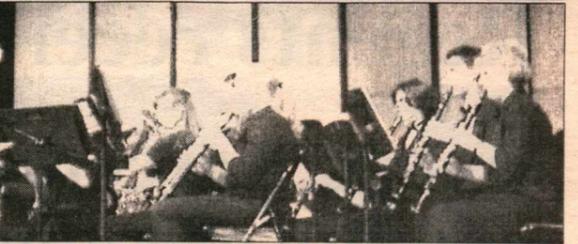


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Column One

It has come to my attention that many faithful Column One readers were confused by last week's entry. In fact, a few individuals did not fully comprehend that a different, more male person wrote the column, namely my Assistant Editor, David Kadel. David had a burning desire to share his thoughts with the community, so we agreed he could guest write the column.

However, what we thought would be an obvious shift in authorship ended up being rather confusing. A friend of mine said, "I didn't even realize it wasn't you 'till I got to the end. I couldn't figure out why you were saying you were David."

Perhaps this speaks for the intelligence of the company I keep (or perhaps the level of *anyone's* intelligence at 7:30 am). This is a great example of how good intentions sometimes go completely awry.

With regards to a different subject, good intentions and plans are often foiled by outside influences; in this case, that influence was the people in charge of unlocking locked buildings on campus. I refer to my attempt to go pray Monday morning at the Prayer Chapel at the obscene hour of 6:35 am.

You see, a few weeks ago, I felt God's gentle nudge and whispered desire to meet with me before class at the chapel, perhaps for a quick danish and a mocha. Finally, Sunday night, after three weeks of gentle nudging, the Holy Spirit knocked me upside the head and wrote a 6:30 meeting into my day planner (figuratively speaking; God prefers the Palm).

So I went but found the building locked up tight; evidently God didn't tell security that we had a meeting. We ended up meeting in my office, and I'm glad we had a chance to talk. I discovered that there were several issues and people in my life that have been neglected, something I would not have become aware of if it hadn't been for our meeting Monday.

It amazes me that no matter where I am, or how long I procrastinate, God still wants to talk with me about stuff. I guess that tells me something more about who God is and what kind of relationship He wants with me. I encourage you all to be responsive to God's nudges, and when you make an appointment, show up; that's all He needs to work in and through your life.

Andy Ogilvie
Editor-in-Chief

Men Win Nationals

Cross Country team brings home title

Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus News Editor

The Northwest Nazarene University men's cross country team has had a nearly perfect season topped off now with the NCCAA national title. They have lived the dream of many athletes: going almost undefeated and winning a conference. First they took regional and now NNU holds the national title. But the most amazing thing is that the season is not yet over for these athletes. Next week they will travel to Wisconsin for the NAIA national championships.

At John Bryan State Park in a small town in Ohio, the men's cross country team made NNU history. They were the first team since the 1997 women's basketball team to win a national title. Only the second team in NNU history to do so. Not only did they win the title, but they also placed every individual on the team in the top



Randy Dalzell

The Cross Country Men's team poses for a victory shot. The two teams brought home 8 All-American honor awards, 7 for the men's team, and one for the women's team.

fifteen. This gave every single member All-American honors.

Francis Kimeli led the team to victory with a third place individual finish in a time of 25:03.56. "I was happy with my finish," says Kimeli. "My leg has been hurting so I did not want to run to hard. I just wanted to keep my position. I did not want to make my leg hurt worse this week. Next week, I will put my all into it."

Following Kimeli in fourth was Aaron Matthias with a time of 25:18.01. Zack Dwello finished seventh with a time of 25:26.42.

Coach Randy Dalzell was also rewarded for his time and effort by being awarded NCCAA coach of the year. This is his third coach of the year award following one for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and Region 1. Dalzell says, "This is a special group, and they have

accomplished a lot of great things this season. Winning nationals is a great accomplishment for the team, but it doesn't seem as big because they have had such a winning season."

Dalzell was especially proud of the team's pack running and small time gap. One of the important things a cross country team can do to ensure winning a race is to run together as a pack in the lead of the race. In this race, the men had only 29 seconds between all of the top five runners.

"The key to their success has been running as a group and learning to help each other out," says Dalzell.

The team has started encouraging each other in the middle of the race. It is not strange to be watching a cross country meet and hear an NNU athlete yell "Go NNU!" while he is in the process of racing. They talk to each other and even threaten each other in the

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Nampa Mayor undecided, re-vote called

Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Writer

Nampa city officials have officially set the date for the run-off election for mayor for Dec. 4. The election ended in a stalemate last week, forcing city council members to reflect on the decision made three years ago that led to the extended election.

The council had no debate Thursday as it set the first Tuesday in December for the city's first mayoral runoff election. That election pits City Councilman Tom Dale against incumbent Mayor Maxine Horn. Dale garnered 48 percent of the vote compared to 46 percent for Horn,

both shy of the majority needed to take the office.

For voters, City Clerk Diana Lambing said the early December election will be a carbon copy of the one Tuesday. The only difference is the short preparation time for the city.

"The county has been able to secure all 17 polling places for the 4th," Lambing said, adding her office should be set up to start handling absentee voting by the end of next week.

Other than setting the runoff date, the only other item of business at the special, ten-minute meeting of the City Council was to accept the results of Tuesday's election.

The makeup of the council is the same as it was in September

1998, when members voted to require a 50 percent plus one majority for election of the mayor.

Just a year earlier, Maxine Horn had captured the mayor's office with just 31 percent of the vote in a five-candidate field.

Councilman Stephen Kren, who made the motion to change the law, remembered Thursday that he was persuaded by arguments contending whoever occupies the mayor's office should have the support of a majority of voters.

Dale said Thursday he was aware of the irony of his being



Rob Bartholomew/lpt

Nampa Mayoral candidates Tom Dale and Mayor Maxine Horn discuss election issues. The two will face off Dec. 4 in a re-vote.

the only dissenting vote three years ago.

Prior to that vote, he recalled, he had talked with Pocatello Mayor Greg Anderson, who had just been through a runoff.

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Image, perception and fun at Sodexho

By John Galloway
SGA Executive President

This piece was going to be an article devoted entirely towards apathy...and then I remembered that no one cares about apathy.

This is when I started to think about image. Image and perception mean a lot to so many people on campus and in society in general.

For instance, I am a senior and still have a meal plan with Sodexho. When I enter the "Dex," the first thing I do after

I scan my card is to look up and see who is sitting where and if there is a spot at the table for me.

Seniors are most vulnerable when chow time in the "Dex" comes along. In the words of one senior, "I'm always looking for people I know to sit with. It doesn't matter if I haven't seen them in over three years. When I recognize a face, I'm there."

Now this is not an article aimed at raising the awareness of where you sit in the "Dex" or a propaganda item aimed



John Galloway
Executive President

at asking you to be nice to seniors because they are old. Nor will I bore you with a stupid challenge about how image means nothing and you are a bad person if you are concerned with your image. Instead, I want to talk about the

Board of Regents (now called the Board of Trustees) and the image that they got of our student body.

This is for those that noticed all the older people wearing suits or dresses during the end of this past week that invaded the campus...yeah those were members of the Board of Regents.

I had the privilege of hosting the Regents along with members of student government and other select individuals that were seated in the "Dex" at 5:30 on Thursday night. (For those of you that remember, I was the frazzled one, wearing a suit and telling our guests that there was pizza in the main line, Salisbury steak on the far wall and BLT wraps located in the far corner.)

I tried to talk to as many of these regents as I could after they had finished eating. They all told me basically the same thing regarding their visit. First of all, they mentioned that the food was good, but they especially enjoyed the company of the students that took the time to talk and interact with them.

You, the students of Northwest Nazarene University, made an impact on the Regents this past week, and they appreciated the efforts. Comments were heard from the Regents about the "delightful people they were able to meet."

So thanks for being yourselves and taking the time to build community with invaders on our campus...oh, and us old people really appreciate the company.

Volunteers from American Red Cross conduct blood drive in Wordsworth Meeting Room

By Sarah Emerson and Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Writers

Volunteers from the American Red Cross ran a blood drive on campus last Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 10 am to 2 pm. The blood drive proved to be a huge success. Nearly seventy students turned out to give blood and do their part to help out with the national crisis.

Community Relations Coordinator, Jayson Grenn, says that it was important for students to help out. Grenn commented, "Sometimes we feel we can't do anything because we live on this side of the country. This is a chance to do our

patriotic duty."

The process of giving blood is a very interesting one for anyone who has not experienced it or is not familiar with it. Some people are just not able to give blood because they are under weight.

The process begins by filling out a questionnaire with around 40 questions that determine the safety of the individual's blood. The questions deal with sexual history, drug use and other safety questions.

After the questionnaire is filled out and approved, a nurse takes blood pressure, pulse, temperature and checks for anemia.

If any of these things are ab-

normal, it means that it may not be safe for the individual to give blood. But if everything is fine, then it is time to actu-

"Sometimes we feel we can't do anything because we live on this side of the country. This is a chance to do our patriotic duty."

~Jason Grenn

ally take the blood. The actual blood taking process can take anywhere from five to twenty minutes depending on the person.

After the blood is drawn, it is important for the blood donor to eat something with substance, but it is even more important for him or her to get a lot of fluids. This is important in order to regain body fluids.

Giving blood affects people in different ways. Sophomore Ryan Hanson says that it takes him about 20 minutes before he feels steady enough to get up and walk away. It takes several weeks to regain the red blood cells lost in the process of giving blood.

Many people feel it that is their duty as American citizens to give blood. There are varied reasons that people are motivated to do this. Hanson

says, "My dad got an organ transplant a while ago. This raised my family's awareness about organ tissue donation."

Such a large number of people in our area have been donating blood that the Northwest region's blood banks, including Washington, Oregon and Idaho, are full.

Because of this, the blood given by Northwest Nazarene University will be transferred to the East Coast to help with the efforts there. According to Grenn, NNU holds a blood drive twice each year. The next campus blood drive will be held during the first week of February 2002.

Editor's Note:

As the Campus Editor of this publication, it is essential that I have good writers who are ready and willing to put in the time to write good stories. I always have a need for more writers with new ideas and interests.

If you happen to be someone who is interested in writing campus news stories or have story ideas, please contact me at anwiggins@nnu.edu or call me at ext. 8129.

Campus Wide Chess Tournament

Saturday Nov. 17

For more information or to sign up contact Shemia Fagan at spfagan@nnu.edu



Todd McArthur
Andrew Tunnel wins the milk drinking contest at the freshmen class party. The freshmen class party was held Friday night, Nov. 9. Other activities included karaoke, bobbing for apples and chubby bunny.

International fair helps to broaden horizons

Exotic foods, interesting exhibits draw much attention

By Sharece Bunn
Campus Writer

Northwest Nazarene University students were greeted with some sensational African style music in chapel last Monday, Nov. 5.

Students may have been expecting the African Children's Choir to come out singing from behind the curtains. But, low and behold, down the middle aisle emerged students bearing international flags and garb. They stood on the stage holding the flags proudly as sophomore Sarah LeBaron spoke of the International Fair that was to occur that coming Thursday.

The fair was held on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 11 to 2 in the Student Center, a perfect place for the event since it is the center of many student activities. Students went to lunch and were greeted with tables full of cool looking stuff from different countries. For a while, so many students were congregated in the area in front of the Dex that it was hard to get in.

The students in the Third World Issues class were divided into groups of four or five people. In these groups, they studied in detail the different economic struggles of the third world country of their choice.

The countries featured at the international fair were Uganda, Papua New Guinea, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, Brazil, Mexico, Zambia,

Myanmar and Kazakhstan.

LeBaron and her classmates all worked together on a Papua New Guinea booth. LeBaron, a missionary kid for 15 years in Papua New Guinea, describes the country as a "land of beauty and diversity." With all the décor from this island on the South Pacific, there were samples of tin fish and rice that the students gave out to those passing by.

"In our efforts to live in peace with one another, we need to develop an understanding for cultural differences. This International Fair was a good start."

Rosalina Richmond graced the lobby with a table full of everyday US merchandise, all made in the Philippines. Mrs. Richmond is a native of the Philippines and moved to the US in 1976 when she married her husband, an NNU alumnus.

Students laughed when they saw the shirt that she proudly wore. It had a picture of Bart Simpson by the St. Dinatubo Volcano that erupted on June 15, 1991. The Philippines are much like Middle Eastern countries in that there are many Muslims, although eighty percent of the population is Catholic. It was amazing to

hear that 100 different dialects cover the 1100 islands of the Philippines.

The highlight of the International Fair was the exhibit from Zimbabwe. One of the girls from this group showed me snacks of dried fish and kapenta worms, which are actually dried caterpillars.

One of the students working at this exhibit had tasted the dried fish and reported that they were "not so bad." Kapenta worms come packaged for the Zimbabwe people to eat as a snack, much like we Americans eat beef jerky. It is incredible how much taste buds seem to vary throughout different cultures.

Heading towards the door to the Student Center, students might have bumped into freshman Sara Sohriakoff. When asked if she had gone to the International Fair, she got a grossed out look in her eye and said, "Yes, have you seen the dried caterpillar?" She gave an "ohh - gross" shudder.

She was also interested in the fact that other cultures find our food so sweet, when we often think their food is gross or un-edible.

The International Fair was a great event to have on campus, perhaps more meaningful with the events since Sept. 11. Too often, students and society in general focus on differences.

In our efforts to live in peace with one another, we need to develop an understanding and appreciation for cultural differences. This International Fair was a good start.



Shawna McArthur

Northwest Nazarene University professor joins students at exhibits displayed in the Student Center during the International Fair.



Shawna McArthur

Display tables such as this were lined up in the lobby of the Student Center to make up the main portion of the International Fair.

Readers Theater presents: "Let Me Out: I'm a Prisoner in a Stained Glass Jail"

By Jeanette Wickle
Campus Writer

Are you ready to have your ideas about your relationship with God challenged?

Coming at the end of this semester is the Northwest Nazarene University 2001 Fall Readers Theater.

The play "Let Me Out: I'm a Prisoner in a Stained Glass Jail" by Wally Ambruster will be discussing some of the harsh realities about Christian relationships with God. More

information regarding dates and other details will be coming out in an all campus email next week.

This will be an event that will be well worth your time, so make sure to keep updated on this year's readers Theater.

More information concerning the details on the Readers Theater will be available through a campus wide email later this week.



Shawna McArthur

Students gathered around exhibits exploring the various items on display. The Zimbabwe exhibit was one of the favorites of the event.

Academic All-Americans begin to overcome the athletic stereotype

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The typical stereotype of an athletic person does not usually include very much brain power. The Northwest Nazarene University women's cross country team is out to change this stereotype.

The NNU women had an incredible weekend at NCCAA nationals on the weekend of Nov. 9 and 10. Besides finishing fifth overall in the running event, they had the third highest team GPA out of all Christian college teams. The team was lead by junior Kristin Lane who has a 3.82 GPA. The team as a whole had a cumulative GPA of 3.60.

To receive academic All-American honors, student athletes must be at least junior standing and have a 3.4 GPA or above. Four Northwest Nazarene University women and one man received academic All-American honors at the banquet following the national meet.

The banquet was held in the lobby of the Cedarville University Auditorium. The five students were mentioned and applauded along with numerous other student athletes from about the country.

Brice Roncace, a junior computer science major from Meridian, ID, was the only guy to receive this honor. He has a cumulative GPA of 3.85. Brice also received the Great Northwest Athletic Conference runner of the week last week.

Rachelle Conrath had the honor of the highest GPA on the Northwest Nazarene team. She was unable to

compete at the national meet because of prior responsibilities and health problems. Because of this, she was unable to be a part of the academic team scoring, but she was still able to receive All-American honors for her hard work. Conrath is a nursing major with a 3.92 GPA.

Lane is a pre-med major

The NNU women's cross country team had the third highest GPA out of all Christian colleges competing at the NCCAA national meet. They also had five academic All-Americans.

who transferred to NNU this year from University of Idaho. She has been battling problems with her hips but was still able to compete and contribute greatly to the team.

The fourth All-American was Heather Esposito. She was also unable to compete but still received honors. Esposito is a liberal arts major from Kuna, ID with a 3.55 GPA. She battled knee problems all year but still persevered through the season with an indefatigable spirit. Esposito was team captain along with Mindy Meier and did a great job.

The final academic All-American was Erica Madison, a biology/chemistry major from Anchorage, Alaska with a 3.40 GPA. Madison was consistently the second runner on the team taking her times down by over a minute

throughout the season. She was also a great team leader and inspiration to her teammates.

When the team GPA's were averaged out, sophomores Susan Young and Ann-Marie Wiggins were added into the mix with GPA's of 3.6 and 3.7 respectively. Although these two could not yet receive All-American honors because of their sophomore standing, they were still counted as a part of the team score.

Each of these individuals have worked very hard both in athletics and academics and were very deserving of the honors they received.

Campus ministry opportunities

By Sarah Emerson
Campus Writer

Hope House Ministries

The Hope House Ministries group goes on weekly visits to the "Hope House."

The Hope House is a refuge for abused and neglected children. Besides visiting the children and having devotions and games with them, the group also takes the children on outings and visits to the Northwest Nazarene campus.

PALS is an outreach group that works with developmentally disabled high schoolers. Participants in this club work with these special kids on a very personal level.

Members strive to develop friendships through every day fun activities such as bowling, going to the park and eating pizza.

Angels Club

Each week, volunteers from the Angels club work with the disabled elderly in Nampa's R&V shelter.

They participate in simple activities such as playing Bingo and eating popcorn with these senior citizens.

The group also takes the elderly out for a McDonald's breakfast once each semester and cooks them Thanksgiving dinner.

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Homecoming

Here's what's happening:

Wednesday: Homecoming Banquet: "A Wink and a Smile"

It's a sort of jazz, it's a Harry Conick Jr. jam

- Court reception from 6:00-6:30 pm in Clydes
- Baquet from 6:30-8:00 pm
- Pictures will be taken by the Psych Club

Thursday: Homecoming Concert: "Glory to God in the Highest!"

All of the Music Dept. will be doing what they do wonderfully relaxed and fun

- The concert starts at 7:30 pm
- Tickets available through the Alumni Office
- Cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for children, students & seniors

Friday: Homecoming Coronation: "As Time Goes By"

The Homecoming Court will be all decked out in their finest duds. Come and witness who will be the 2001 King and Queen

- The coronation will be directly after the basketball game.
- Stick around afterward for the Homecoming Variety Show!

Don't miss: The Fall Play:

"Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

The Treasure Valley Showdown:

Northwest Nazarene University
vs.
Albertson College of Idaho

Homecoming Court:

Frosh - Sara Sohriakoff & Mark Porterfield
Soph - Todd Fulcher & Alisha Kafka
Junior - Stephanie Rhodes & Chad Frosland
Senior - Kara Lyons, Jayme Harding Sarah Hughes, Joe Chapman, John Galloway & Scot Mortimer

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NNU Concert band impresses audience

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

On Friday, Nov. 9 the Northwest Nazarene University concert band held a concert in the Brandt Center. Dr. Casey Christopher directed the band through two sets of various music styles.

The night opened with the *George Washington Bicentennial March*, written and arranged by John Phillip Souza. Souza is arguably the most famous march writer of all time. He is most famous for the patriotic march, *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

The next song on the program was *Canzona*. This piece demonstrates all the characteristics of 20th century music, but it is written in a classical style. It contains obvious dissonances that set it apart as 20th century music. After this unique piece, the band switched back to something more traditional with *Themes from the Sound of Music*. This piece was a general favorite with the audience because of its familiarity.

At this point in the concert, the woodwind quintet took over. The quintet members are Jodie Schueler on flute; Sara Keller, clarinet; Megan Garske, oboe; Spring Fisk, horn and Ryan Cronrath playing bassoon. The quintet members used this intermission as a time to prepare for their own concert which was held on Monday, Nov. 12.

When the concert band once again took the stage, they began their second set of music with a piece entitled, *Provanne*. This piece was written by Morton Gould. It is the second movement of a symphonette. One of the unique aspects of this song was that the flutes and clarinets had the opportunity to play the base line.

Next the band played, *Canticle of the Creatures*. This piece is based on the prayers of Francis of Assisi, a renowned saint who was intensely interested in nature. The piece contained six movements each dealing with a different aspect of nature, for example two of the movements were named, "Brother Fire" and "Mother Earth."

To wrap up the concert, the musicians played a touching rendition of *Amazing Grace*. They played an arrangement that has been played at many patriotic events in the last few weeks. It has been played often to commemorate the events of Sept. 11.

The concert was a success and many people enjoyed the varied music styles.



Shawna McArthur

All of the members of the concert band concentrate hard while they performed on Friday evening.

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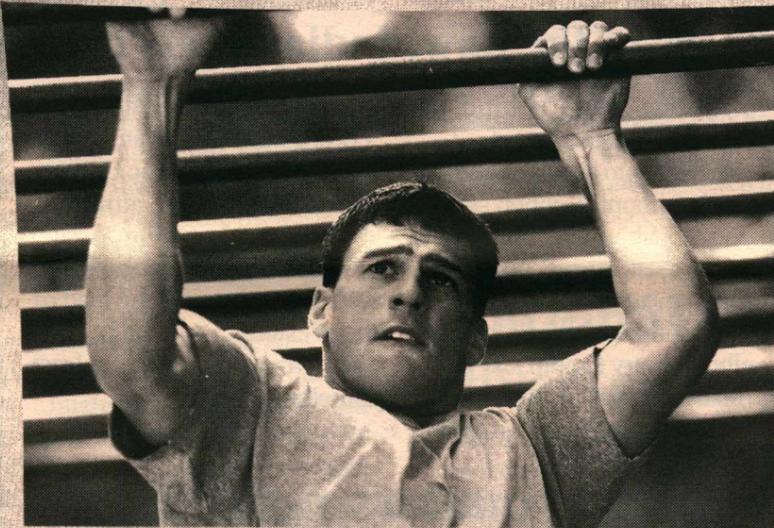
Compassionate Ministries Club

The Compassionate Ministries group provides a variety of services throughout the community.

They work with the Boise Rescue Mission and minister to the homeless in Nampa and Boise. They also provide tutoring for underprivileged children in the area.

Skaters In Christ

The members of the Skaters in Christ group runs an after-school skating program in the parking lot of College Church. The ministry reaches out to community kids who may not have otherwise attended church related events.



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Green Bay sent Bears packing home

By David Alban
Sports Writer

The game of the week in the NFL took place in Chicago this week, matching up the young Bears team and the Green Bay Packers. The two teams had a combined 11-3 record coming into the ballgame. The winner would go home as the NFC's Central division leader.

The Bears started out strong on their opening drive but became too conservative in the red zone and ended up with a field goal. That was the key to the whole game. Chicago could not score a touchdown.

The Packers woke up at the end of the second quarter and took the lead 10-9 at halftime. Favre completed a 41-yard touchdown pass to his favorite target, Schroeder.

Green Bay stifled Chicago's ground game in the second half and only gave up a field goal after the intermission. The Packers secured the victory after stopping Chicago on a



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Hearst's running has been the key to the Niner's strong start.

fourth down play with 40 seconds to go.

Favre passed for 268 and Green Bay ran for 93 to lead the Packers to a much-coveted victory. Chicago's luck ran out as they lost for the first time at home, 20-12.

San Francisco was able to hold off New Orleans in the bay area, 28-27. The two teams combined for over 900 yards of offense. Cocky Terrell

Owens caught a couple touchdowns for the Niners.

Pittsburgh's place kicker Kris Brown made all five of his field goals and scored all of the Steelers points in their overtime victory against Cleveland. Brown missed four of five last week in defeat. Cleveland lost for the second consecutive week in overtime.

Miami snuck past the Colts to stay atop the AFC East. Colts receiver Marvin Harrison had 174 receiving yards in the loss. Dolphin's young quarterback Fiedler continues to lead his team to victory with 259 yards passing on the day.

Behind a 266-yard rushing performance by Alexander, the Seahawks upset the Raiders 34-27. Alexander's total was the fourth best running total ever in a single game.

The Rams continue to be the team to beat this year with their route of Carolina. With Faulk now healthy, this team is scarier than ever.

Nets tear it up, Lakers in the flow, Indiana sets pace

By Matt Fraley
Sports Editor

Here's a peak at last week's action:

Pacers won three straight thanks to Rose's solid play and Thomas' smart coaching.

Nets are 5-1 (4K offense is deadly: Keith, Kerry, Kenyon and Kidd), and Boston (4-2) is

only one game behind the Atlantic Division leader.

Sacramento survives another week without Webber, second only to Shaq and Kobe (and their teammates who play sometimes).

Iverson comes back from his elbow injury to help last year's finalist win their first game.

Oddly enough, Jordan's

weezers wake up beside New York, Philly and Miami at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Clippers are almost at .500 despite the O-dumb issue.

The Wolves are competing with the Lakers for the lead of the Western Conference.

The Grizzlies are last... at least something is right.

College Basketball: heart matters, not rankings

By Josh Zickefoose
Sports Writer

In college sports, a panel votes on who they think are the top teams. Sometimes numbers do not mean anything at all. Number two Maryland should be able to overpower a non-ranked team any day, right? Number two should mean that only one team is ranked higher.

Well, on Thursday Nov. 8, unranked Arizona proved the rankings wrong by defeating number two Maryland. Arizona did not win by a close call but dominated a second place team. Now Maryland has dropped to third after only one weekend of play. If only beating a second place team does not impress someone, going out the next day and beating fifth place Florida should! The Wildcats took it down to the wire, but defeated the Gators on Friday night to win the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic tournament.

In the Florida game former red shirt player Rick Anderson

came up big scoring the last six points, and in both games, PG Jason Gardner scored 23 points helping his team to win. Jason only averaged 10.6 points in 31

minutes in his 30 games last year. So far, in only two games and about 39 minutes per game, he has averaged 23 points. The Wildcats of Arizona play all top 25 teams up until December 20th. I would expect to see Arizona ranked if they continue to dominate top 25 teams.

Here are some of my early predictions on teams that are going to do well this year: Duke (of course), Kentucky, Maryland, Arizona, Gonzaga (if they continue to play like they have the past three years), Illinois, Syracuse, Stanford, UCLA, Iowa, Kansas and Indiana.

My predictions will most likely change after next week's games because there have only been a couple top 25 games this week. Furthermore, as the year progresses, I will pick the teams I think will contend for the national title.

I shall now leave you with the words of Dick Vitale: "It's college basketball time, baby!!"

ESPN Men's college basketball poll

Rank	Team	W-L
1.	Duke (30)	—
2.	Illinois (1)	—
3.	Kentucky	—
4.	UCLA	—
5.	Kansas	—
6.	Maryland	1-1
7.	Florida	1-1
8.	Missouri	—
9.	St. Josephs	—
10.	Iowa	—
11.	Virginia	—
12.	Arizona	2-0
13.	Michigan St.	—
14.	Memphis	—
15.	Georgetown	—
16.	Stanford	—
17.	Boston Col.	—
18.	Oklahoma St	—
19.	Syracuse	—
20.	Indiana	—
21.	N. Carolina	—
22.	Texas	—
23.	USC	—
24.	Oklahoma	—
25.	Temple	0-2

Power houses, power failures

A weekly commentary by David Alban

Team (W-L)	Notes	Last Week
1. Rams (5-1)	Faulk makes an MVP like return to the line-up. Rams doubled the point spread with a 34-point victory.	2
2. Raiders (6-1)	Could not stop the running game against Seattle. Alexander ran all over them.	1
3. Niners (6-1)	Niners need to work on their defense but their offense is impressive with the sudden emergence of Hearst.	4
4. Packers (5-2)	Favre played well to end the Bears six game-winning streak. Defense didn't allow a touchdown.	5
5. Bears (5-2)	Could not convert in the red zone for a touchdown. Offensive coordinator needs to be more creative.	3
6. Steelers (5-2)	Kicker misses 4 field goals last week, makes 5 today including the game winner in overtime.	6
7. Dolphins (4-3)	Sneak past Colts this week. Big AFC divisional win for dolphins. Fiedler comes through again.	8
8. Eagles (5-2)	Behind QB Donovan McNabb, the Eagles put 48 points on the board against a struggling Viking team.	NR
31. Panthers (1-7)	Got slaughtered by Saint Louis. University of Nebraska would probably beat the Panthers.	31
32. Lions (0-7)	Made it into overtime and are getting closer each week to a victory but still the only winless team in the NFL.	32

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	MIDWEST	W	L
New Jersey	5	1	Minnesota	6	0
Boston	4	2	San Antonio	5	2
Orlando	3	4	Houston	5	2
Miami	2	4	Dallas	5	2
New York	2	5	Denver	3	4
Washington	2	5	Utah	2	5
Philadelphia	1	5	Memphis	0	6

CENTRAL	W	L	PACIFIC	W	L
Indiana	6	2	L.A. Lakers	6	0
Milwaukee	4	1	Sacramento	5	2
Detroit	4	2	Golden State	4	3
Toronto	4	3	Portland	4	4
Charlotte	3	3	LA Clippers	3	4
Chicago	1	5	Phoenix	3	4
Atlanta	1	6	Seattle	3	5
Cleveland	1	6			

Top Five week two performers

Vince Carter (Raptors): His two 3 point shooting clinics (a combined 14-23 from beyond the arc) and his 82 outburst over two games is simply amazing.

Donyell Marshall (Jazz): The man was SMOKING this last week. He scored 50 points on 21-24 from the field (!), including 8.5 boards. He's shooting 68% from the field (1st in NBA).

Gary Payton (Sonics): 27pts, 10asts, 6rbs, and 50% shooting this last week. Maybe Seattle isn't that bad, Gary!

LA Clippers: It's a simple equation: Brand's 20 ppg, 10 rpg + McClinnis' 60% shooting, 16 ppg, and 10 apg - Odom (who violated the NBA anti-drug policy) = two wins and a loss.

"Peja" Stojakovic (Kings): Check out his stats for the last 4 games. 30ppg, 7rbs, 30-32ft, 57% shooting. Webber who?

Losses might cost teams' season

By David Alban
Sports Writer

A big upset and a couple near others marked the news this week. The Huskies lost whereas Miami and Oregon struggled for their victories.

In the final seconds of the game, Boston College had a chance to beat Miami. They were down by five, first and goal, with the ball on the eight-yard line.

On first down, a slant pass was batted up in the air and picked up by a Miami player who returned for a touchdown to dash the Eagles of their upset hopes. Miami holds on 18-7.

UCLA had horrible play-calling in the second half and it cost them a victory at home versus Oregon. Bob Toledo decided not to go for two when the Bruins scored an early fourth quarter TD, and the team ended up losing by one to the Ducks.

The Bruins looked fine without star running back DeShaun Foster who was suspended indefinitely due to an NCAA rules violation. Oregon was not impressive but posted a W. The Ducks still have a slim shot at the Rose Bowl.

Eighth ranked Washington got blown away at Oregon State 49-24. The Huskies did not show up for the game mentally. The Beavers finally showed the nation why *Sports Illustrated* ranked them first in the preseason poll.

The Bowl Championship Series rankings did not change much this week.

Nebraska stayed number one followed by Miami and Oklahoma. Oregon jumped into fourth with Texas and Tennessee right on their tail. The next two weeks decide the fate of these teams. Most of them control their own destiny.

The AP College Football poll

Rank	Team	W-L	last
1.	Miami Fla (44)	(8-0)	1
2.	Nebraska (28)	(11-0)	2
3.	Oklahoma	(9-1)	3
4.	Florida	(8-1)	4
5.	Texas	(9-1)	5
6.	Tennessee	(7-1)	6
7.	Oregon	(9-1)	7
8.	BYU	(10-0)	9
9.	Washington St.	(9-1)	11
10.	Maryland	(9-1)	13
11.	Michigan	(7-2)	12
12.	Illinois	(8-1)	15
13.	Stanford	(6-2)	16
14.	Syracuse	(8-2)	18
15.	Colorado	(8-2)	21
16.	Washington	(7-2)	8
17.	Auburn	(7-2)	24
18.	Virginia Tech	(7-2)	23
19.	Louisville	(9-1)	25
20.	UCLA	(6-3)	17
21.	Florida State	(6-3)	10
22.	South Carolina	(7-3)	14
23.	Georgia	(5-3)	19
24.	Marshall	(8-1)	NR
25.	Ohio State	(6-3)	NR

NNU cross country men

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in the middle of the race. Brice Roncace says that he enjoys scaring his teammates during the race by saying things like, "I'm catching up to you, you better run faster!"

Some people think of cross country as a purely individual sport. This is a false assumption; the team aspect of cross country is essential. The NNU men have proved this time and again this season. In fact, Coach Dalzell says, "Cross country is the ultimate team sport. Every single guy has made the others better." One of the team goals for this season was to have all seven of the team members receive All-American honors. Through working together and encouraging each other, this goal was accomplished. Brice Roncace commented, "Before the race, I thought all I need to do is run with the guys I run with every day. I decided to stop thinking; I just went into auto-pilot."

Zack Dwello summed up the attitude of the team by describing it as "a dream becoming reality." Zack was most excited by the fact that this was the closest he had ever finished to Aaron Matthias, but the national championship was a plus too!

Next weekend, the team has high goals for themselves. Coach Dalzell says, "We hope to continue what we have been doing in an even larger field. The goal is to work as a group and put runners in between the top guys from Life University who are the returning national champs."

Ben Wornell comments on

his last race and the race to come: "After the race I was happy because I ran within acceptable parameters. But it only lasted for about 10 or 20 minutes, then I was almost as nervous for next week as I had been for the race I had just run." No matter how nervous they get, these athletes have amazing talent and they have already accomplished more than most people could even dream.

The girls team also competed at the national meet. They had a great race as well finishing fifth out of 22 teams. Ann-Marie Wiggins placed 11th individually receiving All-American honors. Erica Madison and Susan Young both ran well also, placing 18th and 25th respectively. The women experienced a very distracting event when key runner Jessica Wiggins sprained her ankle the night before the race during a team run. Wiggins persevered though, and ran the last race of the season on a sprained ankle. When the men's and women's team scores were compiled, they finished third behind Malone College and Cedarville University.

Other men finishers: Caleb Tubei 9th, 25:29.79; Brice Roncace 10th, 25:32.72; Juraj Trubiroha 12th, 25:41.31; Ben Wornell 14th, 25:49.75.

Women finishers: Ann-Marie Wiggins 11th, 19:05.90; Erica Madison 18th, 19:33.71; Susan Young 25th, 19:47.42; Mindy Meier 46th, 20:27.48; Kristin Lane 59th, 20:55.79; Jana Harris 66th, 21:02.85; Jessica Wiggins 85th, 22:19.5.

Saders lose seniors but end season with win

By Carrie Hays
Sports Writer

Saturday night was a night of excitement, tears and memories for the volleyball team capped by a win against Humboldt State. As three seniors prepared for their last game of their college career, Nancy York (Aurora, CO), Erin Hellberg (Walla Walla, WA) and Rachel Roberts (Boise, ID), they thanked their coaches for the time, dedication and friendship that they had given. They thanked their teammates for the fun times that they had shared. Senior, Erin Hellberg commented, "Coming to NNU, I wasn't very excited. But the friendships I made here made it all worthwhile. We have all become so close over these last four years. I'll miss all of them a lot."

NNU fell behind in Game 1 and trailed by as many as seven points in the game. NNU then made several attempts to close the gap. At 23-27, Roberts

served three straight points to bring the score to 26-27. Hellberg had 2 assists as frosh. Lilly Carreon (Marsing, ID) delivered with 2 kills. At 26-28, setter, Mindy Swanson (San Diego, CA) surprised Humboldt with a kill. However, NNU lost the game at 28-30.

In Game 2, NNU trailed closely for most of the game. NNU played excellent defense denying Humboldt with 4 double blocks. At 18-21, NNU began playing more aggressively. The gap closed as Louise Free (Eagle, ID), Roberts, and Hellberg delivered important kills. In a potential game point for Humboldt, Swanson evened the score and gave NNU a chance for the win. Free and Carreon denied Humboldt with a double block to tie it at 30-30. At 33-33, 2 kills from Hellberg and serves from Roberts provided NNU with the much deserved win.

In Game 3, Humboldt stayed close but Free's five kills and her single block added to

Roberts impressive seven straight points enabled NNU to claim the set.

NNU played great defense in Game 4: 7 blocks and important digs from Laryssa Mereszczak (Grangeville, ID) and Hellberg. The score was close until the Saders pulled away when Swanson served five straight points. Hellberg's powerful kill down the middle gave NNU the win.

The ladies ended their season with a strong win. Hellberg concluded, "It was disappointing that we didn't make it to post-season play, but knowing that it was my last game, I knew that I couldn't hold back." Hellberg did indeed the play aggressively and consistently the whole game.

As for next season, the seniors encouraged their teammates that, "We'll get them next year." With a team so full of talent, there is no doubt that they can accomplish just that in years to come.

Upcoming Crusader sporting events

Women's soccer

The lady Saders are invited for the first time to NCCAA national tournament in Kissimmee, Florida. NNU (11-8) will attempt to improve their school record eleven season wins against Spring Arbor (Michigan).

Seniors Jamie Swanson (San Diego, CA), Jayme Mottram (Spokane, WA) and Mindy Gibbens (Eugene, OR) will be ending their college careers on the right foot, regardless of the outcome of either game, this next weekend.

The team is confident and feels it is prepared for this challenge.

NNU was selected as one of the eight best Christian teams in the nation, and they will bring a banner back ... whether they have to steal it or not.

The kickoff is set for 2:30 EST on Sunday, so be sure to follow the game if you can.

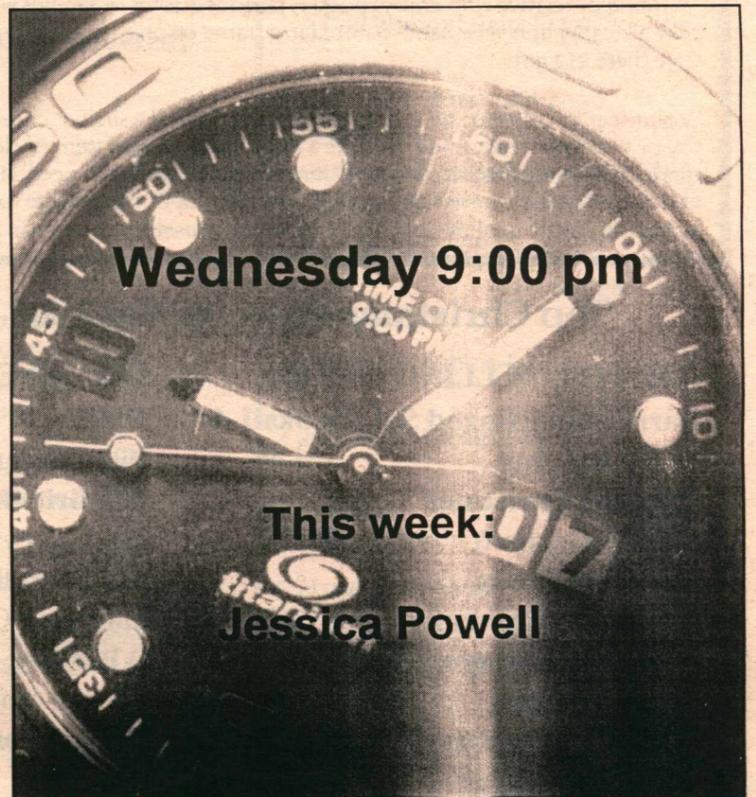
Men's Basketball

The team is ready for this season and coach Sanders will surely enjoy a winning season.

On Nov. 7, NNU shot the lights out in an impressive win against the Northwest all stars.

Junior transfers Tyler Jeans (Centralia, WA) and Larry Graves (Las Vegas, NV) bring more shooting ability to a very deep and talented NNU team.

Look out for less defensive pressure inside which should free up our dangerous big men.



Need some Christmas gift ideas?

Here are a few ideas to get you started

*Select a cookbook and choose a recipe from the book. Attach a card to the front that includes the recipe name and page number. Place the cookbook and dry ingredients for the recipe in a decorative basket.

*Candles are the rage this holiday season! Tie them in bundles with holiday ribbon or stack them in a festive box. Include an appropriate candleholder.

*Fill an attractive cup or dish with a friend's favorite chocolates or other treats. Wrap attractively with holiday ribbons and plastic wrap to hold it in place. Place in a festive bag for delivery.

*For the coffee lover, fill a coffee cup with packets of different flavor coffees or cocoas and chocolate covered spoons.

*Make theme or hobby baskets. Fill a decorative basket with goodies that the receiver uses for his or her hobby (i.e. for the golf lover, fill with golf balls, tees and club covers; for the needlework lover, place different types of flosses, patterns and needles).

*Select various packets of flower seeds. Place in a planting pot with gardening tools and gloves. Make a raffia bow to hold items in place.

*Put the computer to use! Make a set of thank you notes or stationery; tie with a festive ribbon and place in an attractive tin for that one of a kind gift. Don't forget to include a colorful pen and envelopes!

*Photos make great gifts. Try taking pictures of events throughout the year or of one special activity. Place them in an attractive album with comments. A single picture framed is also nifty.

*For the creative write, a journal for recording thoughts, poems, etc., is always a treasure.

*Herbal teas, a teapot, a teacup and saucer. What could be more charming!

*Potpourri is easy to make and you can create a scent just for the holidays. Mix together broken cinnamon sticks, dried orange peel, whole cloves, evergreen clippings and dried lemon peel. Half fill cellophane florists' bags and tie with a holiday ribbon.

*Someone taking a trip very soon? Make their holiday gift a travel kit. Fill a nice zipper case with a travel clock and travel size products you know they will need (toothpaste, shampoo, shaving cream, etc.) The time you used gathering this gift will give the receiver extra time for packing and getting to the airport!

*New and old drivers alike need this gift. Give a car safety kit. It's one of those practical items that every vehicle should have.

*Your hands are your hardest workers. Give them the pampering they deserve. Give a friend or relative a nice manicure kit and some hand softening lotion. Add a pair of nighttime gloves so that the pampering can continue while sleeping.

*The stresses of the holidays can knock out celebrating for many. The common cold slips in no matter how hard we try to keep it at bay. Make a sensible gift by putting together a cold first aid kit. Don't forget the socks, mittens, chicken soup (and recipe), Echinacea and lozenges. Eventually this gift will come in handy.

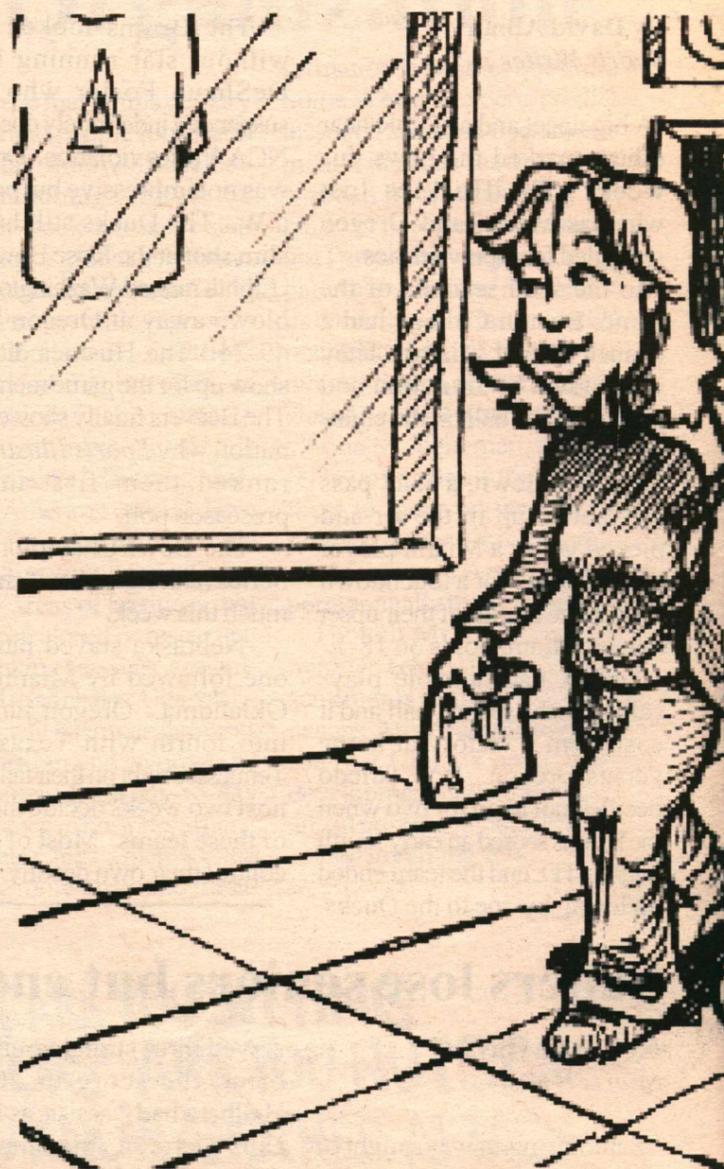
*For the sentimental video buff, put together a gift package containing a Christmas classic video or other favorite, tasty gourmet popcorn and a six pack of cola. A plastic bowl would make a great container in which to give the gift.

*Is there a fitness fanatic on your gift list? Maybe a warm-up suit, exercise video, weights or health club membership is just the thing.

*Almost every holiday list has one college student on it. Make that person the happy recipient of a telephone card.

*A friend or relative who enjoys poetry, famous quotes or sayings will be able to relish them often if they are calligraphed or hand-painted in a frame or on a plaque. Time and means are special gifts. Give them as a gift.

*Volunteer to help prepare and serve a holiday meal at a shelter, church, temple or synagogue. Buy a toy or two for a needy child. Include a book and a needed item of clothing. Have slightly used clothing? Donate them to organizations that help families in need. Since December is cold in many places, coats are a number one priority. Another option would be to donate some blankets for the homeless: gently used or new. Give them out yourself or contact an organization that is doing it.



ONLY 40 DAYS LEFT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

TIPS ON SAVING CASH DURING THE HOLIDAYS

On average, Americans spend over \$1,500 on Christmas. Don't have that kind of cash? Use these tips to help keep down the holiday costs.

- Shop during the off-season. Shop early in the day and early in the week. That will reduce the likelihood you'll just buy and bolt to avoid the holiday press.
- Relax. If the season is starting to get to you, take a break. Stress leads people to make purchases under pressure and overspend.
- Be sure. Before you buy a gift, make sure it fits your price range as well as fits the recipient. Avoid impulse buying.
- Take cash. Before you go out, plan ahead and only take enough cash for those purchases.
- Don't charge. Credit cards can make holiday shopping easier in the short term but will burn you in the end.
- Track your spending. Make sure you keep track of who you have bought presents for, how much you paid for them and how much money is left in your budget.
- Enough is enough. Once you've finished purchasing everything on your list, stay away from the stores and the temptation to pick up just one more thing.

Top Christmas Buys for the 2001 Holidays

TOP FIVE SELLING BOOKS

Harry Potter Boxed Set (Books 1-4)

By J.K. Rowling \$51.48

Skipping Christmas

By John Grisham \$11.97

The Fiery Cross

By Diane Galbaldon \$16.77

Churchill: A Biography

By Roy Jenkins \$26.25

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

By J.K. Rowling \$6.99

TOP FIVE SELLING VHS

Shrek

Mike Meyers \$15.95

The Grinch

Jim Carrey \$16.95

Barbie in the NutCracker

Animated Cartoon \$16.99

O Brother, Where Art Thou?

George Clooney \$12.99

The Sopranos - The 2nd Season

Sopranos \$79.99



IT TO GET YOUR SHOPPING DONE!

CRAFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Homemade Gift Wrap

Materials

- acrylic paint (your choice of colors)
- paint brush
- paper bag, butcher paper, or banner paper
- scissors
- plastic wrap
- cookie cutter
- pencil

Directions

-Roll out your butcher or banner paper (enough to cover your gift). If using a paper bag, simply cut it along one of the side seams and across the bottom and lay flat.

-Paint the entire piece of paper one color and let dry.

-Once dry, generously brush on other colors in a random pattern (without letting the paint dry).

-While paint is still wet, layer a piece of plastic wrap on top of the paint and crinkle.

-Let paint dry and then remove plastic wrap; This adds a beautiful pattern and texture.

-To add a design, trace around a cookie cutter and then paint in the shapes. Once dry, trim so no white edges show and wrap your gift.

Homemade Snow Globes Covered Boxes

Materials:

- Small jars with lids
- Silver glitter
- Super glue or hot glue gun
- Small plastic figurines for a scene
- Water or oil
- Ribbon (optional)

Directions:

-Wash and dry the jars.

-Using super glue or a glue gun glue the small plastic figurines inside the lid of the baby food jar. Let this dry thoroughly

-Fill the jar with water. Sprinkle in some silver glitter. Note: You may want to use clear oil instead of water if you want the snow to fall more slowly.

-Carefully screw on the lid with the figures glued to it. Make sure it is tight.

-Shake your jar and watch the snow fall.

-You may want to tie or glue a ribbon around the lid for decoration.

Covered Boxes

Materials (fabric covered)

- Fabric to cover
- White craft glue
- Ribbon

Materials (paper-covered)

- Paper to cover
- Glue stick
- Acrylic paint
- Stencil
- Stencil brush

Directions:

-Cover each box with fabric or paper. To achieve the neatest finish, experiment with the corner folds before you glue them down.

-Decorate the paper covered box with stencils and allow to dry.

-Glue ribbon to the lid of the fabric covered box with craft glue.

-Push pins are useful for holding the ribbon in place while the glue dries.

-Tie the ribbon in a bow and glue it to the top.

Doing your Christmas shopping online?

Here are some online companies that specialize in Christmas-time gifts.

AAA Fruit Basket: Providing daily delivery of the freshest fruit baskets anywhere! We'll provide all your gifting needs in the United States and Canada.

Abbey Press: Gifts for all seasons. Marketer of inspirational, religious, products that help consumers recognize and celebrate seasons and every day occasions in special way.

BayBerryGifts.com: BayberryGifts.com offers unique gifts from around the world. Framed art, gallery prints, atrium decor, candles, clocks, children, collectibles, far off treasures, jewelry and more.

Teddy Bears and More: Someone you know needs a hug! Quality teddys made in Canada by Moms & Grandmas.

CandleMart.com: Choose from scented, votive, aromatherapy, pillar, and other candle products as well as candle holders, bath and body and fragranced items.

Carepackages.com: Say 'I Care' with a personal care package or select one of our ready-made CarePackages.

Gadgetuniverse.com: Online catalog providing innovative products, gadgets, electronics, watches, security, lifestyle and health products!

Hollywood Mega Store: Hollywood Mega Store has tons of unique gift items related to the entertainment & movie industry! Your one stop shop for cool Hollywood memorabilia & movie collectibles.

SendaGift.com: Send a Gift.com offers a very large selection of gifts, baskets, flowers and gift ideas for any occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, or wedding. There is a corporate section for business gifts and services and same day delivery as well.

Whatonearth.com: Whether you have someone special to buy for or deserve a little reward for yourself, this collection of funwear and delightful diversions has the answer to all of your special shopping needs.

Wonderfully Wacky: Complete catalog of unique and unusual gift ideas from Wonderfully Wacky online gifts. Shop with confidence with our No-hassle guarantee.

Top 5 CD's and Top 5 Toys for the 2001 Holidays

COMPACT DISCS-

1. Echoes: The Best of Pink Floyd
\$19.98
2. A Day Without Rain, Enya
\$13.28
3. O Brother, Where Art Thou
Sound Track \$13.28
4. Christmas Extraordinaire, Mannheim
Steamroller \$12.58
5. Britney, Britney Spears
\$13.28

TOYS-

1. Jumbo 26' Minnie Doll
\$29.99
2. Jumbo 26' Mickey Doll
\$29.99
3. LeapPad
\$49.99
4. Imagination Desk
\$44.99
5. Monsters, Inc. Babbling Boo Doll
\$24.99

Prices by Amazon.com

China enters World Trade Organization

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus Writer

China joined the World Trade Organization, Saturday, Nov. 10, completing a quest that required 15 years of negotiating over whether the nation's embrace of a market economy would entitle it to the full trading rights of capitalist countries.

Trade ministers from the United States, Europe and India referred to the negotiations over China's admission as difficult, acrimonious and politically charged, but the admission ceremony was brief and cordial. The organization's director general, Michael Moore, hugged Shi Guangsheng, China's trade minister, as a moderator listed the articles of membership and declared, "The ministerial conference so agrees."

Chinese officials presented the nation's membership as one of their most significant diplomatic achievements since China displaced Taiwan and took a seat in 1971 on the United Nations Security Council.

That step gave China the political ranking of the United States and the former Soviet Union. These steps ensure China equal status for its fast-growing economy, though it will

have to grant foreign companies access to its 1.3 billion consumers in return.

World trade ministers gathered in this Persian Gulf emirate to hammer out an agenda for the liberalization of trade globally, and China's admission ceremony came on the second of five days of these talks.

Qatari troops in purple camouflage, security guards wearing flowing white robes and kaffiyehs surrounded the complex on the shores of the gulf to protect delegates, who had been warned of potential terrorist action. There were no disruptions.

The discussions were at an early stage, and few were predicting breakthroughs before Tuesday. The goal was to begin a three-year round of negotiations on all aspects of trade, but there is no guarantee that the effort will not fail as it did in Seattle two years ago.

American and European negotiators, who strongly promote trade liberalization, showed few signs of having suppressed a rebellion by some developing countries. Poorer nations are demanding concessions on trade issues they care about most before they agree to discuss the demands of their indus-

trial counterparts.

The most divisive issues include an attempt by India and Brazil to allow nations to violate medical patents when public health is at stake, an issue that focuses a broad swath of the developing world against the United States. Europe and Japan are under heavy pressure to remove some protections for farmers, a longtime goal of the United States and many poor nations that want to export more farm products.

India's trade minister, Murasoli Maran, said his nation would stand firm against any new round of trade liberalization if its demands are not met. "We will withstand all pressures," he said.

China's accession was greeted by delegates here as an important moment. But many officials privately say that the long-term implications are un-

certain.

"I believe that as this century unfolds and people look back on this day, they will conclude that in admitting China to the WTO, we took a decisive step in shaping a global economic and commercial system," said the American trade representative, Robert B. Zoellick.

He added that the changes China would have to make to comply with international trade rules remain a "daunting challenge." American officials have argued for years that the trade commitments will force China to open areas of business that have been closed or restricted, like banking services, agriculture and retail chains. Ultimately, Beijing will have to improve its legal system and remove the government from day-to-day interference in business affairs.

Whether China's membership marks a more profound trans-

formation is another question. Some Western experts predict that open trade and freer investment will act as seawater on a wooden pier, weakening the pillars of power of the Communist Party. China expects, for its part, to expand the market for its own export industries while maintaining the dichotomy between an open economy and a closed political system.

Anne M. Veneman, the secretary of agriculture, who is there to focus on farm trade, predicted that China's entry could increase American exports annually by \$2 billion.

Though Mr. Shi, the trade minister, echoed the trade-war sentiments of India and other nations, American officials foresee that China's passion for development will make a solid ally in pushing for trade liberalization in coming years.

Bush addresses UN regarding terrorism

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus Writer

President Bush attempted to project the war on the Taliban and Osama bin Laden in an extensive context globally this past Saturday, Nov. 10. He announced to the United Nations that all member countries are possible targets for terrorist acts and that the responsibility to fight is "binding on every nation with a place in this chamber."

In his first speech to the General Assembly, Bush said the time for simply offering condolences to the United States regarding the attacks on Sept. 11 had passed. Now is the time for each nation that is a member of the UN to come down on financing for terrorists in its borders. Aiding with intelligence data and making law enforcement a coordinated effort are two responsibilities of member nations.

Bush said, "Every nation has a stake in this case. As we meet, the terrorists are planning more murder, perhaps in my country or perhaps in yours."

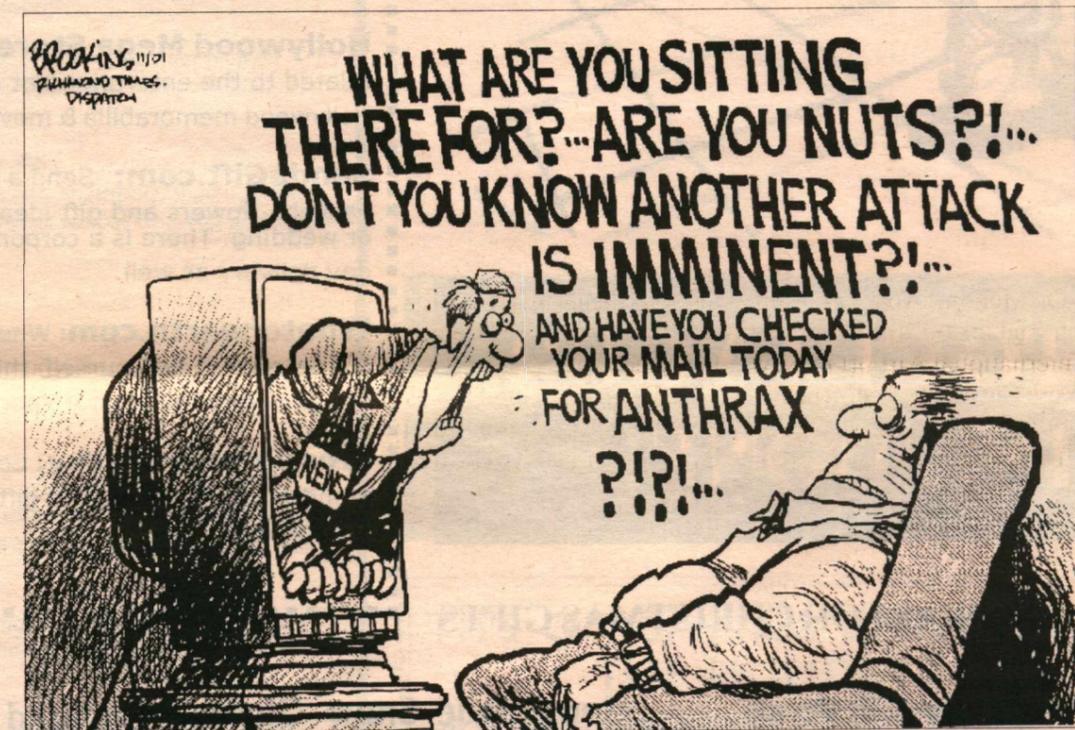
In order to put support behind his words, Bush stated that the US is giving a help package to Pakistan that is worth more than one

billion dollars as an exchange for the support of Pakistan in the war against Afghanistan.

Bush evoked directly bin Laden's exact words for the first time to alert and coerce action from the UN. In his reference to a video of bin Laden on a Jazeera TV network broadcast Nov. 3, Bush declared that "they called our secretary general a criminal and condemned all Arab nations here as traitors to Islam."

In a warning, Bush said that bin Laden and his network of terrorists would use nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as promptly as they found it possible. "No hint of conscience cannot prevent it. This threat cannot be ignored. This threat cannot be appeased. Civilization itself, the civilization we share, is threatened."

Bush also stated with more emphasis than he ever has before that there needs to be a state for Palestinians, and he called that state the name used by Arabs for the first time. "We are working toward the day when two states - Israel and Palestine - live peacefully together within secure and recognized borders," Bush stated. His use of the word "Palestine" seemed to be intended for its ap-



peal upon the audience of Muslims that have become impatient and uneasy with the war against Afghanistan.

The speech made by the President started two days of intense diplomacy to gain greater support for this war to end terrorism. Bush was one of over 40 leaders worldwide with plans to address the general annual debate at the General Assembly.

This General Assembly was deferred for the first time in the history of the organizations 56 years because of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Even though he was frank, Bush spoke plainly and avoided referring to bin Laden as "the evil one," a typical phrase the President uses when speaking to audiences of Americans.

"A few miles from here, many thousands still lie in a tomb of rubble," Bush said in reference to

the World Trade Center site of collapse in New York's Lower Manhattan. Bush visited the rubble site with officials from the United Nations on Sept. 12, and the names of all regions and nations from which citizens were lost - over 80 at the latest count - were recited.

"If we were to read the names of every person who died, it would take more than three hours," Bush stated. He added that the US should never let Sept. 11 be forgotten.

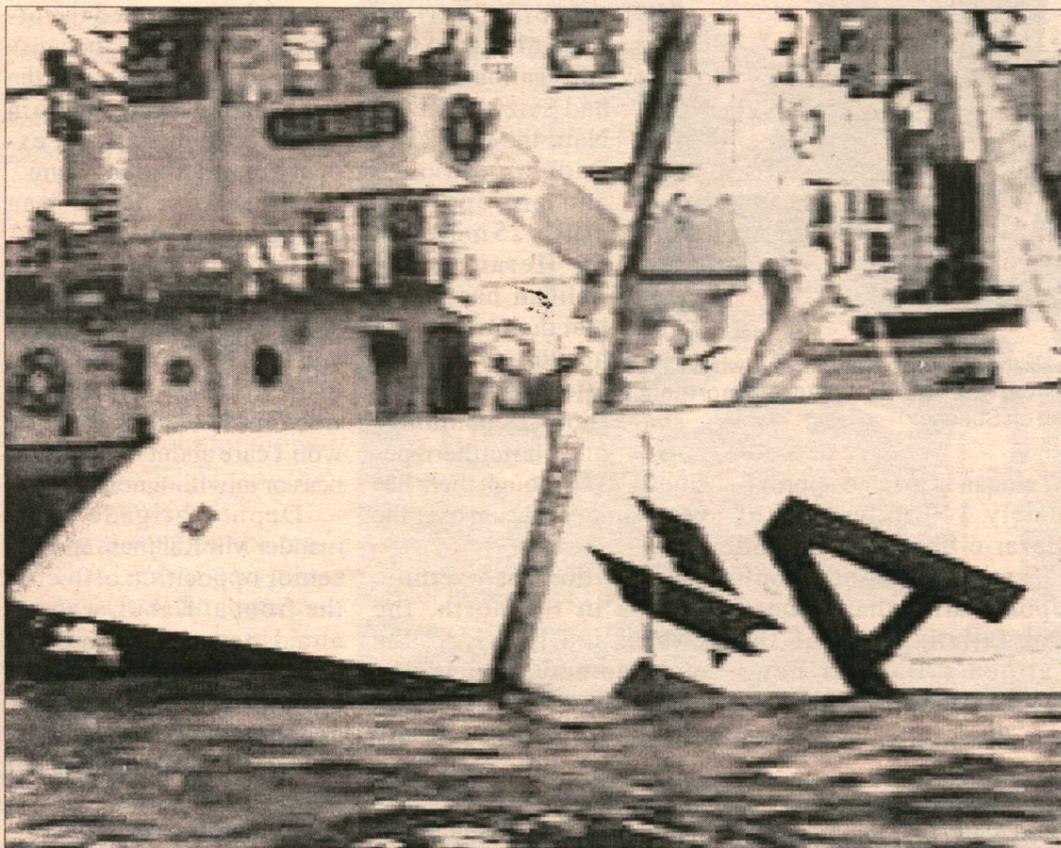
Reactions from Bush's speech ranged from restrained to optimistic. The British foreign minister, Jack Straw, called the speech a "very tough, positive speech with a very clear message." However, a Zambian delegate, Lazarous Kapambwe, stated he would have preferred for the President to address other problems besides terrorism. "The world is moving on.

There are deaths that are occurring from diseases, from HIV, from poverty."

Extreme security measures were taken since bin Laden had targeted the United Nations and many leaders worldwide in a broadcast message that was videotaped the weekend before this last by Al Jazeera, the Arab TV network. In his message, bin Laden said, "The United Nations is nothing but a tool of crime," and also named Secretary General Kofi Annan a "criminal." Intelligence analysts said the United Nations was singled out in the world in general.

The US had previously identified numerous nations it says give a haven of safety to terrorists. Somalia, Syria and Iraq are a few of the nations found to provide a secure haven. However, at the General Assembly, Bush did not speak the names of these nations.

American Airlines Flight 587 crashes near New York



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The vertical stabilizer of American Airlines Flight 587 is pulled out of Jamaica Bay. The plane crashed around 9:00am Monday. 246 passengers and 9 crew members were on board.

By Lisa Linard
Copy Editor

On Monday, Nov. 12, an airliner taking off from Kennedy International Airport in New York City crashed into a neighborhood in Queens.

The American Airlines Airbus A-300 passenger jet plummeted to the ground at 9:17 am Eastern Standard time, three minutes after taking off en route to Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic.

There were 246 passengers and nine crew members on board the flight. As of Monday evening, 161 bodies had been recovered, and there were no known survivors.

Mayor Rudolph W. Guiliani said, "We're recovering as many

bodies as we can. They'll be taken to Floyd Bennett Field for identification."

Several adults in the surrounding area are reported missing and many people were taken to hospitals to be treated for smoke inhalation. The fires were reported under control as of late Monday afternoon, according to the Fire Department.

Though nothing is being ruled out as far as the cause of the crash is concerned, government officials say the crash does not appear to result from an act of terrorism.

Gov. George Pataki of New York said witnesses had seen

the pilot dump some fuel into Jamaica Bay. This action would be "consistent with the pilot having some belief that there was a significant mechanical failure on the plane."

The chairwoman of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), Marion Blakely, said they had retrieved the plane's flight data recorder which was shipped to Washington for analysis. The cockpit voice recorder had not been located as of Monday evening. This device would have recorded conversation between the pilots.

The FBI believes there was

to conclusions."

He went on to explain the already heightened sense of security that the city has since they have been at the highest state of alert since the events of Sept. 11. This highest state of alert has not changed.

However, all three New York airports - Kennedy, Newark International and La Guardia - were closed by the FAA following the crash as a precaution. Newark and La Guardia were reopened Monday afternoon for both inbound and outbound flights while Kennedy opened only for arrivals while airline workers tested the fuel for possible contamination.

In addition, all bridges and tunnels leading into New York were initially

closed down. However, they reopened by Monday afternoon also.

Back at the White House, President Bush said, "It is heart-breaking to have to pick up the phone and call my friends Rudy Guiliani and Gov. George Pataki and once again express our condolences. The New York citizens have suffered mightily. They suffer again, but there's no doubt in my mind that the New Yorkers are resilient and strong and courageous people and will help their neighbors overcome this recent incident that took place."

an explosion on the plane, but a possible cause of the explosion has not been identified.

Despite the involvement of the FBI, the NTSB has been designated as the head agency in the investigation. This designation is significant because "all information we have currently is that this is an accident," according to Blakely.

Mayor Guiliani toured the crash site on Monday and spoke to an already tense city, advising them to remain down.

"People should not speculate at this point as to the cause," Guiliani stated to onlookers. "I don't think people should jump

"People should not speculate at this point as to the cause. I don't think people should jump to conclusions." ~ Rudolph Guiliani

News Briefs

Investigators track Arabic students

In the two months since the attacks of Sept. 11, federal investigators have contacted administrators on more than 200 college campuses to collect information about students from Middle Eastern countries, the most sweeping canvass of the halls of academia since the cold war, the colleges say.

The agents have asked what subjects the students are studying, whether they are performing well and where they are living.

They have also questioned the students themselves, asking about their views on Osama bin Laden, the names of their favorite restaurants and their plans for after graduation.

The investigations have put the universities in a difficult position, pitting the government's interest in security against the institutions' desire to protect students' privacy and to avoid engaging in racial profiling.

But in the end, a national survey of college registrars found, nearly all the universities approached have readily supplied answers to the government's questions, largely because the law appears to be on the government's side.

The agents, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, have used those conversations as the basis for interviewing dozens of students.

The college officials who have been sought out — including those at Columbia University, Tufts University and San Diego State University — said that the often unannounced visits and the urgent lines of inquiry were throwbacks to a decade or more ago, when it was not uncommon for a federal agent to ask about Eastern European students.

The scrutiny of students of Arab descent has so far touched off little protest, a stark contrast to the outrage when American-born students have been profiled by university or law enforcement officials. In 1992, the campus of the State University of New York College at Oneonta was riven for weeks after the college provided the state police with a list of every black and Hispanic student in an investigation of an assault on an elderly woman.

National Park Rangers diverted to security

The already overburdened resources of the National Park Service have been stretched even further since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, with hundreds of federal rangers reassigned to security details and many state parks even harder pressed as local law enforcement officers investigate anthrax scares.

At the same time, parks near large cities have experienced an average 15 percent increase in attendance, a Park Service spokesman, David Barna, said.

At Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, about 60 miles from Washington, attendance jumped 39 percent in September, he said. Attendance at Yosemite National Park in California was up about 10 percent.

"People are going back to the parks to get away from the news," Mr. Barna said. "They are those special places we set aside for solace, for reflection."

The park service prepared for a surge of visitors over Veterans Day weekend after offering free admission to promote "unity, hope and healing."

"This is not about money," Mr. Barna said. "It's not significant enough compared to the significance of helping this country heal. We all have families. We're all in this together. We're not counting dollars this weekend."

Not all parks have seen higher attendance since Sept. 11. Tourism has been hurt at places like the Grand Canyon and the Muir Woods, which depend to a large extent on air travel and foreign visitors. Fully 78 percent of the 1.8 million people a year who visit the Muir Woods, a forest of towering redwoods in a hidden valley just north of San Francisco, are visiting from outside the Bay Area, and 22 percent are foreign tourists, the park said.

All News Briefs are written by Off-Campus Editor Ryan Hanson

Anti-Taliban forces continue press of Taliban

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus Writer

Sunday, Nov. 11, two days after a major victory in a key city in the north, anti-Taliban forces stated that they were steering the Taliban through northern Afghanistan and had captured the former headquarters of the opposition in Taloqan and some other key cities. Taliban officials have denied that this is true, and it has not been verified as of yet.

Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense, told "Fox News Sunday" that the opposition was "putting pressure" on Taloqan and the northwestern city of Herat.

In Mazar-e-Sharif, the city captured Friday, Nov. 9, Rumsfeld stated that the opposition has been facing "pockets of resistance," and they had not yet completely secured the main airport for the city. He also added that "there could always be a counterattack."

At this time, however, it appears that the Taliban are in full retreat in the north, possibly focusing on Kabul, the capital city and a major military stronghold, and on an ethnic Pashtun base.

B-52 bombers, along with other US aircraft, have been roaming the skies, taking out Taliban positions on the front line—approximately 30 miles

north of Kabul, and attempting to locate bands of retreating Taliban fighters.

Excited spokesmen for the opposition have claimed that except for in the Kunduz province on the northern border with Tajikistan and the Badghis province on the border with Turkmenistan, the Taliban have been routed in the north.

Opposition

s p o k e s m a n Mohammed Abil stated that opposition forces planned to move into Kunduz late Sunday. The opposition's foreign minister, Abdullah, said in Jabal Saraj, "Hopefully we will manage Kunduz tonight or tomorrow. They are fully encircled.

They have no way, no escape."

Sunday, the capital of

Takhar prov-

ince, Taloqan, fell after a severe battle outside the city that included Taliban forces including Arabs and Pakistanis, Abil said.

Immediately after the demise of the line of defense, opposition fighters quickly occupied the city. "There was fighting all last night and all today," Abil said.



Sergei Grits/AP

A northern alliance fighter covers his ears while firing a mortar near the Quruq village in northern Afghanistan on Sunday.

Taloqan is located approximately 140 miles east of Mazar-e-Sharif and around 155 miles north of Kabul. Upon hearing that Taloqan had fallen, chief of the Taliban's Bakhtar news agency, Abdul Hanan Hemat,

said, "They are lying." Ahraf Nadeem, an opposition spokesman, also stated that Taliban forces in the area of the Baghlan province were headed toward central Bamiyan province west of Kabul, and they had withdrawn from Pul-e-Khumri, an important road junction town in that province. However,

"I'm tired of sitting around here doing nothing and my soldiers are, too. We should be going to the front line," ~Gen. Alim Khan, Opposition commander

positions, even though there has been some confusion over the issue. The dominant ethnic groups in the north, the Uzbeks and Tajiks, are the main composition of the northern alliance. The

Pashtuns are the main support for the Taliban, coming mostly from the south.

In order to soften Taliban positions in Kabul, US bombings occurred all day and into the night in the city.

Though the opposition has seized control of Mazar-e-Sharif after the Friday withdrawal of Taliban troops, President Bush said Saturday that they should avoid launching a major attack on Kabul until a government including all ethnic groups can be formed.

At a news conference in New York with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf—whose country does not support a dominant role for the northern alliance in a future Afghan government—President Bush said, "We will encourage our friends to head south ... but not into the city of Kabul itself."

Some doubts have been raised about an offensive toward Kabul as a result of Bush's statement, but the opposition is unable to launch a successful attack against Kabul without strong support from the US.

However, US planes on Sunday were still attacking positions where the Taliban was defending Kabul. A senior opposition commander along the front line north of Kabul, General Alim Khan, confirmed that there had been a delay in the offensive toward the capital.

Of the American jets, Khan

said, "They are going to help the United Front to liberate these provinces first... that's why they postponed the offensive in this area, because the jet fighters are busy in the northern provinces. We are in a state of high alert and expect the order at any time."

Frustrated over delays in an attack on Kabul, Khan expressed his opinion, "I'm tired of sitting around here doing nothing and my soldiers are, too. We should be going to the front line," he said. "If we want to enter Kabul, we won't care about US willingness or unwillingness."

Deputy brigade commander Mir Rahman, another senior opposition officer at the front at Kabul, was not afraid to speak his mind. His statement was that "no one should interfere with our country or tell us what to do. If I go to Kabul, I will not stop there."

In other areas of the country, it was reported by the Bakhtar news agency that there had been 200 civilian casualties in the bombing on Thursday and Friday in the village of Shah Aga in the Kandahar province, a Taliban stronghold in the south of the nation.

Since there has been no way to confirm the claims, the Pentagon has accused the Taliban of inflating casualty figures. On Saturday evening, US bombs hit a tile factory on the eastern edge of Kabul, and two men are missing and assumed dead.

Inside the city of Kabul, cars and passengers were searched by Taliban soldiers. These checkpoints were new and may be the result of the loss of much northern territory and information about opposition soldiers located just north of the city planning an offensive.

After the Taliban's refusal to hand over Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, over to US officials, President Bush ordered airstrikes on Taliban targets.

In regards to the anthrax attacks on the United States, bin Laden was interviewed by Ausaf, a widely circulated Pakistani Urdu-language newspaper. His response to their question of his knowledge of the attacks was laughter, and this statement, "We don't know anything about anthrax."

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A little less for your room, board buck

There's been a bit of a ritual developing on my wing lately; several of us sit up late at night and fix ourselves Top Ramen in the hallway. Being the smallest wing in Culver Hall, 14 in all, we've developed a tight bond, due much in part to a ten-cent package of noodles and some hot water. It's a chance for us to sit around and chat about guy-type stuff: sports, girls, how we play sports to impress girls, how dumb we look, etc.

I bought a coffee pot at Wal-Mart about three weeks ago. I thought I would try and be a little adventuresome, what a stud I would be if I could fix Ramen AND Coffee with the same appliance! I was sure I was the smartest man alive!

Now, being the impoverished college student I am, I sprang for the low-budget model. I didn't expect it to have many bells and whistles and believe me, it didn't. For a measly \$9.96, I got a coffee pot so simple a rock could use it. Just flip the switch and bam-o you've got hot water, not bad for nine bucks if you ask me.

The Ramen experiment didn't go too well. I left my noodles in for too long while I yakked on the phone and they bloated to monstrous proportions; boo-hoo, my coffee pot was a bust. What did I expect for nine bucks though, certainly not an espresso machine!

But allow me to pose a hypothetical situation. I stroll on into Wally World, step over to the Home Appliance aisle and find that not just my coffee maker is on sale for \$9.96 but ALL the coffee makers are on sale for \$9.96! Wow, it's my

lucky day, what do I do?! Well, I'm not just going to buy some low-budget coffee brewer. No, I'm going to buy a super-high-tech coffee annihilator. I'm going to buy a coffee maker so powerful you have to start it with a ripcord. I'm going to buy the type of coffee pot that has so many buttons it's scary to use. Heck, I'm still spending only \$9.96, why should I choose less, why not go for broke?

If everything were to cost the same, wouldn't it make sense to buy the best? Of course! Nobody spends \$80,000 on a Pinto when they can have a Ferrari, it just doesn't make sense! Why then do I pay the same price

to stay in a quasi-livable dorm, that the residents of Ford Hall pay to live there? Now, before I go ticking some people off, I would like to point out two things. First, this is not a gender issue at all. This has nothing to do with girls vs. guys, etc. This is all about good, plain, economic sense. If you want to make this into some type of gender issue, then go ahead, I am not interested in that. Second, I love my dorm. It has character, it has class, it has an RD that can bench press a Buick.

It also has three stoves, none of which work, four washers and driers that are continually breaking, doors that are easier to open with credit cards than keys and air conditioners that emit an odor similar to that of a musty basset hound. Nonetheless, we Culver guys



David Zirschky

love our dorm. What we don't love is the lack of amenities. Obviously, there is no way that both the guys and the girls could squeeze into one dorm, though we here at Culver often dream of the possibilities.

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Somebody has to live in Culver. My question is why does that group have to live at a lower quality?

Now, I am willing to say that Ford can put Culver to shame. Cinder block and tile can never compete with brick and carpet. We have old metal beds; they have modular wooden beds. We have old, broken, stationary desks; they have new, wooden, movable desks. We cram two guys into 165 square feet of space; they cram two girls into 274 square feet of space. Count it out kids: a difference of 109 square feet. The Ford RAs' rooms are gigantic; almost twice the size of the average room. Culver RAs' are forced to pack into the same size rooms as their wing. The inequalities go on and on.

In the bathroom, the residents of Ford have four stalls, four showers and four sinks on the north wings; one of each is handicap accessible. On the south wings, they have four stalls, three showers, four sinks and a tub with handicap accessibility. The Ford residents also have in-room sinks, with mirrors and under sink storage; a convenience that Culver lacks. This makes sense to me, the girls' wings range in size from 16 girls on the smallest wing to 22 on the largest; they should have more stalls and showers. Ford is also a new dorm; in room sinks are a convenience that was over-looked in the

construction of Culver. In the C u l v e r b a t h r o o m s, there are four sinks, two stalls,

two urinals, two showers and a tub per wing. None of these are accessible to the physically handicapped.

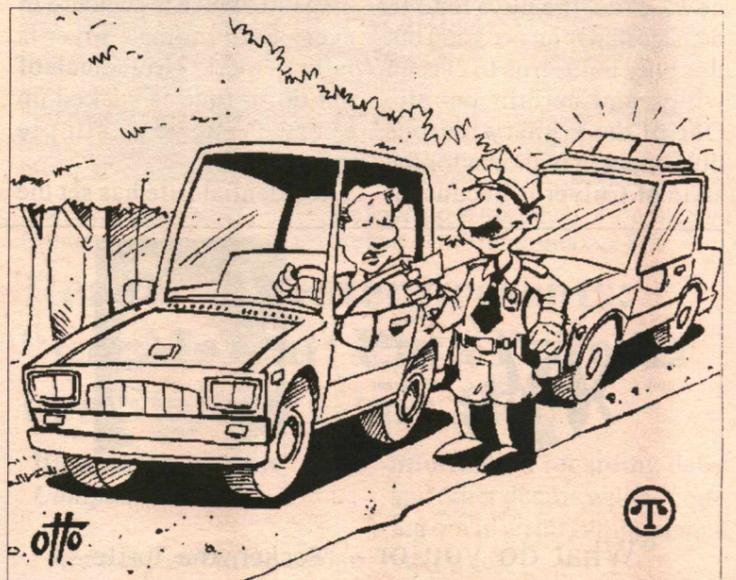
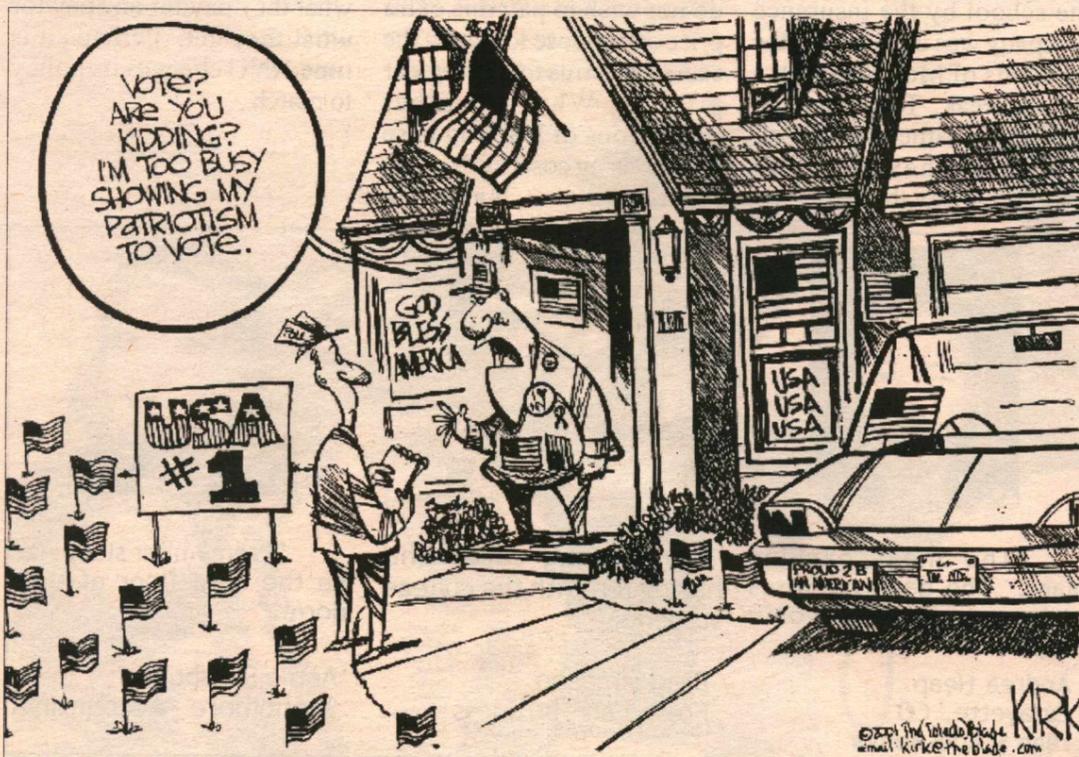
While discussing this issue with a Ford RA, I asked her how she felt about the fact that Culver was practically inaccessible to handicapped students. Her response was, "Just put them on the first floor." As good-natured as this statement was, it bothered me considerably. Half of the entire college experience is social interaction with your own class, especially within your own dorm. How might a student confined to a wheelchair interact with others in a dorm in which he was restricted to the first floor due to a lack of handicapped access? He could never do his own laundry; he could never make it to the computer lab,

not only a disservice but also an injustice. Not only is Ford equipped with handicap accessible bathrooms but also an elevator by which handicapped students would be able to travel between floors.

At Open House a few Tuesdays ago, I made it a point to take a thorough tour of Ford Hall. I was overwhelmed by the abundance of new couches and loveseats. Culver has old, mismatched, weathered furniture in their upper lobbies. Basically dominating the third floor lobby of Ford are two big kitchens adorned with new stoves, microwaves, refrigerators and utensils. In so many ways, residents of Ford Hall are paying the exact same price as residents of Culver but are getting a whole lot more bang for their buck.

If you had not noticed, all the housing on campus costs the exact same price. The folks in Corlett are paying the same as those in Dooley, Sutherland and Culver. Is this fair? I sure don't think so. Some of you may or may not remember Chapman Hall. It used to stand where our new track is today. I remember staying there, way back when 180 was still called RAD. I also remember when it was torn down. The school had a plan then to improve the housing on campus. Enrollment was up, there were more students to accommodate and they demanded better rooms. My question is what happened to that plan? Was it a long-term plan to improve all the dorms on campus? Did it disappear

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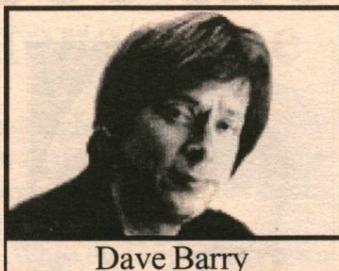


Crusader tip of the week: Do not put the registration sticker in the wrong corner of your licence plate.

In kingdom of Tonga, court jesters are wise guys

I hate to give you something else to worry about, but you need to be aware of this situation in the Kingdom of Tonga. The Kingdom of Tonga, as you know if you just now looked it up in the encyclopedia, is a nation way out in the Pacific Ocean consisting of roughly 170 small islands (the exact number depends on the height of the waves). Tonga boasts a monarchy-style government and an ecology that features a huge fruit bat whose actual, legal bat name is the "giant flying fox." The giant flying fox has a wingspan of up to two meters, which — when converted from Metric to Normal — means this thing is basically a commuter aircraft with claws. So my advice would be, if you are ever in Tonga, do NOT allow your small children to walk around outdoors at night holding fruit. ("Hey! That thing took Timmy's apple! Also, Timmy!") But the giant flying fox is not the issue at hand. The issue at hand is the Tongan financial scandal, which has been reported in a fascinating series of recent news stories. To

summarize in a nutshell: The government of Tonga has lost \$26 million. Now, that is nothing to the U.S. government, which can waste \$26 million in a single day merely by launching a drive to eliminate government waste. But \$26 million is a LOT of money in Tonga, where the entire annual government budget is \$38 million, or, in local currency, 86 million Pa'anga (one Pa'anga equals 100 sene). Tonga raised the \$26 million by selling Tongan citizenships to people who, for one reason or another, needed a new country. (For example, Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos bought them.) The monarch of Tonga, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, did not want to keep the \$26 million in Tonga because he felt — and this is a direct quote from a news article by the Agence France-Presse — "the government would only spend it on roads." So the \$26 million was deposited in a checking account in the Bank of America. One day it was noticed by a man named Jesse Bogdonoff, who worked for the bank and also had a



Dave Barry

company that sold magnets to cure back pain. Bogdonoff became a financial adviser for Tonga, in which capacity he persuaded the king — I swear I am not making any of this up — to proclaim him Tonga's official court jester. (For the record, here in the United States, we do not have an official court jester. We have Congress.) In 1999, Bogdonoff left the Bank of America and persuaded the king to put Tonga's money into a new company in Nevada called Millennium Asset Management. What happened next will shock you, especially if you believe in the old investing maxim, "You cannot go wrong with a financial adviser who is both a court jester AND a seller of health magnets." It now appears that Millennium Asset Management no

longer exists. Tonga's money is GONE.

As you can imagine, this has been BIG news in Tonga. Several government officials have resigned, including Deputy Prime Minister Tevita Tupou, who was replaced by Police Minister Clive Edwards, who, according to Agence France-Presse, "is also the kingdom's hangman." There are rumors that at least some of the missing money was lost in a dot-com company set up by the king's son, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Tupouto'a. If you have access to the Internet, you must run, not walk, to your computer right now and check out the Tonga Visitors Bureau Web site (www.vacations.tvb.gov.to). There you can see a wonderful photograph of the crown prince dressed in a uniform featuring chest medals and a hat from Big Bob's House of Comical Military Headgear. The crown prince is gazing into the distance with an expression that reflects either (a) visionary leadership, or (b) the realization that a lizard is loose in his pants.

Speaking of wildlife: Elsewhere on the Tonga Visitors Bureau Web site you can see a photograph of a giant flying fox swooping downward, its eyes presumably fixed on a piece of fruit. Or little Timmy. But my point is this: We must help the Kingdom of Tonga, a nation that has always been a staunch ally of America, in the sense that it never declared war on us. Or, if it did, we never found out about it. So I urge you to keep your eyes peeled, and if you spot \$26 million that doesn't seem to belong to anybody, pick it up, put it in a box, and send it to me. I promise to guard it as if it were my own.

Whatever you do, DON'T send the money to the Tongans. They'll just spend it on roads.

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Dorm inequalities: Ford versus Culver

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with the large enrollment numbers? Was it delayed by the plans to enlarge the business major? I have no idea.

One might argue that the boys don't have as nice a dorm as the girls simply because they trash what they have. I would argue against that point. Four years ago, the boys who trashed their half of Ford (subsequently guys were banned from the dorm) are not the same guys living in Culver now. True, the guys tend to damage things on occasion but this only holds true to certain wings and certain people. One of the primary reasons little concern is shown for the state of Culver is because it

was practically trashed when its residents arrived. The sliding doors above my cupboards broke the first time I used them, my desk had no handle or face, I had no towel bar and I found an old grape Popsicle in one of my drawers. Many similar maintenance issues can be found throughout the dorm. Culver's pool table would be treated well, except it continues to fall apart. Its walls would be respected if there were adequate shelf space or anywhere to hang posters or pictures such as a map rail, which is standard in every Ford room. Culver is falling apart. How much of our dorm fund is sucked up every year by simple maintenance?

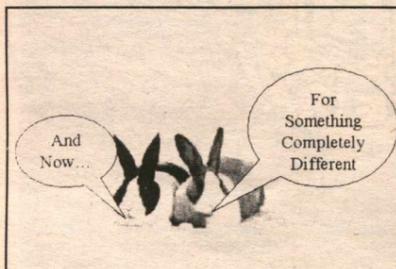
Residential Life has set the

standard on campus that if you pay the same as everyone else, you should get the same as everyone else. A lot of students on campus aren't getting the same. According to our Director of Residential Life, Karen Pearson, the insurance company responsible for rebuilding Dooley, failed to meet their promised construction deadline and subsequently agreed to pay the school for every day past the deadline that the building was not complete. The money paid to the school by the insurance company was used to give the residents of Morrison Hall a tuition break. They were not getting the same as everyone else, thus they were not required to pay the same.

Many state schools base the cost of room and board on which dorm a student is assigned to. Many of my good friends attending both the University of Oregon and Willamette University have been forced to live in temporary housing. They are not being charged the same price as others living in permanent halls on campus. This past year Colorado College constructed a series of new dorms, which are being offered to their students at an increased price. Students who do not wish to pay this extra price can choose to stay in the standard dorms for the regular price. Why, if other institutions of learning base their housing costs fairly, does Northwest Nazarene

University not follow suit?

It seems that it is a simple fact of life that you get what you pay for. Unfortunately on our campus, this does not seem to be the case. I would not mind paying an equal price if Culver hall were of an equal quality as other dorms on campus. I'm sure a majority of the student body feels the same way about their place of residence. We either need to get what we are paying for or simply not pay as much. It is standard policy at other schools that students are given what they pay for and pay for what they get. Perhaps it is time NNU changes its policy to match.



"What do you or will you remember most about Explore NNU?"



"Focker, the Turtle."

Tim Proctor
Milton-Freewater, WA
High School Junior



"The meat packing plant. The dead carcasses make me want to come here."

Andrea Heap
Lafayette, CO
High School Senior



"Playing cards and having fun with the college students."

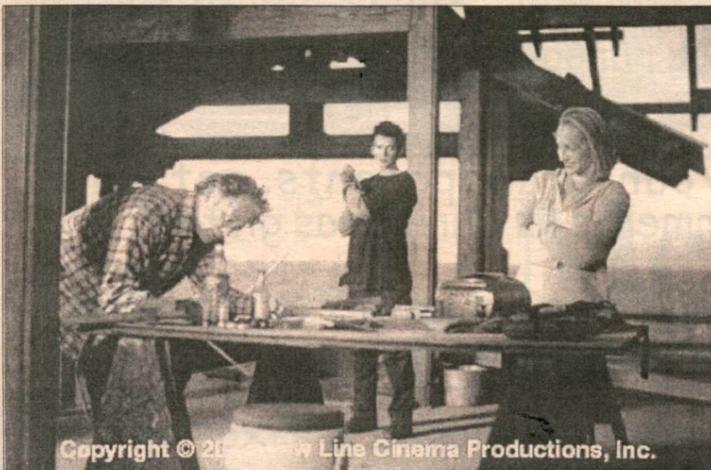
Brad Simpson
Freshman - Business



"I remember sleeping on the hard floor of the dorm."

Annie Salisbury
Sophomore - Accounting

Shallow Hal contains surprising depth



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Kevin Kline, Hayden Christiansen, and Kristen Scott Thomas star in *Life As A House*.

By Aaron Gentry
Opinions Writer

With a release scheduled between two movie monsters of the fall season, *Monsters, INC* and *Harry Potter*, *Life as a House* is starting out to be a 'sleeper' movie. *Life as a House* is the story of a man's last days on earth and how they affect those around him.

Kevin Kline (*The Big Chill*, *Dave*, *Grand Canyon*) plays George. George subsists through his ramshackle life in a ramshackle house built at a cliff's edge at the end of an ocean-scape cul-de-sac. He is surrounded by affluent neighbors with beautiful homes, of which none of them appreciate George's presence. Ironically, we quickly learn George is a talented architect. And just as quickly, George loses his job, that he never really liked, and is diagnosed with cancer and promised a mere four months to live.

George quickly realizes that he has truly been dead the last ten years since his divorce, and only now is he getting the chance to live. With those last months he has, he no longer wants to just go through the motions, he wants to be loved. He decides that his last venture of life will be to attempt to kill two birds with one hammer in a sense. He decides to tear down the pathetic cliff-side house his father left him and rebuild it with his son.

The second bird is most definitely his son. Played by Hayden Christiansen (*Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*), Sam is a teenager with a lot of problems. He listens to heavy metal music, he has lots of body piercings and dyed hair, he uses drugs, he has attempted suicide, and he is struggling with the idea of

prostitution. Christensen gives an all-star performance in his first ever showing in a major motion picture.

George's ex-wife gladly, played by Kristin Scott Thomas (*The Horse Whisperer*, *The English Patient*), gives Sam over to his father, claiming she gave up on him long before. Soon, even she, and her two other children from her new husband, are helping Sam and George work on the house. But the transformation of Sam is not an easy battle for George and really should not be credited entirely to him either. Just next door lives the childhood friend of Sam, the beautiful and self-sufficient Alyssa, played by Jena Malone (*For Love of the Game*, *Stepmom*, *Contact*) who promptly steals the screen whenever she is on it. Alyssa reaches out and befriends Sam once again and teaches him to love again along the way.

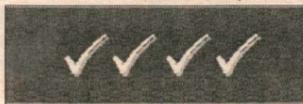
Life as a House is directed by Irwin Winkler (*At First Sight*, *Goodfellas*, *Rocky II - Rocky V*) who is the master of playing with peoples emotions in a movie setting.

By the end, even the rock-hard 'manly' men will be claiming they have something in their eyes. The story just cries out for you to run to someone, anyone to hug or hold on to, if only for a moment. But the story and the talented acting are not even the part I enjoyed as a moviegoer the most.

The filming and colors of *Life as a House* struck me as just awe-inspiring. Some scenes are just so humbling in their view of the picturesque setting of the house on the cliff. Scenes with heavy shadows and bright colorful sunsets abound in this beautiful film about a man who just wants

Life As a House

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Shallow Hal

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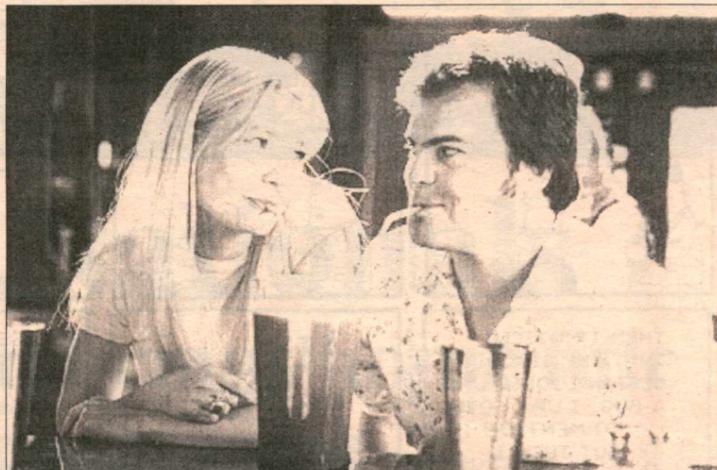
-  Great movie! Shows signs of a possible classic
-  A definite pick for a weekend movie
-  See it at least once, it might make you a better person
-  The sticky stuff on the floor is more interesting
-  Eating the stuff on the floor would be more interesting

to be loved.

Life as a House is rated R for scenes with drug use and sexuality. There is no nudity in the film, which is refreshing after 1999's *American Beauty*, which was another movie which was about loneliness but which went to extremes to prove other points, which included nudity. This film does have language - believe me, I do not think Hayden Christensen will ever be cussing as Anakin Skywalker as much as he did in this film - and very sexual scenes. I gave this movie the highest rating because it was entertaining, emotionally moving, and when it was over, I felt like begging for more. Go see this movie but bring a clean hanky and someone to hug afterward.

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Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black star in *Shallow Hal*

By Aaron Bly
Opinions Writer

The Farrelly Brothers have made a reputation for themselves as the kings of the gross-out comedy. This title is exemplified in their other theatrical works, which include *Dumb and Dumber*, *Kingpin*, *There's Something About Mary* and *Me, Myself and Irene*. And because all these films include their trademark crude humor, it should be expected that their newest movie, *Shallow Hal*, falls in line with their other plotless, sophomoric endeavors. But this expectation is only skin deep. Instead, *Shallow Hal* is an intelligent, thoughtful attempt to bring the issue of the importance, or unimportance, of physical beauty to a mainstream audience. In this, it succeeds beyond all probability.

In some ways, the story is reminiscent of Jim Carrey's *Liar Liar*, in which a supernatural experience causes the protagonist to realize his own faults and to become a better person. And like *Liar Liar*, comedy helps the medicine go down from the perspective of the audience. But instead of dishonesty being the target, in *Shallow Hal* superficiality is the vice attacked throughout the film. In brief, the story is a little something like this:

Following the advice of his dying father when he was a boy, Hal, played by Jack Black (*Saving Silverman*, *High Fidelity*), dates only women who meet his towering standards of beauty. One day, he runs into a self-help guru in a broken-down elevator who hypnotizes him into recognizing only the inner beauty of women. So when he sees an average looking woman, he sees a knockout. Hal thereafter meets Rosemary, played by Gwyneth Paltrow (*Bounce*, *Shakespeare in Love*), a relatively obese woman whom

only he can see as a vision of loveliness. But will their relationship survive when Hal's equally shallow friend, played by Jason Alexander (*The Adventures of Rocky & Bullwinkle*, "Seinfeld"), undoes the hypnosis?

Indeed, this movie treads across thin ice. At any point, the filmmakers could have crossed the line and crashed the whole thing into an abyss of rudeness and insensitivity. But this never happens. And *Shallow Hal* turns out to be a romantic comedy that is entertaining and a social commentary that challenges and stimulates the audience to acknowledge their own superficiality. *Shallow Hal* works as a mirror, allowing individuals to see their own ugliness, not physical ugliness, but an inner ugliness that has saturated modern society. And the main reason why *Shallow Hal* succeeds at this is because it does not take itself too seriously. On one level it is a light-hearted comedy about love. But underneath this is a layer of truth about how people should see each other and rarely do.

Shallow Hal is not a family movie, as it does contain a moderate amount of profanity and sexuality. But the lessons learned from viewing this film are universal and should be taught to everyone. *Shallow Hal* is a valiant attempt to try to prove the usefulness of the old sayings "Don't judge a book by its cover" and "Beauty is only skin deep." And in the mind of this humble movie reviewer, it has presented a compelling argument, at least more so than any other movie in recent years. Although *Shallow Hal* has no chance of winning any important awards, its significance, and also entertainment value, cannot be denied.

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Top Ten Signs You're an Art Major

10. You purposefully skip meals so you can be a "starving artist."
9. Your grandparents get your assignments as Christmas gifts.
8. People who get up at 7:30 for Music and Art hate you.
7. You've developed a fixation for representational neoclassicism.
6. You know what representational neoclassicism is.
5. Your best pick-up line is "Will you model for a piece I'm doing?"
4. While others nap during chapel, you sketch your neighbor."
3. You abhor Thomas Kinkade.
2. You're never up before 11:00...ever.
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