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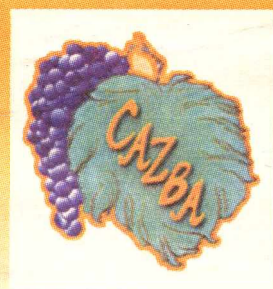
The lady Crusaders go on the road and seal two wins this weekend.

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“Unite the pair so long disjointed, knowledge and vital piety.”

-Charles Wesley

Mass Comm travels to Sundance

Students will spend the weekend in Park City at the famed film festival

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

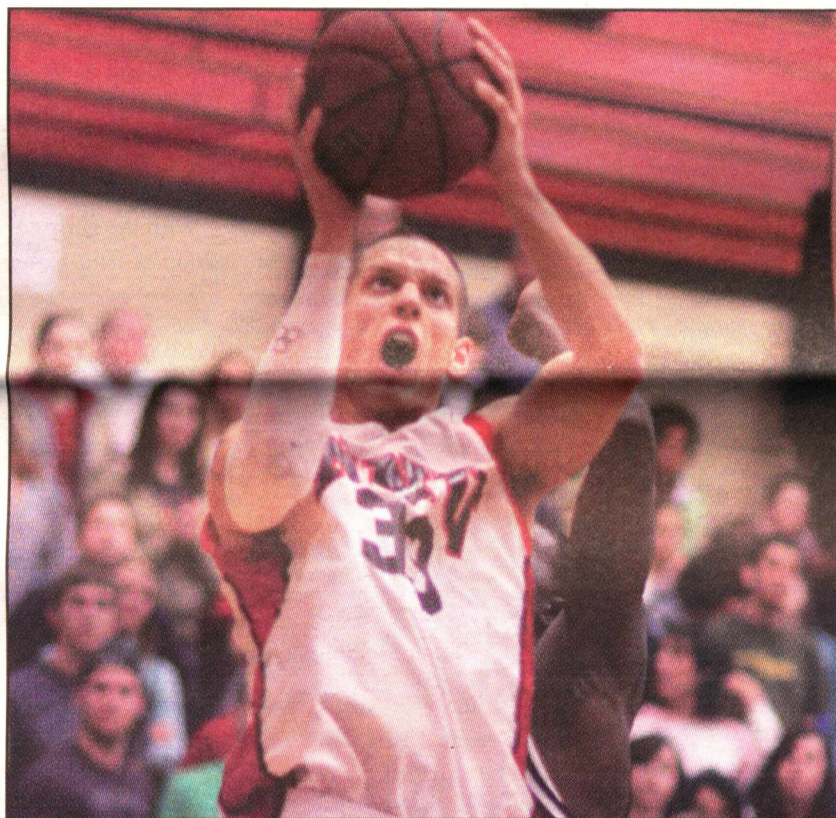
The Sundance Film Festival, January 17-27, is a much anticipated event, held annually in Park City, Utah. Every year NNU's Mass Communications Department selects a group of students to attend this festival. This year 18 students and faculty, including Professor Arnie Ytreeide, will be attending.

“It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to see how independent films get exposure and eventually get picked up for major distribution through larger film studios,” says senior Alex Hackett, who has attended the famous festival before.

NNU students will be joined at the festival by other university students, movie directors, producers, movie stars and the public. Park City is completely

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Saders thrash SPU



Kendall Gielow puts up a shot during the Crusader's 87-72 victory over Seattle Pacific on Saturday night (photo by Jenn Hush).

Beech protects squad's 11-3 record

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Behind at the half, NNU's Men's Basketball pulled ahead to a victory of 87-72 against Seattle Pacific University, ranked 24 in the NCAA division II.

During the first half SPU

dominated the game. “After the first half it seemed hopeless, it didn't look good, fans were disheartened and discouraged,” said student Stuart Montgomery.

The Crusaders were 10 points down at the half, the score at 31-41, and guard

Louie Beech came back to score 11 points, his hand holding out after a pre-season break. With 15 minutes left in the game the score was tied at 48. Fans cheered as Beech and guard Justin

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Primaries in full swing

So far, no definite leader in the race leading up to Super Tuesday

by ANDREA SCHILLING

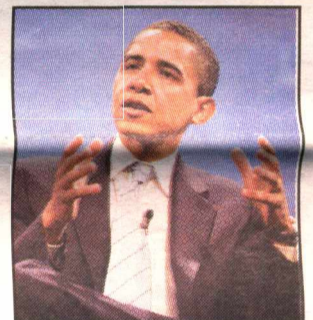
The presidential primary race is in full swing, however no candidates have yet to take a strong lead on either side.

“There's obvious favorites in the race right now, but the different winners foretell an interesting future,” said sophomore Public Communications and Political Science major, Lynsey Smith.

Arkansas Senator Mike Huckabee won the republican caucus in Iowa earlier this month, yet has not

been able to gain another victory in the two most recent primaries.

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Presidential hopeful Barack Obama is gaining support during the primaries (photo from wikicommons).

Spring musical “South Pacific” will hit the stage in March

by ALLI SCHISLER

In the mood for a musical? Set aside March 5, 6, or 8 (or all!) for NNU's performance of “South Pacific.”

The music department and cast of “South Pacific”, under the direction of Dr. Barry Swanson, have begun rehearsals and production of the fifty-eight-year-old

Rogers and Hammerstein musical.

The musical was itself awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1950 and was revived on Broadway just a few years ago.

“South Pacific” is set on a south pacific island during world war II and features the love story

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Quote of the week

“Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.”

Weather

From the Weather Channel

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy.
Hi: 35° | Low: 25°

FRIDAY

AM Clouds/ PM Sun.
Hi: 36° | Low: 27°

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy.
Hi: 38° | Low: 30°

SUNDAY

Few snow showers.
Hi: 39° | Low: 26°

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy.
Hi: 36° | Low: 23°

NNU News Briefs

Biochemist speaks Thursday

Noted biochemist Dr. David Prentice will be presenting a lecture on stem cell research Thursday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall.

Student phonathon for 2008 starts

It is the time of year for the

annual NNU Phonathon, when current university students make contact with alumni and friends via the telephone.

Hagood appoints new deans

President Richard Hagood appointed Dr. Sharon Bull as Dean of Learning Resources and Dr. Larry

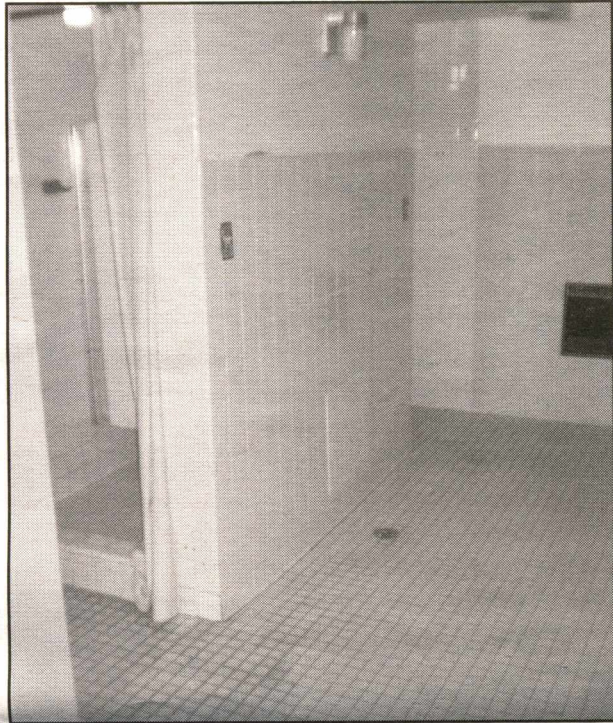
McMillin as Dean of Extended University Services effective Jan. 1, 2008.

The search continues The presidential search process has come to the screening stage. They will review material submitted by the candidates.

Residence halls on campus are in desperate need of renovation

by TREVAN HAUCK

Northwest Nazarene University was founded in 1913 and started as an elementary school and then expanded to include high school and college level curriculum. It has come a long way from its humble beginnings,



Culver first West bathroom (photo by Trevan Hauck).

evolving over the past 95 years into a university that boasts a student body of over 1200. While the university size and curriculum have grown, many of the buildings have stayed the same; some, such as the Wiley Alumni House building (built in 1922) have been

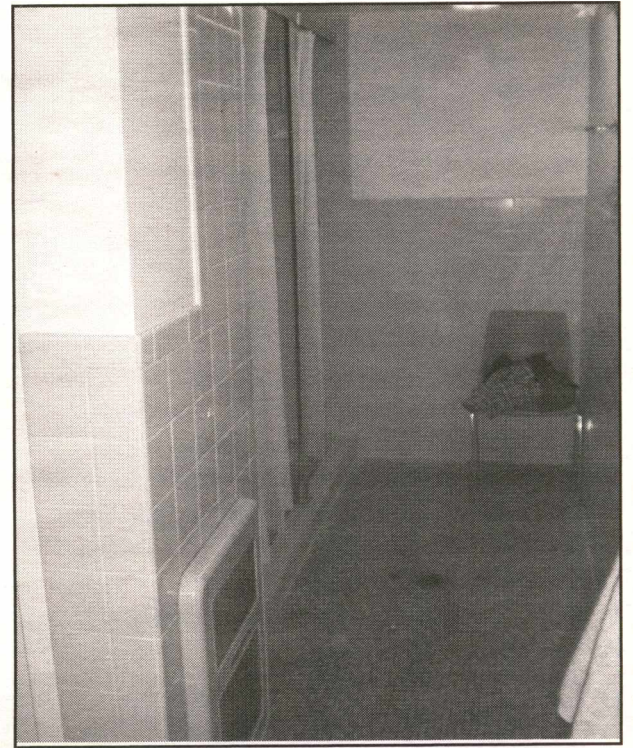
inducted into the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The underclassmen dorms, which include Culver (1965), Dooley (1960), and Sutherland (1964), have seen several problems over the years as a result of being outdated. The most recent sign of this was the fire that erupted in Dooley Hall's basement as a result of an old electric burner thought to have been broken. "I have had glass shower doors fall on me, I have had shower rods fall on me, basically the shower has been broken since I lived there" said Daryl Gonzalez a sophomore social work major and resident of dooley

This past semester maintenance workers and plumbers have visited Sutherland Hall repeatedly to work on faulty toilets in at least three of its four facilities. At one point, a there was a gaping hole in the floor of the 2nd East bathroom that peered into the bathroom below.

In 2007, during a

question and answer forum designed to get input from freshmen living in Culver, it was stated that a remodel of the Culver bathrooms was "high on the list," yet a year later nothing has been done. According to the Director of Residential Life, Karen Pearson, along with curfew, Culver bathrooms are the biggest complaint from freshmen students.

"We are aware of the need and would like to remodel and upgrade the bathrooms in Culver, Dooley and Sutherland. We have gotten bids on the Culver bathrooms and are looking for funding sources," said Pearson. A survey of the six facilities in Culver shows many with permanent stains, patchwork in the sheet rock, water damage and peeling paint. "It looks like they were made in the seventies and never seem to be sterile. The sinks are usually clogged in some degree and toilets often have trouble flushing," said Isaac



Sutherland first West bathroom (photo by Trevan Hauck).

Burke, a freshman business major and resident of Culver Hall.

With the fairly recent addition of Ford Hall (1998), and last summer's remodel of the Olsen apartments and carpeting of the Culver dorm rooms, steps in

the direction of improving quality of living have been made, but for many students, it seems NNU has a long way to go.

Caucuses are confusing

How to understand the process and make your voice count on Super Tuesday

by AIMEE NILES

The caucuses are coming, the caucuses are coming! That's right, the time honored political tradition of the caucus is well under way for the 2008 election cycle. The people are meeting in hotel ballrooms, community centers and school auditoriums all around the country to participate in caucuses for their chosen candidate. But what is a caucus exactly? Unless you're a political science major, or politically savvy, the complicated process can be difficult to understand.

A caucus is an opportunity for people to engage in dialogue and discussion about the candidates for president, international relations professor and experienced caucus participant Dr. Mark Gismondi says. A caucus is a meeting of citizens, who align with a certain party, who gather

to decide what candidate will receive their state's delegates to either the Republican National Convention or the Democratic National Convention.

Idaho's Republican delegates are decided through the May 27 primary. The Democratic delegates are decided through a caucus on February 5, also known as Super Tuesday.

Idaho practices an open caucus system, meaning anyone can come and caucus for the delegate of their choice. To participate, citizens must sign a pledge stating that you will be voting in the county in which you're caucusing in November, that you will not participate in the Republican primary and that you will be registered to vote in November.

On the pledge, people also list the candidate for which they will be caucusing for—for example, Hillary Clinton, Barak Obama

or uncommitted. Once everyone is gathered, the roll call is taken—which is the longest part of the evening, Gismondi says. The group is then divided between the candidates and uncommitted and each group is given the opportunity to discuss and debate in an effort to win people to their candidate's side.

In Idaho, a candidate must receive 15 percent of the support in order to get the nomination.

"It's supposed to be democracy at work," Gismondi said. He also said, however, that it does have a downside - much fewer people come to caucus that vote in a primary.

For those interested in participating on February 5, the local caucus will be taking place at the Nampa Civic Center at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact the Canyon County Democrats at www.canyon-democrats.org.

Primaries

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As for Huckabee's rival, Governor Mitt Romney (Mass.) picked up his first primary win in Michigan this past Tuesday and on Saturday he was able to win the Nevada primary.

Arizona Senator, John McCain was victorious in New Hampshire, but finished second to Romney last week.

The story is much the same for the Democratic candidates, Illinois Senator Barack Obama won the Iowa Caucus, yet came in second in New Hampshire to New York Senator Hillary Clinton who also won in Nevada.

However, Democratic candidates Obama and North Carolina Senator, John Edwards did not participate in the Michigan primary because of its scheduling which violated party rules, according to msnbc.com.

Despite the situation, Clinton still earned 50 percent of the vote.

'Uncommitted', those candidates pulled from the Michigan primary, earned 44 percent.

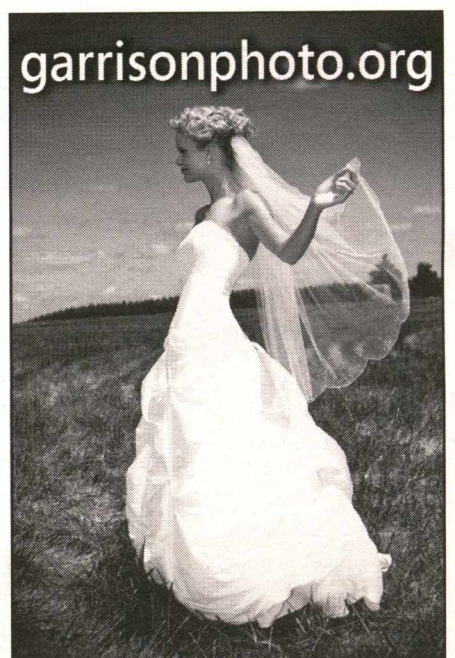
Many have said the primaries won't be hitting full throttle until more states cast their vote, which means the race for the presidential nomination is not a sure thing for any candidate at this time.

The primaries leading up to Super Tuesday will be heavily broadcasted and critiqued. However, Super Tuesday will be its own monster," said Smith.

This year Super Tuesday takes place February 5, where a majority of the country participates in its primaries and caucuses.

Idaho registered voters need not wait much longer to participate, as the state will be partaking in Super Tuesday as well.

"The days following Super Tuesday will make it easier to see what those 30 some states are really thinking and what and who the nation is looking for as its leader.



Reruns plague nation as writers strike continues

by ALLI SCHISLER

On November 5, 2007, more than 10,000 members of the Writers Guild of America (WGA) went on strike against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP) in a dispute about DVD residuals and how studios should pay writers for work distributed over the Internet and other new media, says Jill Serjeant of Reuters.

The now 10-week old debate continues, and favorite dramas and comedies are either halted or canceled including "Ugly Betty," "The Office," "Grey's Anatomy," and "Desperate Housewives." Even shows like "Lost," which don't air until the end of January, have only half the anticipated episodes ready, says Eric Goldman.

The WGA, consisting of the Writer's Guild of America, East and the Writer's Guild of America, West, is a large labor union representing United States film, radio, and television writers. The AMPTP is a trade organization which represents United States television and film producers and is comprised of eight primary corporations including CBS Corporation,

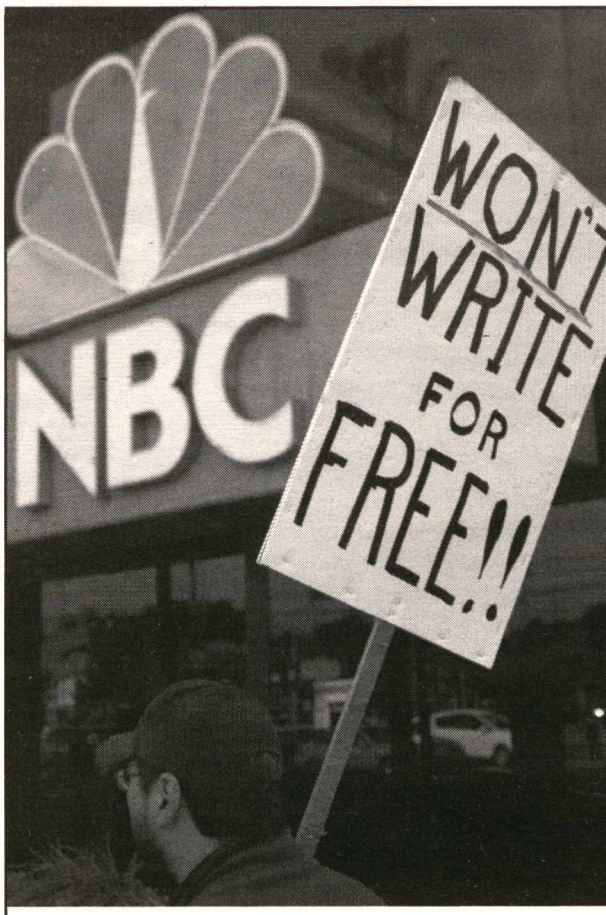
Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and Paramount Pictures, says Serjeant.

The strike is the result of halted tri-annual negotiations between the WGA and the AMPTP. The WGA argues that writers deserve more from both DVD profits and internet airings of shows. According to The New York Times.com, writer earnings have risen at less than half the rate of entertainment industry profits.

NBC Nightly News says the two-and-a-half month strike has cost the television and film industry \$1 billion.

According to The New York Times.com, the Writer's strike of 1988 lasted 21 weeks. In an attempt *not* to relive the past, AMPTP is negotiating a new contract with the Director's Guild of America, on behalf of the WGA.

On January 17, the DGA reached an almost-contract with the AMPTP, says journalist Lacey Rose. The new contract increases residuals for internet shows, says Michael Winter of USA Today. "The three-year contract does offer the directors a better deal than what had initially been offered to the writers, and assures that the topic and pay formula



Writer Issac Ho joins striking writers outside the NBC Studios in Burbank, Calif. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008. The Golden Globes, the ceremony known for getting Hollywood's awards season off to a rollicking start, will be reduced to a news conference Sunday by the writers strike and will likely draw picket lines and lack star power. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

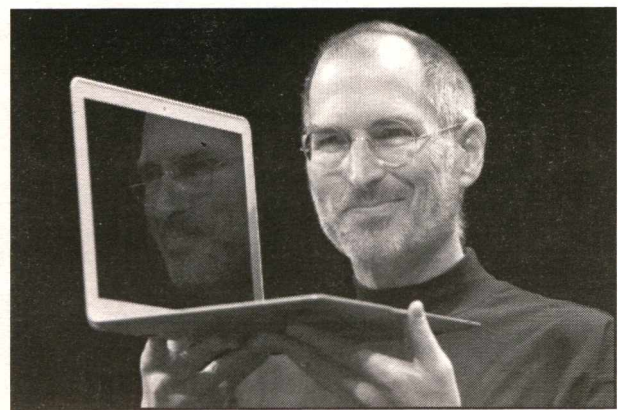
will be readdressed during the next negotiation," says Rose.

Key word: "next negotiation", the strike is not over yet, says Rose.

According to the Writer's Guild of America, West website, "Now that the

DGA has reached a tentative agreement with the AMPTP, the terms of the deal will be carefully analyzed and evaluated by the WGA, the WGA's Negotiating Committee, the WGAW Board of Directors, and the WGAE Council."

Apple raises the bar with the unveiling of new ultra-light laptop



Apple CEO Steve Jobs holds up the new MacBook Air after giving the keynote address at the Apple MacWorld Conference in San Francisco, Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008. The super-slim new laptop is less than an inch thick and turns on the moment it's opened (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu).

by IAN BAUDER

A super-thin note-book was released by Apple last week, as well as several other new products, as a part of the 2008 Macworld Conference.

Apple C.E.O Steve Jobs

announced the new notebook, named the MacBook Air, during his keynote speech, which is traditionally reserved for the revealing of new products and services by the company. The notebook is 0.16 inches at its thinnest point and 0.76

inches at its thickest point. It has a 13.5 inch screen, and it lacks an optical drive as well as any cord connections other than a single USB port.

According to Jobs the compact computer is designed to interact in the "wireless world." It gets up to five hours of battery life with the Wi-Fi turned on. Jobs said the base price will be \$1799.

Head of the English department and local Macintosh enthusiast Dr. Darrin Grinder said that he thought the computer "looks beautiful" but is "too high priced." Grinder also said that "it's interesting to think that the Air is moving away from the optical drive," Grinder said that, despite how good the

computer looks and feels he "doesn't know anyone who will buy one."

Jobs also introduced iTunes movie rentals. iTunes users will be able to download old movies for 2.99 and new movies for 3.99. The movies are able to stay on the computer for thirty days, but once a customer starts watching the movie, they only have twenty-four hours before the movie becomes un-watchable. When asked about the movie rentals, Grinder said that "It kind of stinks."

Other announcements included new features for the Apple T.V., and a wireless back-up station called the Time Capsule.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in four stories

Overseas Democrats will have their voices heard
MEXICO CITY

This year, for the first time, expatriate Democrats can cast their ballots on the Internet in a presidential primary for people living outside the United States.

Democrats Abroad, an official branch of the party representing overseas voters, will hold its first global presidential preference primary from Feb. 5 to 12, with ex-pats selecting the candidate of their choice by Internet as well as fax, mail and in-person at polling places in more than 100 countries.

"The online system is incredibly secure: That was one of our biggest goals," said Lindsey Reynolds, executive director of Democrats Abroad. "And it does allow access to folks who ordinarily wouldn't get to participate."

U.S. citizens wanting to vote online must join Democrats Abroad before Feb. 1.

Asian markets plunge over US stimulus plan

TOKYO, Japan

Asian stock markets plunged Monday following declines on Wall Street last week amid investor pessimism over the U.S. government's stimulus plan to prevent a recession.

India's benchmark Sensex stock index fell as much as 10.9 percent in afternoon trading, while Hong Kong's blue-chip Hang Seng index plummeted 5.5 percent to 23,818.86, its biggest percentage drop since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Investors dumped shares because they were skeptical about an economic stimulus plan President George W. Bush announced Friday. The plan, which requires approval by Congress, calls for about \$145 billion worth of tax relief to encourage consumer spending.

Heath Ledger dead at the age of 28

NEW YORK

Heath Ledger was found dead Tuesday at a downtown Manhattan apartment, and police said drugs may have been a factor. The Australian-

born actor was 28. Ledger had an appointment for a massage at the residence in the tony SoHo neighborhood, NYPD spokesman Paul Browne said. A housekeeper who went to let him know the massage therapist had arrived found him dead at 3:26 p.m.

A large crowd of paparazzi and gawkers began gathering Tuesday evening outside the building on an upscale block, where several police officers guarded the door.

Ledger was nominated for an Oscar for "Brokeback Mountain," where he met Michelle Williams in 2005. The two lived together in Brooklyn and had a daughter, Matilda, until they split up last year.

Ledger most recently appeared in "I'm Not There," in which he played one of the many incarnations of Bob Dylan — as did Cate Blanchett, whose performance in that film earned an Oscar nomination Tuesday for best supporting actress.

Turmoil rocks Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya

Several people were beaten and hacked to death with machetes in a Nairobi slum Sunday in renewed ethnic fighting over Kenya's disputed election, residents said.

Police managed to quell more than two days of fierce fighting around a Catholic monastery that killed 22 people and left 200 homes burned in the Rift Valley, 190 miles northwest of the capital Nairobi, officials said.

The re-election of President Mwai Kibaki has tapped into a well of resentments that resurfaces regularly at election time in Kenya. But never before has it taken so many lives.

A government commission says more than 600 people have been killed in violence that erupted after the Dec. 27 election, which opposition leader Raila Odinga accused Kibaki of stealing.

As Kibaki's power becomes entrenched the opposition's best hope may rest in wrangling a power-sharing agreement that may make Odinga prime minister or vice president.

Columns

The impossibility of a politically liberal minded Christian?

Stereotypes imply Christians must be 'conservative'

For a whole semester now, I've been writing on different issues from "the left" perspective. I've been raised in the church my entire life and spent most of it as a pastor's kid.

my salvation when discussing politics. Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners-- a Christian social justice organization and author of the book *God's Politics*, talks often of the discourse of Chris-

in connection to politics, religion and social justice. Rev. Lawson gave an encouraging example of how faith and politics interact in a "liberal" manner.

I hesitate to confidently label myself as "liberal" or "conservative", "Democrat" or "Republican", "left" or "right", but I see my opinions and positions as vital to making our world a better place. Instead of embracing these labels, I instead would like to confidently, positively and fully embrace the label of Christian; and leave it at that.

By defining myself as such, I want to send the message that politics don't matter in determining someone's faith. I follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and try to model every aspect of my life after his. Yes, this includes politics, moral issues and

social issues; there is no way that my faith cannot affect these. Yet, I do not think that because I fall into a more "liberal" mind set, and someone else is "conservative" that makes one of our faiths more correct or more Christ-like than the other.

My understanding of what it means to be a Christian is based on my personal relationship with Christ. Just because I may support Barak Obama instead of Mike Huckabee, or because I see universal health care instead of gay marriage as a more important campaign issue does not define my salvation. What I see Jesus do, I want to do. Simple as that.

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my rock, my strength and my song.

Improvements ensure campus safety

Security upgrades add to overall well-being

Staff Editorial

This fall, as we returned to school, the sign outside of the admissions office had disappeared. In its place was a smashed pile of concrete—all that remained of the welcoming gesture put forth by the university. A car had smashed into it.

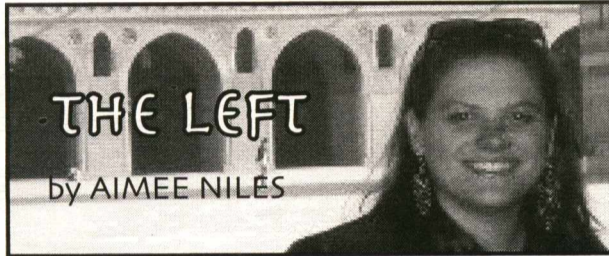
If this had been the only event, then perhaps it would not be such a big deal. However, the fence in front of Culver also sustained significant damage because of a reckless driver.

According to Darrel Stewart, head of NNU Security, the engineers who designed the Holly/ Sheridan/ Fern/ Bird Streets loop around campus, only intended for the speed limit to be 30 mph. The City of Nampa instituted a 35 mph speed limit. The campus has suffered ascetically. However, the campus is working with the City to improve this. The fence has helped keep buildings and potentially students safe from unsafe drivers.

In 2002, NNU experienced 40 vehicular break-ins. In 2007, we experienced just two. For the last few years, NNU has been making a concentrated effort to improve security on campus. Improvements have included a fence, increased security staff, key card entrances and emergency phones outside of every dorm.

As 2008 begins, we at *The Crusader* would like to thank the efforts of the administration, staff, alumni and faculty of NNU that are responsible for the advancements in the safety.

It is obvious, when looking around the university; the administration cares about us students. Keeping us safe is just one way they do it.



Growing up in this vein, I often found myself under the impression that "Christian" and "Republican" or "conservative" were synonymous.

Thankfully, and obviously, I have embraced a different thought process. Unfortunately, a lot of people haven't. Both on this campus and off, I have found myself defending

tians in the political realm. Prominent Christian figures such as Pat Robertson and James Dobson have cornered the media's attention of Christians and have inaccurately painted all Christians with the brush of conservatism.

Last week, Rev. James Lawson addressed our campus in a stunning lecture outlining his own beliefs

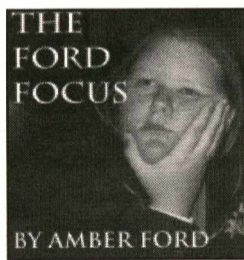
NNU's community is good, but needs to reflect Christ to all people

Rev. James Lawson's visit to NNU prompts scrutiny of our own 'beloved community'

College has been the best years of my life. I love being here and experiencing all that school has to offer me—I have made some wonderful friends and experienced some once in a lifetime events. However, no matter how much I love a place, there will always be things that trouble me.

In light of Rev. Lawson's visit to our campus last week, I took a critical look at the NNU community. I was forced to ask myself

what kind of an atmosphere we are creating at NNU and whether or not this atmo-



sphere is appropriate.

When arriving at NNU two and a half years ago, I wasn't the typical freshman.

In fact, I hated this school because I thought that I had settled for going to church camp instead of college. All the rules and guidelines seemed unnecessary and I couldn't figure out why I decided to attend NNU.

Because of this, I resisted involvement in a lot of activities (i.e. all of Malibu Days) and decided to wait it out until I could transfer. I was convinced that I had made a terrible mistake with my life. It was difficult for

me to connect to a lot of my peers because I didn't want to be involved. However, I was lucky because I had made friends who encouraged me to get involved. As a result, I am still here.

The only reason I share that story is because I see similar situations with other people but there is not always a positive outcome. As much as we pride ourselves on being a university with a welcoming community, there are people who

come here and do not feel welcomed. There are students who transfer out because they can't find friends or they are intimidated by the Christian aspect of our community.

God calls us all to be his disciples—this means that we have a job to be Jesus to everyone we meet. It is discouraging for me when I see students using their Christianity as a reason to exclude others. Christianity is NOT exclusive to a certain kind

of people.

It is so easy for us to hate or treat others poorly. NNU should be a community where all feel welcomed and can find a place to belong. As an institution, we talk highly of our cross-cultural opportunities where we can travel and minister to those around the world. I find it sad that we miss the ministry opportunities staring us in the face on our own campus.



"The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it be accurate, it follows that it is fair."

--Herbert Bayard Swope

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Jesus didn't teach civil disobedience

The Civil Rights Movement used un-biblical tactics

What justice is there in the world other than the justice administered by God? James Lawson's visit to our campus has forced me to consider this question in light of the ministry of Christ and what a Chris-

That puzzle piece began to fit into place as Rev. Lawson explained that peace, a lasting and genuine peace, could only be obtained through justice. However, biblical justice seems to be the pursuit of God, not man. In a very practical way,

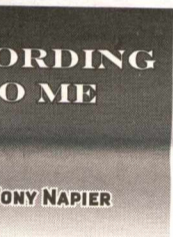
Mount, it is evident Jesus wasn't concerned with retributive justice at the hands of man, but with peace. Jesus was all for equality, but the way the Civil Rights Movement obtained it was not in tune with what the Bible attributes to Jesus' teaching.

Jesus taught that we should "kill em' with kindness" not by using financial or social weapons. In essence, civil disobedience is in direct contradiction to the Sermon on the Mount. Let me be perfectly clear before I continue. Jesus' biblical teachings are that of equality which falls in line exactly with the Civil Rights Movement, however, the means in which that equality was obtained was not biblical.

Being a Christian has never been about causing others' suffering to obtain some affirmation of one's God given value. It is always about loving your neighbors and in no way causing them pain or suffering.

That is what is so amazing about being a Christian, that we can change the world without subversion or force

but by simply loving our neighbors and offering up our grievances and praises to God. This is what the new covenant demands of Christians. Whether or not this kind of theology is applicable today with the current situation and evil in the world is a matter of personal belief. I tend to trust my Bible and its wisdom.



ACCORDING TO ME

BY TONY NAPIER

tian's role should be. As the Beloved Community week began it was set in my mind that the word "Christian" was synonymous with justice; and it is a Christian's responsibility to sue for justice in all corners of the world.

However, in the Sermon on the Mount- Matthew 5:38, Jesus tells the crowd that the old law of eye for an eye is no longer applicable to their life. Instead a follower of Jesus must submit to their enemy and when they ask for one article of clothing to give them two. He ends in verse 42 by instructing to the crowd to not deny anyone that which they wish to borrow. The message delivered by Christ that day is the embodiment of His movement of servanthood and submission.

It seems that Jesus is a pacifist and that our charge as Christians is to be meek and humble and bold in all that we say and do in spite of persecution. Even though this concept was embedded in my theology, it didn't seem to fit. I was missing something fundamental that put the pieces together.



Rev. Lawson addressed the Nampa community on January 16 in the Brandt Center (Photo by Trevan Hauck).

Rights Movement-- right? I can't believe that Jesus would preach that kind of worldly resistance against an oppressor. Jesus was a man of conflict, evidenced by his behavior in the Temple with the money changers. Conflict was not foreign to him, but it wasn't something he taught as a way of life.

In the Sermon on the

Party squabbles won't elect the next president

Cooperation is the key to victory

It has been nothing sort of a circus watching the Republican primaries get underway this year. With all of the candidates taking turns at winning states,

divided then ever before. Perhaps this is due to the fact that it has been eight years since Republicans have had the opportunity to engage in selecting a presidential

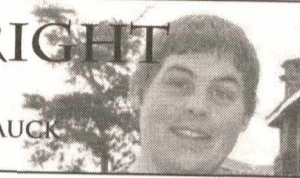
to unite firmly enough to combat the Democratic nominee?

While conventional wisdom says that even if the republicans miss the field goal with four seconds to go, democrats will still throw away the game in an over-time interception pass, the current party situation should still give rise to concern. These facts should be more than enough to scare a party that has a smaller national base and has a current president in office with one of this century's lowest approval ratings. Citizens now fear the neo-con and if conservatives cannot quite such fears by showing strength through new leadership and direction, the GOP is going to be hard to sell.

What we are lacking in this primary election is a leader that has the ability to bring the party together and create an organization that can stand up to whoever the Democrats throw at us come November.

THE RIGHT

BY TREVAN HAUCK



conservatives have no clear frontrunner. Major media candidates such as Giuliani (R-NY) and Thompson (R-Tenn) have become major let downs in terms of their performances thus far. Other candidates who were originally pegged as underdogs, such as Mike Huckabee (R-Ark), have smashed all predictions and become viable contenders.

What we can see with all of the different winners so far (Iowa-Huckabee, N.H./S.C.-McCain, Mich./Nevada/Wyo.-Romney) is that conservatives are more

representative. Back in 2000 Republicans only had two really viable candidates to choose from, George W. Bush and John McCain. With three candidates already claiming wins and predictions pointing to a fourth in Florida (Giuliani) Republicans are getting mired with all the options. This is very dangerous come post season election time. If it comes down to just a few delegates between candidates, will a party that has seen its members supporting contenders all over the gamut, be able

Guest Column

For a rhyme or for a reason?

by LUCAS ROEBUCK

Politics are often entirely too serious. Sometimes, the best solution to controversy is a clever limerick.

The General

There once was a general named Petraeus

Who Moveon. org said betrayed us But the Surge was a hit (Even Reid must admit)

In Baghdad some Iraqis now praise us

A Funny Name

There once was a candidate named Obama

Who spoke with much passion and drama

But he was destined to lose The people were confused

Because his name sounded just like Osama

Poor Preacher

There once was a preacher called Huck

Whose campaign had nary a buck

He won the home state of corn

But now he's forlorn

In New Hampshire his campaign got stuck

The Wife

Clinton made a run for the White House

(Though Republicans hated the slick louse)

But Democrats sang amen

To have Clinton again Till they found it wasn't

Bill, but his spouse.

The Mormon

There once was a candidate named Mitt

In Massachusetts his flips were a hit

But he believed some strange things

About the Savior and King

Which caused some believers to split

A \$ 400 Haircut

There once was a lawyer name Johnny

Who had better hair than Giuliani

He tried to soar

On the votes of the poor But they just laughed at his salon spree

The Isolationist

Ron Paul thought it would be grand

To start a revolution in the land

"Don't let the troops roam,

We best bring them home"

But he buried his head in the sand

The Architect

The lefties hated Karl the adviser

The Democrats prayed he'd expire

They called for him to be jailed

But Rove, he prevailed

And went back to Texas retired

Aliens for Kucinich

There once was a congressman from Ohio

Who said he had seen a UFO

Even if he could court The Martian support

His presidential hope is a no go

Lucas Roebuck is a journalism professor at NNU. This column originally appeared in the Northwest Arkansas Times

NNU professor produces film 'Coyote County Loser'

Lucas Roebuck and his twin brother, who tag teamed the writing the screenplay

by IAN BAUDER

Many know Lucas Roebuck as the new journalism professor on campus. But few know that he is also currently pursuing a life in cinema.

Roebuck has, for the past year, been involved with "Coyote County Loser" an independent film currently under production that Roebuck's twin brother Jacob is producing.

Roebuck says that the project started "six or seven years ago" as a one-act play. The play only saw one production, but the idea lived on inside the head of Roebuck and his brother.

"We always thought the play would be a good concept for a movie," said Roebuck. "But obviously it took us a while to get to it." Roebuck and his brother, as well

as their friend Rob Bethke worked the story out, which they took to a screenwriter to "sew together."

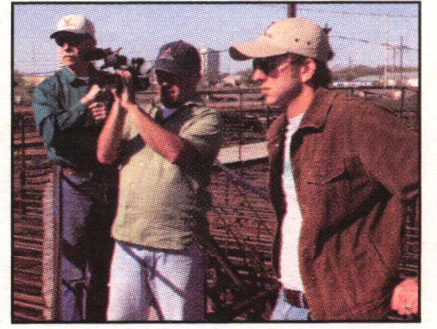
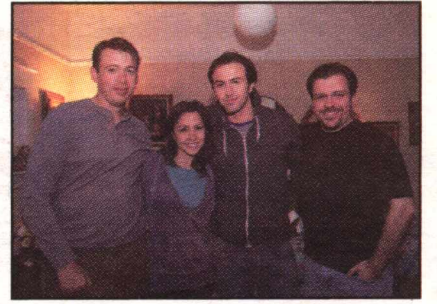
"The story is the traditional battle of the sexes with a twist," said Roebuck. "Two rival talk show hosts at a desert radio station have different views on love. To see who really knows best, they launch a contest to try to help the biggest loser in find love."

Roebuck said that the inspiration from the movie came from "that string of broken hearts I left along my journey." However he added that he was, "Just kidding."

Roebuck says that his brother went into the movie business because he was inspired by his faith to provide a positive example for others. "I think his calling is to impact the world



Above: Beau Clark and Nikki Boyer play Jack Proctor and Dr. Lauren Hartford, two competing radio hosts in "Coyote County Loser." Top right: Frederic Doss, Nikki Boyer, Beau Clark and NNU professor Lucas Roebuck. Bottom right: Bill Hartman, with producers Jacob Roebuck (on the camera) and Rob Bothke (photos courtesy Lucas Roebuck).



for Christ by transforming the culture," said Roebuck.

"His wife has a career in family and social services, and she and Jacob have seen

a lot of hurt and frustration in people they have ministered to because of a misunderstanding of the nature of love."

"Coyote County Loser" is currently in post-production. Roebuck and his brother hope to have the film finished by late spring.

You can see a "first look" of the film at www.coyotecountyloser.com.

Coffee and art at Flying M

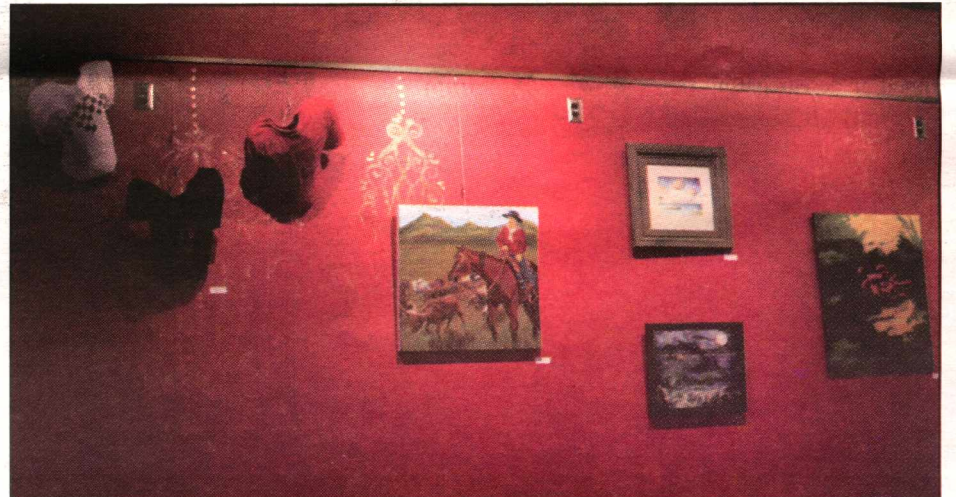
by ANDREA HALL

The Flying M Coffee Garage in downtown Nampa lets local artists and musicians use their store to display their talents monthly. This month, students from

the Studio Practice and Critique class will be featured in the coffee shop. Professor Amanda Hamilton, the head of the art department, is the mastermind behind this collaboration; she requires her students to

exhibit their work as a part of the class.

Works of interest include junior Rhonda Chase's enlarged drawings inspired by Goya, and screenprinted shirts designed by senior Mike Bartlett.



Art by students can be seen at the Flying M Coffee Garage: pictured is work by Mike Bartlett, Andrea Hall, Phil Nelson, Kim Conrad and Mary Spears (Photo by Robin McConkey).

Korean students arrive on campus

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Last semester students from NNU studied abroad at Korean Nazarene University (KNU), one of the 57 Nazarene Universities in the world. This semester we have the privilege of hosting 15 KNU students and Professor Kim Jae Hwan here on our campus.

Seven out of the 15 students are business majors. Because of the language difference, a professor from KNU has accompanied the student exchange program. When NNU students studied in Korea, professor Karen Jones taught them, accompanied by KNU's Professor Hwan. Now Hwan is teaching at NNU. Both professors, along with NNU students who attended KNU in the fall, are helping to acclimate the students to Nampa. It is rumored that

the KNU boys are already very familiar with Nampa's Wal-Mart and all were present for Underground at the Brick House last Thursday.

Part of the experience of studying abroad is not only the classes, but the involvement in and understanding of the culture. Although NNU is smaller than KNU's student body of 5,000, students say it is not too much of a culture shock because weather, technology and the way classes are taught is very similar. A noted difference was the friendliness and comfortableness of NNU's campus; students say hi and converse with each other in the halls. Outside of classes, KNU students are planning trips throughout the western U.S. including Seattle and San Francisco.

KNU is a four year university in Chonan City, South Korea. Its mission is

to provide a Christian education environment. Students studying abroad can choose between two divisions and four departments from which to take courses from: Computer Science, Theology, English, Rehabilitation, Education of Children, and Music. These classes are transferable back and forth between Nazarene universities as NNU is affiliated with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

This council works together to provide opportunities for students in various countries around the world to study abroad. Students are often eligible to remain enrolled in their home university so as to maintain financial aid. This exchange is the first for KNU and NNU but student exchanges are expected to continue in the years to come.

Renaissance men and women gather for Valentine's banquet

by ANDREA HALL

This year's Valentine's Banquet is expected to be both new and exciting, due to plans being made by SGA Social VP Lacey Smith and her social board.

Smith stated in an interview that the plans for the banquet are well underway. The event is scheduled for February 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Brick Bistro 29 in Nampa. The Bistro is located in the historic Masonic Events Center on Eleventh Avenue.

The theme for this year is Medieval Renaissance. Smith said that she is really excited for this theme, and that students can expect to

see some great posters and invitations to go with it. SGA Publicity Director Peter Johnson is already working on the invitations, she added.

Since the theme encompasses medieval times and the Renaissance, Smith is hoping that opens lots of options for party-goers who like to dress in costume. She is making her plans for the food and entertainment to reflect a middle-class/low royalty setting. "Nothing too fancy, but I don't want us to just be eating mashed potatoes either," she joked.

Traditional medieval dining practices are not expected to be followed: a full set of silverware should

be at every place setting. Royal ladies will not have to worry about musing their fine garb when their food falls off their dainty eating knives.

The dinner will be accompanied by some form of theater performance. Establishments such as the Royal Dumpe Dinner Theater in St. Louis have made this type of dining experience fun for even the most modern New World diners. Smith said that she thought about hiring a jousting team for the entertainment, but that she will most likely hire a more traditional theater group.

"It's going to be fun," Smith said.

Lawson advocates nonviolent civil rights education



Dr. Shaw shaking hands with Reverend James Lawson (photo by Trevan Hauck).

by TREVAN HAUCK

The courage to stand up for yourself and your fellow man in any instance is hard to find. Most of us in this day and age are seldom afforded the opportunity to do so. Reverend James Lawson was given the opportunity in the 1950s and 60s and he took advantage of it.

Lawson was a key figure in the civil rights movement, known for his experience in the art of non-violent resistance. His work began in Nashville Tenn. in the late 1950s by organizing a set of workshops aimed at desegregating the city through non-violent techniques used by Gandhi, specifically the sit in. Lawson trained his students to prepare themselves for all sorts of violence, physical and verbal. Ultimately, the non-violent tactics worked. Nashville began to desegregate, something that the rest of the segregated US

could not ignore.

Lawson was invited to speak at Northwest Nazarene University during the "Beloved Community Week", an annual event that was created several years ago to educate students about civil rights by bringing key speakers and advocates to campus.

When asked to comment on whether or not he was prepared for the national attention his efforts received, Lawson said "strategy should be locally devised and if you've done

a good job, it's gonna have national and international implications."

It was Martin Luther King Jr. who urged Lawson to drop what he was doing and come work in the south to utilize his experience with non-violent action in December of 1957, a year after Lawson had returned from mission work in India. Working in the south and within the movement brought Lawson into close contact with King. "I found him a warm, loving, brother, friend [and] colleague. I learned in my association with him that he loved to play. He loved to play football, basketball, swim and he was a good athlete... you bounce against him you feel muscle."

Lawson said about King that "I took him for granted for so much, you know, and I regret some of the ways I took him for granted. I took him for granted

simply because that's the way it was, we were colleagues and friends."

Today Rev. Lawson lives in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife and continues to speak out around the country about non-violence and its uses in the world against oppression.

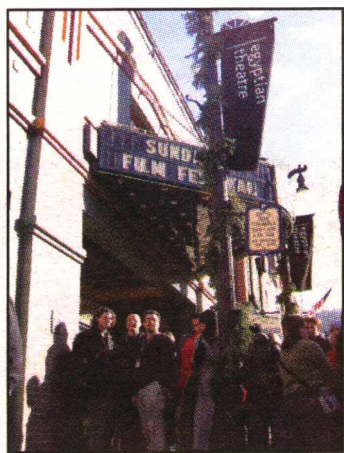
"I have never had doubts about the efficacy of non-violence," said Lawson. "Gandhi said that non-violence was the best-kept secret of human history, because what was written about is the wars. There is a fairly large literature of non-violent episodes, and now, this literature is growing because we had the civil rights movement from a non-violent perspective, then you had major non-violent movements in the Philippians, in Poland, in Chile, in East Germany, in Romania ... There have been all kinds of campaigns in the 20 century and those campaigns are increasingly being studied."



Dr. Shaw, Tony Napier, Reverend Lawson, Dr. Esh and Dr. Gismondi took a stroll through campus before Thursday's chapel (photo by Trevan Hauck).

Sundance

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A shot from Sundance 2007 at the Egyptian Theatre (photo from wikimedia.org).

transformed to accommodate this festival. Streets are lined with booths and people. The box office is the busiest place, facilitating the sale of tickets to the many films shown

in various theaters throughout each day. Everyday, students have the opportunity to view a wide variety of independent films ranging from animation, to short films, to documentaries and foreign films. A question/answer session follows the viewing of each film. Students and other guests have the chance to ask whatever questions they may have about the films. In the evening, students have the additional privilege to compare and contrast the films along with their professor. In past years film experts have joined as guests to

lend their expertise. This festival is a chance for films to gain exposure to larger companies. Many films are submitted and only a handful of those chosen to be shown at the festival. It is not only an honor but a great opportunity for these films and their producers. Films such as Garden State, Napoleon Dynamite, and Hustle & Flow have been a part of the Sundance Festival. The festival is where smaller films are sold in hopes of becoming hits on the big screen. Along with seeing films there are various other activities that are a part of this movie marathon. Concerts, parties, test-driving

cars, and free t-shirts are incorporated into this exciting festival. A photo scavenger hunt around town, hosted by Hewlett-Packard, yields prizes include printers, cameras and other cool stuff.

Canadian football champs will be featured speakers for Winter Awakening 2008

by AIMEE NILES

Winter Awakening will be happening on January 30, February 1 and 2. Campus Ministries Coordinator Amy Carroll is bringing brothers John and Guy Earle to NNU as the featured speakers this year. The Earle brothers are former NFL and Canadian Football League (CFL) members and both played in CFL championship games.

Carroll met the brothers at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) camp three summers ago and has since built a relationship with them. Carroll hopes that their athletic experiences as well as their ministerial experience will connect with students.

Winter Awakening is a time of spiritual renewal and soul searching. Carroll says this is the time for students to really find out where they are spiritually. Each year's Campus Ministry Coordinator has the responsibility of planning

Winter Awakening and Carroll says each one makes the event their own.

This year, Carroll has changed the event slightly by bringing two speakers instead of one and having the focus on awakening. Carroll says in the past, speakers have focused on searching. This year she wants to focus on awakening students spiritually.

Winter Awakening will begin on Wednesday with the Earles speaking in chapel and Time Out. During the blocked period on Thursday, the brothers will again address the student body. The final messages will happen on Friday during chapel and on Friday night with a send off Concert featuring the band The Send.

"No matter what you're looking for, or where you're at, you'll get something out of coming [to Winter Awakening]" Carroll says. "I don't want to bribe or manipulate, but come with an open heart and an open mind."

Student Life Events

Wednesday, January 23
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Matt Dayton
 10:00 p.m.: WNL (in the Perk)

Thursday, January 24
 Last day to add a semester or a quad class with a fee.

Friday, January 25
 8:00 p.m.: Boise Philharmonic (in Swayne Auditorium)

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New York Giants upset Packers in overtime win

Inconsistency ends for Eli Manning; continues for veteran Brett Favre

by AMBER FORD

The underdog New York Giants defeated the Green Bay Packers 23-20 in overtime to clinch the NFC championship Sunday, earning a ticket to the Super Bowl XLII against the New England Patriots.

The Giants struck first with two field goals in the first half to bring them ahead 6-0. In the second quarter, Packer Brett Favre connected with wide receiver Donald Driver for a 90-

yard reception that brought a touchdown to pull the Pack ahead 7-6. Before the half was over, the Packers had put up a field goal, ending the first half with a score of 10-6.

The third quarter ended in two touchdowns for the Giants, with quarterback Eli Manning handing the ball off to Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw to run it in. Favre was able to connect with Donald Lee for a 12 yard pass and a second touchdown pass.

The third quarter came to a close with the Giants in the lead 20-17.

The fourth quarter came down to the wire when Packers kicker Mason Crosby landed a field goal with four minutes left in the game to tie things up 20-20. The Giants got the ball back and brought themselves to the 36 yard line with four seconds to go. Their kicker, Lawrence Tynes, had missed one 43 yard field goal earlier in the game. With 36 yards to go,

Tynes hooked the kick miserably, bringing the game into overtime.

The Packers won the coin toss and received the ball. On the second play of the drive, Favre threw an interception to Corey Webster, giving the Giants another chance at the victory.

It took four plays for the Giants to make it to the 47 yard line. On fourth down, the Giants decided to bring out Tynes for one last shot. After missing the last two kicks, Tynes landed the 47

yard kick to end the game 23-20, earning Manning and his crew a ticket to Super Bowl XLII.

The game was another mind-boggler, as Favre made all the mistakes he had managed to avoid this past season. It also served as a sign of hope for Eli Manning, who has been criticized throughout his career for his inconsistency.

The Giants became the first NFC team to ever win three road games in the post season to advance to

the Super Bowl. The Giants controlled the clock with 40 minutes of possession compared to the Packers' 22 minutes, driving down the Packers' momentum. The Giants also finished on top with 380 total yards with the Packers only earning 264 yards.

Super Bowl XLII will air on Feb. 3 in Glendale, Ariz. Fourth year quarterback Manning will go up against veteran Tom Brady's Patriots to try and bring down the Patriot's 18-0 season.

Patriots first team ever to 18-0; reach fourth Super Bowl in seven years

by DEREK DE ROOY

It's been a long, hard road, and the country has watched all season to see how the story turns out. One more game, and we'll be able to tell.

The Patriots squeaked out win no. 18 against the Chargers on Sunday by a score of 21-12, on a night where Tom Brady and Randy Moss weren't themselves.

But while the two record-setting individuals played some of their poorest football of the season, a few other characters bailed them out as a team. But then, the Patriots are the first to come to mind when the word "team" is spoken.

Laurence Maroney made run after run, accumulating 122 yards and a

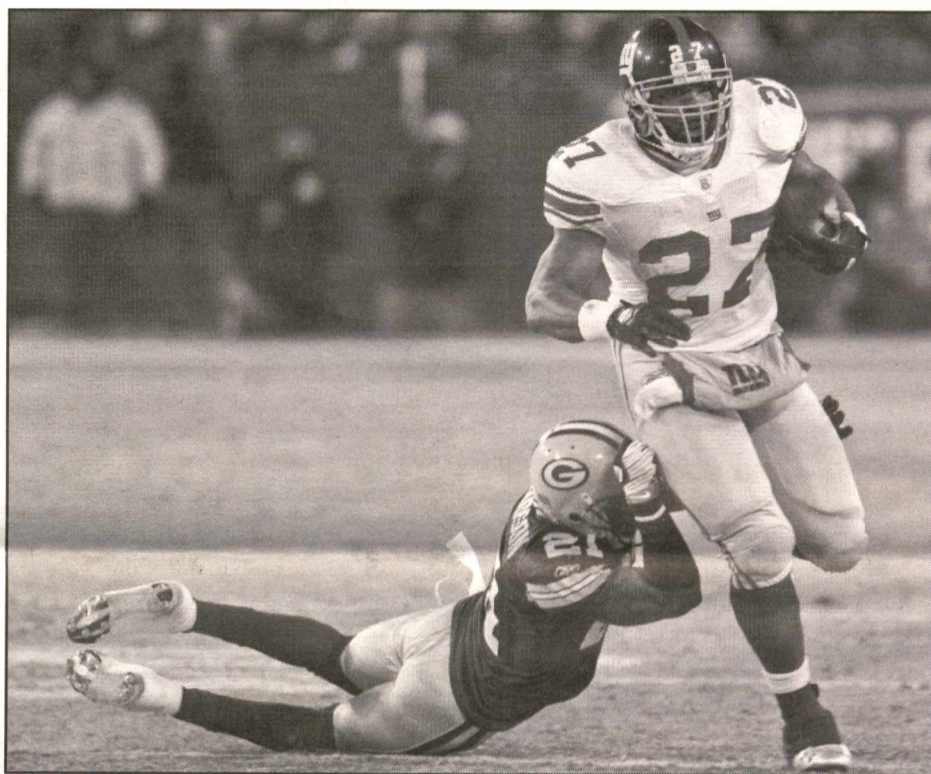
touchdown, and the Chargers never figured out how to slow him down. Maroney had 113 of his rushing yards in the second half, and became the first Patriot to record back-to-back 100-yard postseason games since 1985.

Meanwhile, New England's defense seemed to be hanging on by a thread. At times, the Chargers' offense picked apart the Patriots, finding big holes in the secondary, and only allowing a single sack.

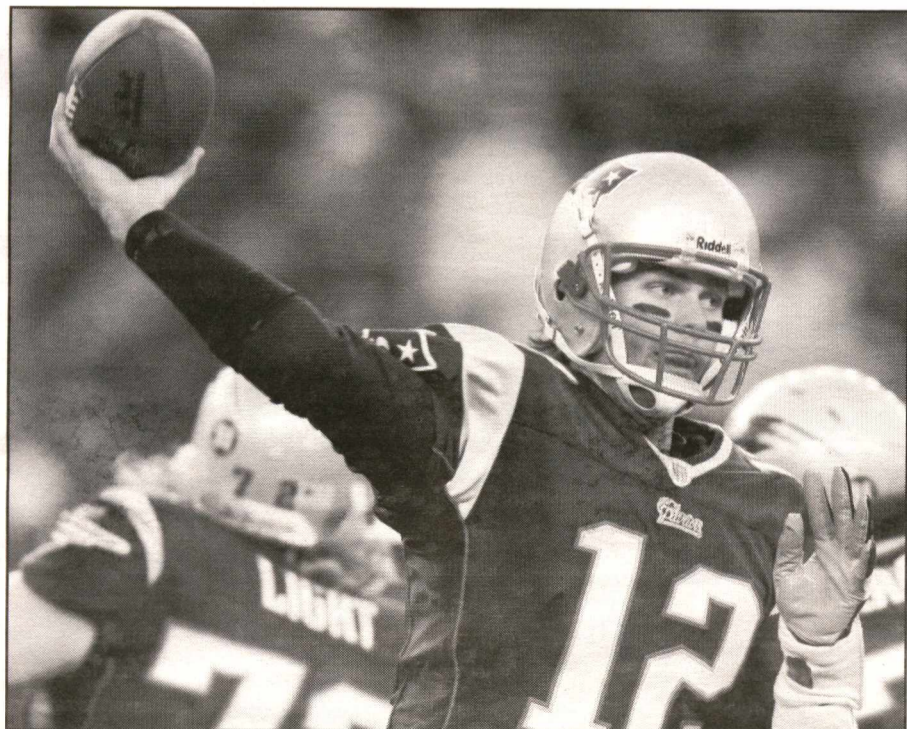
San Diego, plagued by injuries on offense, couldn't take advantage of New England's spotty defense. Quarterback Philip Rivers stuck it out through the night, completed 19-of-37 passes, and hurt his team's chances with 2 INT's. Tight

End Antonio Gates needed to take time off from the game, and only managed 2 catches for 17 yards. Most importantly, 2006 MVP LaDainian Tomlinson carried twice for 5 yards, and caught one pass before hitting the bench for the rest of the night. "From getting it (MCL) reinjured the first play, I just knew I didn't have it," Tomlinson said. "I'm kind of at a loss for words."

The Patriots will be heading back to the Super Bowl for the first time since defeating Philadelphia in SB XXXIX. They will face the New York Giants, who they beat 38-35 in a close Week 17 matchup. They have knocked the Chargers out of the playoffs two years in a row.



New York's Brandon Jacobs breaks a tackle from Green Bay's Charles Woodson during the NFC championship game Sunday. The Giants are the first NFC team to win three straight playoff games on the road. Their Super Bowl berth will feature Eli Manning, younger brother of Peyton. (photo by the Associated Press).



Patriots quarterback Tom Brady threw the least amount of yards of any of the four quarterbacks on Sunday (photo by the Associated Press).

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Recent Scores:

Men's Basketball, vs. SPU, 1/19, W 87-72

Women's Basketball, at CWU, 1/17, 107-76

Women's Basketball, at WWU, W 69-53

Upcoming Schedule:

Women's Basketball, vs. Seattle University, 1/24, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball, vs. Saint Martin's, 1/24, 7:30

Men's Basketball, vs. WOU, 1/26, 2 p.m.

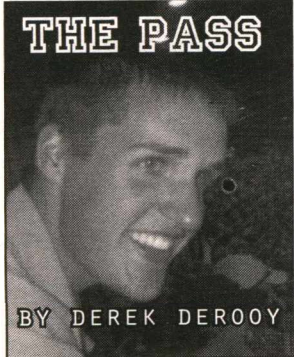
Men's Baseball, vs. BSU, 1/26, 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball, vs. MSU Billings, 1/26, 5 p.m.

Track & Field, Blue and Orange Classic, 1/26, 9 a.m.

Loss of Bobby Fischer, American Hero and Critic

He fought in the Cold War, like so many Americans did in those days. He rose through the ranks, raised the stakes, and was always outnumbered by other players who were his



THE PASS

BY DEREK DEROOY

friends and our enemies. He played the game by his rules, and his victory over the USSR is only outshone by the Space Race and the "Miracle on Ice."

Bobby Fischer, the greatest chess player in U.S. history, died of kidney failure last Thursday, at the age of 64.

Fischer became a National Master at age 12, at that time a record. He won the U.S. Junior Championship at the age of 13, and U.S. Open Championship at 14 (both records still stand). When he was only 15, he became an International Master.

His play was brilliant, and would guide him to victory in each of the eight U.S. Chess Championships

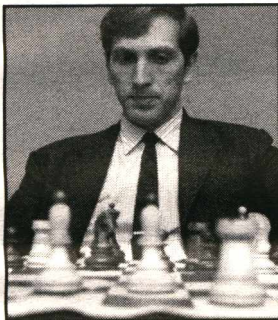
in which he participated.

There was a paranoia and a rigidity to Fischer, however. He was hard to negotiate a set match with, and he continually protested changes in time, place, and spectating. Having to play early in the morning bothered him, and he delayed matches for religious Sabbaths.

In 1972, Fischer played for the World Chess Championship. He had recently defeated Tigran Petrosian and Mark Taimanov, both Russians. He would be challenging another Russian, Boris Spassky.

There were of course scheduling conflicts. Fischer wanted to play in Yugoslavia, while Spassky preferred Iceland. Fischer also demanded the purse be doubled to \$250,000.

The match was to be



Bobby Fischer, the chess master (photo from AP).

covered by worldwide media, but the cameras bothered Fischer, who lost the first game and forfeited the second. Fischer would have

forfeited the match, but Spassky wanted to see who was truly the better player. While the world waited, the two masters played in a back room. Fischer emerged as the winner, having beaten the best Russian chess players in a game they had dominated for the past 25 years.

Fischer was challenged by Anatoly Karpov for the World Chess Championship in 1975, but because one of Fischer's 64 conditions was not met, he relinquished his title to Karpov.

Fischer, always a bit of a hermit, went into hiding for almost 20 years, only coming out for a rematch with Spassky in 1992 (Fischer defeated Spassky again).

He would pop up from time to time, often to criticize America or to make Anti-Semitic remarks (although his mother was Jewish). While held in a Japanese airport with an expired American passport in 2005, he requested and was granted citizenship in Iceland, where he lived his last days.

Like so many of the "genius" minds in our world, we don't always understand the method to their madness. We have lost an icon of our past, a hero of our country, and though the world has moved on, Bobby Fischer can never be replaced.

Beech

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Parnell scored three straight 3-pointers that put NNU ahead by ten with five minutes left in the second half.

The Crusaders finished the game with 38 rebounds

and a season low of eight turn-overs, compared with SPU's 29 rebounds and 12 turn-overs. Students, faculty and the community all came out to support our

men. The Crusaders will be back at home on January 24 and 26 against GNAC schools St. Martin's University and Western Oregon University.

Lady Crusaders win on the road

By DARBY MONTGOMERY

It was a stunning 69-53 victory for Northwest Nazarene's Women's Basketball last Saturday against Western Washington, bringing their record to 11-4 overall and 4-2 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

In the first 15 minutes NNU trailed the Vikings 8-2. WWU's forward Claire Pallansch scored 6 of the 8 points. This lead proved to be false hope for the Vikings. The Crusaders came back with a 13-2 run late in the first half to bring the

score to 27-23, NNU.

NNU's Janee Olds scored a team-high 17 points, going 5 of 9 from beyond the arc and hitting five three-pointers. Brittany Roggenkamp was second in scoring with 15.

The Crusaders opened the second half with a 12-0 run to take a 30-23 lead with under 15 minutes to go. NNU's lead jumped to 25 with two minutes to go, as the Crusaders sat comfortably at 68-43. Western made a 10-1 run, but it wasn't enough.

NNU shot poorly, at

37 percent from the field. The 3-point shooting was only slightly better, at 41 percent.

The Vikings, a GNAC rival, are now 4-13 overall and 0-5 in the GNAC.

Earlier, on Thursday, NNU's women set a team scoring record with 107 points against Central Washington University. They won the game, 107-76.

The lady Crusaders return home to host Seattle University on Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and Montana State University Billings on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

WSU basketball hitting rare stride

BY DEREK DE ROOY

In their best start in years, the WSU Cougars Men's Basketball team is roaring. They hold a 16-1 record, including a 4-1 Pac-10 conference record, with their one loss coming against UCLA. Meanwhile, they've surpassed UW as the best college basketball team in the state for the first time in years.

Led by athletic guards Derrick Low and Kyle Weaver, WSU has the country's best defense. Junior center Aron Baynes is starting this season and has made major contributions underneath. He is being helped inside by senior Robbie Cowgill and junior Daven Harmeling.

Dick and Tony Bennett, father and son, have coached Cougar Men's Basketball since 2003. Dick left the team to his son after 2005-2006, and Tony hasn't disappointed in this past one and a half years. WSU has been rebuilding, and is doing things that haven't been done in years.

Most importantly, this

is the team's best start since 1948-1949, when the Cougars started 18-1. WSU currently fields the nation's best defense, holding opposing teams to 52 points/game. They held Gonzaga to 47 points in Spokane, where only one other team has beaten Gonzaga in the last four years. It was WSU's first road win against Gonzaga since 1985. They have beaten USC and UCLA in recent years, and a 2005 win against Arizona snapped a 38-game losing streak.

Aron Baynes, the junior center, has been imperative to the Cougars' success. At 6-10 and 270 pounds, he is one of the biggest players in college basketball. Baynes has little trouble against any team WSU has played or will play (save UCLA), averaging 12 points and 6 rebounds in only 23 minutes.

Low and Weaver form a perfect tandem of guards. Weaver distributes as well as could be expected, slashes to the hoop, and is an impressive rebounder for a guard (11 pts/game, 4 reb/game, 4

ast/game). Low can shoot the lights out, leading the team with 14 pts./game. Both players even made a 12-man roster for this past summer's Pan-Am games, edging a lot of All-Americans and future NBA stars.

The team is old, yes. This is their time to shine, if they are to shine at all. But they are beginning to shine.

As Cougars, they don't get a lot of respect. Being ranked in the AP top 10 to start the season was certainly a surprise to most onlookers, and it was thought to be undeserved by the rest of the country. But with only a loss to UCLA (16-2, 4-1 Pac-10), WSU has a share of the Pac-10 lead.

When asked how they are doing it, most players on the team will reply that it comes down to practice and effort. Said Low, "No one knows who we are. Everyone always is, 'Look at them, who are these guys, they're not too good.'" Cowgill added, "We're going to have to legitimize where we're at pretty much every day."



NBA

Standings
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Northwest	25	16	0	-	W1	7-3
Portland	24	16	0	.5	L1	6-4
Denver	24	18	0	1.5	W2	8-2
Utah	9	32	0	16	L11	0-10
Seattle	6	34	0	18.5	W1	2-8
Minnesota						

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Pacific	29	12	0	-	W3	7-3
Phoenix	27	12	0	1	W1	8-2
LA Lakers	25	18	0	5	L1	6-4
Golden State	17	22	0	11	W2	6-4
Sacramento	12	25	0	15	L1	3-7
LA Clippers						

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Midwest	28	12	0	-	W5	8-2
New Orleans	27	13	0	1	L1	8-2
Dallas	26	13	0	1.5	L1	5-5
San Antonio	22	19	0	6.5	W2	7-3
Houston	12	29	0	16.5	W1	3-7
Memphis						

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Atlantic	33	6	0	-	W3	7-3
Boston	22	19	0	12	L1	6-4
Toronto	18	22	0	15.5	L5	4-6
New Jersey	16	26	0	18.5	L1	2-8
Philadelphia	13	28	0	21	L1	5-5
New York						

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Central	29	13	0	-	L3	4-6
Detroit	22	18	0	6	W4	8-2
Cleveland	19	23	0	10	W1	4-6
Indiana	16	24	0	12	L1	4-6
Chicago	16	25	0	12.5	L2	4-6
Milwaukee						

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Southeast	26	17	0	-	W2	4-6
Orlando	22	17	0	2	W2	7-3
Washington	18	20	0	5.5	L3	3-7
Atlanta	16	25	0	9	L1	5-5
Charlotte	8	33	0	17	L14	0-10
Miami						



Students Anthony Haskett and Dana Luhn survey Anderson's work in her exhibition "Shades" featured in Friesen galleries until February 1 (photo by Robin McConkey).

'Shades' featured in Friesen galleries

by IAN BAUDER

"Shades," an art exhibition by Jennifer D. Anderson opened on Thursday in the Friesen Galleries.

The exhibit, which will be there till February 1, consists of silhouettes cut out of layered paper, and hung so that the light allows you to see all layers at once. It's a technique that Anderson calls "ethereal."

Anderson collects digital images on her computer from a variety of sources, such as antique medical journals. She then prints the images onto pieces of Japanese paper that she describes as "whisper thin." When she has gathered enough pieces, she glues several together. "An average

of four layers a piece" said Anderson. She then cuts out the layered pieces into the silhouettes. The pieces are then mounted about a foot from the wall, so that the shadows of the silhouettes are visible on the wall. "Shadows are a metaphor for human life," said Anderson.

"It suggests that we are a physical body, but that we are more than our bodies," said Anderson. "It's all about layering...images, symbols, memory, experience."

She said that the silhouettes are made up in part of people she knows and in part from photos taken by pseudo-scientists who thought they could discover common body features in criminals.

Sophomore Chris Van Stone said that the exhibit is "Different than I've ever seen." He described the pieces as "eerie" saying that: "It kind of freaks me out a little."

Anderson's main interest is the body and people's conceptions with the body. "On a very broad way, my inspiration is human life." Her past work has included "What I'm Made Of," a grouping of 100 eleven inch human figures, and "Within Without," a instillation that is comprised of disembodied heads over artificial human-like skins. "I'm interested in the way our memories, and mind and physical soul come together," said Anderson. "With out our physical being, who are we?"



Feature band: Queens of the Stone Age

by RACHAEL FINCH

Queens of the Stone Age is a powerful force in the alternative rock scene, and one that consistently releases solid, unique albums for their listeners. However, the band's composition has undergone numerous changes since their self titled release in 1998.

Queens is focused around front man Josh Homme. Homme is the only member who has been with the band from the beginning, and he has worked with a revolving door of other artists, all pulled into the ranks of Queens of the Stone Age.

The band began with Homme, who worked with a variety of artists before bringing Alfredo Hernandez on board for the self titled LP. Soon after, Nick Oliveri and Dave Catching joined the group. Hommes, Hernandez, and Oliveri had previously been members of Kyuss, a group that disbanded in 1995.

By the time Queens released their second album, *Rated R*, Hernandez was gone, and Gene Troutman and Nicky Lucero



QOTSA has included a revolving door of musicians over the year. (Photo by commons.wikimedia.org).

were bought in to fill his place. Band members kept shuffling, leaving Homme and Oliveri as the only two constants on the third album. Dave Grohl, front man for the Foo Fighters and previous drummer for Nirvana, temporarily joined on for the third album, *Songs for the Deaf* and stayed to tour for the album. Mark Lanegan, ex-vocalist for the Screaming Trees, and Troy Van Leeuwen, keyboardist and guitarist for A Perfect Circle, also joined the band for the tour.

The band line-up was different once more for the *Lullabies to Paralyze* release in 2005. Only Homme, Lanegan, and Van Leeuwen remained, with the addition of Joey Castillo

and Alain Johannes. When 2007's *Era Vulgaris* was released, the band had guest appearances from various musicians.

From the beginning of the band's career, Homme has been the constant creative driving force. The group's music has matured, but despite the ever changing members of the band, they have never failed to have a signature sound.

Perhaps the unique sound of the band can be attributed to the vast number of musicians who have been a part of the group's history. Most of the musicians have been members of other bands from a variety of genres. The influences of grunge rock, metal, prog rock, and much more.

Cazba features Greek cuisine and more

by DEREK DEROOY

Sitting comfortably in downtown Boise, Cazba has been around for a number of years. Certainly as long as most of us have been NNU students. The

service, food selection, and atmosphere combine to form a fine establishment, a Greek version of Carino's—classic recipes with a family feel.

Upon entering the restaurant, you'll realize that

there are no booths; tables, both small and large, are scrambled throughout the room. A great advantage of this setup is that the room can be arranged for large parties, birthdays, or even wedding receptions.

If you aren't seated in the main floor area, there is mezzanine seating in the back. You can sit comfortably in the less-crowded upstairs and listen to the chatter and raucous laughter of those down below. A

bar is also located upstairs, but is not active at times.

The ease of preparing Mediterranean food in Cazba (either because of high staff or a low-maintenance type of food) means that less work is needed on the service front. Servers drift through the room at all times, and are prompt with refills, but do not overstay their welcome when they stop at tables.

The food, as I mentioned, is relatively simple. The menu is filled with particular types of gyros and wraps, with a few salads dishes as well. Kabobs are offered, as well as authentic dishes from Greece, Turkey, and Iran. Main dishes are served

with small salads, pita bread, and a choice of rice pilaf, sautéed vegetables, or waffle fries.

There is a small dessert menu to finish off the night, with chocolate mousse cake, rice pudding, baklava, and cheesecake all offered at reasonable prices.

The experience is unique, and the restaurant could easily make for a great date in itself. If you're ever wandering the streets of Boise, looking for a place to go, please check out Cazba.

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The Cazba Kabob is one of the many delectable items available on the menu at Cazba (photo from cazba.com).

Twenty-seven times a bridesmaid, never a bore

by RACHAEL FINCH

"27 Dresses", starring Katherine Heigl (Grey's Anatomy) and James Marsden (X-Men), is a charming and classic romantic comedy. Unrequited love, sisterly affection, and the struggle for identity are all encountered as Jane (Heigl) struggles to take

special day. She's even had twenty-seven opportunities to work out the kinks by planning other people's weddings.

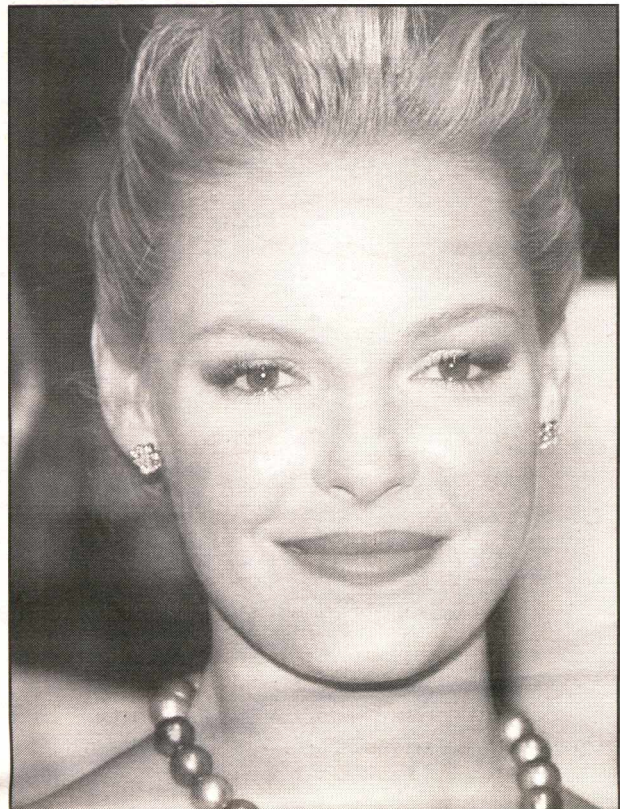
However, Jane's hopes are foiled when her boss (Edward Burns), whom she secretly loves, falls in love with her little sister Tess (Malin Akerman). Jane is forced decide

This movie sticks to a traditional chick flick formula. The main character, due to her own shyness, hides her feeling from her love interest. She then loses him to someone else, and in the process of recovery finds herself and finds a new love interest. For fans of the plain, untainted, untwisted chick flick, this is a great film. However, for those who desire a little more creativity, this film may not hit the spot.

While the movie is full of light hearted comedy, it is also frustrating to watch the relationship between Jane and her younger sister Tess. Tess is the stereotypical self-absorbed, materialistic younger sibling, while Jane is the ever caring, passive older sister. Tess' character is classically overacted, and not entirely believable.

Tess isn't the only overly stereotypical character. Lovable and charming as he is, Kevin is the hopeless romantic turned bitter and cynical by his past experiences. His heart of ice just needs a little thawing.

Overall, the film is very enjoyable. The scene displaying the array of hideous bride's maid's dresses is amusing, and the drunken bar-top sing-a-long to "Bennie and The Jets" makes the movie. Those who wish for some variation, need not watch this movie. But if you just want that reliable formula with a new name, "27 Dresses" is worth trying on.



Katherine Heigl stars as Jane, an overly generous bridesmaid who can't say no (photo from commons.wikimedia.org).

care of her sister, her friends, and generally everyone but herself.

Jane gives a new meaning to the phrase "always a bride's maid, never a bride". From a young age she was fascinated with weddings, and had fabulous dreams about her own

between being the perfect bridesmaid, and doing something for herself.

A chance encounter between Jane and Kevin (Marsden), a cynical journalist, leads to comedy, deceit, and romance, as Kevin attempts to make Jane his next big story.

'Musical'

Continued from front page

between Nellie Forbush, a navy nurse and Emile DeBecque a French planter, as well as the restlessness of the sailors stationed on the island. The musical features such classics as "Some Enchanted Evening" and "Bali Ha'i."

The musical also conveys a strong anti-bigotry message and themes concerning discrimination and racism, says Dr. Swanson.

The twenty-six member cast features Kendra Hughes as the principle lead Nellie Forbush and Matt Johnson as the older, sophisticated Emile DeBecque.

Erik Valenti plays Billis, the big-time-operator on the Navy base, and Karissa Ellingson is Bloody Mary, the native entrepreneur. The medium-sized cast is smaller than what NNU's musicals

have featured in the past couple of years, says Dr. Swanson.

Matt Johnson, who has performed in NNU's Fiddler on the Roof and The Music Man, says he "intends to make it an enjoyable experience for the actors and the audience alike."

Johnson is also excited about the Crusader Choir trip to Europe this May. Profits from South Pacific will help fund the trip. Johnson says, "The more participation we have from the community for South Pacific, the more Crusader Choir members will be able to participate in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

Kendra Hughes, who played the lead Marian last year in NNU's The Music Man, says she is especially excited about a humorous scene featuring a vaudeville

act. Hughes notes that rehearsal time is shorter than most years and the musical will be performed in just seven weeks!

When asked why he settled on South Pacific as this year's spring musical, Dr. Swanson says, "South Pacific is one of the classic American musicals that has been continually performed for over 50 years—its message seems to be ageless."

Dr. Swanson says the NNU and Nampa communities are excited for the performance, "I've had lots of positive comments in the community when asked what we're doing this year."

Stay tuned for more information about tickets sales. Seating will be general admission in the Brandt Center.

"Morrison pays tribute to her both her literary contemporaries and favorite classics."

Look for these book releases, coming in 2008

by ALLI SCHISLER

One of my (often unrealized) goals at the beginning of each new year is to read more. Perhaps you share this ambition or you just want to know what literary circles will be discussing this year.

Here are a few upcoming books from various genres that I'm excited about.

For fans of nonfiction,



Watch for the release of the late Benazir Bhutto's new book (photo by commons.wikimedia.org)

and especially middle-eastern politics and foreign policy, watch for the late Benazir Bhutto's "Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy, and the West" coming out in February. Bhutto provides advice on the most functional relationship between the American empire and the Middle East. Also watch for "Daughter of the East:

An Autobiography", also by Bhutto, released in April.

Also in April, Nobel Laureate for Literature and Pulitzer Prize winner Toni Morrison's "What Moves at the Margin: Selected Nonfiction" hits the shelves. The author of "Song of Solomon," "Jazz," "Beloved" and others reveals a factual account of her inspirations and trials.

Not quite autobiographical, Morrison pays tribute to her both her literary contemporaries and favorite classics. According to poet Aberjhani, readers should expect a "valuable treasury of reflections by the author on everything from influential women in her life to shared insights on her novels."

For fans of New York Times bestselling author Jodi Picoult, the prolific author's "Change of Heart" hits shelves in March. With a plot line similar to that of Stephen King's "The Green Mile", Picoult tells a complex story of loss and salvation, love and revenge. Picoult's already-published "Nineteen Minutes" is available in paperback in February.

If you are looking for a drama/mystery, try "Sundays at Tiffany's" by

James Patterson. Patterson tells the story of a lonely young-girl-with-an-imaginary-friend turned lonely-thirty-something-executive who, as an adult, meets a man remarkably like her childhood invisible friend.

The editorial review reads, "Sundays at Tiffany's" is a love story with an irresistible twist, a novel about the child inside all of us-and the boundary-crossing power of love."

For the reader interested in history, especially religious history, try a redesigned reprint of Hudson Taylor's "Spiritual Secret" by Howard and Geraldine Taylor. Originally published in 1955, the classic has proved inspirational for many.

Written by Hudson Taylor's son and daughter-in-law, this biography tells the remarkable story of Taylor's missionary life in China and, according to the editorial review, "This account of missionary Hudson Taylor's amazing life has been a soul searching inspiration to many."

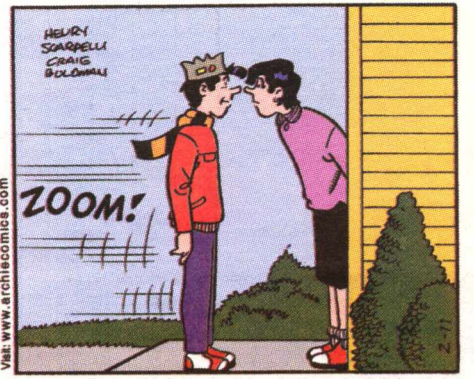
Hopefully you'll find something that interests you. If none of these upcoming new releases are appealing, there are always the classics!

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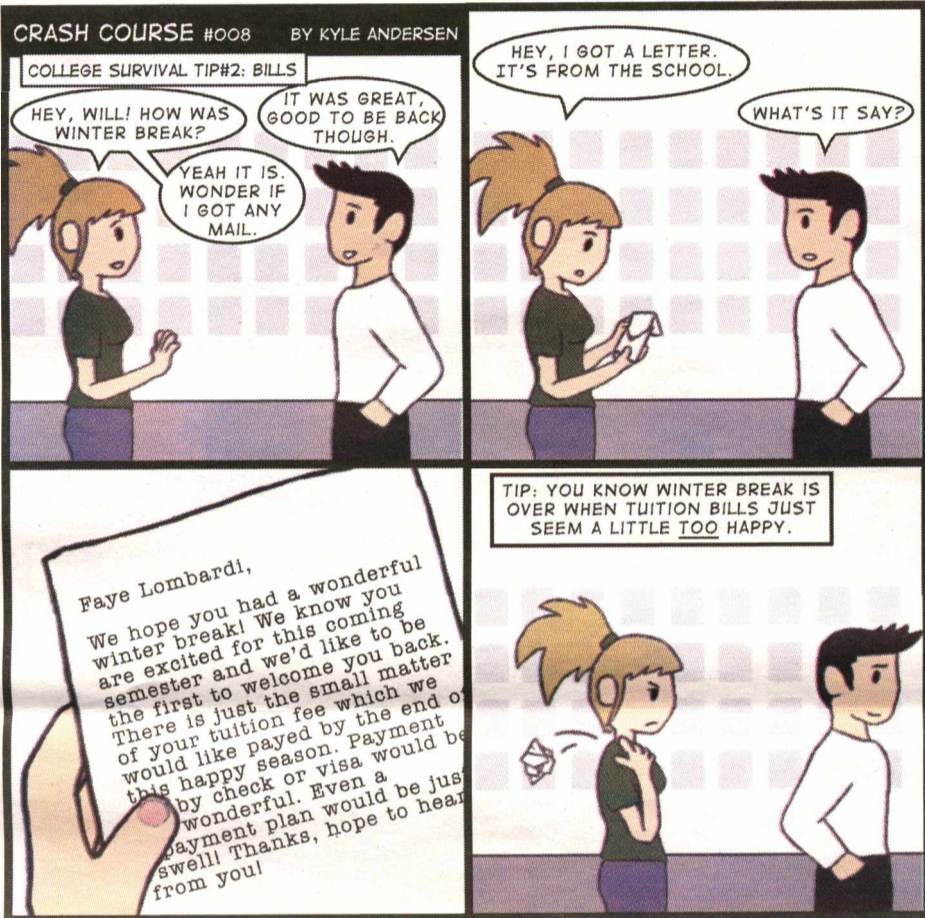
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Jan. 31	Taco Bell Arena Morrison Center	Rodney Carrington Peter Pan
Feb. 1	Idaho Center	Blue Man Group
Feb. 7	Morrison Center	Jeff Dunham
Feb. 8	Civic Center Boise Civic Center	Baroque Orchestra Brigadoon

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Welcome Back NNU!



Top ten worst ways to ask a girl to the Valentines day banquet

by DARYL GONZALES and TREVAN HAUCK

1. Roses are red, violets are blue, everyone else was asked, so I guess I'm going with you
2. Sniff her hair and say: "Hey we use the same shampoo"
3. Start off asking: "Does your family have a history of mental illness? Cause' if not..."
4. See her in the lobby the night of the banquet and ask "What are you doing tonight?"
5. Begin with: "Hey since my first choice is gonna be out of town..."
6. Have your favorite professor ask for you
7. From a distance, you're not too shabby...
8. Write her a song to the tune of the Iranian National Anthem
9. Spell it out in organs using the science department cadaver
10. Carve a message into her car door

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