up to 500 people

were detained nationwide in 24 hours.

Among them were Javed Hashmi, the acting president of the party of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif; cricket star-turned politician, Imran Khan; Asma Jehangir, chairman of the independent Human Rights Commission of Pakistan; and Hamid Gul, former chief of the main intelligence agency and a critic of Musharraf.

Around 200 police with assault rifles and sticks stormed the rights commission's office in the eastern city of Lahore,

breaking up a meeting and arresting about 50 members, said Mehbod Ahmed Khan, legal officer for the activists.

"They dragged us out, including the women," he said from the police station. "It's inhuman, undemocratic and a violation of human rights to enter a room and arrest people gathering peacefully there."

Bhutto scoffed at claims that Musharraf imposed the emergency measures to fight Islamic militants — even though Muslim insurgents were widely blamed for the attempt on her life.

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Agreement or coercion?

STAFF EDITORIAL

Isn't it amazing to attend a university where no one drinks, smokes, or lies? A place where Christian education is exemplified by the holy lives that each student lives every single moment of every single day? Oh wait... this is NNU.

Charles Wesley once said, "Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety". I wonder what Mr. Wesley would think if he were alive today and witnessed the disconnections of our institution's standard values and student body's current lifestyle.

In a poll in which lifestyle rules were listed, a group of random students were asked whether or not they had broken any of the rules; of the 55 people who were asked, 49 stated that they had broken at least one of the rules. In other words,

89% of students polled said that they had not upheld the institution's standard in which they had promised they would. Why have so many people broken this agreement? Do we, as a student body, seriously lack a sense of integrity, and if so, are we truly moving in a direction toward Christian holiness?

The truth is, our current lifestyle agreements are not the guidelines students use when making a decision. Rather, students make decisions based on the morals and values that their parents or family instill in them, which may or may not conform to NNU standards. It is certain that students do not make decisions based on the Lifestyle Agreement, a document that many don't even remember signing much less reading.

The way in which the Lifestyle Agreement is administered makes it very

difficult for the average student to actually know what the University expects of them. The agreement is posted online and list only four lifestyle issues with the disclaimer:

"If admitted to Northwest Nazarene University, I agree to abide by the printed and announced policies that will be in force during my stay at NNU. If at any time my conduct is in violation of these, I recognize that I will be subject to disciplinary action and that my status as a student will be in jeopardy." (<https://www.nnu.edu/lifestyleagreement>)

So, simply put you are agreeing (by signing at your freshman admission) to

uphold every single policy that the university has or will have during your time here at NNU. That would be acceptable if all of those policies were listed in a single, easy to find location either online or on campus, not on several different web pages.

The current system is not the only issue when it comes to discussing this problem. The student body is by no means off the hook. Our generation has been drowned in a sea of disclaimers and internet agreement boxes that we just sign away without the slightest consideration of how what we are signing will affect our life.

The Lifestyle Agreement can not be one of those documents we recklessly sign away. We must read these documents and make a conscious decision to agree or disagree with what NNU stands for. The

rules may seem really silly to some of us, but it is a matter of integrity and accountability. The Lifestyle Agreement is a reflection of our community and while we just ignore and consciously or unconsciously break our word, our community will not be strengthened at the rate it could be.

The solution is two pronged; it lies with the administration and the students. The administration needs to present the Agreement as a vital tool for the NNU community. As it stands, the "here, sign this so you can attend NNU" attitude is not a motivator to maintain the lifestyle. The students need to take it seriously. Your signature means something; take pride in what you sign and take it seriously.

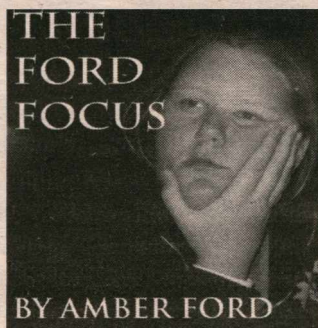
System should crack down on abusive teachers

I read a recent seven-month Associated Press study that cited nearly 2,500 educators being punished for sexual misconduct from 2001-2005. As an education major, this kind of report literally makes me sick and shows me why it is so important to hire people of integrity to teach our children.

The real problem with this study is not just the staggering number of cases, but the fact that the system is set up to almost protect these people. A teacher can be caught by school officials in a sexual misconduct act, and as long as the teacher leaves quietly the school district won't press charges and they won't report them to have their license revoked.

So what does a sex

offender do when they are caught? They find a new place where no one knows them! These teachers are going to different states and getting jobs in other



schools, victimizing more kids.

I remember the first time I ever heard about teacher misconduct was in elementary school. It was the Mary Kay Letourneau case in Washington. They are married now, but who

cares? It was a total case of a teacher abusing the power they are given in an inappropriate way. It hurts more than just the one child. It hurts the surrounding community and all the children at that school who don't fully understand the case.

This degradation of American schools is sickening. Where are the background checks? Where is the supervision teachers should be getting? Why would you let someone go quietly when they have been caught doing something inappropriate? You are enabling them to continue hurting other children.

When things like this happen, it reaffirms for me how important it is to have people with high moral standards entering the education field. Teachers

should be people students look up to and more importantly, people they trust. The relationship between a teacher and their students should be built on trust, and if students can't trust their teachers they will not learn anything from them.

As a future Christian educator, I hope that my students see me as someone they can confide in and feel safe around. It is very disappointing to me that other educators who mistreat children are defecating upon the profession, a profession that was founded on morals and integrity. If we expect our students to follow these ideals, we should be holding ourselves to higher standard as well.

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God is not a man or a woman

by ALLI SCHISLER

Thinking that God is only male makes me indignant as a female, a student, and a Christian.

About five years ago, the School of Theology and Christian Ministry began requiring students to use gender inclusive language. The psychology department requires students to do the same.

While some departments are moving toward promoting gender equality through language, the concept of gender-neutral language for God remains taboo. In no department is it normal to refer to God in neutral or feminine language.

Why do we insist on using masculine language to describe a God who is not human and therefore not gendered? Why is God only *He* and *Father*, instead of *She* or *Mother* or *Parent*?

The Bible clearly tells us that God has both typically

“male” and typically “female” characteristics. Genesis 1:27 reads, “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

Scripture like Isaiah 66:13 clearly portrays God as Mother: “As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”

This concept of God as Mother and Father is hardly postmodern or new age. Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1895 suggested, “The first step in the elevation of woman to her true position, as an equal factor in human progress, is...the recognition by the rising generation of an ideal Heavenly Mother, to whom their prayers should be addressed, as well as to a Father.”

Is it because of fear we are afraid to make God anything but an all-powerful man? Doesn't this speak

to our small-mindedness? Gender exclusive language continues the tradition of a social hierarchy in which males are placed at the top.

That is, if God is our ideal, and God is perfect, and we describe God as male, then we are promoting the concept of male as dominant and better than female.

Indeed, by making God only male, we are forgetting approximately 51 percent of the population.

More importantly, however, many have known an earthly father figure who is absent or even cruel. For such individuals, the term *Father* does not connote forgiveness or grace, but abuse. How are such individuals supposed to experience the love of God when they are directed only toward a “father” figure?

I am not suggesting we suddenly refer to God solely as female, only that we realize God is Father and

Mother, our Parent. God is broader than gender. If you are most comfortable viewing God in terms of male, and your prayers reflect this, continue.

But consider that perhaps this mindset of God as male is simply an aspect of socialization which teaches male as stronger and more capable, etc.

And perhaps we should take our call to compassion seriously and realize that we are hindering some from a meaningful relationship with God by suggesting God is only masculine.

Let us not allow language—or our own tendency toward narrow-mindedness—to hinder the hurt and needy from intimate relationship with our Heavenly Parent.

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Stephen Colbert will not be the next president

by IAN BAUDER

Last year I was in a grocery store, browsing through a magazine while on a break from work, when I stumbled upon a fake campaign poster in the centerfold. The poster read “Stewart/Colbert '08.” Upon seeing this poster, my first reaction was “that would be the best thing ever.” In this case, life has imitated art, and Stephen Colbert is officially running for president, and while many people in the public and in the media are cheering, I am not.

Before I explain why I think Colbert's decision to go on the campaign trail is a bad thing, let's clear something up first: Colbert is not going to be the

next president. It doesn't matter that you and all of your friends were going to vote for him, because you wouldn't even have had a chance. For one thing, Colbert is only running in South Carolina. He is trying to run as a Republican and a Democrat. But this might not even happen, because as of this writing, Colbert's bid to get on the ticket was rejected by the state's Democratic Party.

Why would they reject Colbert? Well, it might be because he's breaking campaign finance rules. It turns out that the rules do not permit candidates to be sponsored by a corporation. Colbert's campaign is being sponsored by Doritos. While it seems strange

that someone so politically savvy as Colbert would overlook such a major campaign rule, Colbert is breaking the law. However, this isn't the real reason that I object to Colbert's presidential campaign.

I may be old fashioned, but I still believe that our political system is something to be respected. I agree that sometimes the political process degenerates into theatre and farce far too often, but I still believe in the institution that was set by our forefathers. Colbert is essentially making a mockery of that institution so that he can sell Doritos. At a time when he should be facilitating an intelligent and critical conversation about the potential candidates,

he is turning the attention on himself; a candidate that barely has a chance of being on the ballot. Frankly I am disappointed in him.

But I guess it doesn't matter. We live in a democracy where people use their dollars to vote, and I am sure that Colbert is going to sell a lot of Doritos from this little campaign of his. I just hope that those who were excited for Colbert get as excited for an actual candidate and take that excitement to the ballot box.

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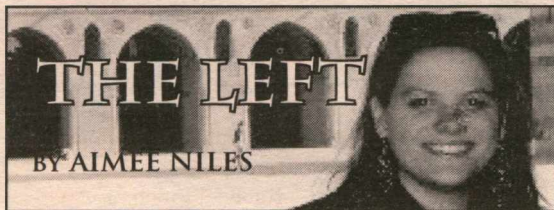
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Should condoms be available on campus?

People should make their own choices

SEX. That's right, sex. A gift from God, yet it comes with rules and stipulations that we as Christians strive to uphold. We strive, but often, we fail.

Making contraceptives available to unmarried students on NNU's campus is not the apocalyptic event some people imagine. There



is no denying that there would be tension between NNU's lifestyle agreement and such actions, but in the interest of helping the student population, this can be overlooked.

People, even Christian people, struggle with sex and its implications. The naïve view is we are a Christian university so premarital sex doesn't happen. It does. By ignoring this we are alienating people who really are struggling to remain sexually pure.

When the mention of sex outside of marriage is taboo, we create the feeling of inadequacy and "dirtiness" among those who do struggle with it.

The Health Center is a resource for students. They offer counseling for alcohol abuse and drinking is

against the lifestyle agreement. Granted, the counseling center doesn't offer alcohol, but the real thing is they are there for students who struggle. Sex is so taboo in our community that going to the counseling center for help is rare.

If students could get contraceptives from the Health Center, it would create the feeling an open environment where people could go and talk. I'm not advocating an open basket of rubbers in the Perk. I'm advocating an environment where we don't ignore the 800 pound gorilla in the

room.

To get condoms from the Health Center, a student would be required to talk with a qualified counselor before being given any sort of contraceptive. Hopefully, this would lead a student to dig deeper into their relationship and determine why they want to have sex. If a student doesn't want to do this, fine. They can go to other places for condoms.

This isn't just about whether or not condoms should be available on campus. Sex isn't any worse a sin than any other, yet we judge and condemn those who are caught in the act. The issue is creating an environment where people who struggle with sexual impurity can seek help without the social stigma usually involved.

Condoms are not consistent with NNU's morality

Handing out contraceptives in any form has always been viewed as controversial. However, this practice has become virtually accepted on most secular college campuses around the United States. At NNU, this method of "sex education" is prohibited. This is a good thing and it falls right in line with our schools' environment and traditions.

Being a Christian university, we hold ourselves to a standard that emulates these beliefs. Not to do so would be hypocritical. Under these beliefs falls the category of sexual purity. It is the firm belief of the Nazarene community, and an overwhelming part of the Christian community, that sexual practices outside of marriage are to be considered sinful. Because of this such activities are prohibited at NNU in our lifestyle agreement.

Handing out or providing free contraceptives to students who are not married is an action that ignores the beliefs this university professes and supports a lifestyle that could potentially be harmful both physically and spiritually.

The argument that some people are "going to have sex anyway so we might as well make it safe" holds no weight whatsoever on this campus. All students, Christian or otherwise, consciously sign a contract agreeing to abstain from such activities while enrolled. If you do not agree with the lifestyle

agreement you signed then you should open up a dialog with our administration and voice your concerns. However, you still have a moral obligation to hold to the contract. If a student cannot handle that, then they should not have come to this university.

It should not be the burden or responsibility of any academic



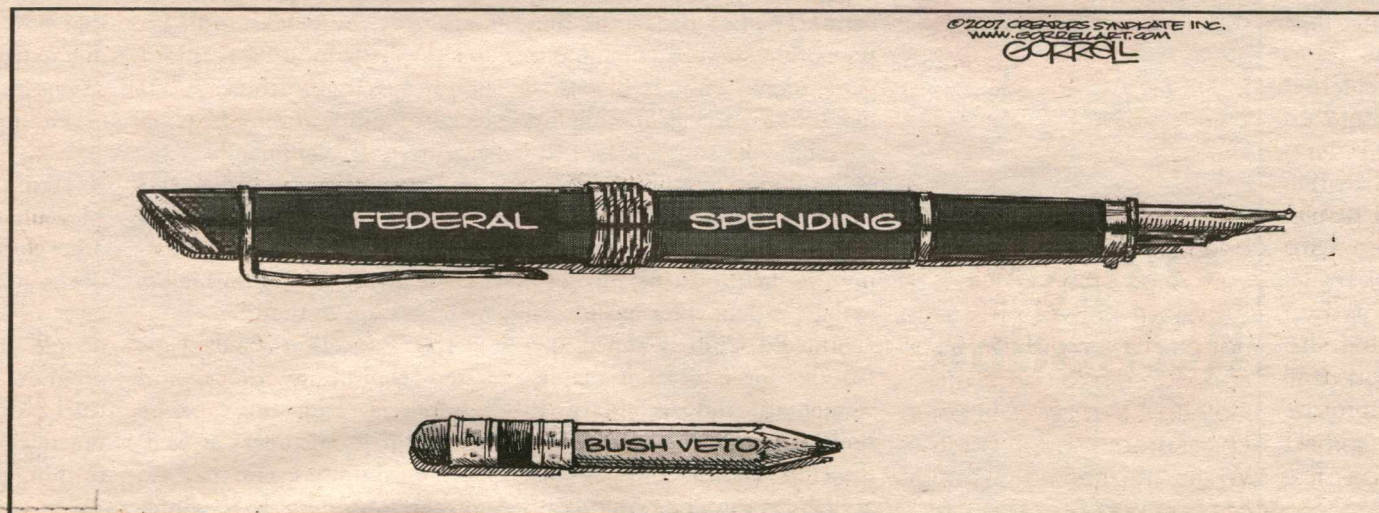
institution to provide its students with contraceptives. This is the college level and such life choices are made by intelligent and conscience individuals. They should be the ones who provide themselves with contraceptives.

Another argument for a campus provision of contraceptives is that some students cannot afford them or are embarrassed to purchase them. If a student at NNU wants to break a contract that they agreed to and they cannot afford to buy their own condoms, then I suggest they go to Planned Parenthood where free contraceptives are available.

NNU cannot be funding behavior that goes against its founding morals and principles. It makes no sense and would destroy the lifestyle that many NNU students desire.

Political Cartoon

by BOB GORRELL





The Brick House Boys: more than music and coffee on Thursdays

by AIMEE NILES

The Brick House is the house for students—a place for us to watch movies with members of the opposite sex and get our late Thursday night caffeine fix. But, it's more than just that; Matt Dayton, Jerad Larson, Roland Tedder and Dax Wandling are this year's Brick House Boys and are responsible for making the Brick House a home—not just a movie theatre and coffee shop.

There's more to the Brick House than just Underground and coffee drinks. That's just a small part of the boys' job. They have the far more difficult task of being hosts for the entire campus.

In the spring, groups of three or four get together and apply in the process of becoming the Brick House Boys/Girls. There is an interview that includes how the group plans on making the house better. They create a plan and discuss it in an interview. "We put ours together in under a day, and I don't recommend doing that," Wandling said. The boys' theme centered on the idea that the Brick House is a home, and worked on ways to create a "homey" feeling.

The Boys are looking forward to planning some great parties closing out this semester and into next. The Brick House is a fun job and the boys love it when students come to the house and make it their home. Wandling says, "The best part of this job is coming back home and having people hanging out. I really want people to feel like this is their house, too, so seeing people just being here, not necessarily doing anything special, is really cool."

NNU Recycles



by IAN BAUDER

The Recycling Club is a new addition to the NNU campus that has been making a visible change since the beginning of the year. The club has set up recycling bins in all of the dorms and in Wiley. They take the refuse that is collected in the bins to Western Recycling,

a recycling center in Nampa.

The club was the vision of former student Chad Hawley, who was inspired after working at Mt. Rainier. Hawley decided that if Washington could do as much recycling as they did, why couldn't Idaho do the same?

The club has been getting a slow start. They haven't done any fundraising as of yet, and they haven't started any kind of poster campaign. But they hope to expand their pick-up operations to the rest of the buildings on campus. The club meets Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. upstairs in the student center.



The SIFE members at the Campbell's Stamp Out Hunger Challenge in 2006 (clockwise from top center): Mitch Ward, Derek DeRooy, Jenna Cypert, Tarrell Lineman, Jillian Jensen, Ashley Puga, LeRisa Peterson, Kate Cochran, Jackie Travis, Kyla Haidle, Ashlee Jerome, Kit Boone (photo courtesy of Ashlee Jerome).

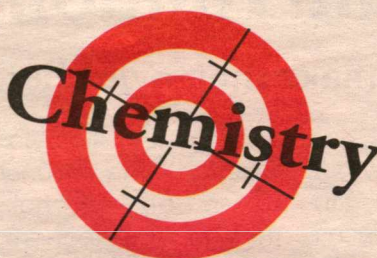


by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

Education Club

According to Dean of Education Dr. Jim Bader, the purpose of the Education Club is to get students who are interested in education to talk about issues affecting educators today. Dani Wilson, president of the Education Club, adds that the club is "used to do things for the community, help out, be involved, and get experience as well."

The Ed Club is aimed specifically for education majors, elementary and secondary. In their meetings, the members of the club talk about issues such as liability, interviewing skills,



Students In Free



by TONY NAPIER

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) is gearing up for another impressive year of events, completion's, and service projects. SIFE is a worldwide, non-profit, student led organization which allows its members to

participate in projects submit them in regional national competitions. very own SIFE team has the regional competition Seattle for the past six For each competitor's mission to qualify they fall into one of the five following criterion: entrepreneurship, personal skills, financial literacy, market economics, and business ethics.

SIFE isn't all about competition though; the organization has several dif

and things relating to the Idaho Education Association (IEA).

The IEA, according to its website (www.idahoeca.org), exists to "help local associations build capacity to achieve excellence in publication." It is an organization that members receive many benefits from, and the NNU Education Club, a chapter of the IEA, is responsible for giving education majors memberships in the IEA.

The Education Club runs a few community events and fundraisers and hosts some events for its members as well. The community event they are currently running is a winter

coat drive, which will provide children in the local schools with winter coats. Wilson says that next semester they are going to try and host an Easter egg hunt on campus for the local children.

Next semester, the club will be taking their annual retreat in McCall, where they meet with other officers in clubs around the state. The retreat, Bader says, usually exists to instruct people in the NNU education program about issues facing teachers as well as to give some practical advice and ideas about running a classroom.

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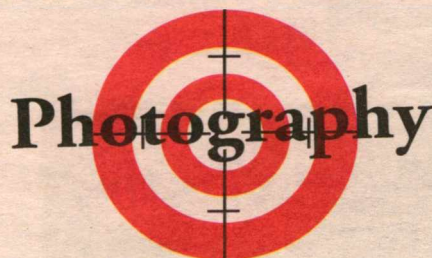
Enterprise (SIFE)

community service projects that will affect NNU and the greater Nampa area. One of their biggest events is "World Trade Day" in which the group sets up booths in the Johnson Sports Center and local elementary school students come and learn about countries around the world and how Idaho actually trades with many of these countries.

For the NNU community SIFE is hoping to bring a speaker in before the end of the month to address

students on financial matters. SIFE is also working with one of their sponsors, Campbell's Soup on the "Stamp Out Hunger" program by collecting canned foods next semester.

SIFE has been an amazing asset to our community and would love to add members to it's ranks. If you would like to join, send an email to SIFE@nnu.edu. The meetings are every Monday night at 7 p.m. in Helstrom Business Center.



Shaved It:

Our brave volunteers after their appointment with the shears...

Sophomores Rob Uehlin, Vanessa Evans and Ian Bauder were relieved of several feet of hair between them on Thursday night. The event, the culmination of a week's fundraising for World Vision, took place at the Brick House.



Psychology Club



The 2007 Psychology Club: (back row) Chelsey Jones, Lisa Gingrich, Andra Weaver, Shanda Dans. (middle row) Mallory Becker, Kristy Andrews, Brenda Jackson. (front row) Ron Crampton, Linsey Strader, Cynthia Cuenca, Rowdy Hope, Taryn Gunstream, Kayla Dunn, Randy Davenport, Alli Anne Andrews, Dr. Au.

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

If you are a traditional undergrad student at NNU, chances are you have encountered the Psychology Club in some form or another. The Psych Club is responsible for many interesting campus surveys and events, like Data Match and the Homecoming Walk/Run.

The Psychology Club is also responsible for taking pictures at the Homecoming Banquet. This year, with the change in Homecoming traditions, the Psych Club may lose that fundraiser. Brenda Jackson, president of the Psych Club, says that they will then be limited in their budgeting for service projects.

Along with campus events, the Psych Club helps with ministry groups. Last year the club coordinated with the

Hope House ministry to make Christmas goodie baskets for kids.

Most of the members of the Psych Club are majoring or minoring in psychology, but according to Jackson, everyone with an interest in psychology is welcome to join. The club meets every other Thursday at 11 a.m. At their meetings, the club plans service projects, fundraisers, and club events. They also meet together for movie nights and study nights.

The ultimate purpose of the club, according to Jackson, is to have a place for students with similar majors and interests to get together socially and for studying purposes. The Psychology Club also provides networking for Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

Unity through CHAOS...?

by AMBER FORD

CHAOS, an annual event organized by SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator (CMC) Amy Carroll, will take place this Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Johnson Sports Center. This event is designed to bring in children from the Nampa community to have fun and provide students with a meaningful ministry opportunity.

Carroll has been working closely with the schools' ministry clubs and class chaplains to put the event together. Each different club or person was given the task to put up posters and promote the event to different elementary schools and churches.

"We want to serve as a light to these kids..." The event itself will include

a variety of activities for students to run and participate in with children. The activities include kickball, basketball, parachute games, and storytelling.

Carroll hopes that CHAOS will serve as an outreach to local children. "We want to serve as a light to these kids and show them love through the simplicity of a parachute. Hopefully they will bring their friends who might not go to church and we can have an impact on them as well," Carroll said.

In addition to attracting kids, Carroll also hopes that students will come as well. "It should be a lot of fun and just an hour and a half of your time can really make an impact on these kids!"

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'Night of the Arts' spotlights a range of student talents

by RACHAEL FINCH

Students and faculty are coming together to present the third annual Night of the Arts (NOTA) on Monday November 12, at eight p.m. in the Brandt Center lobby and Friesen Galleries.

"NOTA is an annual event featuring some of the art, poetry, prose, and music that enrich this campus" said band director, Dr. Casey Christopher. "Students should recognize and appreciate that their peers and professors are creating and performing in wonderful and exciting ways, and that this is part of

what makes their own campus community great."

The music, art, and communications departments have collaborated to create this event. Each department will be represented by students and faculty from its programs.

"NNU Music will bring live performances of jazz music from the Northwesterners and three jazz combos. Music students perform their own arrangements and improvised solos during this event" said Christopher. About forty students and faculty members will be represented from the music department.

The art department will host its annual student juried show, said art professor Amanda Hamilton. This year, the show is titled, "Hit me with your best shot." The show is composed of work the art majors have completed over the last two years.

"Each student can submit three pieces. The faculty choose the works we feel are the strongest: technically, conceptually, in terms of presentation. Awards are given for first, second and honorable mention" said Hamilton.

"All the work is for sale," said Hamilton, "Student work is the best place to start collecting

original works of art...it's still affordable and the work is very good!"

Five students from the communications department's Reader's Theater will provide poetry readings. Students will perform their own poetry as well as that of faculty, faculty emeritus, and even the parent of a faculty emeritus, said communications professor Brooke Adamson. "Students performing are not just communication majors but represent their varied departments too. Our whole goal of Night of the Arts is to bring together Art, Literature (poetry), Music, and Communication

(performance) for all to enjoy" said Adamson.

Christopher, Hamilton, and Adamson strongly urge members of the NNU community to attend NOTA. "If students, staff, faculty, and the broader community affirm and encourage the work of these students and their departments, I would consider it a great success" said Christopher. "It is also going to be a very, very fun event for the participants and audience alike."

"Come out to the event. Great work, good food and a time to enjoy our creative community" said Hamilton.

Where's the coffee at?

Are those Perk bucks running out too quickly? The 'Crusader' staff composes a list of local sit-down coffee shops for your convenience

By ANDREA HALL

Here at NNU, coffee is an important part of life. It seems that one cannot walk across campus without seeing someone toting a coffee cup filled with warm sustenance. Whether brewed at home or made by a barista, coffee fuels our studies. Some of the *Crusader* staff favorites include:

Flying M Coffee Garage

Whether grabbing a cup right before class or settling in for a study session on the couch or upstairs in the mezzanine, the atmosphere at the Flying M is fun and relaxing. Plus, one can peruse work by local artists while sipping a Happy Hour mocha; the shop works with the NNU art department as well to showcase student work. The Flying M is located on Second Street, conveniently close to the unique shops and walkways of downtown Nampa.

The Leaf & Bean

New to Nampa, the Leaf & Bean recently opened on the Nampa/Caldwell Boulevard. One special feature of this strip mall location is its drive-through window. According to senior Dana Luhn, their hours are too short: "We've tried to go there several times after

classes, but they close at five!" For those with busy schedules or late classes, finding the time for coffee and a shop to provide it can take some effort. If the folks at Leaf & Bean want to target the younger crowd, it looks like they could use some re-evaluation of their hours.

Moxie Java

A popular and convenient coffee store, Moxie Java offers good coffee and other beverages. One location, by Walgreens on Twelfth Avenue, has teamed up with TCBY, combining two good things in life: coffee and ice cream. Moxie currently has six locations in Nampa, and wherever you happen to be, their winged coffee cup logo (surprisingly similar to the Flying M logo) won't be hard to spot.

One More Cup

Locally owned and operated, OMC is another gathering place for the coffee-loving crowd. Want to buy a friend a cup of coffee, but they're not available when you are? Put some money on an account in their name, and the next time they come in, the OMC people will set them up! Comfortable couches and larger tables make perfect seating for one-on-one chats, coffee dates or group meetings. A short drive

or walk from campus, OMC is right across from Wal-Mart on Twelfth Avenue.

Starbucks

Need we say more? Nampa has one Starbucks, currently located in the Target store by the freeway. A second location will be going up near the Karcher Mall, still fairly distant from the university, but worth the drive for fans of the world's most famous coffee shop.

Brownstone

Located near Fred Meyer on the Nampa/Caldwell boulevard, Brownstone Coffee is a recent addition to the Nampa coffee scene. The product of two sisters' dreams, Brownstone opened in May 2007. Their coffee is ground in front of the customer, guaranteeing a fresh, crisp cup every time. Brownstone is a staff favorite! (www.bestofcaldwell.com)

Living Water

A combination Christian bookstore/coffee shop, Living Water serves as a gathering place for anyone looking for coffee, live music, food and books all in one place. The store provides all these things, plus an atmosphere that promotes relaxation and Christian fellowship, as stated on the store's website: www.livingwatershop.com.

Nursing home gift drive to take off next week

by AMBER FORD

SGA will kick off its annual Nursing Home Gift Drive on Monday, Nov. 12 to help provide gifts for the elderly all over the Nampa area. Coordinated by SGA Community Relations Coordinator Eric Knape, it promises to be beneficial and fun for all involved.

When getting started with the project, Knape contacted local nursing homes to see if they would be interested in being a part of the project. From there, Knape compiled a list of participants and what they want for Christmas. Students will then

sign up to sponsor an adult and purchase a gift for them.

Students are highly encouraged to get involved by going to the Society for a Change website to look at the list of participants and sign up to sponsor an adult for the holiday season. Knape hopes that the drive will be "an opportunity for students to help someone out during the giving holiday season."

The nursing home gift drive will run all next week from Monday, Nov. 12 to Friday, Dec. 7. A complete list of participants will be found on www.societyforachange.org.

Student Life Events

Wednesday, November 7
9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Robert Poe

10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Night Live @ the Perk

Friday, November 9
(Last day to drop a Quad 2 class with a "W")

Saturday, November 10
7:00 p.m.: Intramural football championships @ Nampa High School

Monday, November 12
SGA Nursing Home Gift Drive begins

Tuesday, November 13
7:00 p.m.: NNU/C of I basketball game @ the Idaho Center

Homecoming athletics go out with a fizzle

Ladies' Soccer falls to Seattle Pacific

by AMBER FORD

Women's soccer lost their final game of the season against nationally ranked and undefeated Seattle Pacific University on Saturday, 1-2.

Preceding the game, seniors Amanda Peters (goalkeeper), D Morgan Ingersoll, F Katy McNutt, MF Hilary Hughes, D Carlee Stinton, D Shanie Benner, and F Kristi Rice were honored for their years as Crusaders.

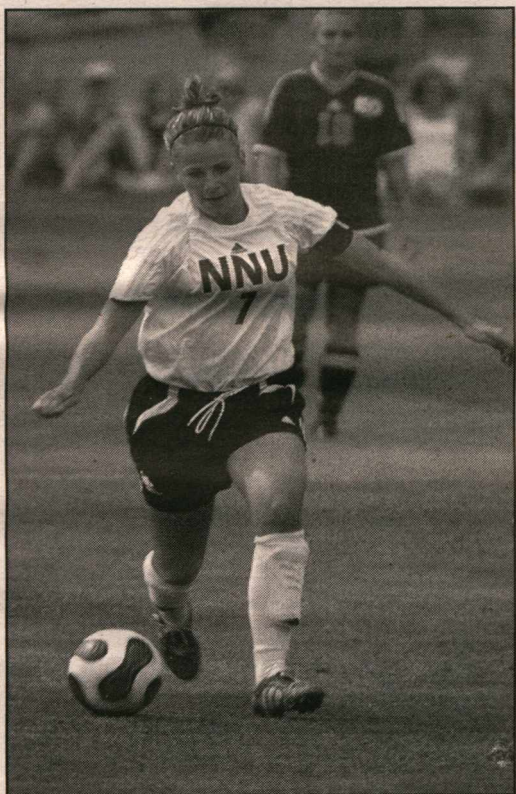
Seattle Pacific scored in minute 16 with a header by Janae Godoychad. NNU Freshman Kendra Courcy answered back in minute 25 with a long shot that tied the teams at the half.

The game remained 1-1 for the better part of the second half, but in the last two minutes, Amanda Johnson beat out

NNU defenders to seal the win. SPU went 20-0 this season.

Goalkeeper Peters played an outstanding final game, making 13 saves compared to Seattle Pacific's goalkeeper with only 3.

The Crusaders end their season 7-10-2 overall and 4-9-1 in the GNAC conference. Western Washington finished 20-0, and



Senior Hilary Hughes plays her last game as a Crusader (photo by Jennifer Hush).

Volleyball winds to a close

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU's volleyball team played their final home games on Thursday and Saturday, losing 3-1 to Central Washington University and also to GNAC-leading Western Washington, 3-1.

After winning game 1 against Central Washington, 30-28, NNU dropped the next three (29-31, 28-30, 18-30).

The Wildcats, in winning, tied NNU for third place in the GNAC conference.

Sophomore Cammy Dranginis led the way, netting 18 kills. Senior Chelsea Pelton pitched in with 12 kills of her own, with sophomore Lindsay Forseth and senior Loni Evenson each scoring 10 kills. Senior Allison James led the team with 50 assists, and the team had 11 blocks.

Before Saturday's game, seniors Loni (Love-land) Evenson, Allison James, Chelsea (Lewis) Pelton and Kristy Wigren were recognized for their years of dedication to the team.

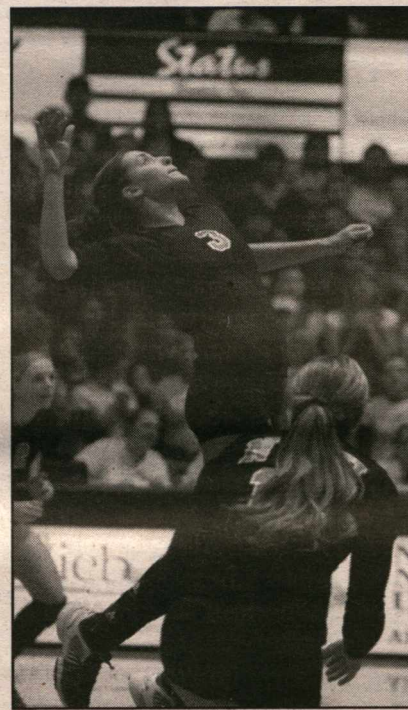
NNU won the first game against Western as well, 31-26 but lost the following three (30-15, 30-21, 31-29).

NNU had a six point lead in the fourth game, but Western Washington closed the gap, needing extra points to finish off NNU.

Coach Sliger was pleased with NNU's performance,

saying, "Western Washington is the measuring stick (in the GNAC) and it wasn't a case that they played poorly tonight. I thought we played very well."

Cammy Dranginis led NNU with 18 kills, followed



Sophomore Cammy Dranginis sets up for a kill (photo by Jennifer Hush).

by Forseth (13) and Pelton (12).

Western Washington's Emily Castro led the Vikings with 22 kills, followed by Jaime Anderson and Tiana Roma with 19 kills each. In beating NNU, Western Washington University locked up its first GNAC championship since 2003.

NNU will finish up their regular season next week with road games at Seattle Pacific on Thursday and MSU Billings on Saturday.

Lady Saders top Alumni to start season

by T.J. BARR

The NNU women's basketball beat the Alumni team Saturday, winning 92-59. While the first few minutes made it look like it may be a competitive game, the NNU ladies threw off their pre-game jitters and rallied.

NNU excelled on the boards, dominating the Alumni by a count of 66 to 31. Although the team only shot 32 percent from the field, four girls scored in the double digits.

Senior Nikki Schutte scored a team-high 13 points, followed closely by Krista Oliver with 11 points. Jance Olds

Northwest Christian an easy opening victory

by IAN BAUDER

NNU men's basketball trounced Northwest Christian by a score of 91 to 63 on Saturday to open their season.

The game was close for the first half, ending at 38-37, but NNU opened things up after the break with a 11-2 run, scoring 24 of the first 31 points in the half.

Sophomore Justin Parnell, last year's GNAC Freshman-of-the-Year, scored a game-high 23 points, including 15 in the second half. He shot 8 of 11, including 4 of 6 from three-point range. Kendall Gielow added 15 points, and Tyler Roberts finished with 14.

NNU had 10 steals in the game, and held Northwest Christian to 33 percent shooting. The second-half defense, coupled with NNU's up-tempo style, led to 29 points off turnovers.

NNU head coach Tim Hills said that the thing he was most pleased with was the team's defense, adding, "We are a lot deeper than we were in the past and that is the style we want to play."

"Winning is always good, but the team needs to work on their timing and rebounding."

NNU's next game will be at the University of Utah. It will be followed by the NNU- C of I exhibition game on November 13 at the Idaho Center.

C of I tops NNU in ultimate frisbee; NNU wins C of I Challenge

by DEREK DE ROOY

NNU snuck out to a 5-4 first half lead, in their final match against the College of Idaho in their intramural challenge. But because of endzone drops and other mistakes, C of I came back with a 7-0 second-half run. The final score was 12-4.

Captain Nate Hanson and senior Jeb Anderson led the Crusaders in the match, and though they lost, NNU still won the intramural challenge 3-1. The trophy will be handed over at NNU's basketball game against C of I on Nov. 13.

Last year, the intramural

Ultimate Frisbee match between NNU and then ACI was heated, with lots of tempers flaring. This year, fortunately, there seemed to be a mutual respect and lots of fun on the field. It was recognized that both schools were playing a game that they loved, but no more than a game.

Also on the team were freshmen Will Hansen and David Reimer, sophomores Thomas Barnett, Jeff Laird, and Seth Ott, juniors Matt Dayton, Jael Henthorn, Ryan Hunt, Daniel Reimer, Dax Wandling, Kendra Weaver, and Craig Wolfe, and senior Jennifer Stetz.

SPORTS BOX

Women's Soccer (7-10-2, 4-9-1 GNAC)

Scores:
11/3: vs. SPU, L 2-1

Men's Soccer (4-3-1)

Scores:
11/2: vs. Alumni, W 6-2
11/3: vs. EOU, W 6-3

Women's Volleyball (16-8, 10-6 GNAC)

Scores:
11/1: vs. CWU, L 3-1
11/3: vs. WWU, L 3-1

Upcoming Games:
11/8: at Seattle U, 7:00 PM
11/10: at MSU Bill., 7:00 PM

Cross Country

Scores:
11/3: NCAA West Regionals:

Women- 5th
Men- 11th

Ashley Puga: 6k- 20:35
Kevin Lambert: 10k- 31:15

NNU-C of I Challenge (3-1)

Scores:
11/1 (Ultimate Frisbee):
L 11-6

Men's Basketball

Scores: 11/3, vs. NW
Christian, W 91-63
Upcoming Games:
11/6, at Univ. of Utah, 7
PM
11/13, vs. C of I, 7:05

Women's Basketball

Scores: 11/3, vs. Alumni,
W 92-59

Upcoming Games:
11/9, at Weber State,
5:00 PM

Rookie Peterson sets new NFL single-game rushing record

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peterson rushed for an NFL-record 296 yards for Minnesota in Sunday's game, putting him well on pace to break Eric Dickerson's rookie record for the season — and within range of Dickerson's all-time mark for yards rushing in one year.

"I set my bar high, because I know anything is possible when you continue to work hard," Peterson said.

The hits just keep on coming for Peterson, who carried the Vikings to a 35-17 victory

over the San Diego Chargers. His career? Yeah, it's only eight games old.

"Every time he touches the ball, my jaw drops," teammate Darren Sharper said.

Coach Brad Childress and running backs coach Eric Bienemy looked at each other during practice last week and had a feeling Peterson was on the verge of a big game. It was subtle progress, figuring out how to poke his head inside the hole to lure the linebacker in before taking off on a run around the end, but that's part of playing

this difficult position.

"He's going to hit home runs, but he's understanding the patience part of it as well," Childress said.

Peterson, who scored on runs of 1, 64, and 46 yards, became the first rookie to top 200 yards twice in the same year. He bested the 295 yards Jamal Lewis gained for Baltimore in 2003 against Cleveland. He led Minnesota to a franchise-record 378 yards rushing, too.

Plus, with 1,036 yards at the midpoint of the season, he's gaining fast on Dickerson's

rookie record of 1,808 set in 1983. Dickerson rushed for 2,105 yards the next year, which is the most in NFL history.

For all that he's done for the Vikings, his actual impact on their success is not yet clear.

At 3-5, they're merely on pace to finish with the same record they had last year. With uncertainty at quarterback and the improbability that Peterson will repeat this, there's no guarantee this team can climb into playoff contention.

Peterson scored two of his three touchdowns and gained

253 yards in the second half, helping the Vikings rally from a 14-7 hole.

Tomlinson rushed 16 times for 40 yards and one touchdown. He sought out Peterson to congratulate him on the field after the game, perhaps a torch-passing of sorts from the reigning NFL MVP to a rookie who's playing like one.

"I was just sitting over there on the sidelines, and to have over 200 yards in the second half, that's impressive," Tomlinson said. "I've never seen anything like it."

NNU hosts NCAA West Regionals

by JENNIFER YOUNG

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of homecoming weekend, NNU's held their annual NCAA West Regional Cross Country meet. More than twenty five teams from the West Region gathered at Eagle Island State Park on Saturday to compete.

The day opened with the women racing a 6k. The NNU women had a spectacular finish of 5th place, the highest ever in NNU women's cross country history and only one place away from qualifying for Nationals.

Ashley Puga had an outstanding performance, running the 6k in 20:35, besting her GNAC Championship time by 45 seconds and taking fourth place. Puga made the All-Region team, and will be traveling to Nationals, held in Joplin, Mo. National competition takes place in two weeks.

The men ran the 10k, taking eleventh place. Kevin Lambert finished sixteenth for the day, running the six-mile course in 31:15. Lambert missed All-Region honors by one position, but his time is a new school record.



Ashley Puga at the NCAA West Regionals (photo by Jennifer Hush).

Torre hired as Dodgers manager

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joe Torre pulled on his crisp blue cap and shimmering white jersey, squinted into the California sun and immediately looked like a longtime member of the famous Dodger family.

Flanked by Hall of Fame manager Tom Lasorda and broadcasting great Vin Scully on a center-field stage at Dodger Stadium, Torre was quick to pay tribute to one of baseball's most successful franchises Monday.

"I didn't sleep all night," he said. "It's just a great feeling to be here. This is one of

a handful of organizations you automatically say yes to."

Indeed, Torre was front and center for his introduction as Los Angeles' new manager — less than three weeks after walking away from the New York Yankees. Scully delivered the opening remarks for an event held in center field to accommodate the overload of media, a first according to team spokesman Josh Rawitch.

Torre was joined by team owners Frank and Jamie McCourt, general manager Ned Colletti, pitching ace Brad Penny and Lasorda.

'Pass me D-Rock': A bandwagon fan

by DEREK DE ROOY

Despite the depression that all Sonics fans are suffering right now (curse that Clay Bennett), I still have reason to enjoy this season. We have a rare opportunity to observe a vi-



sually exciting team that also holds a real chance of success. And while the subject matter has been beaten to death these past few months, *have you* tired of the Boston Celtics' potential? Me neither.

Unfortunately, for you, I am sick of reading about the New England Patriots. I'm not a huge fan of college football. The Joe Torre deal is exciting, but that column will have to wait until A-Rod signs with the Dodgers, or until Spring Training, whichever comes first. So here we are.

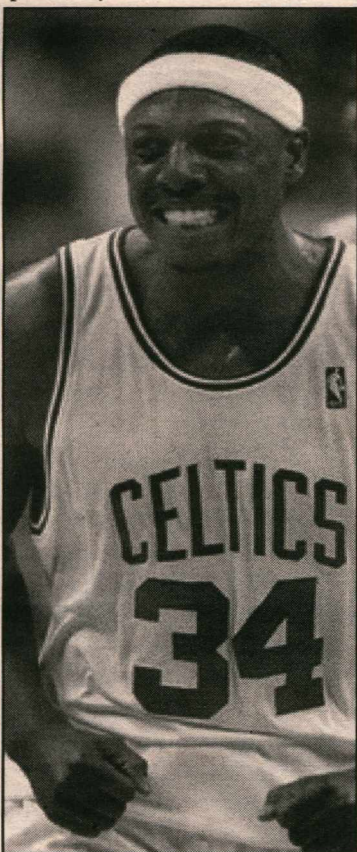
Rarely do we see such talent on a single team. Even more rarely does that team come together after experiencing such a lack of individual success. Most rare is the possibility that such a group may stay together for more than a year or two. The only examples I recall being alive for are the '03-'04 Lakers (four Hall of Famers) and the Houston Rockets of 1996-1998 (three Hall of Famers).

Those Lakers still had most of the players from its threepeat years, but added Karl Malone and Gary Payton for 2003-2004. Both Malone and Payton were old men when they joined the team, and with their loss to the Pistons in the Finals, the latest Lakers dynasty was broken up.

The Houston Rockets fea-

tured college teammates Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler, recently reunited in early 1995. The Rockets won their second straight title that season. For 1996-1997, they added Charles Barkley. All three were in their mid-30s at the time, and after coming one game short of the Finals in 1997, they were quickly dispatched in the first round of the 1998 playoffs. Drexler retired, as well as Barkley, leaving the Rockets in disarray for a half dozen years.

This is different. None of the three (Pierce, Garnett, and Allen) have been around really good teams, and none have been to the Finals. They are all over 30, albeit only a little. The most notable difference lies in that the team they play for has experienced little success in the past 15 years. Both the Rockets



Pierce has reason to be happy this season (photo courtesy of www.any-sports.com).

and Lakers had won repeat (or in the Laker's case, threepeat) titles before acquiring the final pieces of what would turn out to be failing teams.

Expect the Celtics to have little trouble beating most teams in their conference. They have been playing together as a team

since August, while most teams didn't come together as a whole until October. Some teams, of course, still have players holding out (eg. Anderson Varejao).

Garnett may be the best post player in the Eastern Conference. His height, his reach, his range, and above all, his tenacity make Boston a contender on any night. While he can pull down a 20/20 anytime (like he did against the Washington Wizards), his greatest value is as a leader. Garnett will kick the offensive-minded Pierce and Allen in line to make defensive stops consistently, and he is the glue for the team.

Pierce remains one of the best small forwards in the game, and can muscle many larger players around. His speed and baseline moves still provide a problem to opposing teams, and he must always be guarded on the perimeter.

Allen compliments both Garnett and Pierce beautifully. With one of the best shots in the NBA and a quickness that can be used well in picks, Allen can stay out of the way, cherry-picking his way to 20+ points/night. With Garnett and Pierce around him, Allen can forget about putting points on the board. Instead, he can focus more on transition defense and learning to play the other end of the court.

Touted as perhaps the most important player on Boston's starting rotation, second-year point guard Rajon Rondo has a lot on his plate. Personally, I don't think he's that important. While his job is to keep his teammates happy by playing smart basketball, any of the three stars are capable of bringing the ball down the court.

Rounding out the starting five is center Kendrick Perkins. Again, double-teams will open up space around Perkins, and Perkins should get some easy points under the hoop. But with no real pressure on him to score, Perkins can concentrate on the second-attempt aspect of the game, and may turn into a fine garbage man.

NFL Standings Week 9



AFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	0	0	1.000	355	147
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	130	156
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	159	228
Miami	0	8	0	.000	166	244

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	1	0	.875	244	126
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	165	124
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	155	151
Houston	4	5	0	.444	203	226

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	222	98
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	227	233
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	131	157
Cincinnati	2	6	0	.250	198	244

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	4	4	0	.500	189	164
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	124	146
Denver	3	5	0	.375	126	227
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	152	177

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	1	0	.875	265	175
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0	.750	200	159
Washington	5	3	0	.625	152	160
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	156	155

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	164	144
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	137	161
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	173	186
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	115	169

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	194	142
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	200	185
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	166	154
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	144	181

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	167	141
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	157	174
San Francisco	2	6	0	.250	104	186
St. Louis	0	8	0	.000	99	219

Manhunt 2 finally hits stores

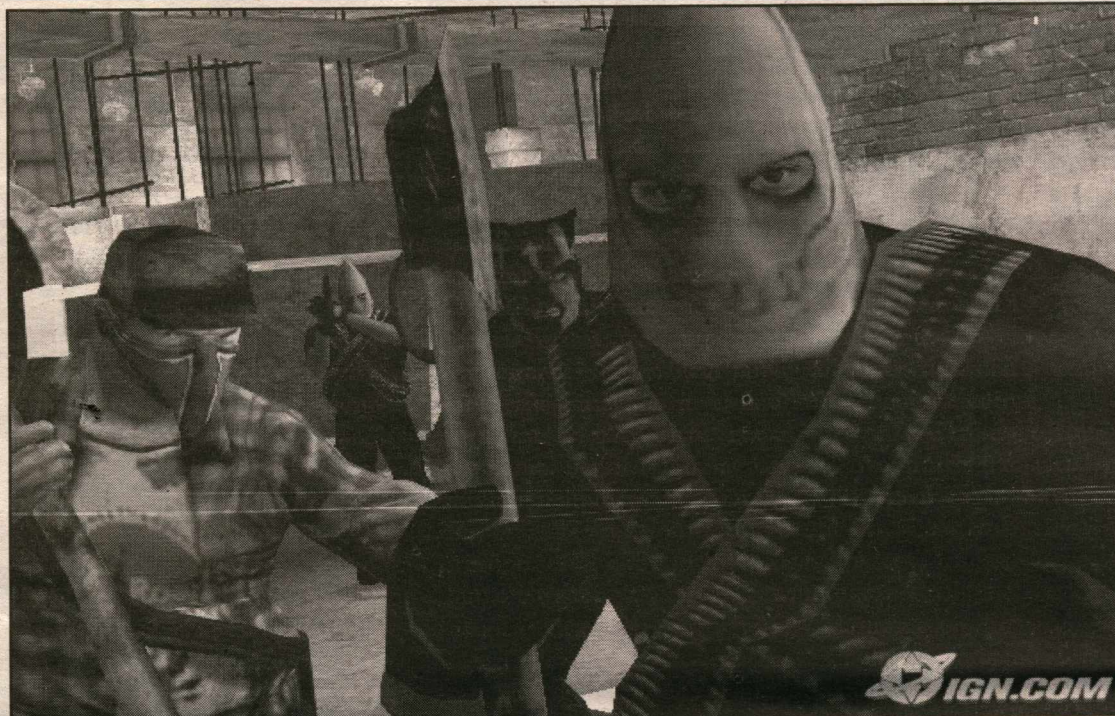


by T.J. BARR

Disclaimer: this game is so violent it makes Grand Theft Auto look like Mary Poppins. The controversy behind the game, while deserved, was blown out of proportion. The game is hardly more violent than a lot of the movies that have come out in the last few years. That being said, it is still not appropriate for children under the age of 18 and people who have weak stomachs or strong aversions to violence would do well to avoid it.

The story is interesting and, while a little cliché, the twists and turns in the plot made me feel for the character. That is part of the problem with the game; it puts the player very firmly in the shoes of the protagonist and then forces them into a situation that can't be solved non-violently.

The game is a stealth-based action game and while it's impossible to get through the game without killing enemies, the player does control the amount of violence inflicted.



Manhunt 2 was edited for controversial, violent content. This delayed its release date (photo by www.ign.com).

The length the attack button is held before it is released dictates how gruesome the execution. The filters and blur effects that were added to the kill scenes to edit the game actually made it feel more wrong, as the screen gains a psychedelic red hue and the characters' vision

blurs, implying a loss of control on the characters part. The nature of some of the beatings the main character can inflict lend to this atmosphere of insanity, making it feel that the character may not be the good guy in this whole situation.

Story and violence aside, the

game adds nothing new to the stealth genre. It contains very little innovation and is not quite as good as the first game. If you have a desire to play this sort of game I would recommend the original *Manhunt* and for fans of the original, I would say rent this one to test

it out first. The 30 dollar price tag may seem tempting in a world of 60 dollar games, but it's not worth it to buy a game that may turn your stomach.

The graphics are mediocre, the story is average, the violence is extreme, and the only real positive thing the game offers is rock solid gameplay and control. Fans of the genre should rent it at best, non-fans should leave it alone entirely, and people adverse to violence should run far away. For the average gamer, a rental title at best.



Ratings

Innovation:	5/10
Gameplay:	8/10
Graphics:	6.5/10
Control:	8/10
Violence:	10/10
Overall:	6/10

Cast of 'The Curious Savage' deliver memorable performances

by ALLI SCHISLER

The last performance of the fall play *The Curious Savage* was witty, poignant, and a pleasure to watch.

Director Jonathan Perry should be proud of his direction and his cast. Each cast member delivered a believable performance.

The comedy, written by John Patrick, tells the story of Ethel P. Savage, whose husband dies, leaving her 10 million dollars. Mrs. Savage decides to use the money generously, establishing the Jonathan Savage Memorial Fund, while her stepchildren hope to use the money selfishly.

The stepchildren check Mrs. Savage into a sanatorium in hopes of bringing her to her senses. It is at the sanatorium

that Mrs. Savage meets an eccentric group of individuals including Florence, Hannibal, Fairy May, Jeffrey, and Mrs. Paddy.

The cast included students Ashley Wilson as Florence, Nathan Hastings as Hannibal, Rachel Allen as Fairy May, Tyler Law as Jeffrey, Hannah Beers as Mrs. Paddy, Grant Miller as Senator Titus Savage, Josh Comier as Judge Samuel Savage, Lindsay Greb as Lily Belle Savage, Toni Bestul as Mrs. Savage, Aimee Niles as Miss Willie, and Amy Hansen as Dr. Emmett.

Toni Bestul, in the lead, delivered a thoroughly convincing performance as Mrs. Ethel Savage. Bestul was able to provide the emotion and sincerity required for the role, while also the wit and mirth. Bestul has

performed previously in musicals such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Into the Woods*, and *Pirates of Penzance*.

Rachel Allen, playing Fairy May, also delivered an especially notable performance. Allen perfectly captured the quiriness of her character, and allowed the audience many laughs.

The remaining roles were also well-cast. Wilson, Hastings, Law, and Beers accurately portrayed a diverse group of characters with which the audience could relate. Each brought his or her character to life. Even Beers, who had few lines, did an admirable job investing in her role.

Greb, Miller, and Comier, playing Mrs. Savage's stepchildren, were necessarily unlikable and shrill. The three worked

well together, allowing each other opportunity for great performance.

Niles and Hansen, playing the sanatorium staff, accurately and capably portrayed their stable characters. Niles delivered one of the most memorable scenes when she gave Senator Titus Savage a piece of her mind.

The play contained witty one-liners. There were very few noticeable foibles, only a few minor line stumbles, from which the cast quickly recovered. And while the show went a tad long, it was worth it to wait for the warm ending.

Hopefully, Perry will continue with directing next year's fall play and casting a crew as talented as that of *The Curious Savage*.



Miss Willie, played by Niles, goes after Titus Savage, played by Miller, in one of the most memorable scenes of the play (photo by Robin McConkey).

Broadway hit 'Spamalot' comes to Boise

by ANDREA HALL

Spamalot, the musical "lovingly ripped off" from *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, played in Boise this past week. The original 1975 British film is still quite popular as a cult classic, and the members of Monty Python are still revered in the world of humor. Their distinct style is recognizable in *Spamalot*, complete with flying cows, outrageously accented Frenchmen, coconuts, and a vicious rabbit. Fans of Python will also recognize the title's reference to a *Monty Python's Flying Circus* skit in which Vikings chant about Spam in a small British café.

Loosely based on the legend of King Arthur, *Spamalot* follows the King of the Britons on his quest to find knights to sit at his round table. His quest leads him to all kinds of kooky characters before leading him home to Camelot, where God sets the knights on a quest to find the Holy Grail.

The title of the show comes from a line in the song "Camelot," where singing and dancing knights and vassals claim, "We eat ham and jam and Spam a lot."

The Morrison Center was packed on the show's opening night in Boise, and there were some obvious Monty Python fans in attendance. People were laughing at jokes before the actors even finished them, and singing or humming along with the songs that made the film famous.

Audience participation was not discouraged; the actors improvised their jokes according to the reactions they received from the audience, and at the end, the whole theater participated in a rousing sing-along of "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life," a song from the musical that originated in another Python film (*The Life of Brian*). The grail itself was even found under the seat of a young girl in the audience, at which time the surprised occupant was

invited on stage to receive the glory and honor due her.

The original songs from the *Holy Grail* make their appearances, but so do some new additions by Idle. Taking Broadway style in a whole new direction, the *Spamalot* songs are catchy, but also snarky and biting in their humor. Making fun of Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Phantom of the Opera* ("The Song that Goes Like This"), several Mel Brooks shows and *Fiddler on the Roof* ["You Won't Succeed on Broadway (if you don't have any Jews)"], and various pop-culture references (e.g. Britney Spears' recent problems), *Spamalot* has made itself a hit on Broadway by making a spectacle of itself.

Sharp dialogue, perfectly timed gags and improvisation by the actors added even more to the experience. Delivered in the style of the old Python gang, the lines were precise, irreverent and kept the audience laughing. Surprisingly, no references to Larry Craig were made.

The show was visually pleasing as well, with stunning sets and colorful, strange costumes at times. The sets and illustrations used during intermission evoked the animation style of the original film, and where animations were not possible, the actors provided wonderful comedic interpretations. Die-hard Python fans will recognize God's feet in the musical, as well as the gag playbill in the program and more.

However, since the original Pythons are hard to duplicate, be prepared for some different interpretations of various characters. For example, the Arthur actor portrays the king as a more inebriated version of the character.

For any Python fan, *Spamalot* is a glorious experience. Even if you have no idea who Monty Python is and you hate musicals, *Spamalot* will get toes tapping and at least a few laughs. The traveling show left

Band Profile

by RACHAEL FINCH

Band:

Jeremy Enigk

Genre:

Indie/emo

Members:

Jeremy Enigk, Josh Myers, Kaanan Tupper, Joe Skyward, Billy Dolan

Band connections:

Enigk is the singer and songwriter for Sunny Day Real Estate and The Fire Theft.

Hometown:

Seattle, Washington

First solo release:

1996

Available recordings:

Return of the Frog Queen, *The End Sessions*, *World Waits*, *The Missing Link*.

Record Label:

Lewis Hollow Recordings

Influences:

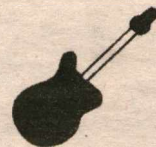
Nick Drake, The Beatles, Peter Gabriel.

For fans of:

Death Cab for Cutie, Belle and Sebastian, The Decemberists.

For more information visit:

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www.lewishollow.com



Boise this Saturday, unfortunately, but perhaps will return again to a town near you. The musical is also being performed on Broadway in New York and in Las Vegas, as well as across the "pond" in London.



Spamalot borrows from various Monty Python films (picture by www.applause-tickets.com).

Anderson takes new direction

by IAN BAUDER

Bill Murray is a businessman in a hurry. Frantically sprinting through a crowded India train station, he is desperately attempting to make the train just leaving the station. As Murray runs down the platform, a well-dressed Adrian Brody passes him by and just barely manages to hop on the train, leaving an exasperated Murray in the dust. So begins the quasi-spiritual journey of semi-healing in Wes Anderson's latest film *The Darjeeling Limited* playing in theatres.

Darjeeling is the story of three brothers played by Owen Wilson, Jason Schwartzman and Brody as they travel across India on a train that is the namesake of the film. The journey was conceived by Wilson, the oldest brother, who hopes that it will be a time of spiritual regrouping after the death of their father, an event which shook their lives a year previous to the film.

The three actors are terrific and it's the dichotomy between the three that really sells this film. They all sport their individual dysfunctional idiosyncrasies, while simultaneously behaving so similarly that you can't help but believe they are

really brothers. They are some of the more real characters Anderson has used. People in his movies seem to be giant marionettes rather than actual humans, but *Darjeeling's* characters portray a wide variety of emotions (Wilson almost cries at one point). Not that they behave like real folks would, but the slight touch of humanness gives the story a bit more emotional impact.

While *Darjeeling* is a good film, don't expect as many laughs as you got from *The Life Aquatic* or *The Royal Tenenbaums*. This movie is funny and absurd, but Anderson is playing with the idea of drama in this film. Anderson shows us two funerals in this movie, one is for the death of a father, and the other is for the death of a son. Both work together to explore how to deal with the loss of a loved one. It highlights the direction that Anderson is going towards with this film.

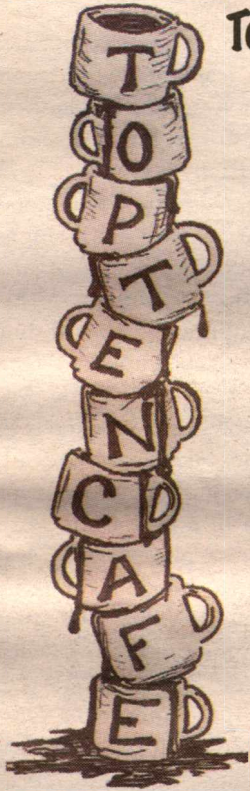
Overall, I enjoyed *The Darjeeling Limited*. It didn't knock me out like *The Royal Tenenbaums*, and it wasn't as funny as *The Life Aquatic*, but it was open and honest. I felt a strong connection to the three brothers by the end of the film, and if you check this one out, I think you will too.

CONCERT BOX

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Nov. 10	Flying M	New Heights, Redmark
Nov. 11	Big Easy	Alter Bridge
Nov. 12	Big Easy	Rob Zombie
Nov. 14	Morrison Center	Chris Botti
Nov. 16	Big Easy	Stakt
Nov. 16-17	Nampa Civic Center	Grease the musical
Nov. 19	Big Easy	Gwar
Nov. 21	Flying M	The Lauderdale
	Big Easy	Marcus Eaton
Nov. 23	Big Easy	Afroman
Nov. 23-24	Civic Center	The Grinch (play)

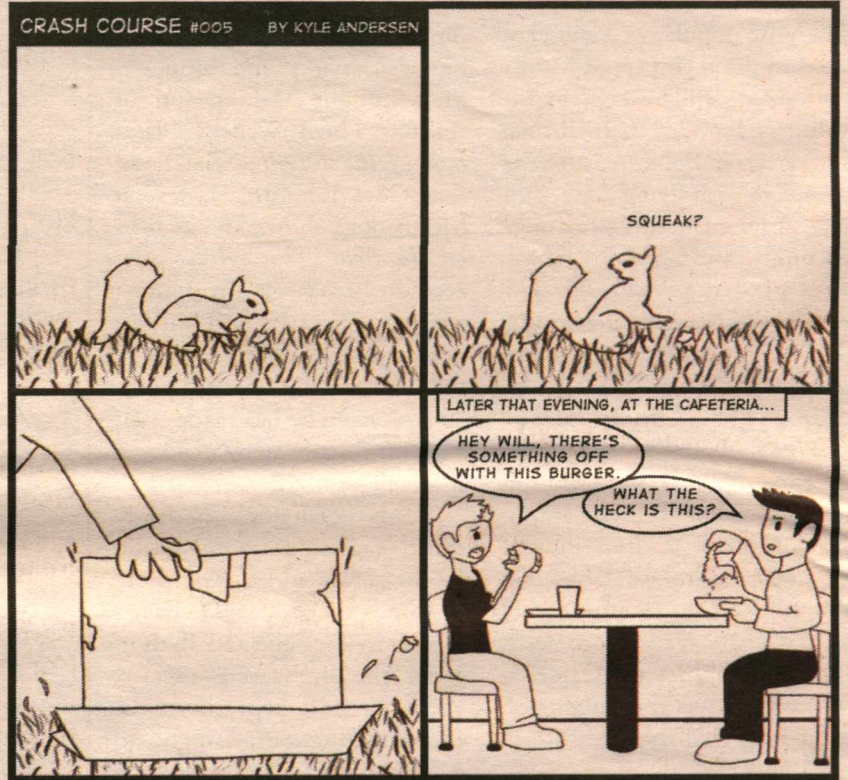
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Top 10 ways to know you drink too much coffee

10. You go to the "AA" meetings just for the free coffee.
9. The only time you're standing still is during an earthquake.
8. You can take a picture of yourself from 10 feet away without a timer.
7. Your eyes stay open when you sneeze.
6. Starbucks owns the mortgage on your house.
5. You're so wired you pick up XM radio.
4. Instant coffee takes too long.
3. You don't tan, you roast.
2. You introduce your friends as your "Coffeemate".
1. You grind your coffee beans in your mouth.



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