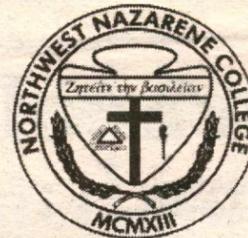


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Students share their summer stories

Miss Idaho is NNU's own Christi Tiel

By Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

Students at Northwest Nazarene University are students that any school would be proud to call their own. A few of the present students have made a mark in the nation and beyond.

One such student is senior Christi Tiel. Tiel won the Miss Idaho contest in June and is headed to the Miss America contest this week.

Like many other things, this needed to be worked at in order to be achieved. Christi enjoyed watching the Miss America contest on television as a little girl and admired what she saw.

However, as many of the dreams children cherish, it seemed impossible and her life goals were focused towards other things instead of towards the contest.

As she got older she started to dream of more practical goals—such as college and how to finance it. When she found that there was a scholarship that could be obtained through the contest she decided to try it.

Tiel's first contest was in the summer of 1998 before her sophomore year at NNU. She competed for the title of Miss Meridian placing second. In November of 1998 she won Miss Boise. This allowed her to compete for Miss Idaho in 1999 in which she placed second.

In January she decided to compete for Miss Blaine and won. Again she competed for Miss Idaho and won.



SHINING LIGHT! - Christi Tiel as Miss Idaho will represent Idaho, NNU and her faith in the 2000 Miss America pageant. (Photo by Sonya Wold, Design by Grant Mangum).

Her platform will be on Character Education and the title of her platform is "Life's Choices are a Compass." For her platform she is working with the YMCA.

Six children from the Idaho Youth Theater have joined her and will be performing skits that deal with the four areas she is concentrating on for her platform: honesty, responsibility, caring and respect for others.

Tiel claims that her favorite part of competing is getting the chance to sing. "I love to get into my character and use the talent that God has given me to reach out to others," she comments.

Being a Public Communications major here at NNU has helped Tiel

in her competing techniques. Also having held several titles has allowed her attend a numerous amount of speaking engagements and allow her to develop a better skill within this area.

Tiel says that "I have gained confidence, poise and I am learning to really answer a question without giving more than what people want to hear."

After finishing her studies at NNU Christi has some ambitious plans for her future. She would like to perform in Opera Idaho. She also has an opportunity to go to Washington D.C. and work with the Leadership Institute. However, the biggest part of her plans would be to

wait and see what God has in store for her.

Tiel is excited about the prospect of competing for Miss America. For her, this is another opportunity to share the message of Christ with others. She has been able to share her faith with the Miss Idaho board and in many of her speaking engagements.

"My platform is based on the foundational truth and I am able to share personal stories about the choices that I have made based on an absolute truth not post modernism thinking," she stated.

On channel six, October 14, Tiel will be on the national broadcasting of Miss America.



Medals

(As of Tuesday September 26)

Country	G	S	B
United States	24	14	59
China	21	14	49
Russia	15	14	48
Australia	12	20	43
France	12	13	32
Germany	5	10	31
Italy	11	6	28
Britain	6	8	19
Romania	10	4	18
South Korea	4	6	18
Netherlands	8	5	16
Japan	5	5	14
Ukraine	3	6	14
Belarus	1	1	10
Poland	4	4	9
Bulgaria	4	3	9
Cuba	3	4	9
Switzerland	1	5	8
Sweden	3	3	7
Greece	2	4	7
Canada	1	1	7
Czech Republic	2	1	6
Indonesia	1	3	6
Brazil	0	4	6
Hungary	3	1	5
Spain	3	0	5
Slovakia	1	3	5
Lithuania	2	0	4
New Zealand	1	0	4
Belgium	0	2	4
Austria	2	1	3
Finland	2	1	3
Ethiopia	1	0	3
Denmark	0	2	3
Jamaica	0	1	3
South Africa	0	1	3
Taiwan	0	1	3
Slovenia	2	0	2
Turkey	2	0	2
Mexico	1	1	2
Croatia	1	0	2
Latvia	1	0	2
Kenya	0	1	2
North Korea	0	1	2
Norway	0	1	2
Costa Rica	0	0	2
Estonia	0	0	2
Georgia	0	0	2
Azerbaijan	1	0	1
Colombia	1	0	1
Iran	1	0	1
Mozambique	1	0	1

Campus takes beautification steps

By Mindy Oldenkamp
Campus News Writer

Walking around campus has become a new experience for those used to seeing trees, shrubs, and an old cracked tennis court.

Chapman ended its life two years ago in a fiery demise, leaving a large open pit of dirt and debris in its place. Now a track has taken up residence in the old Chapman area.

At the north end of the track, the

area closest to the gym and Wiley parking lot, is to be a section with four rows of seating cut into the earth. Eleven six-inch maple trees will also be planted along this side within the week. Along with some very impressive landscaping work, the track will also be provided with a complete irrigation system.

Other changes to campus have also been made and are to be made. Last year's graduating class gift is a fountain that will enhance the landscaping around the backside of the student center. The area around the gazebo is to be graced by the relaxing babbling sound of flowing water.

"At this point we are in the design stage. We are approaching this project with hopes to find something that will look nice for the right price," said Dick VanSchyndel, the man in charge of campus improvement. Contractors for building the foun-

tain are being consulted and among them are those responsible for the impressive fountains outside of the Idaho Center.

"We are bound and determined to have something that people will be proud of," added VanSchyndel.

Members of the grounds crew have been keeping very busy. Finishing of the track is a time consuming task, but there are numerous other jobs awaiting attention. The grass between the student center and Wiley was freshly laid sod and the picnic tables are a new addition in place of the old tennis courts that previously claimed that space.

Also, much of the dead or diseased trees and junipers were torn out from around the gazebo and Wiley in an effort to clean up the appearance of our campus.

"We might have made a few cats homeless, but I think we made it look a lot better," said VanSchyndel. And, in the near future, the area

around Wiley will be receiving a number of new light poles to improve the lighting around campus.

The Fine Arts Building and Sutherland have also received a landscaping facelift according to VanSchyndel. "The library and many of the dorms have big jungle-like junipers overpowering them that need jerked out to make it look better," said VanSchyndel.

The Administration Building is also being refreshed in design and a little tuning up.

"We didn't want to change any of the history of it, but we wanted to update it. We've added some of the small features of the Brandt Center to blend it all together, but have kept the main look of it for history," said VanSchyndel.

"We want the students to be able to come back for their five or ten year reunions and say, 'Wow, this campus looks good!'" said VanSchyndel.

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Technology improvements make life easier

By Laurissa Hurst
Campus News Writer

A number of advancements have been made in technology for students on the NNU campus this past summer. Eric Kellerer, Director of Information Services, said, "More than \$80,000 was spent on new and upgraded computer equipment this summer alone"

Our Information Services Team put a lot of effort into improving technology across campus. "I am proud of the accomplishments of the IS Team these past several months. These folks work hard to provide information systems that are relevant and useful to students, both in their studies and in their personal lives," said Mr. Kellerer.

Ted Wheeler, who is in charge of student computer support, agreed, "Like most aspects of the University, technology requires ongoing investments to keep us up-to-date."

All of the money and time spent on new technology can be seen across campus in various ways.

For starters, you might have noticed new computers in several places around campus. In Corlett, Dooley, Morrison and Sutherland, the labs have been upgraded with new computers and Ford and Culver received new monitors for their labs.

The science lab and Wiley lab have new Micron Pentium III computers. Aside from the new computers the computer labs in Wiley have had major upgrades.

Students can get excited about the video capture and CD burner station as well as new HP Color LaserJet printer for students to use in Wiley 115.

There has been complete rewiring and new Cisco network switches for these labs. There has been a switch from static to dynamic IP addressing so that computers can be moved anywhere on campus without reconfiguration.

The change to dynamic IP addressing has also made it possible to add extra network ports for plugging in personal laptops in Wiley's lab. Students network "N: drive" space has doubled from 25 to 50 Mbytes and we are insured increase network protection from outside hackers in the form of a new firewall software requiring "strong encryption" for web browsing.

The technology advancements do not end in our computer labs and dorm rooms. The new technology can also be seen in the classroom.

SMARTBoards have been added to many classrooms around campus. These SMARTBoards are like a dry erase board crossed with a computer screen.

SMARTBoards give Professors a lot of range when it comes to using technology in the classroom. These boards can be used as simple dry erase boards or used to show power point presentations. SMARTBoards also allow professors to capture and save class notes and email them to students or post them on web pages.

We are living in a technological age and NNU is doing its best to keep up. Thanks to our fantastic IS Team we are well on our way in the technological main stream.

These people have put in a lot of time and effort to give students and professors the best technology they can give. Our computer labs across campus have been upgraded a re-wired in order that we may have better service, more speed and better connections.

After several months of hard work

in order to give NNU's technology a boost, the Information Services Team can step back and smile at a job well done.

Students often ask questions about the money they pay to the University and the areas in which it is used. In these questions are included questions about the Student Technology fee and what exactly that is used for.

"Students should understand that although they may see a print credit balance on their account at the end of the year, it is not their personal money. It really belongs to the entire student body and thus it is returned to the student technology fund to be put to use again."

~Ted Wheeler

The free technical support students enjoy, is made possible through the Student Technology Fee that all students pay each semester.

There is a student technology committee, made up of three stu-

dents and three employees of the University, which is chaired by the Director of Information Services, Eric Kellerer.

This committee meets at least twice each year to recommend the best use of the funds from the Student Technology Fee.

The student technology committee considers many factors when deciding on the budget for the coming year.

Some students have expressed concerns about the remaining balance of print credit they may have at the end of the year and what happens to that money.

When the committee determines the amount of credit to be given they do not expect that the entire amount of print credit, issued at the start of each semester, will be used.

On average, students historically use only about 50% of the print credit that is allocated to them. The committee puts the remaining print credit funds to use in other ways, such as upgrades to computer labs, new software applications, and the like.

"Students should understand that although they may see a print credit balance on their account at the end of the school year, that is not their personal money," Wheeler said. "It really belongs to the entire student body and thus it is returned to the student technology fund to be put to use again."

Faculty retreat, relax, bond

By Dawn Stuvland
Campus News Writer

In the past, the faculty retreat has been a wonderful time of fellowship among faculty members and their spouses in the mountains of McCall.

This year there were some mixed emotions about it, however, because it was the final year that the retreat would be held at its traditional site, Victory Cove.

It was also a bit different because in the past it has been a reunion of the faculty after a summer apart. This year they had all been working together for two weeks due to the semester change.

Nevertheless, expectations were high heading in to the weekend.

Dr. Gaymon Bennett was reminiscing about past retreats. His favorite part is usually the communion they take together on Sunday.

"One year Wendell Bowes brought back small olive wood communion cups for everyone from his visit to Israel. Whenever I see that little communion cup, grace is poured all over me again, it's wonderful."

Ed Castledine was the chairperson, the man in charge of putting it all together.

"It'll have a different flavor this year because we've seen each other and worked together."

He expected the speaker, Reuben Welch, a longtime chaplain at Point Loma, and an author of various Bible study books, to be a highlight.

Castledine described Welch as "easy to identify with," and he also expected the singing to be a wonderful experience.

There were about 140-150 faculty members and spouses who attended the Victory Cove finale. At the beginning of each session, a faculty member shared a thought, and these went very well.

Dr. Lynn Neil gave one, along with several others. There was even a letter from Marilyn Thompson, who couldn't be there due to her recovery from her transplant last week.

According to Dr. Neil, the expectations for the weekend were fully met.

"There was a lot of nostalgia, and the speaker was so inspiring. One of the highlights was the congregational singing. The acoustics were great!"

Shoe drive finishes

By Sonya Wold
Copy Editor

The results from the Shoe Drive have been tallied. There were at least 100 pairs of shoes donated, but it is estimated that there were more. The bins in the Student Center were so full they were overflowing. Dorms also donated many pairs of shoes.

At the moment SGA is in the process of boxing up the shoes for shipment to various parts of the country of Bolivia in South America.

Due to the fact that the shoe drive was a new idea that was thought of this year, the funds to send the shoes to Bolivia were not in the SGA budget. However, they are hoping for donations from various organizations such as Campus Crusade for Christ and several churches in the valley. The shoes will be sent in installments.

Sara Keller, claims that this idea

made her nervous at first. She was not sure people would want to help out. The student body's response surprised and pleased her. Not only did the students help, but much of the faculty helped out with buying kids shoes.

Anyone who still wants to bring shoes to Student Development can, since they have not shipped any to Bolivia yet. Bring the shoes to Sarah Keller's office.

There is a question of whether or not the Shoe Drive will become an annual event. Right now the powers that be are not sure since it depends on the cost of shipping. They think it would be great if it could become an annual drive to help out other countries, or even the community.

Keller says "I think this was a cool idea, because it was an easy way for the students to get involved and help out those in need."



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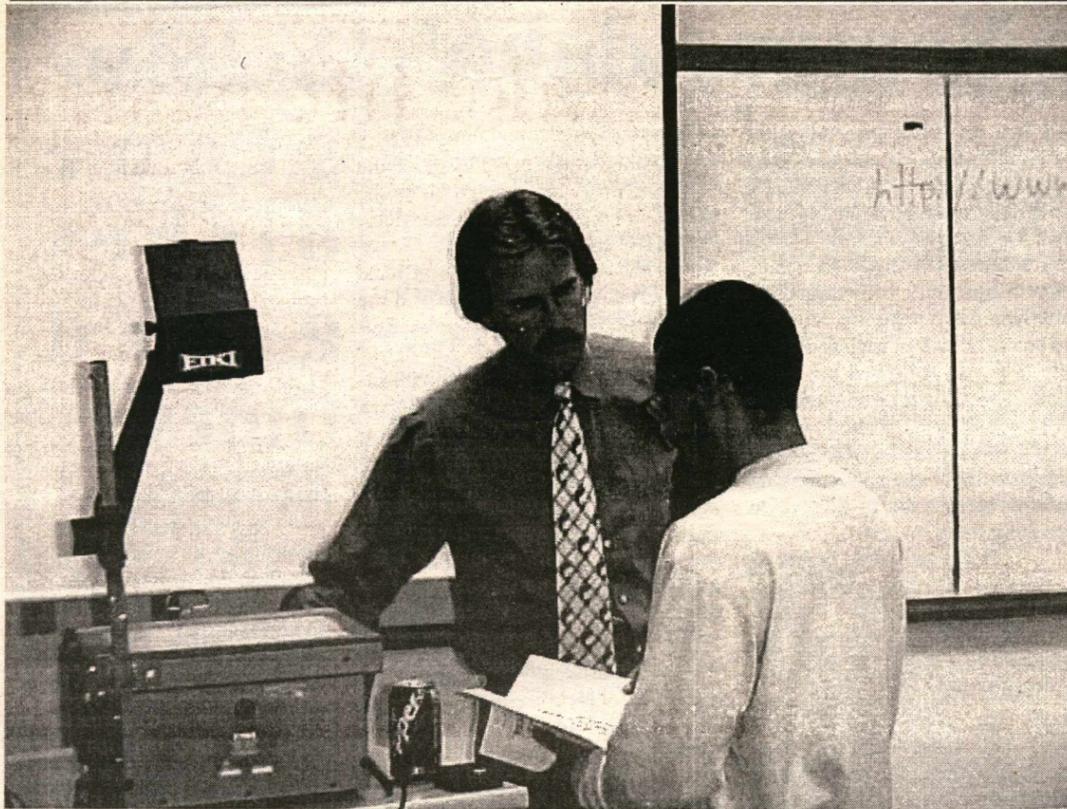


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That's Right! - Professor Cantrell gives an indepth lesson on history. (Photo by Sonya Wold).

Students enjoy three day weekend!

By Allison Cummins
Campus News Writer

As you know we had a three-day weekend due to the Faculty retreat. What do you do on the three-day weekend?

Many students found a way home, and were lucky enough to spend the weekend with family and back home friends.

"It was a refreshing end to a stressful week," one student said in regards to going home.

On Thursday morning many parents found their children eagerly waiting to go home. The doors were filled with parents running in and out carry luggage to take home and boxes of stuff not needed in the new life at college.

Friends said goodbye and prayed for each other's traveling mercies. Freshmen Kristin Stevens said, "It felt like I never left... I didn't have a long enough brake. I could have used more rest." When asked what she did back home, all she said was, "I did laundry, homework, and ate real food!" She said the reason for leaving was, "... a long break and I needed to rest... I also had to pick up stuff I left back home the first time."

However, there were students were not able to go home due to the fact that they live too far away or they just did not get a chance.

Many of the students went to the Boise Philharmonic. Some students stayed in and studied all weekend. Few, if lucky, caught up on sleep.

"It was nice to have the three-day weekend and the extra day to rest." Jenica Salisbury said, "It was well worth it, every one needed the rest." Tiffany Powless made the comment "I was so busy, it didn't feel like we had an extra day."

There were also the students who got creative with their time off. There were several who went to the sand dunes, camping, ice blocking and a few road trips.

That is true among many of the college students. What was even more of a challenge was that many students chose to procrastinate and did all the homework on Sunday night. These students probably stayed up until 2:00 am trying to get it all done.

Most of the people agree, even the professors, that this extra day was well worth it and especially needed greatly among all the students and staff.

Next time a three-day weekend comes around, think of what you are going to do... have fun, sleep, do homework right off, and if you are lucky... go home! Just remember that an extra day can make your whole week look a little better, especially through rested eyes!

NNU gets new history professor

By Sonya Wold
Copy Editor

Some of you may have noticed one of the new face on campus this year in the History Department. Professor Cantrell is teaching history here for a year while the Social Science Department looks for a permanent replacement for Dr. Wantland, who went to Mount Vernon Nazarene University this year.

Before coming to NNU, Cantrell was an Advanced Placement history teacher at a high school in Boise.

When he heard that NNU was without a history professor for the year he took a temporary leave of absence from his high school teaching job.

When asked his reason for

choosing to teach here, he responded, "My heart is here, since I went to school here."

He is enjoying the opportunity to be a part of the faculty.

Professor Cantrell has also been involved in the new track program here at NNU.

The thing that Professor Cantrell likes the most about being here is the newness of the job and the fact that he gets to teach in a Christian environment with some pretty cool students.

Many of the subject areas that he is teaching are just an expansion of the information he teaches to high school students, so he is just teaching the same material, but a little more in depth.

Being a history major myself, I had

to ask him what is favorite time period to teach was. He responded, "The 20s and 30s, because that's the era my parents grew up in." He loves to study the roaring 20s and the time of the Great Depression.

NNU has changed in many ways since Professor Cantrell attended. While he was here he admits that he was somewhat of a jock and wanted to major in History with a minor in P.E., but he soon realized that those two majors are not very compatible and switched to Social Science.

The person that inspired him to be a History teacher is a former NNU professor. He explains that it was Bob Woodward that got him excited to go into teaching.

Student observes planets, stars at CalTech

By Megan Garske
Campus News Guest Writer

Stepping off the plane and taking a deep breath of air... no... smog? The air is so thick and hazy that it feels overcast, though the temperature suggests otherwise. It was 85 degrees in nice Southern California.

Heading inside thru the fighting masses to pull the two 70 pound suitcases off the conveyer belt. They contained all the things needed to survive for the next nine weeks. It was an adventure lugging those suitcases around while searching for a shuttle to go to Caltech or California Institute of Technology.

Once at Caltech I had the pleasure of stumbling around, getting lost trying to find my dorm. It was hot, the walls of my room were purple, everything, including the showers, were coed, and there was not any air-conditioning to be found.

I had a nine-week internship at the Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), run by Caltech for NASA. My project was to observe Neptune's moon Triton and the planet Pluto. It was an amazing experience.

I started out by reading everything my mentor handed me and soon became familiar with some of the technical language and exactly what I was going to be doing. My next task was to learn the Unix operating system and IRAF, the computer program I would be using to reduce and analyze my data. The observatory did not

schedule my run in until the 21st of July. I had three weeks spent in the JPL library researching Pluto.

Finally it came time to go up to Table Mountain Observatory (TMO). The telescope was huge, well, only 24 inches, but huge by my standards. It was run entirely by two computers in a tiny little data room. The first night my mentor, her postdoctoral assistant, and myself squeezed into the data room and looked at around a hundred images of Pluto, Triton, and standard star fields.

The second night, things did not run as smoothly as the first. Around three in the morning the focus on the telescope malfunctioned and when we tried to move the telescope to it's stow/safe position, it ran away, crashing into mechanical limits.

We spent two hours trying to get it back to normal. Just as we were getting ready to check the pointing I noticed something flying around in the dome. It was too big to be a moth, and when it flew into the small data room we realized it was a bat.

My mentor hit the floor screaming, "they have rabies!" and I scrambled up to close the door as it flew back into the dome. That was quite an experience, and not the last time a bat swooped at me that week. After seven nights of observing all-night and sleeping the days away in tiny, stuffy little rooms at TMO, I was ready to join civilization again.

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Summer at home in Nampa, Idaho!

By Mindy Oldenkamp
Campus News Writer

Ahhh. Summer. That three month vacation from school and stress and homework and stress and Marriott food. Ah, yes, summer. Broiling sun, burgers on the grill, sunburned noses, road trips, bridge jumping and water skiing. Free time, fun time. Ah. But then, the fall comes, and with it, that wonderful, terribly humbling, and perhaps, embarrassing question of: "What did you do last summer?"

I must admit that my first instinct is to laugh maniacally and reply with wild tales of fast and furiously free road trips to the far corners of the earth. But, then comes the question of: "Oh really? Where to?" which, no matter what made-up country I create, is almost always followed by: "Oh really? Me too!! Did you go to the...?" And then I feel like throwing up.

So instead, I ponder the delicate weaving of some madly adventurous, insanely dangerous, tale of sky diving from the top of the Empire State Building. During which, while I was soaring downward at a frightening speed, I catch and res-

cue a falling teddy bear dropped by some small, pathetic child at the top all to be a humble hero and then disappear into the gathered, applauding, crowd. But, most people don't stand still for me to get this entire story out of my mouth. They just shake their head and walk, well sometimes run away.

Then, I feel like just looking at people like I don't understand what they are saying to me; like I don't understand English or the meaning of the word summer. But, this never works. "No habla ingles" just doesn't cut it coming from a girl raised by Caucasian parents from the Oregon Coast. Well, that and the small fact that I've gone to school here for three years now; people know I know English. I mean, I am an English major for Pete's sake. Which also qualifies me to know the definition of the word summer. . . I should have tried being a math major, nobody expects them to know words, right?

Anyway. No matter how hard I try to avoid it, it always comes down to me having to admit my personal pathetic summer. I bare my

teeth in a very bitter grin and reply in a sweet candied tone so thick with sugar and honey that it makes your molars ache with the thought of cavities. "I worked all summer." And I pray that that will be the end of the conversation and I will receive the complementary response of: "Oh, I'm sorry," which is, each and every time, I swear, followed by: "Oh? Really? Well, I got to go to Europe/Africa/Boise/anywherebutwhereyouarehahaha." And then my bitterness settles in and my teeth start to hurt from clenching them so hard.

However, very rarely is that the end of the conversation. And with the next inquiry, my own realization of just how pathetic of a summer I had gives my bitterness the booster shot of a lifetime. "Oh, really? So, where do you work?" Ouch. Oh. How I hate that question and the response I have to give, because, as evidenced by earlier attempts, nobody believes me when I make up answers. "um . . . McDonalds." And I quickly look at the ground and pretend that my shoes are the most interesting forms

of fabric and rubber that I have ever had chance to see. I can hear the laughter before I grow brave enough to look at the face, and I wish I had been creative and thought of saying something more like: "Oh, well, I was a fill in secret service agent for the Vice President."

But, I get over it. I drown my sorrows of working fast food in Dr. Pepper and I try not to let anyone I know see me going to work in my 'cute' blue work pants, pale multi-colored, greased stained pin-striped shirt and vintage, female flight attendant neck tie with paisley design. And I take pride in knowing I spent my summer, as my father says, investing in the future of my education. Lots of pride, I take lots of pride (and if I keep telling myself that, I just might believe it). But, next time, please just ask me if I had a summer, and I'll say yes. Or, believe one of my stories. I mean seriously, I'm twenty years old and I work at McDonalds, can't you give me a little pity?

Oh, and please, don't come in and make me say, "Did you want fries with that?"

Yellowstone dishes good times

By Nikolai Yunge
Campus News Guest Writer

This summer I had the opportunity of going to Africa, but if you read last week's edition of the Crusader, you already know this. Obviously, because of the school we attend, I could not stay in Africa forever. So, this week, I am writing to tell you about what happened after the work and witness trip, when I came back and got a huge dose of reality.

My good friend Sara Blowers told me that she was going to work in Yellowstone at the end of last school year. She had gotten a regular job with the lodge at Old Faithful and was also going to work with a Christian ministries group. This sounded great to me. What an adventure, to be able to work in a National Park and share our faith! This was obviously not going to be your typical summer job, and I could not wait!

I received no information from my employer until I actually got to the park, so I had no clue what I would be doing. I figured I might be working as a cashier in a gift shop, or maybe as a server in the restaurant, both plausible jobs. Yet when I arrived, I was reduced to the lowest form of slavery. Yes, my friends, I was put in the dish room. Ten to twelve hours a day of the most revolting work you can imagine. For those of you who cannot imagine, let me help you. Imagine dirty, nasty, half-masticated food in your face and all over your body in a hot stench pit. So, what appeared to be a glorious adventure soon was not so glorious.

Yet, I know this is where God wanted me. He reminded me that I was there to serve Him and the people I worked with. After awhile I started to get discouraged, but God lifted me up and showed me how to keep happy in the midst of the muck. He continually provided me with songs to sing and a couple of fun co-workers and we managed to survive every shift. As soon as my attitude changed and I began to serve God in everything that I was doing, even washing dishes, He provided again for me. I was moved out of the "pit" in late July, never again to return as long as I live. So, even though I was given a "normal" job this summer, the things God taught me through that job were where the real adventure came in.

East Coast summer camp for four NNU ladies

By Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

"We will always remember, the joys of Timber Tops days." This line was a part of the Alma matter we sang every night before singing the song *Taps*, and putting the campers to bed.

Yes, I was a counselor at a camp this summer, but not among the "normal" type camps I have been told about. I have heard many stories about what amazing things God has done to kids and teenagers all along the Northwest District, as well as what He's done in the lives of the students here who did that sort of work. I, along with Kami Watson, Esther Heath and Jill Bramhall, worked at a sleep-away camp in Pennsylvania.

In the heart of the Pocono Mountains was where I spent nine weeks of my summer, along with about one hundred counselors, which included many international students my age. I also lived with over three hundred very wealthy, non-orthodox Jewish girls. The girls ranged from ages 6-15 years old, many of whom stayed the entire two months of camp.

I was hired as a drama counselor, and worked along side with four other staff members. During the two months we worked with the kids, we ran two drama-related programs.

Every Junior bunk (5-11 years old) had one day a week with us, and any Senior (12-15) who wanted to do this program had one week of Improvisation activities.

The second program was more fun for me. The campers put on three musicals during the eight weeks. First session (the first four weeks), the Juniors put on the musical *Aladdin*, and the Seniors performed *The Music Man*. Second session, we had the Juniors and Seniors work together to do the musical *Newsies*. Remembering the fact that Camp Timber Tops is an all girls camp may keep the idea of these musicals more amusing for people. *Aladdin* and *The Music Man* have strong male leads that carry the show. *Newsies*

has a grand total of three female parts.

I was also a bunk counselor, as was every counselor at CTT. I was one of the three counselors in Bunk Juniper, which was a cabin full of 12 year olds. I found that I really enjoyed working with them, most of the time. The girls could be so loving, and, in a sense, were still children.

Imagine being in a cabin of sub-

tough street boys. Life could get pretty crazy!

It was not all crazy, though. Two of the days (out of six) I had off, I did get a chance to see New York City for the second time in my life. This time was more memorable, because I was with friends, and stayed in a Youth Hostel and met many interesting people. I also got to see a Broadway show (which is a big thing for me) with the original

why. Their parents spent as little time with them as possible, so while the kids were at camp, the parents would go travel Europe.

There were a lot of really fun things that happened at camp, too. One was the "Miss CTT" contest, in which I (with the help of my bunk) placed 4th.

The two different color wars we did were hilarious, but my favorite was Pioneer Days. The activities were more general, whereas the Olympics (the first color war) had been all athletic.

Watching the lip sync contests, and being a co-host to one was also a great event to do. Taking time to swim with my girls also proved to be a fun activity.

I really do think that the summer was one where I learned and grew a lot. I had the opportunity on Friday nights to hear a Hebrew service that included the Blessing over the bread and candles; it was beautiful. I ate only kosher food for nine weeks straight!

An amusing anecdote to accompany this statement would be the fact that one of the girls in my cabin, the most stereotypical girl as far as Jewish looks, would constantly ask me why they had to keep kosher at camp when she did not at home!

Good and bad, through all the rain, complaining and fighting, I am glad I went. I was exposed to some very foreign things to me. Living on the East Coast and getting to understand some Jewish traditions was such a rich experience. I met some of the most amazing people there.

I have received several e-mails and letters from the girls of Juniper and throughout the rest of camp. These will often end with some variation of this "Lynette, I love you so much! I hope I can see you next summer! I miss you!" Hearing this make the experience priceless in my mind.

A line from *Taps* sums up much of my feelings, "With each living, glowing ember [of the campfire], there are friendships to remember as we say goodnight . . ."



FRIENDSI--Esther Heath and co-counselor, Smadar Cohen from Israel, make memories to last a lifetime. (Photo courtesy of Esther Heath).

stantially close quarters. There were 14 girls at the most in my cabin and 8 at the least (the last two weeks).

Add that to the constant playing of Brittany Spears, "Slim Shady" by Eminem, N'Sync, and (believe it or not) Tom Petty at any hour of the day. Throw in the tension of daily fights about things that do not seem like big problems anymore, but to the girls are very real and needed to be dealt with.

Along with the complaints about cleaning up, going to bed, waking up in the morning and going to activities they did not necessarily enjoy, and the rain occurring in full force every other day, that was my life in the bunk.

The drama half of life consisted of parents calling in to say their daughter needed the lead role in the show, or 100 girls trying to play

cast, and in the front row!

On two of my other days off, I went to Boston with Kami, Esther, and two of the other counselors. That was also a lot of fun, since I had not been to Boston since I was 11, and did not remember much. The others had never been there before. We had a great chance to spend time together there, and staying with Jennifer Hill.

I had a real learning experience with the girls at camp. They taught me a lot about myself, which was good. I learned how to work with girls from a very spoiled background, and a lack of respect for authority figures such as myself. Many of the girls had been going to this camp for years, and hated it. I was shocked, because at it would have been a place that I would have loved to attend at their age. The more I got to know some of them, I realized

Two students experience a Virginian summer

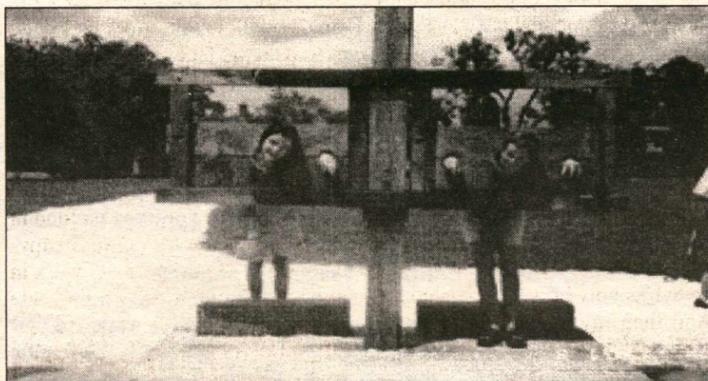
By Dawn Stuvland
Campus News Writer

After two long summers of painting for the housing department at the University of Idaho, I was determined to have a unique summer this year, far away from any more mind-altering paint fumes. So when my aunt and uncle offered to let a friend and me live with them in Richmond, Virginia for the summer, I couldn't refuse the offer. I spent a week at home, went to the NAIA World Series, and watched both of my brothers play baseball.

Then hopped a plan for Baltimore. After a canceled flight, a re-route through Ohio, a two hour sit in a train station, and a train ride, I finally arrived in Richmond. My aunt and uncle live in a section of Richmond called the fan. Their house was built in the early 1800's, and the rest were built around the same time. The neighborhood is beautiful.

Sarah Haugeberg was my roommate for the summer, and we went running throughout the summer along Monument Avenue, which is two blocks away. It is a divided street with colossal statues of Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson and other heroes in the middle.

We toured the capital building, built by Thomas Jefferson, after he moved the capital to Richmond from Williamsburg right after being elected to office. It sits on a hill, with a lot of the downtown area in between it and the river. Union forces during the Civil War burned



everything from the river to the capital.

St John's church is the site of Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech in 1775, and also is an interesting tour. The oldest house in Richmond is the site of the Edgar Allen Poe Museum. Poe grew up in Richmond.

Sarah and I both got jobs at an Irish restaurant in downtown Richmond, overlooking the James River. We took the bus to work most days, which was a good way to see the city and meet some very interesting characters. I also got a job at a daycare a block away from where we lived at one of the Baptist churches.

Our first big adventure took us through six states in six hours: Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and finally, New York. We rolled in to Penn Station in New York City and met up with four friends there. During a brief,

four-day stay we squeezed in all we had planned.

Most importantly, we saw a Yankees game! Yankee Stadium is breathtaking, especially when you take the subway up from Manhattan to the Bronx. We also went up the Empire State building, attended mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and got half-off box seats on Broadway for Jesus Christ Superstar.

We took the ferry to Liberty Island and climbed the Statue of Liberty to look out of the crown across New York Harbor, and toured the Immigration Museum on Ellis Island. Times Square is incredible, especially walking through it at night, with all the lights chasing each other and the street venders selling fake Rolex watches.

One night we ate dinner in Little Italy with the crowded, high-rise tenement buildings surrounding us for miles.

We took the subway to Brooklyn

and walked back to Lower Manhattan on the Brooklyn Bridge as dusk was falling on the city and the lights twinkled on as far as our eyes could see. Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art are both breathtaking, but in different ways. Yes, we did take a yellow taxi once, and our driver was from Latin America.

We mastered the subway station because, aside from our abused feet, it was our means of transportation. I only saw one rat, and it was on the tracks, not on the car.

Back in Virginia, we toured Monticello, the plantation home of Thomas Jefferson, in Charlottesville. This was one of my very favorite tours all summer. Maybe it had something to do with the altitude. It was a little hill, but the biggest little hill we'd seen all summer. We could actually see over the dense trees from there! We were excited about that. We also saw the University of Virginia, the school Jefferson founded two years before his death. We drove through Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, right on the Shenandoah River.

Williamsburg is a colonial town about 50 miles south of Richmond where actors reenact dates in history. Everyone who works there is in costume. We spent a day there, and then drove to Jamestown and Yorktown, along a scenic byway in an awesome thunderstorm with serious downpour. We did have time to step out on the beach at

Jamestown before the rain came.

My uncle is in a band, and so we got to take a road trip with them down to Nags Head, North Carolina to the beach. We played in the warm salty water and collected sea shells with Cape Hatteras Lighthouse in the distance.

That night the band played and the next morning we got up before the sun and drove to the beach. We spread out a blanket and watched in awe as the fiery orange sun slowly rose over the Atlantic Ocean and the pelicans darted around in search of fish. Then we fell asleep in the warm, early-morning sunshine and sand.

Our next big adventure of the summer was a trip to Washington DC. I had been there in '98, but loved the revisit. We took the train to DC and stayed in a hostel. We toured the FBI headquarters, the Capitol building, and the Holocaust Museum. We saw some of the Smithsonian's and the National Archives Museum had an incredible photography display. We met two college students from Chicago and had a great time getting to know them while in line to tour the White House.

We went up in the newly renovated Washington Monument during the day, but the rest of the monuments we hit at nighttime, which I would recommend doing. There's something almost magical about the way the lights bounce off them and reflect in the water.



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Capital punishment's effectiveness is questioned

By Ryan Hanson

Off-Campus News Writer

An independent survey released Friday, shows that the dozen states that have not chosen to enact the death penalty, since The Supreme Court ruled it constitutionally permissible, have not had higher homicide rates than states with the death penalty.

In fact, 10 out of the 12 states that do not have capital punishment have a homicide rates below the national average, FBI data shows, while half the states that do have the death penalty have higher rates than the national average.

The survey found that in the last 20 years, the homicide rate in states with the death penalty has been greater than in states without it. It also found that the paths of the homicide rate a roughly symmetrical in both states with and without the death penalty, indicating to at least some experts, that the death penalty rarely deters criminals.

"It is difficult to make the case for any deterrent effect from these numbers," said Steven Messner, a criminologist at the State University of New York at Albany, who reviewed the analysis by the Times.

"Whatever the factors are that affect change in homicide rates, they don't seem to operate differently based on the presence or absence of the death penalty in a state.

This argument is one of the

most frequent arguments made against capital punishment in states without the death penalty; also the assertion that it is hard to distribute capital punishment fairly. Opponents also maintain that the death penalty cases are often more expensive to prosecute and that life without parole is a more efficient form of punishment.

Officials and prosecutors in states with the death penalty are just as passionate as their counterparts in states without the death penalty. While they recognize that it is difficult to make the case for deterrence, they argue that there are other powerful reasons for using the death penalty. Capital punishment can bring closure for the victim's families and a sense of retribution for the other members of society. Furthermore, they contend that rehabilitation is often ineffective, and capital

punishment can often be the only penalty that can match the horror of some crimes.

There is also the fact that most states have death penalty statutes.

The twelve states that do not use the death penalty, are for the most part, overlooked by recent discussions about capital punishment.

made a wise decision 150 years ago. Michigan abolished the death penalty in 1846, and has resisted attempts to reinstate it. "We're pretty proud of the fact that we don't have the death penalty," Governor Engler said, adding that he opposed the death penalty on both moral and pragmatic grounds.

No single factor explains why these states have chosen not to impose the death penalty. Both religion and culture play a roll, as well as political vagaries in each state.

The arguments for and against the death penalty have not changed much.

At Michigan's constitutional convention in 1961, the delegates heard arguments that the death penalty was not deterrent and that those executed were usually poor and disadvantaged.

"The same arguments are being made today," said Eugene G. Wagner, who had introduced the language to enshrine a ban on capital punishment in Michigan's

constitution at that convention. The delegates overwhelmingly adopted the ban, 141 to 3. Mr. Wagner stated that two-thirds of the delegates were Republicans, like himself, and most were conservative.

Today in Michigan, 2,572 inmates are serving sentences of life without parole. The motivation is clear when you consider that when an inmate first arrives in prison, they are locked up 23 hours a day, seven days a week, and fed through a small hole in the door.

After a period of good behavior, they can live in a larger cell, which is part of a larger, brighter room, eat with other prisoners, and watch T.V. A lower security classification is the ultimate goal or a prisoner with no chance of getting out of prison. In Michigan, life without parole means you stay in prison your entire natural life, not 30 or 40 years.

"The fact that we have life without parole takes a lot of impetus from the people who would like to see the death penalty," said Ms. Gaertner, the chief prosecutor in St. Paul.

John O'Hair, a Detroit prosecutor said, "If you're after retribution, vengeance, life in prison without parole is about as punitive as you can get."



DEATH PENALTY OR NOT. John O'Hair, Detroit's district attorney, opposes the death penalty despite the city's high homicide rate.

Michigan Governor, John Engler said, "I think Michigan

language to enshrine a ban on capital punishment in Michigan's

North Korea still a realistic threat says UN

By Joseph Stone

Off-Campus News Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C.

New reports coming into the Pentagon about the Korean peninsula don't share the optimism about Korea's future as recent diplomatic summits would indicate. North Korea continues to maintain a dangerously strong military, as well as pouring its limited resources into the building and development of short and long-range missiles and the buildup of conventional armed forces. The report sent to Congress last week does not offer as hopeful an assessment of North Korea as that expressed by the officials of the Clinton administration. While North Korean leader, Kim Il-chol, pursues a string of diplomatic initiatives, like that of the summit meeting between North and South Korean leaders last June, the report from the Pentagon expresses concern that North Korean Army has stationed a large number of rocket launchers and artillery batteries at the edge of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

"While the historic summit between the North and South holds the promise of reconciliation and change, no evidence exists of the fundamental precursors for change," stated the report, which has not yet been made public. "There is little or no evidence of economic reform or reform-minded leaders, reduction in mili-

tary, or a lessening of anti-U.S. rhetoric."

Last year, a report warned of a ballistic missiles threat to the United States from North Korea. This report was reinforced with present information. The greatest concern expressed was that of reported stockpiled chemical weapons in North Korea and the continued development of its missile technology. Though it has honored its pledge to American negotiators last year and not tested its new development, North Korea still stands as a viable threat.

While in South Korea on Friday, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen appeared to underscore many of the report's findings. He stated that, "North Korea's chemical, biological, nuclear, and long-range missile programs continue to pose a threat to South Korea, the U.S. and other countries."

After meeting with Cho Seong-tae, South Korea's defense minister, Secretary Cohen concluded that concrete steps needed to be taken by North Korea to reduce tension.

American officials have stated that this would include a reduction in the amount of troops and weapons along the demilitarized zone. Cohen also commented that the roughly 37,000 American troops stationed in South Korea would remain there indefinitely.

American Senior Administration officials, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, and other officials have voiced strong support for negotiations and diplomatic procedures in Korea. American officials involved in talks will include a meeting next week in New York and will focus on specific North Korean Missile programs. Also discussed will be an issue regarding the sale of weapons that are believed to be supporting terrorism.

American commanders in South Korea believe that North Korea has continued to grow in both its conventional army and in its nuclear chemical and biological weapons. The Korean border still appears to be the last front of the cold war.

This year when the President was considering a limited national missile defense, Clinton

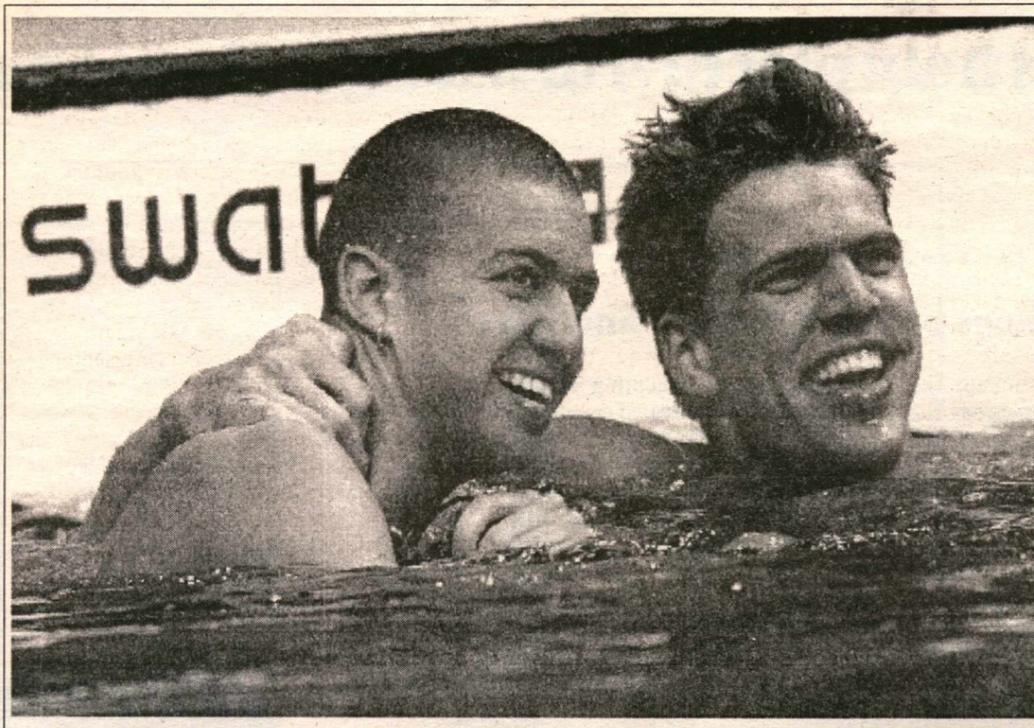
warned that the missile threat from countries like North Korea were real and growing. Clinton's apprehension is grounded in the over 500 short-range Scud missiles and in the continued making and fielding of No-Dong missiles which are able to strike American Forces based in Japan.

North Korea continues to maintain an adherence to a strict 'military first' policy, even when faced with national economic and social changes. For the past ten years North Korea has spent

precious resources on its military: Buying new fighters and making improvements in its defenses and missile technology. North Korea has also stockpiled several types of chemical agents and has the resources to produce biological weapons, using anthrax, smallpox, and bacteria that cause cholera and the plague. While dipolomacy makes obvious advances, it is still too early to say that the last battle in the cold war is completely over.



KOREA TALKS. South Korea's Defense Minister Cho Seong-tae (left) and his North



FOR THE GOLD! US swimmers Ervin Anthony and Gary Hall celebrate their gold medal tie in the men's 50m freestyle.

United States swimmers tie for gold in the 50m race

By Laura Berzins
Staff Writer

SYDNEY, Australia—

At the United States Olympic Swimming Trials held in Indianapolis last month, Anthony Ervin had given Gary Hall Jr.'s father a hug and told him, "Maybe we will be lucky and tie for the gold in Sydney."

What was meant as a humorous statement turned out to be a definite fact etched into Olympic record books forever.

This is because on Friday night at the International Aquatic center, both Anthony Ervin and Gary Hall Jr. swam the 50-meter freestyle and touched the electronic timing device on the wall at the exact same time.

The amazing thing is that this time was 21.98 seconds, the fastest time of the race, meaning that Olympic training partners Ervin and Hall Jr. had in fact tied.

The same evening both athletes stood side by side on

"I knew it was going to be close, I didn't know it would be that close."

—Gary Hall

the Olympic medal podium with identical gold medals dangling from their necks and the smiles to match. The two friends glowed as they accepted the honor of the world in the grandest of all athletic competitions.

This tie is a rare occurrence or an Olympic swimming race, considering that this has only happened once before. In the 1984 Olympic games hosted in Los Angeles, Nancy Hogshead and Carrie Steinseifer of the United States tied for the gold in the 100-meter freestyle.

In the 1972 Olympic games hosted in Munich, the situation was not as fortunate for American swimmer Tim McKee.

To viewers and fans McKee appeared to have tied with swimmer Gunnar Larsson of Sweden in the 400-meter individual medley, but when the times were carried out to thousandths of seconds, Larsson was deemed the recipient of the gold.

This rule was later changed to allow for swimmers to both receive gold medals as long as they tied within a hundredth of a second. This margin has made medal tying rare.

This newly revised rule is what allowed for Hogshead and Steinseifer to both win gold 1984 and it also applied to Ervin and Hall Jr. on Friday night.

It was an amazing and inspiring victory for Ervin and Hall Jr., who trained together the entire summer and were both seen by the media as underdogs in the 50-meter freestyle.

The real favorite had been Alexander Popov of Russia, who has won both the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyles at the past two Olympic games.

However, their hard work paid off, leaving Popov back in sixth place. It might also have something to do with the fact that in this anaerobic sprint, Hall Jr. took one breath and Ervin took none at all.

The road to gold for both Ervin and Hall Jr. has been a long and rocky one. Hall Jr., who will be 26 next week, was suspended for a period of three months in 1998 after testing positive for marijuana. In addition, on March 20, 1999 he was diagnosed with diabetes—a serious problem for someone involved in such a physical sport.

Due to this, he can swim no more than 30 minutes without having to take a break and check up on his blood sugar level or take one of his eight daily insulin shots.

Furthermore, there was great expectation put on him by his father, Dr. Gary Hall Sr., who won two Olympic silver medals and a bronze for swimming. Needless to say, the pressure to perform was weighing down on Hall Jr.

On the other hand, simply making it to the Olympics was enough for Ervin, a 19 sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley. Virtually unknown amongst American swimmers, he was considered by others as a long shot to make the US Olympic team this year.

All of these obstacles seemed to fade away on Friday evening when both Ervin and Hall Jr. stood before a cheering crowd of 17,500 people.

Hall summarized the race best by saying, "I knew it was going to be close, I didn't know it would be that close."

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News Briefs

Iranian women want cosmetic surgery

TEHRAN, Iran—

The law in Iran requires women to cover their hair and to conceal the shape of their bodies in loose clothing. Lately, however, the most fashionable thing to do is to get a nose job. The procedure is relatively new to Iran, generally inexpensive, and can be performed by doctors that trained in the United States.

"It's just like women's clothing, things go in and out of fashion," said Dr. Ali Akbar Jalali, a leading plastic surgeon in Tehran who spent last summer doing laser training in Cleveland. "And what's in fashion right now is getting the nose done. After that come face-lifts."

When only the face is visible, it is not hard to detect who has been redone. Unlike women in most places, Iranian women wear their post-surgical bandages like badges of honor, or at least indicators of wealth. By nature, women in Iran tend to have long noses, as opposed to the smaller button-style that is preferred.

Lili Moghimi, a 30 year-old mother of two, is typical of women who believe in artificial advancement. She has had her nose redone twice to make it smaller and straighter, and her eyebrows have been tattooed so that they appear darker. Mrs. Moghimi also owns nonprescription contact lens to change her eye color to match her outfit and mood.

"Part of the reason for spending so much attention on the way I look is that it's in our culture," Mrs. Moghimi explains. "It's in the nature of Iranian women to want to look beautiful. I don't have anything else to do. My only job is to cook and take care of my home."

Obviously, many Iranian women are too busy working and studying to concern themselves to such great extent about their appearances. However, the women of Iran are breaking free of the western image of the dour women swathed from head to toe in black.

Clinton orders the release of reserve oil

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Faced with a natural gas shortage, soaring oil prices, and unprecedented demands for electricity, Americans are bracing for the worst energy crunch in a quarter century. Economists say the worst of the shortage should hit when temperatures drop and demand for fuel is high.

In response to this, President Clinton ordered the release of 30 million barrels of oil Friday. The release is part of an effort to replenish the nationwide shortage of oil and reduce prices.

The oil released comes from the government's emergency reserve. It is the first time the government's reserve has been used since former President Bush ordered oil tapped during the Gulf War in 1991.

Forecast of potential shortages is sparking near panic in some regions on the country. New England residents are on a buying craze of wood-burning stoves, whereas Pennsylvanians are stocking up on oil for their homes. Also, generators are back in demand. Sales of portable generators have sky-rocketed in California, where residents worry about rate increases and wide-spread power blackouts.

Though officials don't expect this shortage to compare to that of the crisis in the mid-1970s, they agree that most Americans will be paying more.

"We aren't running out of energy, the way we were in the '70s," says Allison Wilkes, an economist and consultant for California utilities. "But it's going to cost us a good bit more to get it this winter. It's been a while, but we're going to have to start thinking about energy conservation again."

Rift Valley Fever kills 122 people

SAN'A, Yemen—

A new, deadly, fast-moving virus is ravaging the Middle East, killing many people who contract it. Rift Valley Fever, a mosquito-borne virus, killed more than 44 people in north Yemen over the weekend, bringing the death toll to 122 in only a matter of days.

According to a Health Ministry official, the virus is transmitted from livestock to humans by mosquitos and causes diarrhea, nausea, and internal bleeding that can result in death.

The official noted that 23 people died in Wadi Mour over the weekend and another 21 in the adjoining northern region of Hajjah. Neighboring Saudi Arabia has reported 16 deaths from Rift Valley Fever in its southern region near the Yemeni border over the last two weeks.

At San'a a government's request, Saudi aircraft sprayed the affected areas in Yemen last week with anti-mosquito insecticides.

Jordan, which lies north of Saudi Arabia, is currently fumigating again mosquitos in towns and villages, at cattle farms, and at slaughterhouses and waste dumps. While Jordanian health officials say that Rift Valley Fever has never been reported in the kingdom, 13 people in neighboring Israel have died of West Nile Fever, a similar mosquito-borne virus.

Middle East health officials are on alert to contain and control this outbreak of plague-like symptoms.

“Whom may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands, and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from his savior. Such is the generation of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.” Let us all, as students, answer the challenge to pray. Let us not be the ones left out of the vision. Let us all make the choice to become active participants in See You at the Pole.

SYATP, presents opportunity for millions of youth to meet and pray

By Laurissa Hurst
Feature Writer

Our nation's teenagers have been branded as being hopeless and lost. The rates of illegitimate children, drug busts and violent crimes have risen to an all time high. Television and newspaper reports never lack in reporting an instance of violent crime. We are so overcome by negative reports of America's youth that we begin to wonder if there is any hope at all. Unfortunately, we dwell so much upon the negative, that the positive gets almost completely overlooked. Let us not forget the million's of young people around the United States, and the world, who are striving to do something positive.

In 1990 one such group of young people in Burseson, Texas had no idea how big of a difference they would make. They went to a DiscipleNow conference seeking God, not knowing that he was about to move in a mighty way. God spoke to this small group of teenagers, prompting them to pray for their friends, leaders and for their schools. That night they went to three different schools and circled around the flagpoles to lift up their prayers and hearts to God.

These students would never have dreamed that their obedience to God's prompting would lead to a fire that spread throughout Texas. Youth leaders caught a vision that other students would follow the lead of the preceding group of young people and meet around their school flagpoles to pray. This vision was made into a challenge and given the title, "See You at the Pole." In June of 1990, 20,000 young people met in Dallas to express

the same vision and accept the challenge to pray for their schools. The vision continued to grow when 45,000 students, spanning across four different states, met at their school flagpoles to pray at 7:00am on September 12, 1990.

No force on earth could possibly contain the fire God had started in the hearts of American youth. Youth leaders across the country reported that their youth groups had heard about the group in Texas and had similar a burden to pray for their friends, leaders and schools. There had been no other events planned, but students across the country had another idea. These students could not be stopped; they would create their own national day of prayer.

One year later, September 11, 1991, one million students across the United States met at their school flagpoles to pray simultaneously for God to move in their schools. Although some students sang or added scripture reading and testimony to their time, the ultimate purpose was clear and there was unity in prayer. The movement of God's spirit continued to grow as in just a couple of short years the vision spread overseas. Now, Students in over 20 countries as well as over three million students in all 50 states participate in See You at the Pole.

See You at the Pole has effected students in a way the first group could never have imagined. The stories of god's powerful movement are endless. There are countless numbers of testimonies of school-wide Bible studies and weekly prayer meetings blooming from a few whom dared to gather around a flagpole and pray. Other testimonies speak of the hardest

of young people accepting Christ because their friends cared enough to step up and pray. Students have been empowered through these times of prayer, and revival has begun to spread throughout our schools.

The fire continues to grow as students respond to God's call to pray. Ten years ago, God lit a spark that spread like wildfire through the hearts of students around the world. That fire continues to burn and can be seen as students continue to gather around their flagpoles every third Wednesday of September. This September 20th, 7:00 am local time shall prove to be just as powerful as the years before it. We shall once again have proof that you don't need to stand outside and protest or cause a riot to make a difference in your world. See You at the Pole is not a demonstration or political rally, or a stand for or against anything. This is a student-led, student-initiated, student-organized event, designed for students to come around their flagpoles and simultaneously pray for their schools, friends, families, teachers, government and nation.

The theme verse for See You at the Pole 2000, Psalm 24:3-6, encouragingly states, "Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. He will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from his savior. Such is the generation of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob." Let us all, as students, answer the challenge to pray. Let us not be the ones left out of the vision. Let us all make the choice to become active participants in See You at the Pole.



Valleyview School (Photo by Haniel Ma)



Northwest Nazarene University (Photo)

The history of See You at the Pole

On September 12, 1990, 7:00 am in the morning, students gathered around their school flag poles to meet that challenge by praying on their campuses. These students made the school flag their rally point to pray for their family, friends, school leaders and so much more. This vision that these students held is now a vision of many students around the nation. Now more than three million students participate in See You at the Pole, praying in 50 different states and 20 different countries.

The year 2000 marks the seventh year of See You at the Pole. NNU observed See You at the Pole as well as Nampa High School, Skyview High School, Valleyview High School, and Nampa Christian.



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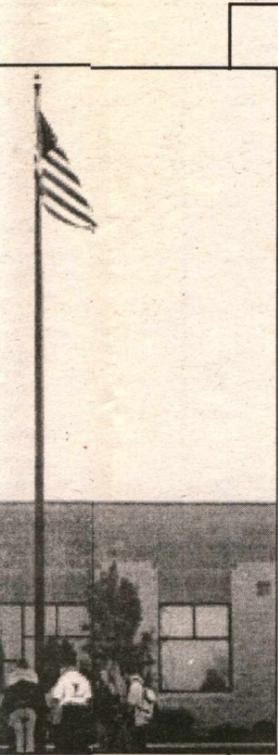


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“Who shall ascend into the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of salvation. This is the generation that seek them, that seek thy face, O God of Jacob.”

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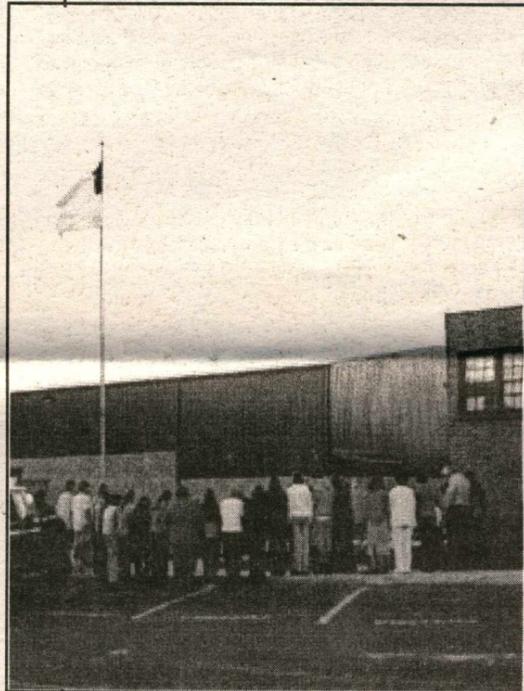
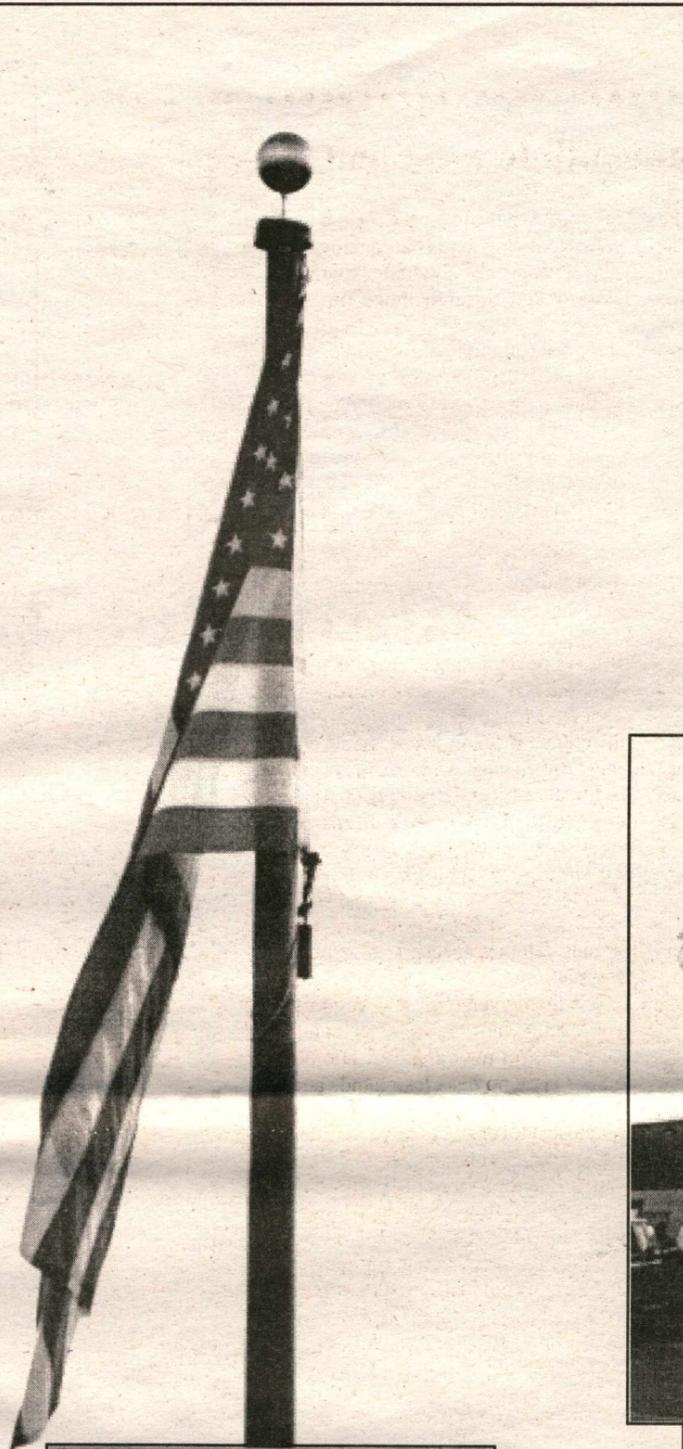
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Matthew 18:20, KJV
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Psalm 24:3-6, KJV

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(Courtesy of www.sytap.com)0 Psalm 24:3-6

Siamese twins to be seperated

By Lesli Ness
Off-Campus News Writer

LONDON—

Doctors are now permitted the sacrifice of one joined twin for the sake of another, said England's Court of Appeals on Friday. The three judges unanimously turned down the appeal from the parents of joined twins who do not want separation, although doctors say both will die if the surgery is not performed.

Lord Justice Ward, the father of twin daughters, said the case was "agonizing and difficult."

He also noted that the court was persuaded by medical testimony that said the stronger would survive and live a normal life if separated, while the weaker would never be able to sustain life independently. The judge told the court room, "She (the weaker twin) is incapable of independent existence. She is designated for death."

The parents were given permission to carry their case to England's highest tribunal court, The Law Lords of the House of Lords.

They intend to further their case, according to lawyers. Surgery to separate the twins is planned for November, giving enough time for the Lords to review the case.

The complexity of the case has spurred interest with arguments of whether or not it is lawful to take human life. Advocate groups of euthanasia, the sanctity of life, and the rights of infants, are finding it difficult to take a stand on this case.

The High Court gave false names

to the girls: Jodie and Mary. They were born on Aug. 8 at St. Mary's Hospital in Manchester. They are joined at the pelvis; Mary is weaker than Jodie and relies on her for heart and lung functions. Her brain is also underdeveloped, concluding that death is certain if she is not attached to Jodie.

Their parents are Roman Catholics from Gozo, an island in Malta. Because their home country lacks the natal care they need for joined infants, they came to England for the birth. The parents gave their reason for appealing to the court in a written submission for the first hearing on Sept. 4: "We cannot begin to accept or contemplate that one of

"We cannot begin to accept or contemplate that one of our children should die to enable the other to survive. That is not God's will."

--The Parents of Mary and Jodie

our children should die to enable the other to survive. That is not God's will. Everyone has a right to life, so why should we kill one of our daughters to enable the other one to survive?"

On a more frightful note, specialists of joined twins from Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in London added that the girls might possibly survive longer, possibly years, while Mary would slowly drain the life out of her healthy sister until both die.

Judith Parker QC, who is concerned with the welfare of Jodie, argued that there is no point in keeping her "unviable" sister alive. "We

say there are no interests in preserving what is unfortunately a futile life," she said.

Consideration for Mary arose from Rev. Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Archbishop of Westminster and leader of Catholics in England and Wales.

He expressed that, according to the church, Mary should be allowed to carry out her life with "basic worth and dignity" as any other human being. He also added, "She has done nothing which could justify killing her" and that separation would be "morally impermissible."

O'Connor's argument raised questions about whether or not Mary is entitled to the protection of the law no matter how short her life span is. However, one lawyer compared Mary to a patient being kept alive by life-support in which the doctors remove the patient in such a hopeless condition. Jodie is the life-support of Mary, in this case.

Lord Justice Ward took up the parents plea of "honoring God's will" by suggesting that Mary was never born with the capacity of independent life, so therefore her continued life could never be "God's will".

After the difficult arguments had been presented, Lord Justice Ward left the court with this final question, "Do we save Jodie by murdering Mary?"

The decision was made to separate the two. Jodie and Mary's parents are now directing their attention to the House of Lords.



WAVE! Texas governor George W. Bush, his wife Laura, and U.S. Senator Connie Mack (R-Fla.) at the airport in Sarasota, Florida. (Courtesy of the Associated Press)

Bush shares his plans for family healthcare

By Elaine Knapp
Off-Campus News Writer

SARASOTA, FL—

Presidential candidate George W. Bush recently spoke in Florida about his ideas on national healthcare. Much of his healthcare plan has to do with seniors and children, he has especially focused on Medicare reform. The main points of the plan include modernizing Medicare by giving seniors greater choice in plans and options, underwriting at least 25% of the cost of prescription drug premiums for all seniors and giving states the flexibility to expand coverage of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIPs) with federal aid.

One of Bush's many proposals within this plan has to do with the cost of insurance. He has proposed a tax credit for up to 90% of health insurance costs for families making up to sixty thousand dollars and individuals making up to forty-five thousand dollars. Bush also wants to lower the cost of health insurance for small businesses so they can offer their employees the same types of packages as larger corporations. He says if smaller businesses are allowed to buy through multi-state Associated Health Plans, this can be accomplished.

Bush's "Family Health Credit" makes a basic insurance plan more affordable by paying for up to two thousand dollars a year in health insurance premiums. According to the plan every family not already covered by an employer or by government programs would be eligible. This basic policy would cover doctor's visits, discounted prescriptions, and hospitalization for people who otherwise might not be able to afford it.

Along with these proposed reforms, Bush supports community health centers. He noted that they will provide communities with "preventative care, free vaccine clinics, health alerts, disease screening, and counseling". Bush also is willing to provide \$3.6 billion of federal money to build 1,200 new centers across the US and give people more choice in

healthcare options.

Bush advocates freedom of choice and many of his proposals deal with this issue, especially concerning senior citizens. He wants to strengthen Medicare by providing more choices and more private sector alternatives along with prescription drug benefits to Medicare recipients. Bush also supports giving financial assistance to poor seniors, with those making under 11,300 per individual and 15,300 per couple paying no premium for insurance and receiving prescription drugs at no cost.

Seniors can choose to stay in the current Medicare plan or choose another basic plan with no additional cost at all, or can choose to pay a little more for a plan with additional benefits. Seniors not happy with their plan can simply switch to a different one. Bush will also take decisions out of the hands of HMOs and government regulators, which will do two things—make new medical advances available more quickly, and make doctors responsible for a patient's health.

Bush also said that under his healthcare plan all policies offering Medicare will be required to offer a policy that includes prescription drugs. He has promised that there will be no age increase and no tax increase for these benefits.

Another part of his healthcare plan is a patient's bill of rights. Bush has already enacted a similar law in Texas. One of the things included in this proposal is the patient's right to sue their HMO if they are hurt because of treatment being delayed or denied at the time of need. These appeals would be reviewed by an independent panel.

Other parts of this proposal include the woman's right to direct access to her obstetrician and gynecologist, and to be covered a minimum of forty-eight hours in the hospital after giving birth. For employees to have the right to choose their own doctor—even outside of their healthcare plan—is also included, as long as they are willing to pay the additional costs.

US to help faltering Euro

By Jayson Grenn
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Euro, which came into operation in January 1999, was to replace all the separate currencies of the individual countries of the European Union. Many experts believed it to be stronger than the U.S. dollar by the end of 2001.

Things haven't gone according to plan. First, not all of the European countries joined the European Central Bank (ECB), mainly Great Britain. And now, the severe decline of the Euro has caused European, American and Japanese central banks to launch a astounding rescue attempt to fight what they called a threat to the world economy by purchasing billions of Euro on the global foreign exchange market.

The move was announced as financial ministers from the Group of Seven industrialized nations arrived in Prague early for their Saturday meeting. It marked the first time in two years that central banks had staged a balanced currency and also signaled a bold turnaround by United States Treasury Secretary, Lawrence H. Summers, who has regularly opposed calls for intervention and recently had reiterated support for a stronger dollar. His comments last week were largely perceived at the time as ruling out any United States participation in the attempt to bolster the Euro against the dollar.

After the European Central Bank announced the mutual intervention, the Euro opened the day by escalating from 85 cents to 90 cents, but it slipped back to 87.9 cents in late

day trading. The currency had recently fallen to its record low of 85 cents from its launch price of \$1.17 in January 1999, a decline of almost 30 percent.

The sharp drop off has confused and demoralized many Euro supporters, who had seen the new currency as a token of their fresh ambitions for European unity. The combination of a sinking common currency, slipping and soaring oil prices, and now the global intervention to help the Euro have emphasized alarm that Europe faces a potentially new economic shock. And because oil is bought and sold in dollars, the recent rise in the barrel price of oil has pounded European consumers much more so than those in the United States.

Unless the situation is taken care of, inflation will rise sharply, forcing the ECB to raise interest rates, thus slowing the economy of Europe and possibly the globe. United States officials had counted on healthy European growth to help extend the record-long American expansion, a prediction that has seemed increasingly slim in recent days.

The success of Friday's intervention will not be known for days, weeks, and perhaps even months. But the Treasury's decision to come to the financial aid of their European counterparts makes the collective action far more possible to revive some luster to the tainted Euro, according to some experts.

The United States so very seldom seeks to interfere with currency markets, that it carries significant clout when it does so. This global

intervention also is the first time that central banks of Japan, Canada and England have banded together in defending the Euro, a vote of confidence as the European bank encounters the toughest test of its short existence.

By joining with the ECB, the Clinton administration is trading in dangerous waters. The strong dollar has been a vital component of the record-breaking United States



EURO! The Euro logo shown in front of the headquarters of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt Germany.

peacetime economic expansion by helping keep imports relatively inexpensive and inflation low. If the markets action were to help restore the Euro to what many economists consider its best value based on economic essentials, that would mean a blow of at the least 15 percent against the dollar.

Volleyball team continues winning

By Liz Archung
Sports Writer

Last weekend was more than productive for the women's volleyball team. After winning their match at home against Saint Martin's College on Thursday, they went on to beat Central Washington University on Saturday, September 23. These two wins put them at 4-2 in the Pacific West Conference and 8-3 overall.

Thursday's match was spent battling with Saint Martin's College. NNU won the first game 15-11 and then went into the second game with a four-point lead. Saint Martin's scored the next 12 points, which put them in the lead with a score of 14-10. NNU pulled ahead and finally won with a score of 16-14. The third game was a tough loss for the 'Saders, (13-15), but they redeemed themselves by winning the last game with a score of 15-13.

Major contributors to the victory against Saint Martin's were Louise Free with 18 kills, Laryssa Mereszczak with 14 and Erin Hellberg with 12. Saint Martin's contributors were Melissa Denny with 17 kills and Amber Lisenbey with 16. Shawna Sessler had 39 of

the 42 assists total for SMC.

This match ended a six game, two match losing streak for NNU and gave the women confidence and motivation for the next match on Saturday.

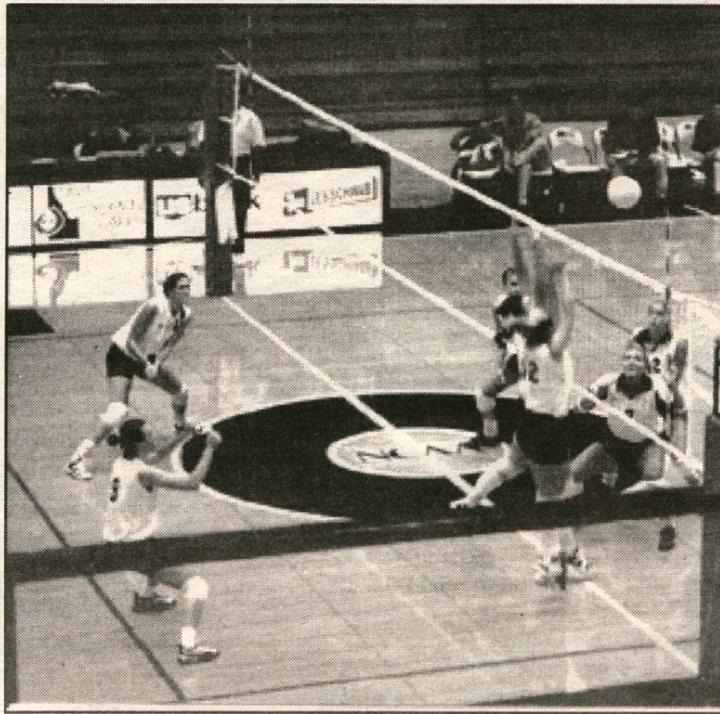
The Wildcats of Central Washington University were leading the West Division of the Pacific West Conference before they played NNU on Saturday. After the

"I really felt that this match was played with incredible concentration on everyone's part," ~ Lindsay Glaze.

Crusader match victory with game scores of 15-11, 11-15, 17-15, 15-10, the Wildcat's statistics fell and became 4-1 in their league and 6-8 overall.

"I really felt that this match was played with incredible concentration on everyone's part. It was great being in our home gym with the cheering fans helping us through our match. It made all the difference," Lindsay Glaze stated when looking back on the previous match.

The third game of Saturday's match with pivotal. CWU was in the lead 11-3 until the 'Saders got more aggressive and won the game 17-15. Contributing to the victory over the Wildcats was Louise free who led her team in kills with 19. Hellberg had 12 kills and



SKY HIGH! NNU Volleyball player Louise Free goes for the block. (photo taken by Sonya Wold)

Michelle Phillips had 11. Rachel Roberts had 16 digs as well as 8 blocks. Laryssa Mereszczak had 14 digs and Lindsay Glaze had 11. Carolyn Mires had 16 kills for the Wildcats as well as Julie Roberts. Kari St. Martin 56 assists.

After winning two matches in a row, the volleyball team is preparing physically and mentally for their next match on September 26 @ 7 P M in the ACI gym. Come support the girls and watch them defeat the Coyotes.

Wild weekend of intramural games

By Craig Craker
Sports Editor

Nampa, Idaho - It was a wild weekend in football here on the campus of NNU. The games were marred due to controversy throughout, due to poor refereeing and cheap shots.

The first game of the day featured the Bad News Carebears versus Da Punks. The Carebears coming off a week 1 loss went to town against Da Punks.

On the second play from scrimmage Mike Dickerson returned a 34-yard interception for a touchdown giving the Carebears an early 6-0 lead. Trevor Lubien followed with a 16-yard touchdown reception from Jaden Perry to make it 13-0. The next time the Carebears received the ball Perry hooked up with James Robinson on a long bomb, as J-Rob took it 68-yards for the score and the 19-0 lead. On the ensuing two-point conversion the same two hooked up again, but this time it was J-Rob hitting Perry in the end zone to make 21-0. Trevor Gunstream followed with a 25-yard touchdown run to make it 28-0. Dickerson ended the scoring with a 17-yard touchdown reception from Perry to close the game at 34-0. Da Punks were thoroughly outplayed by the Carebears, as they only gained one first down all day long. The Carebears are now 1-1, and Da Punks fall to 0-2.

Game 2 featured Boris

Incorporated versus the No Nads. The statistics did not come in over the wire on this game (actually I was too lazy to get out of bed that early and go watch) so we only have the final score which was 27-12. It sure sounded like an exciting game though.

The third game of the day had all kinds of fun as it featured a major gaff by referee Matt Warner and a fight. With the score 0-0 in the waning seconds of the first half, the Chicago Bears scored an apparent touchdown when Matt York hit Curt Pentecost.

But after reviewing the call it was discovered that Warner had not been paying attention to the game clock and the touchdown was actually scored a minute and a half into halftime.

The touchdown was then thrown out. After talking to league officials about whether any action will be taken against Mr. Warner, the Commissioner said, "no action will be taken against Mr. Warner since it could have happened to anyone."

I find this to be rather weak and think that Warner should no longer be allowed to ref any more games, but who am I really.

Back to the action where the Bears seemed to get fired up over the poor refereeing. York took a quarterback sneak in from 2-yards out to make it 6-0. After another defensive

stop for the Bears York again took a quarterback sneak in to make it 12-0.

With the game all but decided an unnamed player for the Tight Ends illegally tackled a Bear. The Tight End grabbed the Bear around the neck and flung him on the ground. In the ensuing scuffle, though I could not see very well because it was clear across the field and I did not want to have to move, it appeared that many blows were thrown and not many landed.

This reminds me that more often than not sports fights are rather lame as the athletes just throw random punches directed at no one except possibly the air.

Anyway, after all of this was over Jeff Kearn returned an interception 56-yards for the score as the Bears rolled over the Tight Ends by the final of 18-0.

In the final action of the day the Has Beens looked to overcome a stunning Week 1 loss and a quarterback controversy by beating the Super Friends.

The Has Beens came out looking as though they had something to prove to the rest of the league. Rob Russell hit Ryan Brown for a 59-yard touchdown pass to quickly put the Has Beens on top 6-0. On the point after attempt, Russell hit Dave Oliver but Oliver promptly

fumbled the ball into the air and luckily enough it came down in Ryan Warwick's hands for the score to make it 7-0.

The Has Beens defense was sparkling as the Super Friends could not move the ball all day. Oliver ran a touchdown in from five yards out to make it 13-0 and Russell hit Brown for the 2-point conversion for the 15-0 lead. With time running out in the first half Russell once again took to the air hitting LaMark Judkins from 15-yards out for the 21-0 lead. Russell hit Warwick for the 2-point conversion that made it 23-0 going into the half.

It looked at that point as though Russell had answered all naysayers regarding the so-called "quarterback controversy" in the first half. Russell threw for over 100 yards and two touchdown passes in the first half.

Despite a disappointing second half, coach Russell said, "Hey, Rob did not have a very good second-half but he

"Hey, Rob did not have a very good second-half but he did not need to considering the way our defense was playing. Lay off of the guy we're sticking with him next week," said Coach Russell.

did not need to considering the way our defense was playing. Lay off of the guy we're sticking with him next week." I guess that pretty much answers any questions that the fair-weather fans of the Has Beens had out there.

The MVP of the week goes to Jaden Perry of the Bad News Carebears, as he was 10-16 on the day throwing for 146 yards and three touchdowns. Come on out next Saturday.

Craker's Corner

The Yankees are blowing it! Let me start off by saying that I no longer consider the Yankees the favorites to win anything other than the American League East.

The Yankees have been playing so bad lately, barring two straight wins over the Tigers this past weekend, that I was starting to think we were going to choke like the Knicks in the A.L. East. Not only did we see a 9 game lead evaporate to 3 following a sweep at the hands of the Blue Jays we saw the Yankees lose 6 straight for the first time since 1997 when incidentally enough we did not win the World Series.

That is not to say that I am giving up on the Yankees or that I am a fair-weather fan. Actually I am just being realistic in saying that we are underdogs to the White Sox, though I do think that we can beat them in a seven game series. With that said on to other things.

Battle of the West

Did anyone else watch the Oakland vs. Seattle showdown this past weekend? Man ARod 1-16, Olerud 4-14, and Buhner 2-11 those are some quality at bats.

To go along with the fact that Omar Olivares (who had not started a game since early June and had not won a game since early May) beat Mariner ace Freddy Garcia. Mariner fans had better be counting their lucky stars that they managed one win and still have a one game lead.

I think it is safe to say that no one wants to play Oakland in the playoffs, least of all Seattle who had the quality 4-9 record against the A's and a 2-5 performance at SavedCo. I smell a choke.

Rookie of the Year Award

On the rookie of the year award for the American League I must say that Kazuhiro Sasaki should not be the Rookie of the Year. He has done a phenomenal job as the M's closer this year, and though Major League Baseball says he is a rookie I don't see how he deserves it. Consider the fact that he is Japan's all time saves leader and the fact that he pitched for 10 years in Japan.

Then consider Terrence Long of Oakland. The kid is 24 years old and he played right field in the minor leagues and batted clean up. Then he comes to the majors this year for the first time and is asked to play center field and bat lead off for a team that most expected to make the playoffs.

Pressure? I think so, yet he has responded by hitting .292, .310 since the All-Star break, .320 in September. He trails only Jason Giambi on the team with 161 hits. He leads all rookies in runs, hits, doubles, RBI, total bases and extra-base hits. He trails only KC's Mark Quinn in home runs. Now that sounds like the Rookie of the Year to me. Case closed.

By next Wednesday hopefully we will see Chicago playing host to Oakland, and New York playing host to Cleveland. I also hope we are watching those good ole' Giants losing to someone. There could be nothing better than a Subway Series. The first since 1956. Can anyone think of anything better than that? Until next time remember: Go Yankees!

Women's Soccer team wins again

By Craig Craker
Sports Editor

The NNU women's soccer team won their second consecutive game this past Tuesday over Albertson College.

Aubrey Metzger recorded a hat trick as NNU rolled 4 - 0. Metzger making her first start at striker responded with three consecutive goals one in the first half and two in the second. Metzger got things going for the Crusaders

nine minutes into the game with an unassisted goal on a breakaway. She then made it 2-0 in the second half when Denise Thuline found a loose ball at the goal and fed the pass to Metzger for her second goal of the game. Seven minutes later the hat trick was complete as Thuline fed Metzger one more time to give NNU a 3-0 lead.

Randi Hufford ended the scoring on a corner kick with an assist by Jayme Mottram. Shemia Fagan and Shauna Voss combined for the Crusaders second straight shutout.

This past Saturday the women failed in their bid for a three-game winning streak as Seattle University rolled to a 3-1 victory.

Sheryl Williams' penalty

kick broke a 1-1 tie for Seattle in what proved to be the game-winner. Jennifer Baker scored for Seattle in the 43rd minute for the 1-0 lead. It was short lived however as Metzger took a pass from Emily Schreppe

keeper Voss who stopped the ball. However, Soine quickly collared the rebound and booted it past Voss who pounded the ground in frustration. Taryn Maurer made it 3-0 on an assist from Mary Wellnitz.



RUN! Senior Scott Strobel chases after the ball. (Photo taken by Haniel Moussad)

and drilled it home to tie the score at 1-1. But then Williams scored on the penalty kick in the 59th minute. Toni Riccelli finished the scoring with a goal in the 85th minute on an assist by Anna Nudell Lee.

Seattle University improved to 4-1-0 in the conference and 8-2-0 overall.

On Tuesday the women hosted Western Washington University in a Pacific Conference matchup.

Suzanne Soine scored two goals as WWU defeated NNU 4-1. Soine broke a scoreless tie in the 55th minute and doubled the lead five minutes later. Both goals were assisted by Hillary Peadon.

Peadon's first assist was a through ball that Soine corralled and booted toward

and is expected to be sidelined two week.

With the loss NNU falls to 1-4-0 in the conference, and 2-6-1 overall. WWU is now 4-1-1 in conference.

This Friday the Crusaders host Concordia at 4 p.m., and Saturday Central Washington at 1 p.m. in Pacific West Conference action.

NU Men Drop Three

The NNU men's soccer team played host to Humboldt State in the opening round of the Les Schwab Invitational.

NNU keeper Brett O'Connor saved a penalty kick by Eduardo Serrano. However, the center judge ruled O'Connor left the line too soon and Humboldt was awarded a second try. Joel Grabenstein made the second

kick lifting Humboldt to the 2-1 victory. Humboldt took a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute on an unassisted goal by Geoff Maracchini.

Justin Metzger tied it at 1-1 on a goal assisted by Roberto Martinez Jr. O'Connor had seven saves. Humboldt had 18 shots while NNU had 11. Humboldt climbed to 1-0-0 in the conference and 5-2-2 overall with the victory.

The second game of the Invitational for NNU took place on Friday as the men hosted Westminster College. Westminster got a lucky bounce as Andy Fee found the ball loose in front of the net and scored the game winner, 1-0. O'Connor had five saves for NNU. Westminster out shot NNU 6-2. With the win Westminster climbs to 6-6-0 on the year.

The final game of the Invitational for NNU pitted the Crusaders against Simpson College. The teams battled to a 1-1 tie as O'Connor scored in the 48th minute to tie things up.

O'Connor made three saves in the first half for NNU before moving to midfield the final 75 minutes. He headed in a corner kick by Jeff Mills to even the score. Simpson's lone goal of the tournament was unassisted by Seth Taylor in the 35th minute. Chris Niehaus made six saves for NNU. With the tie, Simpson College is now 1-8-1. NNU falls to 0-1-0 in the conference and 1-8-1 overall.

The Crusaders travel next weekend to Seattle to play two Conference matches at neutral sites. They play BYU-Hawaii Saturday at Seattle Pacific, and Hawaii Pacific on October 2 at Seattle University.

Go Figure

1 Yards that Keyshawn Johnson had against his former team the New York Jets after talking all week about how he was going to rip the Jets. Oops! Spoke too soon huh Keyshawn?

2 Yankees magic number.

2-2 The Seahawks record. What may I ask are they doing? They no longer have much hope of catching the Bengals for worst record in the league and that all important #1 draft pick.

3 Game lead the Mariners had before Oakland came to town.

15 The number of Red Sox that Mike Mussina of the O's struck out on Sunday.

15 Runs Batted In that Luis Castillo of the Florida Marlins has recorded so far this year. He is batting .341 on the year which means he is the distinct holder of fewest rbi's with that high of a batting average. Castillo got off the hook of fewest rbi's for 500 at-bats with his two rbi explosion over the weekend.

32 double plays Oakland's Ben Grieve has hit into this year.

32 Pitchers the Indians have used this year.

32 Yards Wayne Chrebet had against the Bucs including the game winning touchdown for the Jets.

87-67 the Yankees record.

90 number of pepsi's I have drunk this year. 4.09 the number I have drunk a day.

100-54 Andy Pettite's career record, he is the 15th Yankees pitcher to achieve 100 wins with the Yanks the first since Ron Guidry.

201 Rushing yards for Charlie Garner for the 49ers in their harkening to old days with the 41-24 victory over the Cowgirls; it was the second time the Cowgirls have given up 201 yards rushing to an opponent. Duce Staley did it for the Eagles in their 41-14 thrashing of the 'girls.

Softball Journal Part II

By Meghan Shaw
Sports Writer

Last Saturday the softball team came together to compete in its first games in a tournament at Treasure Valley Community College. Saturday morning, on the ride to Ontario, no one was sure what to expect. We did not know what type of opponents we would face or what we ourselves would bring to the field.

We played three games and we came away from the day victorious. The victory was not in the runs on the scoreboard at the end of the seventh inning; but in the potential that we saw in each other and the team.

I knew that this year softball was going to be fun, but I was also under the impression that we might not be at the level of our competitors. I now realize that, although still rough around the edges, we have some incredible talent on the team that is willing to step up

to whatever challenge is at hand.

We competed against Treasure Valley Community College, Idaho State University, and Boise State University and in each game we put up a great fight. It was awesome to watch the improvement as the day went on. Many of us had not played a game or faced live pitching in a few seasons. I am excited to see

what we will be able to achieve when we really get back into the swing of things.

It was also a great encouragement that several NNU students came to watch and cheer us on. It was awesome to feel the school support already.

This weekend we will be going to Baker City for another

tournament. We will face TVCC again and this time we will know what to expect from both ourselves and our opponents.

We may not have a win for the win-loss column yet but we now know that we have the ability to rise to the level of our competitors.

Editors Note: I would like to apologize for the comment made in last week's Softball article. If I had known that this comment was going to be considered offensive I would not have written it.

It is not the goal of the Sports section to in anyway

"It was also a great encouragement that several NNU students came to watch and cheer us on," said softballer Meghan Shaw.

tear down athletic teams at this school.

The Crusader Sports Section strives to be an unbiased part of the campus newspaper.

Once again I apologize to those that this comment was directed at, especially you Rube.

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Professors respect your students academically

Every student deserves to know how well he or she, as an individual, is doing in a class.

By a conscientious student

I hope that in my title itself I have not offended any professor or caused him or her to disregard the message I will attempt to convey in this article.

I would be willing to say that every professor on this campus cares for his or her students and desires to see them succeed academically. However, in some respects, some professors do their students a disservice, perhaps unknowingly, and drawing this to his or her attention may hopefully bring about a change.

Knowing many professors personally, I realize that the lives they lead are busy, filled with time commitments associated with their jobs (committees, research, pri-

vately helping students, planning syllabi and course outlines, and actual classroom time), let alone the much-needed family time and time committed to other activities in which they participate.

Most professors do an excellent job of teaching students material appropriate to the subject matter, assuring understanding, and keeping students apprised as to their progress. Unfortunately I have had several professors who do not do all of these things.

Not wanting to harp on the subject, I will get to my point and the main issue of my complaint: professors who give students little or no feedback (grade-wise) show little consideration for the students' learning and hurt them in the long run.

I understand that a student's main goal in a liberal arts education

is to learn how to be a good learner, a reasoner, a thinker in all walks of life. We are here to learn, not to earn some letter on a page that supposedly shows our understanding of a specific subject.

But the reality of this situation is that a grade in a class is the

"We are here to learn, not to earn some letter on a page that supposedly shows our understanding of a specific subject."

only way of representing what we have learned. Thus grades are important, however much one wishes to dismiss them as meaningless, because they are the only measurement (for ourselves and others) of what we have learned.

Professors who leave students guessing as to their progress in a class (especially in regard to their letter grade) are not treating

their students fairly or with sufficient respect. A professor who expects work (papers, homework, quizzes) to be completed by students, but takes weeks to let them know their grades or to return them with any comment is cheating his or her students out of the opportunity for growth and improvement such feedback could afford.

Similarly, a professor who does not take advantage of midterm grades to inform a student as to how he or she is really doing in a class (no "blanket Bs", thank you) is affecting a student's final outcome in the class.

If getting students' grades on the midterm report card is simply impossible at the time (for whatever the reason), a professor should be thoughtful and fair enough to inform the students as to their progress as soon as it can be calculated. This

means with enough time for a student to make a substantial change to the grade by either increasing his or her effort, or to maintain the grade by keeping up the same effort-level, or to lower it by decreasing the work he or she puts in.

Professors, if you assign work for a class, be prepared to put the time in to grade and comment on it. This will assist the students in understanding what you desire for them to know and how to properly present it. Also, a final report card grade should not be a surprise to any student.

By keeping students updated as to their progress (using midterms and whatever other means you may determine), every student will know that the work they did affected their grade and it was not determined by a professor's personal bias. Be fair in these ways and you will continue to earn your students' respect.

Spiritual Olympics and the race for the greatest prize

The Summer Olympic Games this year showcase some amazing athletes, but there is a race that each of us must challenge ourselves to run.

**By Brent Earwicker
Opinions Writer**

As I stepped out the door into the crisp morning air, I silently mused over the fact that I get less sleep than the sun. I lazily plodded along to my class, dodging the early morning sprinklers, wishing they didn't have to cover the entire sidewalk.

As I approached the Brandt Center lawn, from behind me darted a young man in certain peril. From all appearances, he looked as if a stranger with a weapon of destruction and death chased him from behind as he ran for his life. The bloke was not just jogging or randomly running, but was in a state of all out sprint, the most passionate get-to-class-on-time-er I have ever witnessed.

I casually pulled out my pocket watch to discover this NNU attendee was definitely a couple minutes late to class. Not only did I realize that I too was late to Music and Art in the Western World, but as I watched my fellow student disappear across the dew-laden grass, it hit me that I did not care the least bit how late I was.

In my current state of sleep-walking, I wouldn't even mind missing the beginnings of yet another lecture. I might even enjoy making an entrance for that matter...

For the last couple of days, I have seen men and women from all around the globe descend upon Sydney, Australia and compete in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games. While viewing the Olympics on television this week, I have seen that victory can sometimes come in less than a minute; races that are started and finish lines crossed within a matter of seconds.

Although these wins seem to be

won with minimal activity, the victory did not come easy. A high price was paid by these world-champion athletes to gain gold-medal status. Olympic athletes train for a minimum of four brutal years in order to qualify for the most prestigious sporting event in the world. Strenuous workouts, weight lifting, diet regulations, even emotional and mental restraints are the daily diet of Olympic competitors.

After four years of beating bodies into shape, athletes are allowed a limited number of chances at his/her sport to oust the other participants and represent his or her country. If high scores are not reached during this short season, the athletes are

glasses, belt, and shoes would be stolen from me as my "friends" beat me to the ground and called me names.

I can deal with this situation in one of two ways: I can let those seeds of insecurity grow within me so that throughout the rest of my life I will be self-conscious and have low self-esteem. Or (my favorite option) I can get up off the ground, with or without my shoes, and run again. My God is bigger than my bitterness. My God is bigger than my problems and He is on my side!

A spiritual hero is not a "super-Christian," a person on whom God has bestowed a better nature or more anointing. He or she is simply a servant, one who is obedient to the call of God on his/her life. James says, "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours," (5:17) but when the Spirit of God came upon Elijah he was able to outrun a chariot (I Kings 18:46).

Many times in life, I stop and take a look at how my life is going, where I'm headed and how I'm running down this track.

Time and again, I find myself in my apathetic sleepiness, dull to the world around me, less than excited to get up and run.

I am not always willing to spend the necessary prep time working out my quads, calves, and other various spiritual muscles. But the call of the Father has gone out to all His children: "Run to Me. Run the track I've laid before you. Finish the race."

My charge is this: Stir yourself up to run. Rouse yourself out of sleep and begin to haul towards the King. Fix your eyes on Him, put aside your sin, your distractions and press on. Run like your life depends on it; it does. "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it" (I Cor. 9:24)

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thrown back to strenuous training for yet another four years for the next chance to be the best.

The running a race is mentioned multiple times in Scripture to allude to the life of a Christian. The racetrack is the course of a lifetime, the ultimate prize and goal is Jesus. However grand and glorious this ideal race may sound to my itching ears, there is a price to be paid to win the race, to receive the crown of life.

A victorious Christian life does not happen overnight, but is birthed out of a heart of obedience, even through trials. Let's say for example that I had had a difficult childhood—that I was a dorky-looking kid complete with braces and thick glasses the size of a windshield. Not only did my peers find this funny, but they laughed at me, mocked me, and called me "nerd-boy." Every recess, my

Culture Shock

Pity would be no more,
If we did not make somebody Poor;
And Mercy no more could be,
If all were happy as we;

And mutual fear brings peace,
Till the selfish loves increase;
Then Cruelty knits a snare,
And spreads his baits with care.

He sits down with holy fears,
and waters the ground with tears;
Then Humility takes its root
Underneath his foot.

Soon spreads the dismal shade
Of Mystery over his head;
And the Caterpillar and Fly
Feed on the Mystery

And it bears the fruit of Deceit,
Ruddy and sweet to eat;
And the Raven his nest has made
In its thickest shade.

The Gods of the earth and sea,
Sought through Nature to find this Tree,
But their search was all in vain;
There grows on in the Human Brain.

-The Human Abstract by William Blake

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Science full of evidence of a worldwide flood

By Derek Bartlow
Columnist

When one of my professors mentioned in an after-class discussion that there were "arguments that [Biblical] creationists can't answer," I encouraged him to explain himself. "There is no evidence for a worldwide flood," he said, to which I responded, "What would you accept as evidence for a world-wide flood?"

I assume the professor didn't know the criteria for a worldwide flood because again he responded "There is no evidence for a world-wide flood."

I then informed my professor that there is evidence for a global flood and that I had seen it. He responded, "You've been deceived." I then replied, "No, I know The Bible is true."

The bottom line is there are volumes of evidence for the global flood of Noah's day. Anytime criteria for such a cataclysmic flood are established, they are always met!

Listed below are just some scientific evidences of a global flood.

1. There are billions of dead creatures buried in rock layers laid down by water all over the earth. (Ham)

2. All the mountains of the world have been under water at some time or times in the past, as indicated by sedimentary rocks and marine fossils near their summits. Even most volcanic mountains with their pillow lavas seem largely to have been formed when under water. (Morris) There are even marine fossils at the peak of Mount Everest!

3. The fact that there are traditions of the great flood found in hundreds of tribes in all parts of the world (all similar in one way or another to that in the Genesis record) is firm evidence that those tribes (and legends) all originated from the one family preserved through the cataclysm. (Morris) In fact the total number of such tribal flood stories approaches 300 and many of these include such factors as an original family that was spared and a boat

of salvation, all obviously tracing back to the true Biblical account found in Genesis!

4. Since there is known to be a global continuity of sedimentary formations in the geologic column (that is, there is no worldwide "unconformity," or time gap, between successive "ages"), and since each unit was formed rapidly, the entire geologic column seems to be the product of continuous rapid deposition of sediments, comprising in effect the geological record of a time when "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." (Morris)

5. The origin of civilization [occurred] near the Ararat-Babylon region in post-flood time. (Morris)

6. The world's oldest living thing is a giant 4,300-year-old tree and coincides perfectly with the Biblical date given to Noah's flood, which is about 4,400 years ago. If the flood was merely local though, why do we not find something that was able to live on through the flood (thereby exceeding the 4,400 year

date) made possible by its location outside the supposedly "local" dimensions of the watery catastrophe?

7. Most of the earth's crust consists of sedimentary rocks (sandstones, shales, limestones, etc.). These were originally formed in almost all cases under water, usually by deposition after transportation by water from various sources. (Morris)

8. The convergence of population growth statistics on the date of the flood. (Morris) In other words, the present population appears to have begun at the Biblical date of the flood. According to population growth statistics, Noah and his family of 8 could have easily fathered the present population of the world beginning from the Biblical date of the conclusion of the flood - about 4,400 years ago.

Why do secular scientists consistently oppose the idea of a worldwide flood? It certainly is not for a lack of evidence! The answer lies in the implications of a divinely

imposed judgement upon the wickedness of mankind. For if Noah's flood is a historical fact - which it is - then that means that God has the right to judge His creation with punishment for their wrongdoing. And if God has the right to punish His creation - which He does - then mankind is automatically obligated to live with regard to the moral authority of his Creator, or face the consequences as demonstrated by those that perished in the global flood of Genesis.

Such a concept of being accountable to a higher authority is completely anathema to the prevailing humanist dogma that reigns supreme in secular "scientific" circles.

The real reason that modern secular scientists do not want to even consider the evidence for a worldwide flood is that they cannot stand the truth that they are actually accountable to Almighty God. So, professor, from where cometh my deception?

Offerings offers listeners great worship and music

A new album released this summer by Third Day called *Offerings* is one that you may already have heard of. Worship is the main theme of their new project. I was introduced to Third Day by a good friend (thanks Ryan!) of mine while we both were still in high school. Their sound has certainly matured over the past few years.

The first track on their latest CD is "King of Glory." The lyrics talk about how precious Jesus is and that he is the Lord Almighty, the King of my heart, the King of glory. This song is a good opening track with the use of the Cobb Mass Choir. It sets the tone for the album and causes the listener to grapple with the question of who God really is.

Track number two is entitled "These Thousand Hills," which talks about Calvary and Christ's love for each one of us. It is a pretty

mellow song, and has the feel of a contemporary hymn.

"Your Love oh Lord," which is the third track has to be one of my all time favorites, even though the song was recorded live. This song was written for the *Time* album and was inspired by Psalm 26. The song is a reminder that God's love, faithfulness, righteousness, and justice should encourage us to come to Him in worship.

The next track is entitled "Agnus Dei/ Worthy" and is also recorded live. Many of you will recognize this song as one that was written by Michael W. Smith and was recorded on the *Exodus* Project. It was also sung in chapel recently when the band of professors lead worship. It has some awesome guitar parts in it for all you guitar lovers out there.

For all of you Bob Dylan fans out there the song "Saved" is one you'll enjoy. It was written in 1980 and

the heartfelt lyrics and passion in this song remind people of what is was like when they first came to Christ.

The last song on the album is entitled "Love Song." It is the most requested Third Day song at their concerts. They say that they are blown away night after night as fans sing the entire song with them. This song is a sweet ballad about what Christ would do just to be with us little puny humans. The lyrics are powerful and drive home the point of Christ's amazing and great love for each of us.

A few of my others favorites

include "Consuming Fire," "My Hope is You" and a song from their very first project entitled "Thief."

For those of you that had the privilege of attending the Third Day/ Jennifer Knapp Concert this past spring, you will recognize many of the live songs from this album. I can remember singing such songs as "Your Love oh Lord" and "My Hope is You" which are on the album.

The band mentions on part of the live segment that they are not there to give a show, but to have a church service. That attitude is very apparent in the lyrics and the band's

approach to this inspirational worship collection.

One of the things I love about this CD is that it is very spiritually uplifting. I can be in a terrible mood, but once I put on a little Third Day it helps me get my focus back to where it should be.

I'd encourage you to visit the local Christian bookstore and pick up a copy of Third Day's latest CD *Offerings*. Some of you may even have a coupon for the CD that you picked up at the Third Day show last spring here in Nampa.

Offerings

By Third Day

Reviewed by
Sonya Wold

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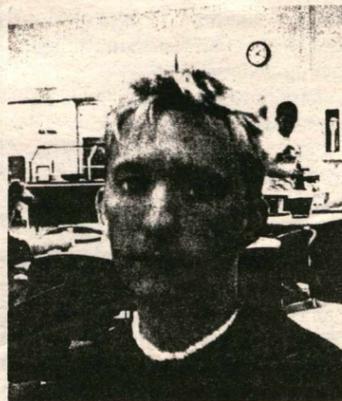
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What is the one best thing that can be done to improve Northwest Nazarene University?



Bethany Sanders
Freshman
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They should allow all four lobbies in Ford to open to guys.



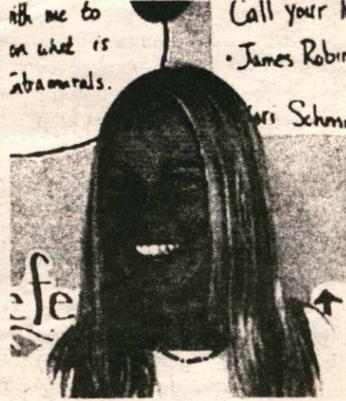
Jayson Grenn
Sophomore
History Anchorage, AK

They need to have a Jack in the Box on campus because the one right now is too far away. You have to drive three minutes!



Brendan Smith
Junior
Applied Studies San Jose, CA

Take the roadblocks next to Ford out. I hate those roadblocks. They make me so mad.



Kadee Wirick
Senior
Missions Tillamook, OR

Definitely have chapel services all in Hebrew, and let me be the rabbi.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear John Doe

After reading your article, we were concerned and frustrated that anyone would be discriminated against in a Christian setting such as ours.

Homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual persons, are individuals of sacred worth. All persons need the ministry and guidance of a loving community in their struggles for human fulfillment, as well as the spiritual and emotional care of a fellowship that enables reconciling relationships with God, with others, and with self.

Within a community following the example of Christ, all people should feel welcome.

A minority has wronged you. We do not find this acceptable. In a community such as NNU, individuals should feel loved, accepted and part of the life of campus. As members of the community, we have the ability to make this happen, but when one individual or group decides to stray from the community's purpose, everyone suffers.

We are writing this response to hopefully show you that there are those on campus who are here to support you and accept you in Christian love.

Also, we want to tell those who feel that they can somehow discriminate against others on our campus, that we find such behavior unacceptable and un-Christian. God has called us to love one another. As we all strive daily to be like Christ, let us recognize the need for continual growth in order to be complete persons of care and compassion.

The challenge you issued to yourself, "to get over the bitterness

and anger growing in my heart" is also a challenge to the NNU community to get over its own biases. May God continually enable us to strive for that heart that was shown to us in Jesus.

Amanda Marble, Ryan Danker, Ben Hausch, Sarah Hughes, Vito Montebianco, Jenni Montebianco, John Galloway, Nate Roskam, Josh Fishburne, Josh Anderson, David Kadel, Amy Oglevie, Joseph Stone, Lynette Brown, Noell Keyt, Craig Craker, Hanuel Massoud, Kami Watson, and Sonya Wold

Olympic Greatness

The Summer Olympics have begun. Once again, we hear the trumpets blare that familiar theme music. Once again, we feel chills down our spines and tears on our cheeks as athletes from around the world receive their gold medals. And once again, we see hour after hour of athletic performances that make the impossible look easy.

Between events, NBC has been showing us lovingly produced profiles on athletes from around the world. We have met people who have sacrificed mightily, people who have overcome incredible obstacles, people distracted by personal tragedies, who have nonetheless triumphed for themselves and their countries.

But mostly, we've seen remarkable achievements from extraordinary athletes who have fine tuned their bodies and sharpened their skills to become the very best in the world.

While we have every reason to be impressed with these athletes' accomplishments, imagine what could happen if they faced even greater challenges.

Imagine basketball star Sheryl Swoopes trying to learn spin moves and jump shots with a mind that just

won't cooperate.

Imagine a young Michael Johnson unable to take a step, let alone run the fastest 200 meters in the world.

Imagine soccer great Mia Hamm confined to an institution, unable to kick anything because of medications and leg restraints.

For people with mental retardation, these are very real scenarios. Yet every year, more than a million of these individuals overcome their mental limitations and compete in Special Olympics.

They run when they are told they can't, swim when they are told they will sink, and live productive lives with healthy families far from institutions that once confined their bodies and spirits.

Like the Olympic athletes who dazzle us on television, Special Olympic athletes inspire greatness. These athletes not only meet the physical challenges of sport - they overcome mental obstacles as well.

If you are inspired by the American athletes testing themselves against the best during the Summer Olympic Games in Australia, then I invite you to be inspired in person - right here in Idaho.

I personally invite you to come, watch, cheer and be inspired by our very own Idaho athletes, those testing themselves against the best, athletes who, win or lose, are always brave in the attempt. These are the athletes who will compete in the Special Olympics Idaho Falls Sports Tournament. And you are invited to share in their excitement.

Special Olympics Idaho Falls Sports Tournament will be held in Boise, September 29 through October 1st. Events will include Equestrian, Golf, and Softball.

**Amanda Richardson
Executive Director**

MY VIEW

Homosexuals can be Christian

Being a homosexual does not make one a sinner until a violation of God's law has occurred.

**By David Kadel
Opinions Editor**

How could I possibly pass up an opportunity like this? Being the Opinions Editor, how can I not take the chance to write my opinion on a topic that I feel so strongly about as that of homosexuality.

I've had a few friends who were homosexual, and have listened to them talk about how they feel and what their experiences are as part of a largely unwanted minority.

With that, and what I've learned as a psychology major, I've developed a Christian view of homosexuality not held by many.

It is definitely possible to be homosexual and Christian simultaneously. Homosexuality is a sexual deviance. Sexual deviances can range from something as simple as a fetish to something as complex as transsexualism.

What must be understood about this is that people with sexual deviances are sexually attracted to people or things that are not normally viewed as so by the general public.

So is it a sin for a male to find

another male sexually attractive? There is no evidence of this in the Bible. The Bible talks about homosexual lust and acts as sinful, but not the psychological aspect of it.

Homosexuality is an environmentally induced deviance. This means that there is something that happened in a homosexual person's past that has caused him or her to see the same sex as attractive.

If this is true, then it means that they can, with experience, learn to view the opposite sex as attractive. That homosexual view doesn't go away, but it can be suppressed.

To make it easier to understand, think about someone who has trouble with pornography. What's the underlying sin in pornography? It is usually lust.

Now, can someone who is tempted with pornography be a Christian? Of course! He or she may falter and fail sometimes, but with God's help, they can suppress that temptation and not give into it.

No matter how much they are able to overcome it, though, it is still a weakness for them, and they must guard themselves against it.

Homosexuality is just the same. A Christian who is plagued with the temptation of homosexuality must constantly seek God's help to keep

from acting on that temptation.

Another common misconception is that homosexuals must always be thinking sexually immoral thoughts about members of their sex.

At my job in Kings Canyon National Park this summer, I had a roommate who was homosexual. Instead of just preaching to him, I actually listened to him and learned that homosexuals aren't any more sexually driven as anyone else.

Does a man think sexually immoral thoughts about every woman he hugs or puts his arm around? No! Most of the time, it is purely a gesture of friendship. It is stupid for us to think that every time a homosexual of our own gender touches us, it is because he or she "likes" us.

Just like any person who struggles with a temptation they just can't bunk, Christian homosexuals need support. At this point is our social evolution, most Christian homosexuals do not feel welcome enough to share their struggle.

We need to move past our preconceived ideas and biases, and really make an effort to understand them and what they deal with. Then and only then can we start taking steps toward helping them to overcome, rather than pushing them farther into the closet and away from ourselves.

A change of heart in an R-rated world

**By Allison Cummins
Opinions Writer**

It was Thursday afternoon when my parents and I pulled into the NNU campus. I had been looking forward to this for so long. I was finally at college. I had felt like God had spent the whole summer trying to prepare me for all the wonderful things I was going to experience. There was one thing I didn't think of. God was preparing me for the new walk with him.

I had spent the summer hanging out with friends and I'm not pleased to say that I was not where I needed to be with God during the summer. I had not been a rebel or anything, but I had neglected God and the relationship I had worked so hard to bring together. As soon as the activities started God showed me all that I had lacked.

This small story or testimony is an example of what I found when I moved into this small community of Christians. God used the freshman activities to help point out the parts of my life and especially my attitude that I needed to change.

For example, when the freshman class participated in the "Prioritize This" activity, I did not realize what was in store for me and the lesson I was about to learn. Most of the freshmen know how the groups were split apart and given labels to describe who we were. I wasn't sure of what I was but from the snickers and giggles I knew it was something that for most of us was different and unacceptable.

At the end of the exercise, after I found out what I was, I made a comment about the label that had been put on me... the only problem is that to others it is not a label, but their religion and their life. I felt horrible afterward, when I realized I had let my ignorant and selfish attitude come out in my words. There is a quote in our bathroom that describes what I had let myself do. It reads:

"Watch your thoughts,

They become words.

Watch your words,

They become actions.

Watch your actions,

They become habits.

Watch your habits,

They become your character,

And it becomes your destiny."

I was foolish in letting my mouth speak without thinking if it was right or if it were something that would reflect God's love. God showed me that, and it only took 18 years.

That's not the only way God has shown me how I lacked in his grace. I was stunned and amazed when I arrived here and didn't hear the nasty language I was used to hearing this summer.

People were different here. When someone stubbed their toe they didn't scream out obscenities. When people received shocking news, they shouted out, "O MY LAND!" instead of the ever so popular...well we all know what I'm thinking of. I, personally, was not challenged with saying those

words or having to bite my tongue. I just didn't need to say it!

That was not all that surprised me. Someone had mentioned going out and renting a movie. That sounded great, but the condition was that they did not rent an R-rated movie. It was not a rule that Ford Hall or NNU enforced, but in fact it was many people's personal request.

People just didn't care to watch something so bad that it was rated R. They cared about what they heard and saw on the TV screen. That was so different, I wasn't used to hearing teenagers or young adults stand up and say they were not going to give the media a chance at them.

So, the next week, I rented a movie, not thinking much about the fact it was rated-R. My friends and I slipped it into the VCR. Not but five minutes into the movie did I feel

a conviction to turn it off.

I ended up watching the whole movie, but when the movie was over I noticed that yes, the action

and effects were very enjoyable, but the movie just did not have that great awe. I had not enjoyed the movie, I didn't understand why, I could not tell people why I didn't like it when they asked. All I could say was, "It wasn't good!"

The wonderful thing I've learned since I have been here is that God loves us so much, He is willing to put us all together in a community like this, and take the time to show us the little bits and pieces of His love and grace that we lack. He loves us individually so much that He is willing to take one hour to show us how we as Christians and His children can change our hearts to help others change theirs.

If there is one thing that I've learned and can share in the first three weeks of school is that no matter how far we have strayed from God, He's always there, showing us the way back to the right path. Don't ignore the little details and messages He puts in our lives. If you listen and obey, you will learn and grow so much that one day you will look back and cry at how much God has helped you through this R rated life.

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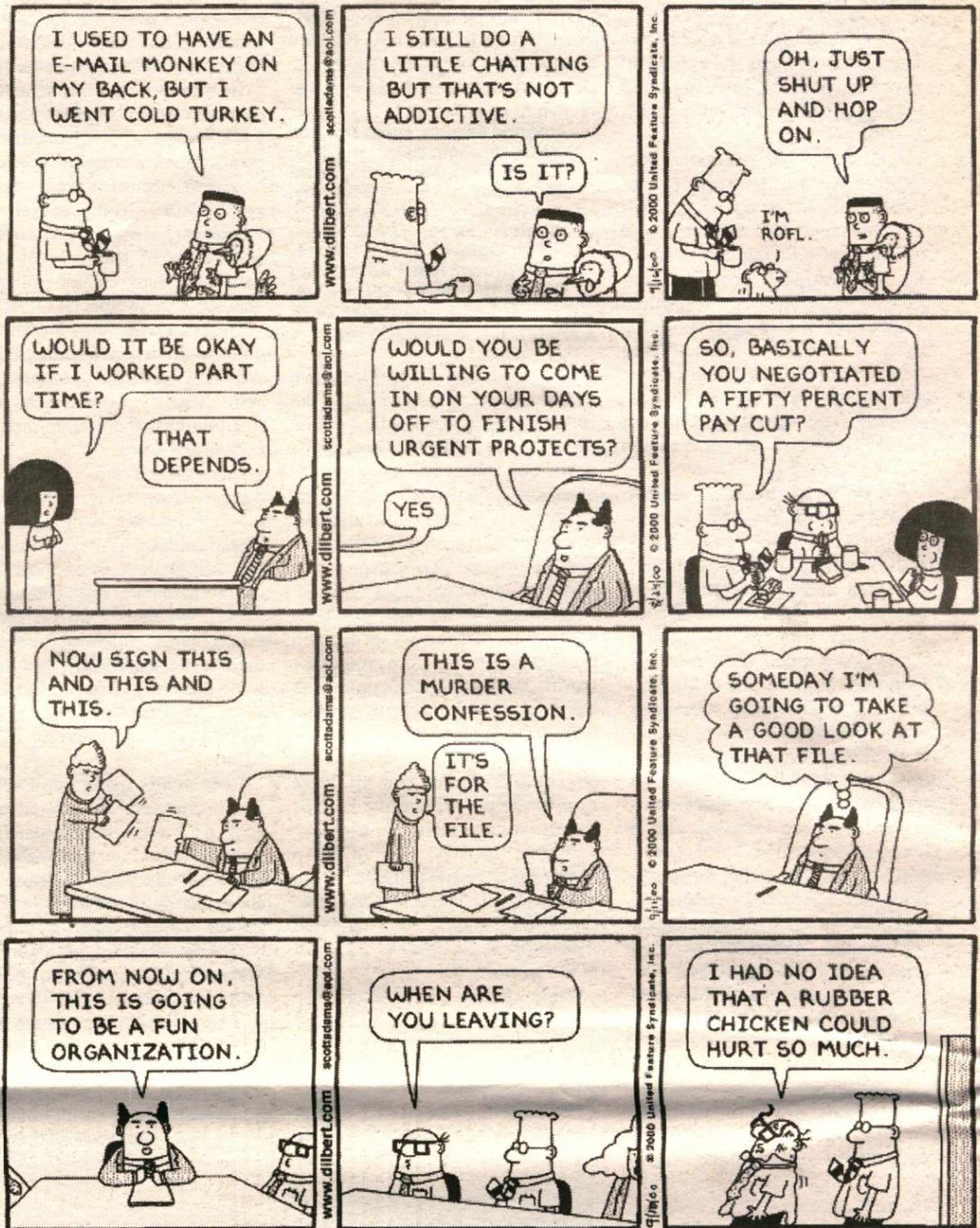
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 Bait -R- 4:10 7:10 9:40
 Chicken Run -G- 4:50 6:50 9:00
 The Crew -PG13- 4:00 7:00 9:30
 The Kid -PG- 4:30 6:40 9:15
 Scary Movie -R- 5:30 7:40 9:50
 The Watcher -R- 5:00 7:30 10:00
Frontier Cinema \$2.00
 Big Mama's House -PG13- 7:00
 Shaft -R- 8:50
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