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 Christians unite  
 through prayer:  
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## Column One

Psalms 46:10 states: "Be still and know that I am God." I've found it hard to be still this week. In addition to my rigorous schedule of work, tests and projects, terrorists struck. Now, I realize that they didn't strike here, but they struck our country, which is close enough. Watching the live coverage on television, listening to the constant news reports and hearing over and over again President Bush's words of action, I have found myself acutely aware of the short time each one of us has in this world.

Moreover, I have been struck by the human response to this tragedy. A sudden flurry of patriotism has taken effect, with American flags flying everywhere I look. I admit that even I have been swept away by this sudden outburst of spirit, lashing a small flag and a few ribbons to my car antenna. Everyone in the United States seems to have forgotten all domestic troubles to unite against a common, yet largely unknown enemy. But more than just uniting as a nation, the people of this country are uniting as a nation under God's control. Almost every marquis in Nampa has "God Bless the U.S.A." or "God Bless America."

In Psalm 27, King David reminds us where our true strength and help really lie: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Yet I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

People are uniting and waiting. Some swear that this is the End of Times, while others wait in fear of a third world war. I don't know what will happen in these next few weeks, but I do know that the Lord is my stronghold, and I refuse to be afraid.

*Amy Ogilvie*  
 Editor-in-Chief

# Bacterial Meningitis

## Colleges nationwide prepare for battle

By Ann-Marie Wiggins  
 Campus News Editor

Over the past two years, Bacterial Meningitis has killed close to 125 college students in the United States alone, with more being put at risk each year. However, the more frightening reality is how it kills, rather than who it strikes.

Bacterial Meningitis, commonly known as Spinal Meningitis or simply Meningitis, is a serious medical condition that infects the fluids of the spinal cord and tissues surrounding the brain. It can cause a myriad of diseases that can result in brain damage or, in some cases, death. In fact, one out of every five cases proves fatal. Even so, Bacterial Meningitis responds well to antibiotics and can be blocked by a new vaccine.

The bacteria responsible for the disease is spread by close contact with infected discharges from the nose or



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Cheri Marshall, R.N., speaks with freshman Rachelle Pugh about the symptoms of Bacterial Meningitis.

throat. Common forms of transmission include coughing, sneezing, sharing drinks and kissing. The contagious nature of meningitis is the main reason it is such a growing problem on college campuses.

The close living quarters assigned to on-campus students, along with sheer numbers of

bodies, make for an ideal environment for bacteria to thrive and spread.

"Freshman students living on campus are at the highest risk of contracting Meningitis," Cheri Marshall, Northwest Nazarene University's nurse, noted.

One of the most frightening aspects of the disease are the ordinary symptoms that are very similar to the common flu. Symptoms include high fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, sensitivity to light, general confusion and sleepiness. Advanced stages of Bacterial Meningitis is easily recognized by deep bruises that develop under the skin and spread quickly across the body. The infection is most likely to be contracted during the late winter or early spring months, which are also active flu months, though it has been reported in all months of the year.

Questions are being raised as to the preventive actions that are being launched by NNU against this disease. At this point there have been no cases of Bacterial Meningitis reported at NNU and Nurse ~ Continued on page 2

## Patriotism sweeps U.S.A. one penny at a time

By Lisa Linard  
 Copy Editor

Flags are flying all across the Treasure Valley as Americans show support for their country. In fact, not a flag could be found for purchase anywhere last week. Residents of the greater Boise-area did more than fly flags last week, however; thousands showed up at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in Boise to contribute to *Pennies for Patriotism*.

*Pennies for Patriotism*, a fund-raiser to supplement the American Red Cross' depleted resources, was an idea conceived by a KIZN 92.3 FM listener who called the radio station with an idea for

a community activity. The radio station then adopted the idea and ran with it, with a day-long crusade to collect coins, bills or checks for the American Red Cross. The event, which took place Thursday, September 13, raised around \$50,000.

KIZN was loaned a brand new cement truck in which to collect all loose coins, the main thrust of the campaign. Evening DJ Justin Pierce, just one of the many who helped man the event, commented on the impact this event had on him.

"It was just great to see people from age four giving two or three dollars in pennies to old men from the VFW post," Pierce said. "In fact, one older gentleman wrote us a check for \$600. It was incredible."



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All across the United States people are proudly flying flags to symbolize their support and love of their country. *Pennies for Patriotism* was a similar extension of American pride.

A total of 5,000 pounds of loose coins were collected by late Thursday night, a sum estimated at over \$3,600. Many area businesses were ~ Continued on page 11

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# Broom hockey slides into play

By Sarah Arendt  
Campus Writer

This year the annual Bar Room Hawk Key (formally known as broom hockey), took place at Ice World in Boise on September, 14. It had to be one of the years most hilarious and disorganized events.

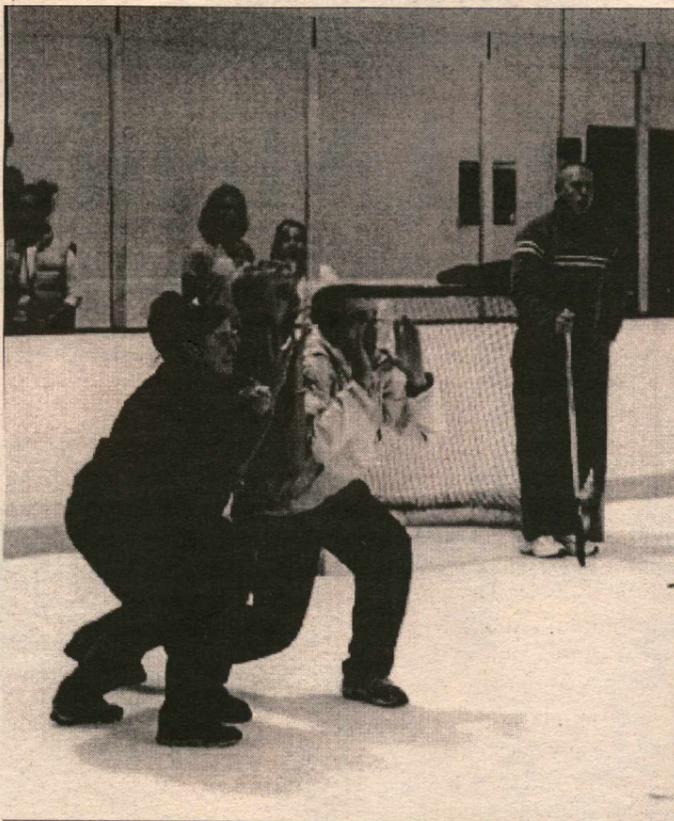
The night started out with teams being picked and everyone belonging to a side; this did not last long. By the end of the night, everyone was playing on whatever team and in whatever direction they wanted. People slipped, crashed, screamed, laughed and basically had a great time. In addition to the main attraction, there was also music, games and food available.

*"It was a lot of fun, and it wasn't really anything competitive."*

~ Melody Allgeier

For those students who are not familiar with Bar Room Hawk Key, here is a little run-down. The only equipment needed is a broom and a pair of tennis shoes. It is played relatively like ice hockey, but of course you use a broom and are not on skates.

On Friday night, no one was declared a winner, no one belonged to a given team. Sophomore Melody Allgeier described it as, "a lot of fun, and it wasn't really anything competitive." It was tons of fun even for those who are not the athletic type. Bar Room Hawk key was all about everyone getting together and having fun.



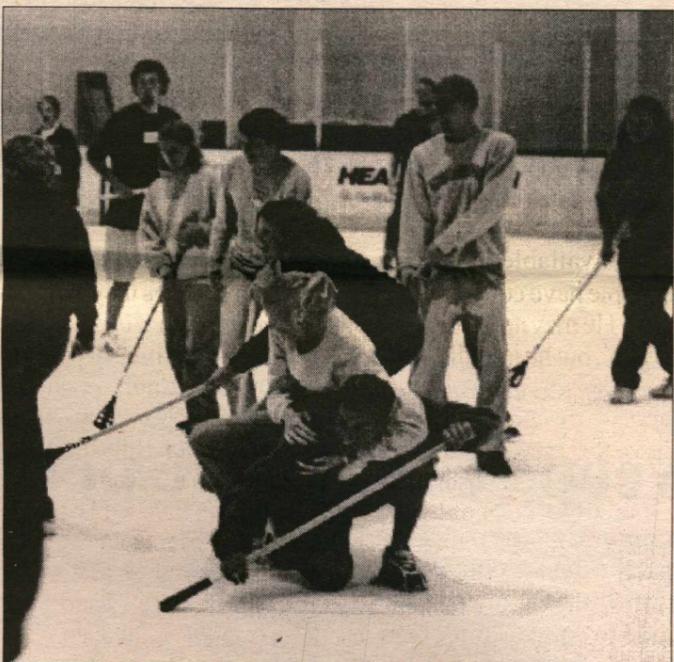
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Intense broom hockey contestants taunt the opposing team.



Zack Marble/Crusader

David Hille forgot that broom hockey was just a noncompetitive event.



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Reckless Bar Room Hawk Key players cause a slippery pile-up.

## Blood Drawing to come November 7th

By Sarah Emerson  
Campus Writer

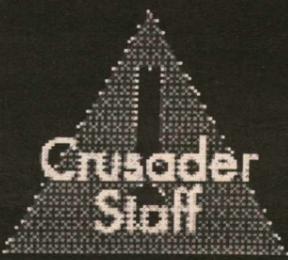
It is time for Northwest Nazarene University's annual blood drive. The need for blood donations is especially great this year in light of the events that took place last Tuesday, September 11.

SGA Community Relations Director, Jason Grenn, has organized this year's drive. He estimates that seventy-five to one hundred people will show up to donate. Grenn says there are a lot of fun things planned for this year's event. There will be prize give-aways and cool

music. All of the donations will be given directly to the Idaho Red Cross. Some will even be directly shipped to New York City in order to help ease the need there.

The Red Cross will be at NNU on November 7 from 10am-2pm. The drive is scheduled to take place in the Wordsworth Room downstairs in the Student Center.

Beginning in October, there will be signs posted outside of the Dex with more information. Please set aside some time on this day to make a contribution to society.



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### Meningitis:

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Marshall is working to keep the school well. In October, she will be hosting a flu and Meningitis prevention and vaccination clinic, as prevention depends upon the use of vaccines and prompt treatment.

The main conflict Nurse Marshall foresees is the monetary cost of the vaccine, which currently ranges from \$90-\$100. Even though the shot is strongly recommended by the American College Health Association, little financial aid has surfaced to help students foot the bill. While Nurse Marshall battles to lower the cost, possibly down to \$75-\$80, some students view it as a small price to pay for

health security.

"With all the stress college provides anyway, worrying about a fatal disease shouldn't be one of them," senior Naomi Falby points out. "I'm glad the

*"With all the stress college provides anyway, worrying about a fatal disease shouldn't be one of them. I'm glad the school is offering a shot this year."*

~Naomi Falby

school is offering a shot this year."

Nurse Marshall will be sending out a campus-wide email in October with more details about the infection and preventative action. She highly rec-

ommends that any student experiencing two or more symptoms seek medical attention immediately. Even individuals who believe Bacterial Meningitis could never affect them need to realize that cases on college campuses have doubled in the past two years. It is essential to be vaccinated against this danger and to pay attention to warning signs of infection.

**Flu and Meningitis  
shots to be offered  
on campus**

**October**

Look for more information in a campus-wide email that will be sent out soon.

# SGA president John Galloway hopes to increase communication on campus

By Laurissa Hurst  
Campus Writer

John Galloway holds an important position on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University, he is SGA President. Most students have at least heard his name around campus, but here is an answer to you who have been wondering, "just who is our SGA President anyway?"

John Galloway is a senior Business Major from Caldwell, Idaho. John was born in Kansas City. After that, his family moved from Mexico City, to Los Angeles and then back to Kansas City. His father was a missionary and a pastor before he took a position as assistant to the president of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Seven years ago they made the move from Kansas City to Caldwell.

Now that you have some background on John Galloway, let's take a deeper look at who he really is. When I asked John about his decision to come to NNU, he said, "I had always planned on going to a Nazarene school. I am the third generation to come to NNU, and my father works here. Plus, it is close to home, and I have a lot of friends here and there were financial reasons as well. It just seemed like a logical fit in that time of my life."

John is no stranger to politics. Although he was not involved in student government in high school, he has had quite a bit of involvement here in college. "Freshman year, my friend Lane Chitwood was running for Class President, and

he said I should try running for Senate, so I did."

John spent two years as a senator and served last year as SGA Executive Vice President. Being involved in SGA gave him a good look at what goes on. "Last year's president, Amanda Marble was very influential and really gave me a good idea of what the job is all about. I know the system and have developed contacts that will help me in this position."

It has also helped John that he had the opportunity to hand select the SGA staff. The executive council is decided by student vote (President, Executive VP and Social VP). Then there are sign ups and an application and interview process for the rest of the positions. "I have an awesome staff. It helped that God placed the people there to choose from and, with the guidance of the VPs, I was able to go from there. God has blessed me this year with some of the best people to work with."

There was another avenue that helped John gain skills for his political endeavors at NNU. This summer John had the amazing opportunity of interning for Senator Larry Craig in Washington, DC. "It gave me a chance to see what politics are like on the 'big kid' level." Although John does not think he is interested in politics in the future, he did note that this was a great experience. He thinks he might like to travel after graduation or explore a number of possibilities that come after walking the red carpet. "It is amazing how God opens up

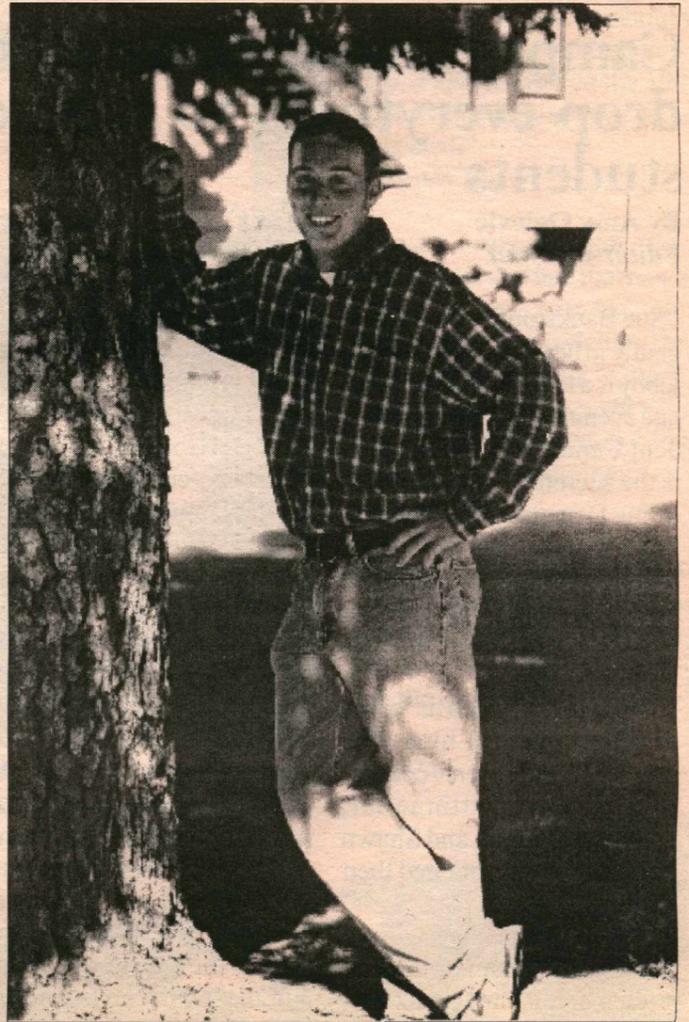
different things at different times."

One of John's goals is to increase communication on campus. There is a desire to create a place where students can come hang out and give feedback. There is also a desire to develop communication from all different types of students including those who are off-campus and do not have as easy an opportunity to communicate. The SGA has created an activity hotline. If you call ext. 8008, you can find out what activities are coming up as well as what activities and avenues of involvement are available to you.

John is a fun-loving guy who is very easy to talk to and willing to answer any questions students may have. He is just a normal guy who likes to hang out and get to know people. Apart from being involved in SGA, John is also a member of the Business Club and the Ultimate Frisbee Club. "I love it when people just come up and start talking to me. I love getting to know new people and want to know each person. It might sound kinda cheesy, but it's true."

John is available anytime when people have concerns or questions. He may not know all the answers, but he is willing to listen and can quite possibly direct you to the person who does have the answer. "Don't be intimidated [by my position]. I just want to serve people in any way possible. I'm just a normal guy who loves interacting with people."

John would like to give a word of encouragement to his



Shawna McArthur/Crusader  
John Galloway has the responsibility of being the 2001-02 SGA Executive President.

fellow students. "Each person has talents and things they can utilize. You can be involved in SGA, which I definitely encourage, ministry clubs, which are an amazing opportunity or a number of other clubs and activities available on campus. You need to get involved it is how you make friends and get to know people, and it really makes your college experience. An example is I went on the science retreat not too long

ago. Dr. Powers gave us extra credit if we attended, so I decided to go. This is not something I would normally do but I really enjoyed it and got to know a lot of different people, most of which I probably wouldn't have gotten to know otherwise. I encourage you to branch out and try new things. Try and get involved in some way. Each person has something to offer."

## Brandon Hill returns to school

By Lisa Linard  
Copy Editor

Brandon Hill said "it is good to be back with the guys" when asked how he was feeling after returning to the campus of Northwest Nazarene University. Hill was severely burned in an accident on Friday evening, August 24. He was taken by ambulance to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center and later life-flighted to the Burn Center at the University of Utah. He returned to his dorm room to a "welcome back" party on Saturday, September 15.

The campus received e-mails forwarded from someone in Utah asking for notes of encouragement to be sent to aid Hill in his recovery. The cross-country team also spent time in

prayer for him. Hill said he got about 64 e-mails the first day.

Brandon Hill wanted to "Thank everyone for praying for me." It meant a lot to him to know that there were people back in Idaho who cared enough to write and pray. The support was incredible.

Hill expressed his desire to return to campus very clearly, "I just wanted to get out, get back to school and the guys." And the guys, and girls, were apparently happy to see him again too. "Everyone acts like they're really glad to see me."

One downside to his return is readjusting to his classes all over again. He was forced to drop two classes in order to remain caught up in his other classes. He was also worried about how the accident would affect his involvement in track.

However, the beginning of the season is such a long time from now that he feels he should be recovered in time to participate.

For someone who had never spent significant time in the hospital, many things posed interesting problems to overcome. Hill said "One of the weirdest things was the suppository and catheter."

One of the best parts of being at a university hospital was "meeting the young nurses," according to Hill. Apparently, encouragement from the campus was not the only encouragement he received.

Brandon Hill is still undergoing treatment with a therapist once a week in Boise and doing stretching exercises daily.

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what's going  
on around  
campus?

Call 8008 and  
contact the  
activity hotline

# Counseling Department eager to help

## Campus counselors ready to drop everything to talk to students

By Amy Oglevie  
Editor-in-Chief

Sue Bankston, working diligently in her chained-off office lobby is a familiar sight to many late evening visitors to the Student Center. Mrs. Bankston is the secretary for the Counseling Department, Multi-cultural Affairs, and the Heath Center at Northwest Nazarene University, all of which are under the umbrella of Student Development.

The department is comprised of one full-time, two part-time, professional counselors: Joanne Rittmueller, JoAnne Nearman and Shawn Jensen all have obtained their Master's degrees.

Many students, especially incoming freshman or transfer students, may not realize the purpose or services offered by NNU's counseling staff. Shawn Jensen, one of two new additions to the department, shared a few thoughts regarding the office's intent:

"We are here to help. You do not have to be mentally ill, mentally unstable, or mentally anything," said Jensen. "We just want you to come in and talk."

## NNU recieves new ranking Northwest Nazarene University ranked among top 50% of institutions

The following is a press release that was distributed to media in regards to Northwest Nazarene University's ranking this year in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges issue which hit newsstands last week.

In its first year in a new classification on the U.S. News & World Report annual ranking of colleges and universities, Northwest Nazarene University made the cut among the top 50 percent of the institutions in the Universities-Master's category.

Northwest Nazarene debuted in this much larger category on the Tier 2 list of top Western universities. NNU had been consistently ranked in the top 10 Western regional liberal arts colleges up until this year when it was reclassified by the Carnegie Foundation as

The Counseling Department has been established to serve many student-oriented tasks. Providing personal counseling to individuals, couples and small groups is considered to be of utmost importance to the staff. Also, the counselors present co-curricular seminars on developmental issues, as well as developing materials appropriate to school functions.

However, despite these obligations, counselors are more than willing to drop everything to talk to students who need them. They encourage students to come by to talk about anything that concerns them.

"It can be about any issue, or any problem," Jensen affirmed. "If something is getting in the way of a student's life, that's what we're here for."

The biggest concern facing any counseling practice is that of client/counselor confidentiality. NNU's Counseling Department is very aware of this and places the highest priority on professional handling of sensitive material and information as possible. In fact, information about a student that is obtained during a counseling session will not be revealed to

anyone outside of the Counseling Center without that student's consent, unless a disclosure is required by law. A disclosure is required when there is reasonable suspicion of abuse to children, spouse or elderly persons; the client presents a serious danger to his or herself or others; or there are certain court of license board pro-

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~ Shawn Jensen

ceedings pertaining to the client.

The department serves all individuals connected with NNU, including students, graduate students, employees and spouses of employees and students. Counseling services are provided free of charge and are located across from the Bookstore in the Student Center. If anyone has questions or would like additional information, please feel free to call one of the following: Joanne Rittmueller (8674), JoAnne Nearman (8766) or Shawn Jensen (8766). Appointments can be made with Sue Bankston by stopping by the office or calling 467-8466.

a Master's (Comprehensive) College or University II. U.S. News & World Report uses the Carnegie classifications to determine its ranking categories.

"This ranking places us among the top half of the

*"This ranking places us among the top half of the country's universities in the west."*

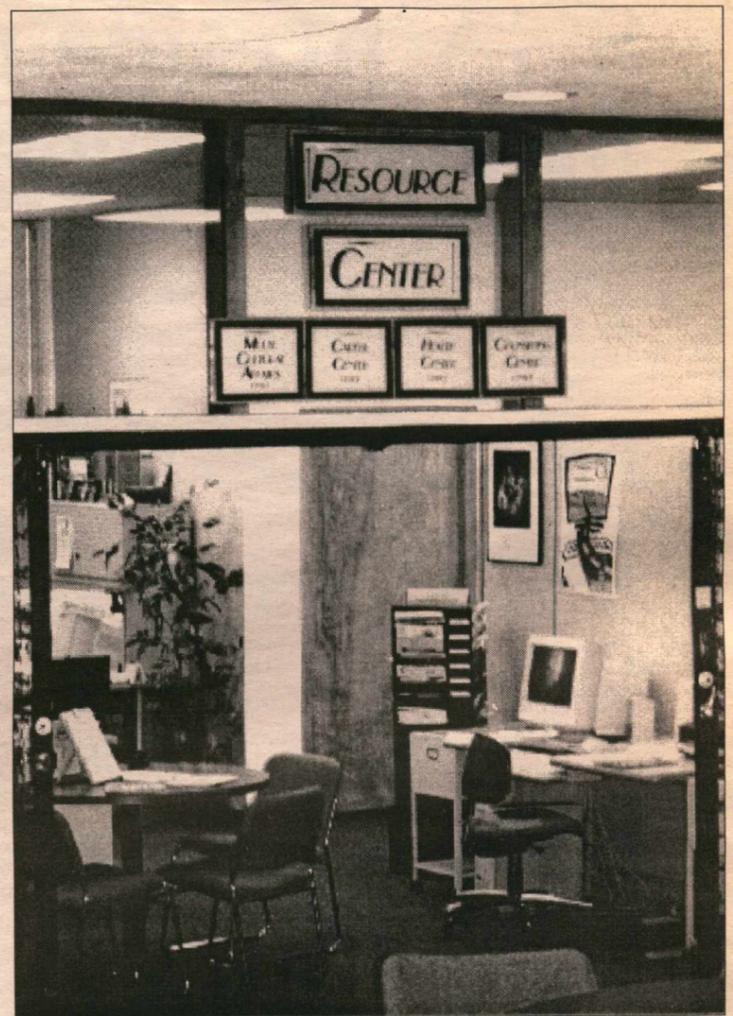
~President Hagood

country's universities in the West, which validates our efforts in becoming a comprehensive university that serves Idaho and the greater region as well," said Rich Hagood, president of Northwest Nazarene.

The Universities-Master's category is defined as schools that provide a full range of undergraduate programs and some master's level programs. 573 schools are ranked within this category; 128 of which are from the West.

"As a newcomer to this particular classification we're gratified that we had a strong presence this first time out," said Hagood. "It places us among a set of peer institutions that we watch and identify with. It also places us among institutions with which we have an affiliation athletically within the Great Northwest Athletic Conference."

To see Northwest Nazarene's full ranking, go to the usnews.com website under the Best Colleges report. The rankings are also in the Sept. 17 issue of the magazine's Best



Shawna McArthur/Crusader

The Counseling Department is housed in the Resource Center, located in the Student Center.

## The Counseling Department is organizing a relationship discussion group

Open to freshmen ladies, any interested in participating can email either:

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[janearman@nnu.edu](mailto:janearman@nnu.edu),  
[skjensen@nnu.edu](mailto:skjensen@nnu.edu).

Colleges Report.

Northwest Nazarene University is a Christian comprehensive university that offers 44 undergraduate majors and master's programs in seven disciplines. In addition to its 85-acre campus in Nampa, Idaho, the university also has cooperative programs in 10 countries. Founded in 1913, the university serves approximately 1,500 undergraduate and graduate students, and 4,500 continuing education students.

### Editor's Note:

As the editorial board of *The Crusader* tries to make the paper better it becomes crucial that we find good writers. If you are interested in writing news stories for the campus section of the Crusader please contact me. I can be reached by phone at 8029 or email, [anwiggins@nnu.edu](mailto:anwiggins@nnu.edu). I would be thrilled to hear your comments and ideas.

# Students speak out on community reaction to terrorist attacks

By Ann-Marie Wiggins  
Campus Editor

Tuesday, September 11th will always be remembered as a tragic day in American history. It was a day of tears, worries and prayers, but it was also a day that forced everyone in America to pull together. The Northwest Nazarene University campus was no exception.

As soon as the frightening news was announced, a campus wide prayer meeting was organized. Even though classes were not canceled, many of the professors planned discussion groups and prayer times in their classes.

The students in this community have had mixed reactions to the way the tragedy was handled on campus. Here are some comments by various students:



Shawna McArthur/Crusader

Students come together in their theology class to pray for the tragedy that hit America.

"I think that all classes should have been canceled on Tuesday. I also think that the athletic events should have been canceled."

~Mindy Meier

"I was surprised that they went ahead and had the men's soccer game. And I would have rather been watching the TV instead of being in class. But I was very impressed with how fast they organized the campus prayer meeting."

~Jarod Krohn

"I was glad they had the TVs around, that really helped a lot. I was also impressed with how fast they reacted by organizing the campus prayer meeting."

~Christy Wynkoop



Shawna McArthur/Crusader

Reading and prayer have been sources of comfort for many students during this tumultuous week.

"I thought it was handled very well. We were able to discuss it in class, and the TVs around campus kept us well informed. I think I had a prayer time in every class that day."

~Jennifer Campbell

"I thought they should have canceled the classes that were going on during the prayer meeting. Other than that, I'm glad that classes continued as normal. But if those classes had been canceled, we would have been able to unite in prayer as a school."

~Brian Hess

"I think they should have let us out of class so we could have kept up on what was happening. In the class I was in that morning we didn't even talk about it. The professor just sort of ignored the whole situation."

~Nick Carver



Shawna McArthur/Crusader

Students gathered together in small groups to pray and worship in this time of tragedy.

"I think they did the right thing in not canceling all the classes. But I wish that the prayer meeting had been publicized better, I missed it because I didn't know about it."

~Josh Benjamin

"I was especially impressed with my graphic design professor. He realized that it was a hard time for everyone, and he prayed with us, but he didn't waste too much class time with it."

~Charlie Ecker

## Upcoming spiritual events:

### Wednesday, September 19: Time-Out at 9 PM

### Friday, September 21: Ready For Renewal with Chaplain Gene Schandorff

### Next week, September 24-28: Spiritual Emphasis Week with Dr. Jerry Porter

# Cross Country teams improve rankings

By Ann-Marie Wiggins  
Sports Editor

The Northwest Nazarene men's cross-country team swept the first four places at the Whitman College invitational last weekend. The team was led by Aaron Matthias who ran a personal best time for an 8 K race at 25:19.5.

The team won the meet with a total of 16 points, crushing the second place team, Eastern Oregon, who finished with 46 points. Scoring only 16 points in a cross-country meet is quite an accomplishment since the

best possible is 15 points. They got this score by having five runners in the top six.

In second place, closely following Matthias was Francis Kimeli in 25:21.5. Kimeli lead the race for quite some time but had some problems with the race markings. He turned the wrong way three or four times throughout the course of the race and still finished in second place.

Not far behind Kimeli were Juraj Trubiroha and Caleb Tubei placing third and fourth in 25:30.6 and 25:43.4, respectively. Zack Dwello

finished sixth with a time of 26:12.

This team is not only gaining respect from the teams they compete against but also from the national pole. NNU began the season ranked 21 on the pole. After their first meet, they jumped 12 spots to find their place in the top ten teams of the nation. They are now ranked ninth but will probably soon move even higher.

The women's team also turned in a good performance at Walla Walla. The team finished third behind Lewis and Clark State and Whitworth

College. Ann-Marie Wiggins led the team with a third place finish in a time of 19:22.8. She was followed by Rachele Conrath (20:01), Kristin Lane (20:18), Erica Madison (20:25) and Jessica Wiggins (20:59).

The women are still fighting injuries, but they have a lot of potential that will be seen later in the season.

Other top seven team finishers included: Brice Roncase (26:50.5), Nathan Wilkinson (27:31.8), Susan Young (21:07) and Mindy Meier (21:12).

# Football not cancelled this week at NNU

By Matt Fraley  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday I watched a good football game. It was not another unexpected Fresno State win, but the Mississippi Leghounds taking on team six, otherwise known as NNU intramural football.

The game started off strong for the Leghounds with a touchdown by junior Chris Tiner. The team is stacked with juniors and seniors but also a few "bigger" sophomore guys and our very own Joe Peppley. Needless to say, these guys mean business.

Facing them were some sophomore players with a lot of heart and a great quarterback at the realm: Doug. What he forgot to mention was that he can also move very well with the ball. He made few mistakes, but the Leghounds' defense did not allow him a margin of error. They intercepted three of his passes, one that caught every onlooker's attention, not just because it was converted into a defensive TD, but because Lou Lindley, who was merciless on Saturday, set an amazing block for the streaking Joe Chapman. Josh Hodges also got busy on defense: he was the author of two interceptions.

Doug, the guy who has "got an arm" (as Chris Tiner so eloquently put it) threw a stunning long bomb to Tyler Harding who flew into the end zone.

Tiner was a large contributor to the Leghounds' 26-6 win over team six by scoring three touchdowns (two in the first half and one late in the game).

With no college football games on TV, intramural football seemed the way to go. You have to admit that these guys are fun to watch. Despite the fact that there are only five teams this year, there should be good competition.



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# Jordan ponders return despite criticism

By Matt Fraley  
Sports Editor

There has been a lot of talk lately about a certain 38 year-old man trying to play in the NBA. No, Bill Murray is not attempting once again to go pro; some other guy is. They say he can shoot pretty well and won a few trophies back in the day. Big deal. Why should we be excited about seeing a dad near his forties play against a bunch of teenagers that did not go to college? Well, I will tell you why: the guy is Michael Jordan, and he is strongly hinting a return (once again) to the NBA.

Some skeptics predict his comeback to be disappointing. They see him grabbing the tip

of his shorts and sucking air and they think he will not be able to dunk as well. Basically, these "haters" are predicting that the best athlete of all times will have to get used to losing and to his new status of human basketball player and should be content with his success in the past.

They do have a point in believing that MJ will not be his old self, particularly when looking at other legends such as Magic Johnson, George Gervin or better yet Charles Barkley who attempted comebacks or just did not retire in time. The whole point, however, is that he is not like the others. Sure he might have a different game than before and will probably not jump out of the building any longer, but he has the desire and



NBAE Photos

Jordan seems suited to come back.

the hunger for victory. When a veteran in his mid thirties will go out on the court after "disposing" of his lunch and

score 38 points in a critical NBA Finals game, you know you are dealing with someone special.

If he were not the most phenomenal athlete and competitor we had ever seen, why is everybody following his every move and trying to be the first to get the news about his comeback?

After the cancellation of an extremely awaited press conference in which "he" would have declared his final decision about his return we can only continue to speculate whether or not MJ will come back. However, one thing is for sure: everyone wants him back: the players, the media, David Stern, and the fans.

The NBA is in need of Jordan again and will always be asking

for more because he is the best thing that ever happened to the sport. Fan or not, everyone around the world recognizes the name of Michael Jordan and this is no coincidence. He is the best and probably will be when he gets back, even if he seems a little rusty. Mark my words: I predict a good season for the Wizards, provided MJ stays healthy and fairly uninjured.

Can a statement like that be backed up? Look at Jordan in the past and what he did in his first comeback. His team was not the best in the league, but he did and will do something he is good at: make his teammates better, thus make a team better.

I stand by my prediction and believe that MJ will be back and ready to win.

## Commisioners and team representatives decide to postpone, re-schedule games

By David Alban  
Sports Writer

Baseball continued its season on Monday. The season will go on in spite of the tragedy. If a family can go see a game to get their mind off this calamity for a few hours, then that makes the game of baseball worthwhile.

It will be hard for the players to be able to concentrate in their games. Will the teams that trail in the Wild Card races have the tenacity and the hunger to pursue their goal, or will their minds be somewhere else? The MLB games were delayed six days—from Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>- because of the catastrophe on the east coast. Many teams had to travel by bus for 30 hours to arrive on their own doorstep to be with their families.

Many changes have occurred just in the baseball world in response to the disaster at hand and here are some examples.

- Major League Baseball announced new security measures to be enforced at the ballpark.

-The season has been extended to October 7 to make-up the games that were postponed last week. This may mean a very chilly World Series in November depending on where it is played.

- A company that makes baseball caps is beginning to stitch the American Flag onto the new hats.

- Yankees owner, George Steinbrenner donated a million dollars on behalf of the NY Yankees to the Twin Towers Foundation.

Baseball is certainly not the only sport affected by the tragedy. All College and Professional football games were postponed to a later date. The NFL might eliminate Wild Card weekend so the games that were suspended can be

the season, making their calendar much more hectic.

Golf's Ryder Cup is cancelled this year and re-scheduled for September 2002.

The Pittsburgh Steelers team attended the memorial service for the victims of the hijacked



Ray Stubblebine/Reuters

Empty stands like these were not an uncommon sight throughout stadiums this past week.

made up. In eliminating Wild Card weekend, only one other team besides the division winner will make the playoffs.

The re-scheduling of college football games is a whole other story. Each game from last week is now scheduled to be played at a different point during

plane crash in western Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh.

Approximately 25 of the players were among the crowd of 3000 to mourn the loss of the 45 people aboard the United Airlines aircraft.

It is good to see athletes support their community.

## In the News

NNU Women's soccer team was "alled to action" this weekend in San Francisco, a trip they had to complete by car... Anna Kournikova is one of the most popular tennis players on the woman's circuit but has never won a single title...

The Carolina Panthers won their first game of the season (they are tied for first)... For more serious news, racecar driver Alex Zanardi was involved in a horrendous crash in Germany where he lost both his legs. Alex Tagliani hit Zanardi at around 200 mph. Zanardi is lucky to be alive, despite the fact that he is in stable but serious condition... Early Sunday morning, eight University of Wyoming cross-country runners were killed in a head on accident involving a one-ton pick-up. A fellow student at Wyoming who is in serious condition drove the oncoming vehicle into the runners' SUV.

## Face to Face Carrie James



Shawna McArthur/Crusader

**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Position:** Right Side  
**Height:** 6 ft 1  
**Birthday:** 5/17/83  
**Hometown:** San Diego  
**High School:** Point Loma High School  
**Major:** Business  
**Favorite part of game:** "It's a team sport"  
**Most memorable game:** Facing the heralded San Pasqual in state and defeating them  
**Hobbies:** Coaching boys JV Volleyball, hanging out at the beach, basketball  
**Reasons for coming to NNU:** Volleyball, the atmosphere, the people  
**Goal for season:** Reach Nationals  
**Role model:** Parents because they are strong Christian  
**Favorite quote or bible verse:** "For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah 29:11



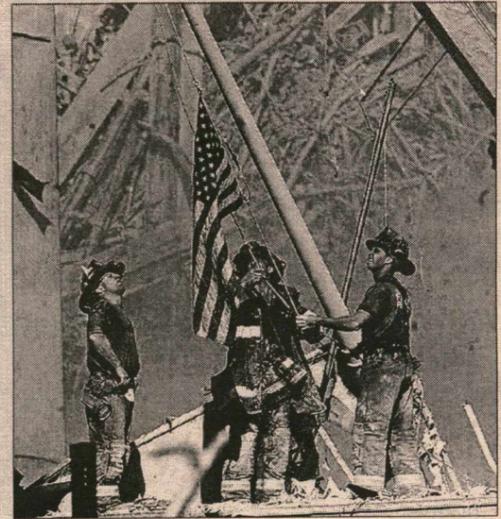
An ambulance is covered with debris in the middle of the financial district of New York after the attack. CNN.com

Honestly, this horrific event has put me into a pause. I think it makes everyone take a step back and reflect on life. Not only that it has awakened many people and made them realize that there are whole other worlds out there beyond the U.S. and in these other worlds, terrorism is part of everyday life.

Shawna McArthur

The picture of the three firemen raising the flag was one of the most amazing pictures that history books will remember.

Haley Jordan



CNN.com

We, as Christians, must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Lord, give us the strength to do this.

Dawn Button

With the acts that have occurred over on the east coast, I feel a sense of disbelief. It all seems too unreal, like a movie. But daily I see and hear how God has definitely had His hand in this horrible situation.

Jon Deale

I believe this is a wake up call. We were founded on: GOD. With and Bush reading scripture in works. H

I think to seek before. nation. humble will he

It didn't affect me too much at first, until I was able to put faces to it. It really hit me when I realized that the amount of people who died was nearly equal to the size of my hometown. Also, when I read on the internet some of the names and family members of people who died: that's when I realized how real it was and how many people it affected. It's extremely upsetting.

Kenton Owsley

I pray that God will be able to make himself known in this situation. I hope people will grow closer to Him in their struggle to understand what has happened.

Carrie Hays

It's tough to understand just how many people were affected. In one day, hundreds of kids lost their parents, and thousands lost close relatives. I hope Christians set a good example and minister to different people's needs.

Josh Benjamin

It's hard to comprehend so many people dead. It almost feels like you have to be there to understand, mainly because I don't have anyone directly involved. It's still terrible, no matter what.

Ben Conrad

At first I was torqued that people could be so full of hate and have such disregard to human life. After I gave it thought, I realized I shouldn't be one to condemn those who committed this act, but one to pray that they seek God. They obviously need His life changing salvation. I'm not condoning their behavior and my heart goes out to the victims, but I must love and forgive those at fault as well.

Jeremy Hugus

Let's pray for the 99.99% of M hard-working, law-abiding, and emotional well-being, and their fr

# Allegiance

September 11 events



Firefighters sift through the rubble that was left after the attack.

This tragedy is causing people to see the face of God like never before. This is a critical time in our history. I believe that if Americans repent themselves and pray, God will bless our land and bring revival.

Melody Eaton

In our nation, a turning back to what we were created for. The scheduling of the national day of prayer and the speech, God is putting something in the hearts of the people. (Isaiah 54:1-5)

Rob Faust

I've been semi-involved in military stuff almost my whole life, so I really had a lot to think about. I have many friends at military academies, and I am in ROTC here. It's really scary to think that I will be a leader of troops in the next couple years. And since this conflict will probably not be resolved in the next few weeks, I will be involved. Having loved ones to go fight is not something I'm looking forward to.

Dan Cole

## Comments from President Bush

*"I know this (the calling of reserve troops) means a lot of sacrifice for those who will be called up and their families. But you understand, the troops who will be called up understand better than most that freedom has a cost and that we're willing to bear that cost."*

*"Last week, I spoke clearly about our nation's policy and that is, we're going to find those evildoers, those barbaric people who attacked our country and we're going to hold them accountable and we're going to hold those who house them accountable. The people who think they can provide them safe havens will be held accountable. The people who feed them will be held accountable. And the Taliban must take my statement seriously."*

*"There are other terrorists in the world. There are people who hate freedom. This is a fight for freedom. This is a fight to say to the freedom-loving people of the world: 'We will not allow ourselves to be terrorized by somebody who think they can hit and hide in some cage somewhere.'"*

*"I want justice. And there's an old poster out west, that I recall, that said, 'Wanted, Dead or Alive.' I think that this is a long-term battle--war. There will be battles, but this is long term. After all, our mission is not just Osama bin Laden, Al Qaeda Organization. Our mission is to battle terrorism and to join with freedom-loving people."*

It's strange that it seems that Christians have a new focus since the tragedy. Two weeks ago, most Christians (with fervor) would gladly say that the Christian focus is to love God and others. But now, so many people are asking for blood and pay-back, all in the name of hate, by Christians and non-Christians alike. What would Jesus do in a situation like this? Chaplain Gene Schandorff answered this question with a resounding "I don't know." But, he did say that whatever it would be, it wouldn't be the mainstream idea. So, as Christians, we must continue to love God and others, and focus on that as our purpose. Besides, if we agree to hate others because of their crimes or their race, aren't we committing the same "no regard for human life" sin that those we hate have committed?

Jen Anderson

Muslim Americans--those neighbors and citizens are loyal Americans. Let's pray for their safety, their freedom from unwarranted prejudice and discrimination.

Dr. Jerry Hull--Social Work Dept.

# Rescue attempts turn to mourning in New York

By Amber Adams  
Off-Campus Writer

What hope does the world have but Hope itself?

The world stopped. No one breathed. Silent eyes were watching New York City. A nightmare from Independence Day was happening in the United States. Life suddenly changed. America began to turn.

It was a tragedy that struck everyone down to the lowly state of a helpless human being. All the glory of life was suddenly stripped away by the reality of death. Suddenly, without warning, lives changed forever. In the darkness, people sought for the light. Survivors, there must be survivors. But from reports of those involved with the rescue missions, there was not much encouragement.

Since the rescue started, only five have been brought out

safely. Rumors flew like wildfire as desperate friends and family clung to any hopeful word they could receive. Though in no way were rescue efforts drawing to a close,

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani gently reminded the world that the chance for more survivors was small. Many firemen and others involved thought they heard tapping from beneath the rubble and hoped to find air pockets that held at least a few survivors. But they soon had to come to the reality that the tapping was most likely the echoing from their equipment as they searched the collapsed



Rescuers search for survivors in the rubble of the WTC.

buildings.

Even if there were air pockets, they were most likely filled with water from the heavy rains or were poisoned from the spilled jet fuel. Though no one wants to give up hope of finding people, it is coming to the point where reality must be met face on. Some of the rescue workers emerging from the disaster site have been very forward. One sweat-drenched

firefighter from Long Beach, stumbling away after a 12-hour shift at the burial site called ground zero, gave some sobering advice: "Just don't give people false hope." It is not in ourselves to give up, but there

comes a time when you have to let go.

Though we have not experienced a tragedy like this for many years, one that puts an entire nation on hold, others have experienced pain like this before. Though no one may have noticed, people have been walking around us for years who have lost loved ones to fire, flood, cancer, car wrecks and even natural death.

It is not easy to let go. It was not supposed to be. For death, many times, there is no answer. It comes to us all.

So what can be done to bring any light of good from the chaos that has stamped its print in our country? A careful eye can be made to look for ways to minister to that pain inside us right where we are. Maybe it is that neighbor that struggles financially or the elderly lady who has lost her husband. Though the circumstances are different, the pain is very much the same, and it is something we can address now and for the rest of our lives. Death is not the final answer after all, for love is more powerful than death and lasts for eternity. Love covers over a multitude of sins. Let us find the hurting heart and begin to heal it. Who knows when it might be your heart that is hurting next.

God Bless.

# Churches in area respond to attack on America

By Jayna Poe  
Off-Campus Writer

In response to the devastating attack on America this last Tuesday, College Church had a prayer meeting in the church's sanctuary on Wednesday evening.

Led by Pastor Daryl Johnson, the evening consisted of prayer through song including "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" and "It is Well With My Soul". The first verse of "O God..." was especially appropriate to the situation and stated, "O God, our Help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our Eternal Home!"

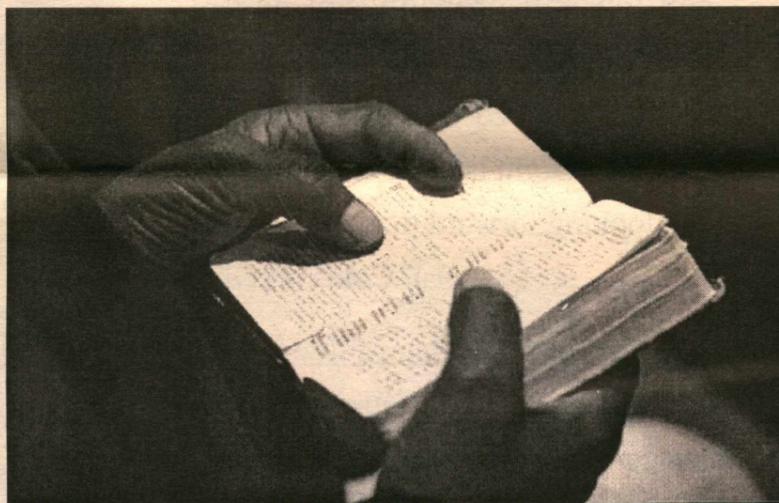
Many prayers went up from that sanctuary for the victims and families of the attacks, the cleanup crews and officials of New York City, wisdom and strength for President Bush

and his cabinet, for the perpetrators of this crime and for justice to prevail.

Before the service began, Johnson said, "This is very complicated.

It is a tragedy that has been unprecedented since Pearl Harbor...it was a sneak attack, and I see it as a declaration of war.

It is also a wake up call to the United States about our confidence and arrogance. Nothing in this country, no building, nothing is completely



Churches search for guidance in prayer and the Holy scriptures.

safe. Our only safety is in God, our Rock and Shelter. We are gathered here to intercede for the victims of this tragedy."

That is just what happened. When asked what she thought about the situation, Sheryl Sandros responded, "It's horrible. I just pray that our

country makes wise decisions, and that we would not only turn to God for help but to repent of thinking that we only need God now."

That thought was echoed in Johnson's

opening, "It is one thing to call on the name of the Lord in times of trouble, it is another thing entirely to truly seek Him."

After the service, Glen and Mary Wardlaw recounted stories of what they and this

country went through during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Mr. Wardlaw, a Korean war veteran, said, "New York City looked like a war zone...I admire all the unknown heroes, like the child care workers who got those little ones to safety, they truly weren't thinking about themselves."

Mrs. Wardlaw said that she was angry that someone would do something like this again to our country and that it definitely should not happen to anyone twice in a lifetime.

She also stated that she wished that she could have had the attitude of her four-year-old grandson, Christopher Duggan who said in his prayers that night, "Our Father, show the people that did the bad thing that it was wrong for them to do."

# Dobson decries terrorist actions

Focus on the Family  
Press Release

Focus on the Family President Dr. James C. Dobson spoke out against the recent terrorist attacks in New York and Washington D.C. today. Dobson, heard by 7.5 million listeners each week, issued the following statement:

"Our hearts and prayers are extended to the victims and the loved ones of those whose lives

have been devastated by this cowardly act. But it will not destroy us or weaken our resolve. America has always rallied and

*"America has always rallied and drawn strength when it has faced tragedy and danger" ~Dr. James Dobson*

drawn strength when it has faced tragedy and danger—and it will do so again. We need to pull our loved ones close, and

to turn to the God of our fathers who gave us solace and guidance in past troubling times.

Specifically I pray that the Lord will use this horrible experience to draw us to Himself. We have become self-sufficient and arrogant in recent years—as though we have no need of divine help. It is time for us to

do some soul-searching, quite literally, as we reflect on this tragic day."

## Editor's Corner: Rest in God

I awoke early Tuesday morning after another long evening of layout night. I called into work saying I would probably be a little late. That is when my boss told me that we had been attacked.

Subsequently, I went downstairs and was astonished to learn that the World Trade Center's twin towers were gone. Not damaged or bombed, but gone.

In abject horror I also heard that the terrorists had struck the nation's capital. The Pentagon, the symbol of America's military might was

struck and set aflame.

The blow to America has yet to be fully realized as thousands are still missing. Workers have only found five survivors in the wreckage, the last found on Wednesday.

Through all this I have thought of the words to *It is Well*. While my soul is at peace, my heart weeps, and all I can do is pray and remember that no matter what happens, God is still there.

He is our comfort, our refuge, and our hope. Please remember this in your prayers.

## Bush ordered attack on planes

By Sarah Chase  
Off-Campus Writer

This past Tuesday morning, a couple of airliners were hijacked and smashed into the World Trade Center. A third airliner slammed into the Pentagon. The number of unaccounted for or dead people are more than 5,000.

In a news conference, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani from New York City stated that 5,097 people were missing and that 180 people were dead after the World Trade Center was attacked.

A fourth airliner was also hijacked, and it wrecked in Pennsylvania preceding the efforts of passengers aboard to make the hijackers stop, as reported from messages on cell phones.

Mr. Cheney presumed that as the White House is not conspicuous in the air, "the target was the Capitol." He believed that "some real heroism by Americans" on the plane was what averted the airliner from crashing into Washington's Capitol. "What they did was to foil the attack on Washington," the Vice President said.

After President Bush heard that an aircraft which was unidentified was heading toward the capital, he ordered U.S.

military pilots to "shoot down any commercial aircraft that ignored warnings to stay away from Washington," as reported by Vice President Dick Cheney.

Mr. Cheney said in an NBC interview that from his advice, Bush made the decision that "if the plane would not divert, if they wouldn't pay any attention to instructions to move away from the city, as a last resort our pilots were autho-

*"I gave our military the orders necessary to protect Americans, to do whatever it would take to protect Americans, and of course that's difficult," ~President Bush*

authorized to take them out."

"I gave our military the orders necessary to protect Americans, to do whatever it would take to protect Americans, and of course that's difficult," Bush maintained.

Mr. Cheney did not know as to whether more terrorists were posing a silent threat to America's safety. The possibility of other terrorists out there definitely exists. "There may well be other operations that have been planned and are, in fact, in the works," the Vice President said.

He said he is convinced that the Saudi millionaire, Osama bin Laden, was supporting the

terrorist attacks in Washington and New York City.

"I have no doubt that he and his organization played a significant role in this," Cheney claimed. "What we are going to do is to aggressively go after Mr. bin Laden, obviously, and all his associates," he said, "and even if it takes a long time, I'm convinced eventually we'll prevail."

Mr. bin Laden is believed to be currently living under the protection of the Taliban in Afghanistan. He has been connected to the past bombings of the U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya, which caused the Clinton administration to strike back with a missile attack on his suspected training bases for terrorists and headquarters in Afghanistan.

President Bush has called for a war to be waged on terrorism. The network of Osama bin Laden will be targeted first. Defense Secretary Rumsfeld said the battle should be taken farther than simply the terrorists. The countries around the world that have been financing, tolerating, facilitating and aiding the terrorist activities should also be included he maintained.

## Poll says Americans back military action

By Jayna Poe  
Off-Campus Writer

In response to last Tuesday's tragic and cowardly act of terrorism, the New York Times and CBS News took a poll of the American people that shows that a greater percentage of the population is in favor of the United States going to war in reaction to and retaliation against the persons responsible. The results are not forgetting that many civilian lives may be lost in the course of any actions during the potential war, but apparently, most Americans are willing to make the sacrifice of innocent lives for the "greater good."

During this whole fiasco, President Bush's popularity is the high-

est it's ever been. Much like in similar circumstances of his predecessors, during times of crisis, America as a whole, Democrats, Republicans and Independents alike are rallying around our leadership. His approval rating is now at 84% as opposed to approximately 50% just over a month ago.

Americans now say that they would be willing to give up part of their civil liberties in order to maintain higher security levels to ensure that something of this magnitude never happens again.

The surge in President Bush's popularity is no surprise. His 11 predecessors enjoyed sharp increases in support during crises. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, President Franklin

D. Roosevelt's ratings skyrocketed. He was the earliest president about whom such surveys were taken. John F. Kennedy won great public support during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962, as did Jimmy Carter when hostages were seized in Iran in 1979 and Mr. Bush's father, George Bush, in the Persian Gulf war in 1991.

Eighty-five percent said the United States should take military action against whoever is responsible for the attacks. 75% of those people said the action should be mounted even if innocent people were killed. Almost all surveyed favored going to war with any nation that harbored the individuals responsible for the attacks.

ing the event to open up their locations to donations.

"I just love to see everyone coming together for one common cause," Pierce said. "That cause is freedom."

The efforts of KIZN are to be commended. Pennies for Patriotism has spurred on many smaller service projects and fund-raisers around the Treasure Valley.

Pierce and all the KIZN DJ's feel very strongly about supporting our nation at this time of crisis.

"It is an atrocity to not do something in defense of what has been accomplished in the past 200 years," Pierce stated. "If we don't extinguish this [now], we will have to deal with it sometime."

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also involved in Pennies for Patriotism and most continue to accept donation for the Red Cross. Businesses included Thorne Printing, JoAnne's Fabric, The Hobby Center, U.S. Bank, Subway, Treasure Valley Truck and Les Schwabb Tires. Numerous businesses also called in dur-

## New Briefs

### President wants bin Laden "dead or alive"

President Bush talked of both war and peace Monday, September 17, 2001, saying he wanted the suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden "dead or alive," but urging Americans that Arabs and Muslims citizens of the United States are patriotic as well.

Mr. Bush singled out Mr. bin Laden in a visit to the Pentagon, where he was briefed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on the call-up of about 35,000 military reservists in the aftermath of last week's terrorist attacks.

"The focus right now is on Osama bin Laden, no question about it," Mr. Bush said. "He's the prime suspect, and his organization. But there are other terrorists in the world. There are people who hate freedom. This is a fight for freedom. This is a fight to say to the freedom-loving people of the world we will not allow ourselves to be terrorized by somebody who thinks they can hit and hide in some cave somewhere."

Mr. Bush urged his countrymen to prepare for a long war and a different kind of war in the aftermath of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. "It's going to require a new thought process," he said. "The American people are going to have to be more patient than ever with the efforts of our combined efforts - not just ourselves, but the efforts of our allies - to get them running and to find them, and to hunt them down."

Asked whether he wanted Mr. bin Laden dead, the president replied: "I want him - I want justice. And there's an old poster out West, as I recall, that said 'Wanted: Dead or Alive.'"

### Stocks drop at close of first day of regular trading

Stocks took a large hit today, even though the Federal Reserve cut interest rates in an effort to stabilize the market, as Wall Street opened for the first time since last Tuesday's terrorist attacks.

Airline stocks were especially hard hit. All air travel across the United States was stalled for several days last week after hijackers slammed commercial jetliners into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 684.81 points, or 7.1 percent, to close at 8,920.70, its lowest level since December 1998. This was the biggest point loss ever for the Dow, although its percentage loss today was still smaller than its 22.6 percent focal point of how we traded through today. But that said, there is no brave new world here. We're still confronted with an economy that could see negative G.D.P. growth in the third and fourth quarter, but we have to work our way through that."

### FBI continues increase of their investigation

The FBI stepped up its search for possible collaborators in Tuesday's terrorist attacks, detaining 49 people for questioning and casting a global dragnet for as many as 200 others.

Attorney General John Ashcroft asked Congress to pass sweeping new anti-terrorism measures by week's end to assist the inquiry while assigning numerous federal agents to provide security aboard commercial airliners.

"Associates of the hijackers that have ties to terrorist organizations may be a continuing presence in the United States," the nation's top law enforcement officer warned.

All News Briefs written by Off-Campus Editor Ryan Hanson

# Violence prompts increased security measures

By David Kadel  
Assistant Editor

Last school year, gunshots were fired toward Corlett Hall, presumably from Amity Avenue. Less than a month ago, NNU security executed a campus-wide lock-down because of violent activity close to the school. These and other incidences lead many students to question the safety of the NNU community.

Darrel Stewart, head of NNU Security, asserted that the shooting last year was an isolated incident that had been listed as vandalism. The cause of the lock-down in August was also termed an isolated incident.

"There was an issue of some fighting that took place on the perimeter of our campus and some of the people supposedly fled through our campus. What a better place to hide than within our buildings with people

who look their own age," Stewart related.

The goal of the lock-down was not to scare anyone, but for protection—to make sure that no one would be harmed. Stewart has been on security at NNU for two years and stated that last month's lock down was the second one since he has been here.

"The first time... was a year and a half ago. The Stinker station by Subway had been robbed by a man with a knife. He supposedly had fled, so we locked-down for safety," Stewart reported.

Nampa is the second-fastest growing city in the Treasure Valley and with that comes more violence, just as any city has. Should this concern the students and residents of NNU? Not as much as one might think.

Curtis Homer, Nampa's Assistant Chief of Police, stated that the area of Nampa that

NNU is situated in is not a high violence area. They get some calls of fights in the area, but for the most part, the area around NNU is relatively safe.

Patrol Sergeant Kyle Winnicki agreed and complimented NNU's Security Department. He said that Nampa Police rarely have to intervene in school related incidents.

Kirk Allen, who has been living across the street to the south of NNU for 10 years, related that he had known of problems in the past. Some of his neighbors were involved in drugs and gang activities, but they have been gone for three years now.

One woman about a block from campus related that there had been a drive-by shooting of the apartment next to her two years ago. "The people living there were of course evicted and it has been pretty quiet around here ever since," she

noted.

Many of the residents who live around the perimeter of the campus also said that they feel safe living in this area. Most say that they have never seen or heard any violence apart from domestic conflicts from time to time.

Violence can be menacing,

especially when it is so close to home. It is important to remember that NNU is not immune to the community around it. Safety is everyone's responsibility. For more information or to fill out an incident report, refer to the "security" section of NNU's website.

## Recommended ways to stay safe:

- ~ Lock your doors, especially residents of Olson
- ~ Do not leave cash or other things of value lying out in the open
- ~ Lock vehicles and roll up all windows
- ~ Do not leave backpacks or other valuables visible in car
- ~ Do not walk alone at night
- ~ Go running during daytime
- ~ Invest in the \$12.99 bike lock

# Bandaging America's wounds with red, white, blue

By Amy Oglevie  
Editor-in-Chief

The signs of the pain inflicted by the terrorists span New York, from the dust cloud over the southern tip of Manhattan to the faces of the missing tacked onto walls in Greenwich Village to the thousands who watch heartbreaking images of the World Trade Center hulk on giant television screens in Times Square.

But covering all that hurt, not only in New York but across the nation, are countless bandages in red, white and blue. In this city that is so often slow to show its feelings, the American flag bloomed in Manhattan and the boroughs, waved and worn by countless New Yorkers who wanted to do something, anything, to vent their anger and sorrow.

Tiny American flags fluttered from the radio antennas of taxis driven by men from Pakistan, Africa and Latin America. On the West Side Highway, a wall of people waved flags and cheered as rescue workers passed by. A bicyclist from Belgium, a florist from Korea, a Vietnam veteran from Puerto Rico, all flew the flag in Greenwich Village. Vendors hawked flags from Midtown sidewalks, patriotism at four bucks a pop.

"Just as the terrorists know that we are watching them, we know that they are watching us," said Moses Dávila, an unemployed teacher from Puerto Rico. "When they see us in the streets, wearing the flag, they

know that we are not afraid of them, and that we will defeat them."

That sense of patriotism, and defiance, blanketed America.

In Miami, where the protests of the government's handling of the custody battle over Elián González had included flag desecration (a tow-truck driver dragged the flag through the streets behind his truck), American flags blossomed from porches in Little Havana.

In California and the South, hardware and department stores sold out of flags. In the heartland, tiny flags fluttered like wildflowers in highway medians.

Mohammed Jaje, a cab driver from Pakistan who lives in Brooklyn, had one on his cab until someone took it on Friday night.

"I am not mad," Mr. Jaje said. "Maybe someone needed it. God bless America."

In Hammond, La., 60 miles northeast of New Orleans, Melissa Webb wore a T-shirt decorated with the flag on a shopping trip to the mall.

"We can't do anything to help them because we're down here," said Ms. Webb, 36, who works in a sporting goods store. At least, she said, she can fly the flag to show that her heart is with the rescue crews in New York.

Flag sightings were countless in the nation's capital, one of the biggest billowing from a staff lugged about the city by Joseph Doria, 82, a Filipino-American veteran of World War II.

"For years, I wave this flag in the streets and my neighbors think I'm crazy or a Communist," said Mr. Doria, who seemed in danger of toppling as he grasped a flag twice his size. "We divided and scattered after the war. But now, my friend, history repeats," he said of the terror attacks. "And we are learning America's heritage again."

Mr. Doria strutted off along the Mall, passing the Museum of American History where a woman pushing a stroller festooned with the Stars and Stripes entered an exhibit on the American presidency. A big banner proclaimed Harry S. Truman's observation: "Being president is like riding a tiger."

In Greenville, S.C., stores sold out of flags by the weekend. Home Depot and Wal-Mart did not have any left.

Around the city, thousands flapped in the wind, outside houses, on mailboxes, everywhere. It seemed that at least one in every three cars in Greenville had a flag on it, sometimes two.

Some did not have to shop for a flag. Bob Krause, a former marine, had flags that have been in the family for generations, flags that flew over old wars. Brock Sanders hung a 48-star American flag inherited from his grandfather who had flown it after Pearl Harbor was bombed.

On Peachtree Road in Atlanta, signs of patriotism marked almost every block—flags flying at half-staff in

Buckhead in front of Lenox Square and Phipps Plaza malls, at the Marta commuter train station. Expensive homes with neatly trimmed lawns have flags draped across the front door.

A red Cadillac with four large flags in each corner, its radio blaring "Stop, hey, what's that sound, everybody look what's going down," pulled out of Rocky's Italian Restaurant on Peachtree where a band was playing a "U.S.A. Jam" to raise money for the Red Cross. A woman walked out of a church on Peachtree wearing an antebellum-style Southern bonnet with red, white and blue ribbons.

Some telephone poles had homemade cardboard flags attached to them. Underneath one sign another one read "What's Next" in crude red lettering. Flags flew from high-rise buildings, apartments and construction sites. A sport utility vehicle was decorated with a homemade flag that looked as if it had been drawn by a child.

In one suburb, a house sported a freshly painted red, white and blue picket fence.

On a football weekend in the Deep South, cars that would normally have flown college flags now flew one, the same one.

In the heartland, the flag waved from the antennas of hot rods. In Brookville, Ohio, gasoline stations and the Holiday Inn pushed flags on two-foot sticks into their grounds. Hastily made paper flags appeared in windows of trailers and the homes

of the wealthy. Flags appeared on the tops of buildings that had never before worn one. In Rockford, Rochelle and Le Roy, Ill., the flag hung at half-staff and from poles in front of courthouse squares, schools, town halls and police stations.

"There is hope in that familiar sight," wrote Carin Chappelow, in a column for *The Journal Review*, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 10,000 in Crawfordsville, Ind. The Wal-Mart there ran out of flags on Wednesday.

At the start of a prayer service in front of the courthouse in Crawfordsville, Glen Long, a member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, clutched three small flags. "Five minutes ago I had 48," Mr. Long said.

Near Washington, in the well-to-do, normally sedate Chevy Chase Village, on the northwest edge of the capital, six flags appeared on one block of Grafton Street. John Klein, a retired federal worker, usually puts one up on holidays. Mr. Klein's flag was there again. But there was another on the home of Laurence Alvarado, an executive of an accounting firm, and another at the home of Peter Yeo, a Senate aide, and at the home of Anne Urban, a consultant. Another waved across the street, from the stoop of Emilie Downs and Clark Evans Downs, a partner in a law firm in Washington. "Because of what happened," said Julia Downs, one of the couple's two college-age daughters.

# Where do we go from here

By Shawna Mc Arthur  
Photo Editor

I think it is safe to say that what has happened on the east coast was an inhuman act of hate. In fact, those words do not even do it justice. If you do not know what I am talking about, you either have been skipping class for a week while sleeping away each day or you have been living under a rock and just decided to grace the world with your presence. Well, as I was awakened Tuesday morning with the news of the thousands of deaths at the hands of terrorists, my first thought and intuition was to jump in my car and drive to New York. I wanted to help, and that was the first idea that came to mind. I quickly put myself back into reality and tried to comprehend this tragedy. Sitting in front of a T.V. and watching the everlasting

news tell about the rising death toll was not sufficient for me. The following few days in chapel when we were all asked to donate to the Red Cross were a bit of a relief. But it still felt like it was not enough. Someone asked me what I thought about this whole "Attack on America" situation. It was not until then that I realized I had a strong view on what was going on with our school.

Why, when so many people in our country are mourning, why are we going on as if nothing has happened. I am not talking about prayers and money donations. No doubt that went on and is still going on. What I am talking about is the open door that God provided for our school, our Christian school, to help, to provide comfort and to mourn with our country and commu-

nity. So many others have been helping and sending their blessings to New York and Washington, D.C. What did we do?

Friday, I watched as the Boise Capitol led the community in a service in honor of the attacks. I watched thousands of people from all over the Boise area stand at the capitol and pray with this state's leaders. And I was sad when I realized that I should have been there with my school. Standing next to the many doctors, construction workers, families, students and cheerleaders from various schools. Why were not we there? Why did our school not take part in something that is affecting the whole world? What is it going to take for all of us to stop what we are doing and reach out to the hurt, lost people?

By Mackay Dufour  
Opinions Editor

Suddenly my problems seemed like nothing. On Tuesday morning, I came to school only knowing that one plane had crashed into one of the World Trade Center towers. At that point, speculation was that it was only a navigational failure that caused the crash. After my first class, however, I learned that a second plane had crashed into the other tower and speculation now was that it was a terrorist attack.

I immediately sat down and began watching the news report and watched in horror as innocent people jumped from the burning high-rise. As I watched, I noticed the people around me who also had been watching, going about their business as usual, laughing like it was a normal

day. It was immensely saddening to see so many people acting like they did not care one little bit. However, as Wednesday and beyond came, I noticed more and more people beginning to fathom what exactly transpired in New York.

My flabbergasted mind could not comprehend the entirety of the situation. So many different thoughts were running through my head that it was hard to keep them straight. At lunch, I sat in my car and prayed, cried and reflected on the deepness of the attack. Despite the huge loss of life in the attack, I began thinking of the good that might come of this.

As the week progressed, I saw my prediction come to light. A renewed sense of patriotism and brotherhood filled the air; the leaders in Washington put aside their differences and began working towards a common goal. Unfortunately, to achieve this brotherhood, it cost a number of people their lives. However, the idea of going to war does not intrigue me, it frightens me. Our prayers and love go out to the intrepid workers who toil day and night, sifting through the rubble of the once great twin towers of Manhattan and the symbol of America's military force. And, as we pray that survivors will be found, we know the country will never be the same and we will become a strengthened and bonded closer in unity.

# God is forever with His people

By Ron Kratochwill  
Graphics Editor

In any time of tragedy, you cannot help but wonder what God is doing. How could He let something like this happen? Everyone has wondered this at some point in his or her life. Whether it be a death in the family or a national tragedy, there are many times where we want to ask God what He is possibly thinking. Does He care?

There was a time in the Old Testament where Job was asking the same question. What in the world does God think He is doing? Is He crazy? Throughout his life, God richly blessed Job in many ways. All that changed in a meeting between the God, His angels and the unwelcome guest of the hour, Satan.

Satan, of course, had ideas of his own about how this

meeting would proceed. God asked Satan if he had taken into consideration Job. The Creator Himself said that Job is righteous and there was no one on Earth like him. Of course at this point Satan chimes in and says that it is obviously righteous because

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he has been blessed so much. The challenge of the evil one was to take away his many blessings and see how righteous Job really was. So, God allowed Satan to take away God's blessings in order to test and strengthen the faith of Job.

Imagine being Job sitting down after a hard day's work and having messenger after messenger reveal the tragedies

that had befallen him. Job had almost literally lost everything his possessions, his livestock and his family. However, much to Satan's chagrin, Job praises God in the difficult situations rather than cursing him. That left Satan in a bad way, however He was not vexed be-

cause he had another plan. In God's next company powwow, the devil showed up again. God again asked him whether he had considered Job and again said that there was no one like him. Satan again said that Job was just pseudo righteous and that if he was stricken personally that he would curse God. So God again gave the Devil permis-

sion to wreak havoc on Job. This time Satan gave him a severe and painful skin disease. Satan got it wrong again because Job did not curse God. Job's friends had many various theories on why God had been inflicting this on Job. None of them hit exactly on the real reason why it was happening. Job himself asked why God was doing this to him. He claimed righteousness and the fact that God was being unjust. Then God talked to Job and gave him a piece of his mind after which God again blessed Job in many ways.



And Now... For Something Completely Different

"What was your first reaction to the terrorist attack on Tuesday?"



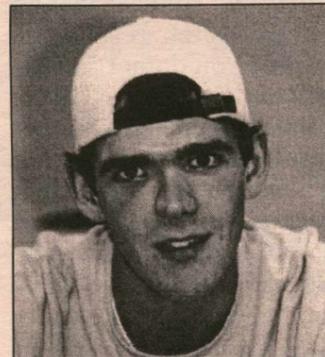
"I was in shock and a little homesick, missing the family."

Sam Fleischmann  
Freshman



"I was totally shocked even though I was still asleep when I found out. All I could say was, Oh, my gosh!"

Jeanette Wikle  
Sophomore



"Disbelief. I found it hard to believe that someone could plan and go through with something that evil."

Ryan Marquez  
Junior



"I was sound asleep and my mom called so I was like, you're joking."

Allison McCray  
Senior

# Revival searches for purpose in most unlikely place

As I stood on the pasture of green carpet with hundreds of other worshippers, arms extended toward my Father, I cried out for revival. I lifted up my voice to be heard in the very throne room of the Almighty and petitioned Him: "Send revival; Lord, we're thirsty; Holy Spirit come! Lord we need You; God we want You; let Your will be done!"

Wave after wave, over and over, I prayed, but somehow, this time was different. Service after service I had prayed for revival, a multiplicity of times I had raised my voice to heaven and cried out for a move of the Spirit. But this time, the Lord opened the heavens, and His voice called back to me what He had in mind. "As I called to Him, He answered me and showed me great and mighty things which I did not know,"

(Jeremiah 33:3).

As I prayed, He revealed that I had been praying for revival, for me, for my church, for my school, etc. I had been asking the Lord to do His work, but my vision was limited to my own present sphere of influence. He began to show me His vision. Each time I opened my mouth to petition Him again, He would show me a picture; a picture of the lost.

I saw lost souls on the streets of the urban city, walking around in bondage with their eyes glued to the pavement. Every one of them was starving—they had no Word, no bread of God. Full of His Spirit, I would walk up to them, lift their chins and tell them, "You don't have to be lost anymore! You don't have to starve anymore! Just look up, lift your eyes and just look at Him. Just one look will set you



Brent Earwicker

free; just one glimpse will change you forever. Simply open your eyes and see Him." And as they did just that, they were made free.

In the 21st chapter of Numbers, a herd of fiery serpents were unleashed on the children of Israel, and the people were dying from the snakebites. Moses was commanded to sculpt a bronze serpent and place it on a pole, "and it shall

be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live" (v. 8).

In John 3, Jesus prophesies His own death, saying, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

It has come back to this: we live in a dying world. The enemy has bitten this generation with death, destruction and depravation. Multitudes are lost and dying from the snakebite of Satan, yet there is hope. We don't have to be lost anymore! We don't have to starve anymore! All we have to do to be healed is look to the One who can set us free. And just one glimpse will do it.

The purpose of revival is not so we can have really long

chapels and wave culinary items in praise to God (check out last week's article), but God wants to revive us so we might revive them. Revival is about us catching it in our spirit that there is a God who was hung on a pole and that we simply look to Him to be set free. Revival for the church is about realizing that our healing is near, being awakened to the fact that freedom is only a call away, and Jesus is as close as the mention of His name.

Seek the revival of the Holy Spirit, but as you do, realize that He has more in mind than you. He's got the whole world caught up in His eyes. Seek Your Father; get yourself revived that you might be a vessel of revival to them. Realize that a whole generation stands on the other side of your obedience. They are counting on you.

## Discover God's beauty in everyday life

By Melody Eaton  
Opinions Writer

Wonder streams through my window in the morning. I eat it for breakfast. Wonder smiles through the eyes of my friends and is alive in the trees. Wonder breathes through the scent of roses and stands speechless as I gasp at stars blinking in their velvet blanket. Wonder falls gracefully through the arching silver diamonds of sprinklers. It shouts through the orange of an orange and amazes me every time I eat ice cream. Wonder whispers my name; it

beckons me to dance, to sing—to LIVE.

Wonder is in everything, everywhere. But wonder is a choice. When we wake up in the morning, we have the power of life or death in our hands. We can choose to be grumpy, critical, or anxious, or we can seize the day. Wonder is synonymous with gratitude, and gratitude IS an attitude. Philippians 4 aptly captures this attitude. "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice...be anxious for nothing...Whatever things are pure, lovely...think on these

things...I have learned in whatever state I am to be content..." "It is not Joy that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us joyful". It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time.

Often on campus, we get so caught up in busyness that we forget to appreciate "everydayness"; to notice the touch of the cosmic in the ordinary. God is lurking in every corner of this campus and all it takes to connect to Him is awareness. Brennan Manning writes, "By and large, our world has lost its

sense of wonder...we no longer run our fingers through water, shout at the stars and catch our breath at the sight of a rainbow. To be aware of the presence of God manifested in a song on the radio, a sunset, the laughter of a child, a daffodil, requires an inner freedom that comes from prayer." Later, he defines prayer as a sort of "Holy Loitering"—just conscientiously wasting time, and bummin' around with Jesus. In my mind, this is one of the most beautiful ways to connect to an arresting and captivating God.

Before his death, a remarkable rabbi was so weak he could only whisper. "Sam, I feel only gratitude for my life, for every moment I have lived. I am ready to go. I have seen so many miracles during my lifetime." After a long pause, he said, "Sam, never once in my life did I ask God for success or wisdom or power or fame. I asked for wonder, and He gave it to me."

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## Dare to take chances like Jesus did

By Jerad Shoemaker  
Opinions Writer

I once heard it said that the Army loves to enlist young men between the ages of 18-24 because they have no fear of death and danger. They drive a hundred miles an hour, jump off cliffs, out of planes, get in fights, drink, blow things up, get in financial debt, and fall head over heels for the girl with nice hair. The modern army is enlisting young women into their command, so the modern misses of today's society must be showing some of the same characteristics.

This goes to show why insurance companies and security forces keep a close eye on young people like us. They don't like us to skateboard in public places so instead we climb radio towers. They do not like us to illegally park so we go 4x4ing. They do not like the freshman to be out af-

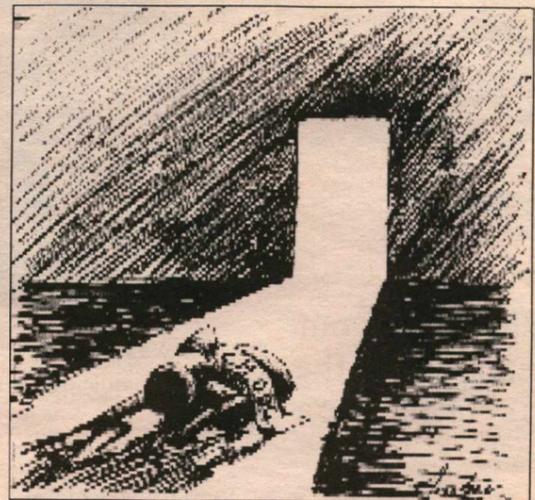
ter curfew, so the freshman are fined for staying out late while the rest of the school goes to bed early. They insist that we check out, so we pull off the side of the road and sleep out under the stars in the middle of nowhere. They do not like us to drink, so those that do keep it a secret. It is important that you do not smoke, but it is okay to discriminate against people who do because they are not like us.

I know people who do not read the messages on their door, don't check their email, voicemail, and cannot even remember what that trendy bracelet said that they wore for a year. I heard once of DWJW (Do What Jesus Would), the point being to stop the thinking and start the living. I could think about the Bible and believe it, but one cannot think a faith, only live it. I agree that by far the larg-

est threat to our safety is ourselves. Because it is not slow trash cars that kill us, it is our constant search for something better to compare to what we all did last week, something new, and something that would make our mothers faint.

Paul knew his stuff when he said "Death, where is thy sting." Because when we have heaven to look forward to with certainty, death does not even seem like a risk. Our culture says to "push it" and we should, do not hold back, give it everything you have got. We could get so far, nothing would stand in our way; we could be anyone, do anything. Our culture says pull yourself up by your bootstraps, watch out for number one, step on your opponents face to reach your goal. But then again if you live like that, I would not say heaven is so certain. I guess maybe, perhaps we

couldn't be anyone then, or at least we couldn't do everything. I am going to have to stick to Jesus' example like glue, He was not boring, He did not live a long life, and He did push it. I want to "push it" just like Jesus. That Jesus was dangerous.



"FREEDOM - after 40 years, Jesus is calling us back..."  
By Amber Adams

## Tragedy leaves humor columnist with nothing funny to say

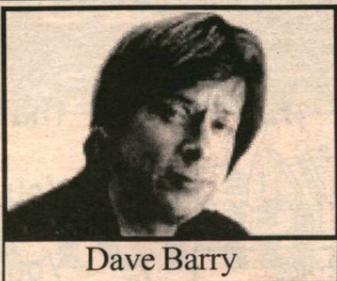
No humor column today. I don't want to write it, and you don't want to read it.

No words of wisdom, either. I wish I were wise enough to say something that would help make sense of this horror, something that would help ease the unimaginable pain of the victims' loved ones, but I'm not that wise. I'm barely capable of thinking. Like many others, I've spent the hours since Tuesday morning staring at the television screen, sometimes crying, sometimes furious, but mostly just stunned.

What I can't get out of my mind is the fact that they used our own planes. I grew up in the Cold War, when we always pictured the threat as coming in the form of missiles — sleek, efficient death machines, unmanned, hurtling over the North Pole from far away. But what came, instead, were our own commercial airliners, big friendly flying buses coming from Newark and Boston with innocent people

on board. Red-white-and-blue planes, with "United" and "American" written on the side. The planes you've flown in and I've flown in. That's what they used to attack us. They were able to do it in part because our airport security is pathetic. But mainly they were able to do it because we are an open and trusting society that simply is not set up to cope with evil men, right here among us, who want to kill as many Americans as they can.

That's what's so hard to comprehend: They want us to die just for being Americans. They don't care which Americans die: military Americans, civilian Americans, young Americans, old Americans, baby Americans. They don't care. To them, we're all mortal enemies. The truth is that most Americans, until Tuesday, were only dimly aware of their existence, and posed no threat to them. But that doesn't matter to them; all that matters is that we're Americans. And so they used our



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own planes to kill us.

And then their supporters I'm not naive about my country. My country is definitely not always right; my country has at times been terribly wrong. But I know this about Americans: We don't set out to kill innocent people. We don't cheer when innocent people die. The people who did this to us are monsters; the people who cheered them have hate-sickened minds. One reason they can cheer is that they know we would never do to them what their heroes did to us, even though we could, a thousand times worse. They know that when we hunt down the monsters, we will try hard not to harm the innocent. Those are the handcuffs we

willingly wear, because for all our flaws, we are a decent people.

And now we are a traumatized people. The TV commentators keep saying that the attacks have awakened a "sleeping giant." And I guess we do look like a giant, to the rest of the world. But when I look around, I don't see a giant: I see millions of individuals — the resilient and caring citizens of New York and Washington; the incredibly brave firefighters, police officers and rescue workers risking their lives in the dust and flames; the politicians standing on the steps of the Capitol and singing an off-key rendition of "God Bless America" that, corny as it was, had me weeping; the reporters and photographers who have not slept, and will not sleep, as long as there is news to report; the people in my community, and communities across America, lining up to give blood, wishing they could do more.

No, I don't see a giant.

What I see is Americans. We may have the power of a giant, but we also have the heart of a good and generous people, and we will get through this. We will grieve for our dead, and tend to our wounded, and repair the damage, and tighten our security, and put our planes back in the air. Eventually most of us, the ones lucky enough not to have lost somebody, will resume our lives. Some day, our country will track down the rest of the monsters behind this, and make them pay, and I suppose that will make most of us feel a little better. But revenge and hatred won't be why we'll go on. We'll go on because we know this is a good country, a country worth keeping.

Those who would destroy it only make us see more clearly how precious it is.

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## Keanu Reeves hits hard with number one hit movie *Hardball*

By Aaron Bly  
Opinions Writer

This weekend's number one movie at the box office was a little film entitled *Hardball*, starring Neo...I mean the lovable Keanu Reeves. Although a quick glance at the story about a loser of a guy and a kid's baseball team in the projects of Chicago might sound like the same old fluff spouted by Hollywood's movie-making machine every weekend for the immediate consumption of the unsuspecting masses, upon closer inspection it was more than that. In fact, it might even be called "above average," whatever that means. But seriously, it was a decent movie and worth watching as Reeves gives a nice performance, at least relatively speaking to his other films, in case anyone was skeptical about his overall acting talent in this particular picture. And if anyone was actually a fan of the actor's work prior to 2001, then there is no doubt that his or her Keanu appetite will be adequately appeased. Of course, it may not be on the same quality level as *Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure* or *Speed* or *The Matrix*, but it was not trying to be. It was trying to be a simple weekend movie about good times and fun-loving kids and a guy who is attempting to straighten out his life. And at that it sufficiently succeeded.

The movie worked on several

levels. First, and most importantly, it had a good story. Probably the most important aspect of a film is its story, although there might be a strong argument about that from those who consider the director the most important part of a movie. But this was a mostly formulaic picture and directing style never really mattered much. However, the nicely done climax of the movie was actually well-filmed and entertaining to watch. But do not expect a Steven Soderbergh or Paul Thomas Anderson or Darren Aronofsky flick. Another level on which the movie worked was the acting. It did not near Oscar-caliber, to be honest, but Keanu's character and the kids and Keanu's love interest, played by Diane Lane, were played as they needed to be and at least did not distract from the flow of the storyline. Perhaps the best part of *Hardball* was its use of emotion. In its simple structure, it managed to make the audience sad at times, glad at times and mad at times. And because of its wide array of emotion, watching the movie eliminated the guilt that might have been left after paying to see something with the tagline "The most important thing in life is showing up," which is as silly and clichéd as taglines come. But it is almost a guarantee that the average moviegoer who shows up to see *Hardball* will not be entirely disappointed...and might

even be somewhat entertained.

As everyone who has a semi-active brain knows, life can be quite a hardship at times. With terrorism and suffering on the hearts and minds of many, perhaps the use of a little escapism to the local movie theater would help to subdue unwanted emotions and feelings, at least for about two hours or so. And *Hardball*, although not a masterpiece by any means, is this week's movie of relief.

By Aaron Gentry  
Opinion Writer

Keanu Reeves stars in *Hardball* with Diane Lane supporting. He plays Conor O'Neill, a bumbling drunk gambler who finds himself up to his ears in debt. He ends up getting paid to coach an inner-city kid's baseball team from the Chicago projects. It is an endearing movie about life and growing up. Diane Lane plays the love interest for Conor and the children's teacher. Stealing the show from Keanu is a young actor who plays the smallest and youngest member of the team. Brian Robbins, director and producer of *Varsity Blues*, does a good job directing, but John Gatins' writing is what makes the movie memorable, and not just an 'inner-city' remake of *The Bad News Bears*. The story catches you and pulls you into a roller coaster of emotions and fun.

The cinematography in *Hardball* is hardly mentionable, with the exception of a few scenes. But if you like good filming and film editing, this movie has some notable moments. For those of you who enjoy good music in film, this movie contains a great soundtrack. The song 'Big Poppa' by Notorious B.I.G. is heard frequently, often sung by the actors and actresses in the movie.

Reeves gives one of the

best acting performances of his career, which we all know has SOO many 'all-star' performances. He shows emotion in his actions and his voice, which makes for a powerful combination in some scenes. But I was definitely disappointed that Keanu's trademark "Whoa" did not make it into the film.

*Hardball* contains some violence and language, which is needed to portray the lifestyle and area which the children have been brought up in. The show is a mix of comedy, realism, and tragedy, which makes it a good pick if you are looking for a movie to see this week. Guys who are looking for a movie to take their girlfriend to, this is it. I recommend this movie to people who like movies, sports fans and people who like stories about real life.

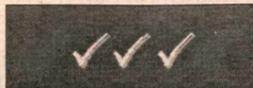
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## Hardball

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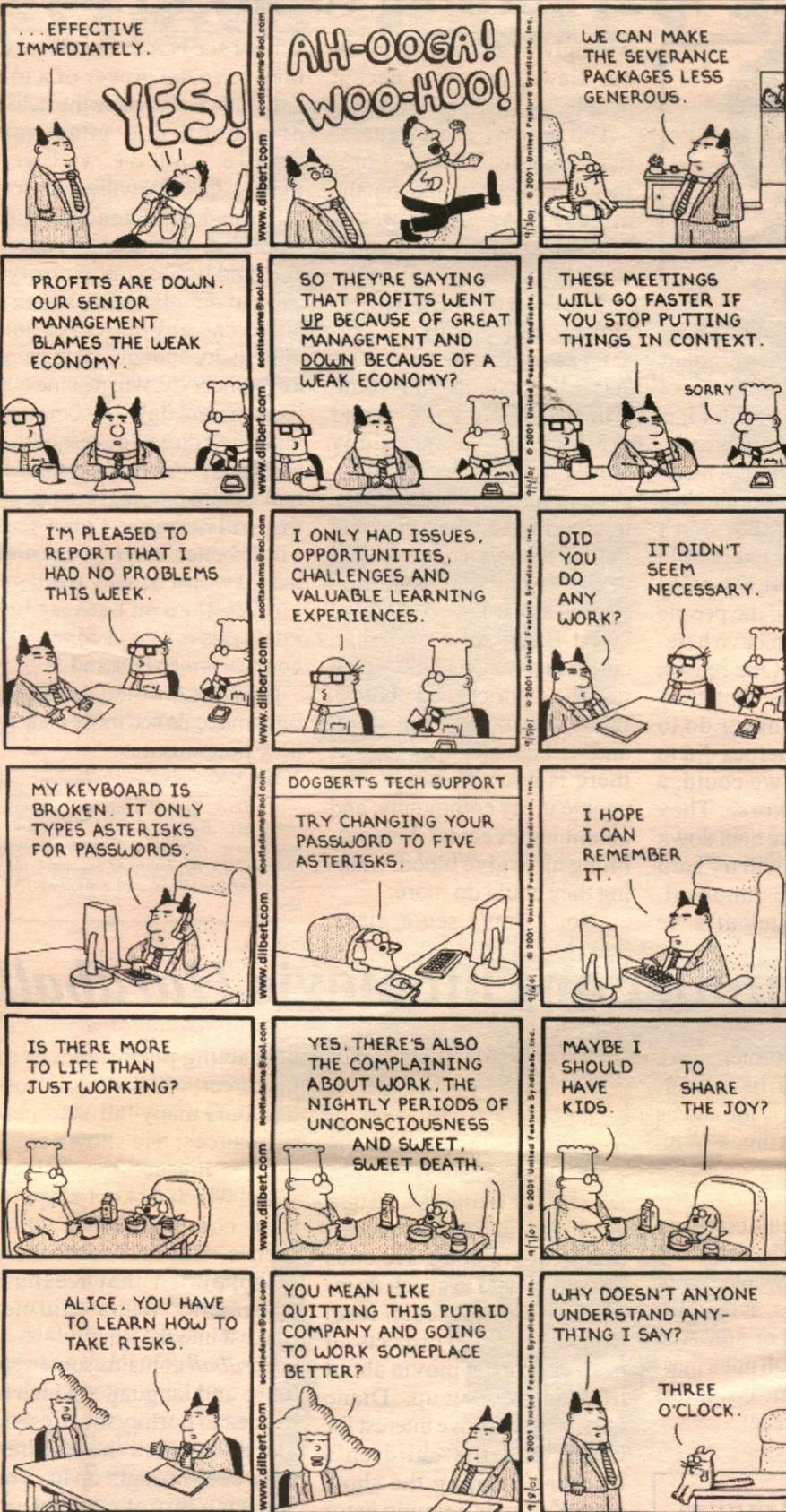
Keanu Reeves stars in *Hardball*

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#### Our Rating System

- ✓✓✓✓ Dy-no-mite!
- ✓✓✓✓ Worth looking into
- ✓✓✓ You might enjoy it
- ✓✓ The sticky stuff on the floor is more interesting.
- ✓ Stay in bed, it's a sleeper!

DILBERT By Scott Adams



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TOP TEN WAYS TO TELL YOU'RE A FRESHMAN GIRL

10. You ask if you can write in your text books.
9. You think Lincoln Hagood's hair has always looked that short.
8. You invite guys over for open house.
7. You get bloody knuckles from making your bed...brick walls.
6. Your boyfriend back home has suddenly found himself single.
5. You still take time to get ready for first hour.
4. You work out every day. "No Freshman 15!"
3. You're dating an upperclassman. "Why is Mr. Right not taken?"
2. Your boyfriend has to fund your curfew fines.
1. You've worn a halter top to class.

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