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Let the Games Begin

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Column One

Have you ever received an amazing phone call? The call that has the possibility of changing your life forever? The call that you told your friends about, and they gaped at you open-mouthed in disbelief? Well, I've received that call. Twice.

The same exact call to be precise. Last Thursday, a nice lady with a thick Boston accent called to tell me that the Carico Fine China and Cookware company had selected my fiancé and I to receive an all-inclusive vacation package to the Caribbean. The package would include a three day, two night stay at a resort hotel in our choice of Mexico, the Bahamas or the Dominican Republic, and all we would need to pay for was transportation to our resort destination. All we were obligated to do was attend a "brief" (two hour-long) seminar on Carico's amazing products.

I was probably the least excited bride-to-be that the Boston woman had talked to all day. The reason for this was that Joseph and I had already won this very trip and sat through the seminar last year. We were selected for the vacation after attending the Wedding Affair at the Nampa Civic Center last February. Needless to say, I was much more excited the first time I one a vacation on Grand Bahama Island than the second.

When I informed the Boston woman that I had already been selected for the package and that my fiancé and I are planning to take the trip for our honeymoon in May, she was taken only slightly aback. She recovered within milliseconds and continued right on with her spiel about my vacation, even though I told her I knew all the details already. It was the exact same speech that was read to me last year. Perhaps it was even the same woman; it's difficult to say.

Well, Joseph ended up with the flu, so we weren't able to attend the seminar again, though it was pretty entertaining the first time.

The irony of it all left me in a good mood all day long. I think it was almost as much fun to tell people that we won the same trip again than it would be to tell them we'd won something new. Although I was holding out for the limousine parked in the center of all the booths, but I guess you can't have everything in life.

Amy Oglevie

Editor-in-Chief

The Olympic Experience

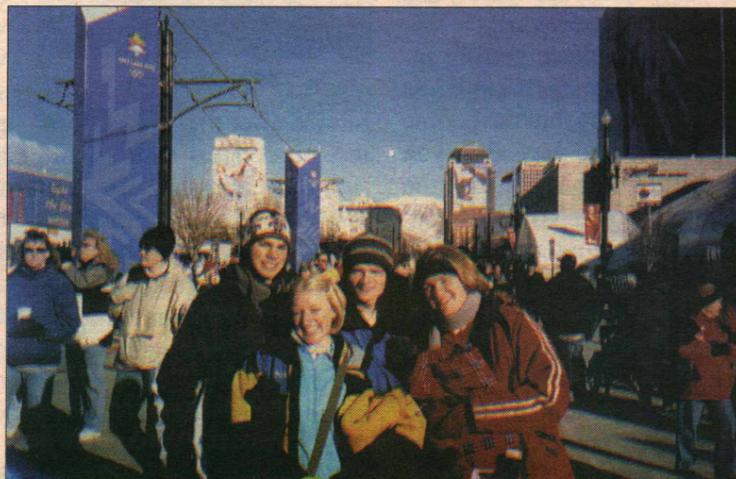
Sights, sounds and scalpers

By Sarah Hughes
Guest Writer

It was the weekend to top all weekends! I have never been so goosebumped for so long in my life, and it wasn't just because I was cold. I think it would be safe to say that this weekend overshot all of our expectations! I am still in awe of it all.

As we rode the free shuttle from North Salt Lake into the City Center, anticipation began to build. Little did we know but Paul, Allison, Chad and I were headed toward a great adventure!

Salt Lake City is magical right now; the atmosphere is almost dreamlike. It is hard to believe that it is all real. The skyscrapers are all dressed in large festive photos of Olympic athletes. The city is covered in flags of all nations! All through the crowd you see different colored jackets of the same style. Everyone



Sarah Hughes

Chad Frosland, Allison McCray, Paul Clark and Sarah Hughes pose for a quick picture in the Olympic Square in Salt Lake City, UT. Many NNU students are taking advantage of the proximity of the games to attend for a once in a lifetime experience.

who has anything to do with the Olympics is robed in these great, warm coats. Everywhere you look you are reminded of the awesomeness of it all. Even the mountains seemed extra beautiful.

We spent most of the afternoon wandering inside Olympic Square soaking in all the sights

and sounds. People were everywhere! From the athletes, to the coaches, to the entertainers, to the young families, the ice carvers, the cocoa brigade, there was never a dull moment around us.

Later on that night we decided to make an attempt at buying some tickets for the Dave

Matthews concert from a scalper. Earlier that day, we had been asked to pay \$200 for a ticket so our hopes were pretty slim.

Then we met a 'nice' man who had four tickets he would sell for \$50 a piece. He assured us that the tickets he was selling us would allow us to stand together once we were in the plaza. Well, he lied. Lesson #1: Never believe a man scalping tickets.

Unfortunately, Paul and Allison ended up in two different sets of stands and Chad in the middle section of the standing area. I, on the other hand, had an amazing ticket that got me into the front row with all the big shots. I was bumping elbows with TV star Bob Saget, football star Steve Young and many other famous Olympic athletes. I was in awe! To say the least, the medals ceremony was inspiring, the concert incredible and the weather freezing! It was worth EVERY penny!

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NNU supports local Red Cross efforts

By Amy Oglevie
Editor-in-Chief

More than 50 Northwest Nazarene University students and faculty joined forces with the American Red Cross Thursday, Jan. 7, to give their blood and time. SGA Community Relations Coordinator Jayson Grenn organized the blood drive and plans another in April.

Although not a highly painful experience, giving blood does involve some pricking and poking. The process begins with the donor filling out a personal history form and giving consent for donation.

Then the donor reads information about the procedure and finds out whether he or she can donate if that donor is well-traveled. (For example, blood is not accepted from a person who

has lived in England for an extended period of time.)

Next, the donor moves to one of three cubicles, the historium, where his or her physical eligibility is determined by blood testing, taking pulse and blood pressure, weighing individuals and asking them additional health questions.

Finally, the donor is escorted to the donor room for the actual blood drawing. Each donor gives one pint of blood and is kept under the close eye of nurses and other trained medical professionals. The process of drawing the blood usually takes less than 15 minutes.

After the needle is removed, the injection sight is tightly wrapped with brightly colored bandages, and the donor is walked to the canteen table for refreshment. Juice and water



Amy Oglevie

Joy Epley has her blood drawn by Angela Doyle, a medical professional for the American Red Cross. Epley, a freshman, was a first-time blood donor.

are given, and a number of snacks, such as crackers, fruit, popcorn and string cheese, are offered. The entire process, from paper work to refreshment, usually takes an average

of 45 minutes.

However, the point of the canteen station is not only to refresh but for the workers there to carefully watch the donors for signs of distress.

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Increase happiness through volunteer work

Volunteering: Good for the mind, body and community

By Jayson Grenn
SGA Community Relations
Director

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." Will Rogers

Company C, 4th Texas Mounted Volunteers was formed in Victoria County, Texas, in June 1861, as a state militia. In Sept 1861, they were sworn into service of the Confederate States. They were mostly farmers and town-dwellers. They were not rich but had a great deal of support from their community. They had to bring their own horses, saddles, shoulder weapons, revolvers, knives and camp equipment. Many of these volunteers died for their cause.

Sounds pretty committed, huh? These men weren't anyone special with fancy titles or high paid salaries. They were people who believed in a cause and their community and simply volunteered.

Now granted, getting involved on campus is a little less death defying, but the people you serve and the causes you help are impacted just the same by you volunteering. Without volunteers, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, food banks, homeless shelters, film restoration centers, hospitals and many other groups could not exist or would have to operate within very limited service capabilities.

It is the volunteers, contributing time and sometimes personal resources, that keep all such establishments open for business. Volunteers are under appreciated; no schools



Jayson Grenn

named after them, no libraries, no concert centers and sadly, no candy bars. But that is what makes volunteers so special. They are not there for the glory or the recognition.

So what *do* volunteers get? We get warm fuzzies all over the place. Only another volunteer can know what that feels like and that's why we do it. Financial gain is not part of a volunteer's vocabulary. Volunteers are part of the most selfless, hard working people on this planet. In fact, volunteers are so great; the University of Tennessee thought that

volunteers would make a good mascot. Anyways, being a volunteer can change your life. Anytime you get involved and sacrifice for the good of a goal, you may or may not notice something being built inside of you called character. And patience. And selflessness.

Who is a volunteer? You are. Sometimes we don't realize we're volunteering, such as when we open a door for someone with an armful of packages - you've just volunteered to be a good Samaritan without thought of compensation. Or, you may deliberately seek out a service organization and join them to volunteer on a regular basis. It is because we give the precious commodity called time that makes it so rewarding.

Here on campus, the possibilities are seemingly endless to help those in need. If you want to get involved, all you need to do is find out which cause best suits you. Are you a business major? Call the good people at SIFE. Like playing bingo?

ANGELS would love to have you. Can you hit a 720' off a half pipe? Skaters in Christ is for you. Like teaching kids that 12 x 12 is 144? The Homework Club has your name on it. See? NNU offers more than enough ways to help your community, your school and yourself. If you care about the world around you, you have the power to change it and shape it for the better.

The United Nations called the year 2001, the year of the volunteer. Well, I'm not the United Nations, but I urge all of us to join a club or organization that is trying hard to better the world around them. And just like those cowboys back in 1861 that used their own horses, saddles and gear to help their cause, you can use your talents to enrich whatever surrounds you. If we live by the quote, "Anyone can serve, because we all have something to give," our college experience will be 10 times greater than we ever thought it could be.

NNU supports Red Cross: Cont. from Pg. 1

Also, each donor is required to fill out a contact information form and has the opportunity to make comments on the procedure and to volunteer to help the American Red Cross.

Despite the brave facade most donors wear, a handful do occasionally get woozy and sometimes pass out (as did a certain SGA President while eating crackers). Most donors, though, simply experience mild discomfort during the process.

"It hurts the most when they prick your finger," admitted

Heidi Hansen, a three-time blood donor.

The donation of over 50 pints of whole blood will make a big difference for the local chapter of the American Red Cross. According to Nurse Sharan Pike, red blood cells are good up to 42 days and whole blood is transfusable for up to 35 days. Frozen plasma can be kept for up to one year. All blood drawn at NNU is transfused as whole blood. Plasma donation is a separate event and can take up to two hours to complete.

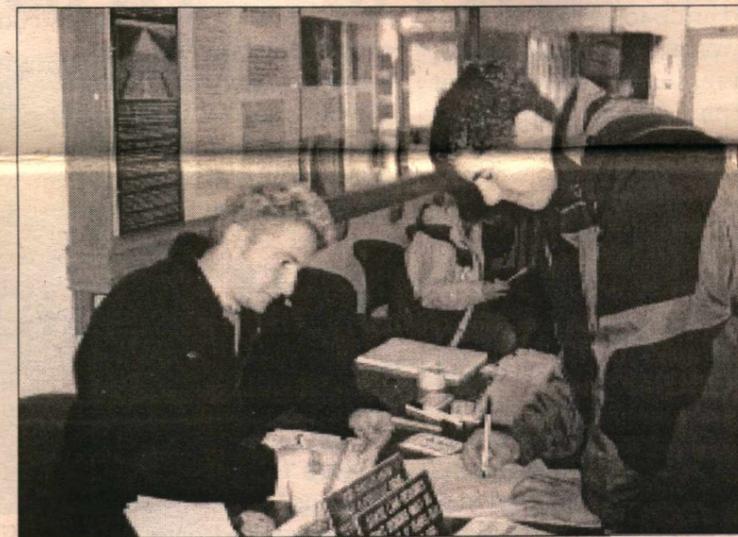
"Each blood donation can save up to three lives," Nurse

Pike stated.

The Red Cross participates in several blood drives a week; many local schools, including Skyview and Nampa High, donate blood regularly. Other organizations also donate, including civic groups and churches.

While most drives are set up in a building, as are all the drives at Northwest Nazarene University, the Red Cross has access to blood buses. These vehicles are medically-equipped motor homes in which the entire donation process takes place. Idaho is in possession of only one Blood Bus, but the local chapter frequently acquires it for trips out to Micron.

Grenn noted that participation was down at this month's drive in relation to the November record-breaking response. The tragedy of Sept. 11 left many students and faculty eager to donate blood to the Red Cross to help depleted blood stores.



Amy Oglevie

Community Relations Director Jayson Grenn guides Jeff Gingerich through the process of signing up as a first time blood donor.

Despite the decline in numbers, Grenn is proud of his fellow students' involvement.

"NNU has done a great job participating and donating their arms," said Grenn.

Students were not the only people excited about the blood drive. Red Cross volunteer Betty Printz has been helping with blood donations since 1984. She notes that her favorite thing about her job is the

"association with the donors and other people."

Mary Jo Hunter, a volunteer since 1990, stated that she thoroughly enjoys her work with the donors. Hunter worked as a canteen supervisor and walker at the Thursday blood drive.

"When I first started, I got to work more with the patients," said Hunter. "You just get to know the people."

Students present spring recital

Northwest Nazarene University presents its first student recital of the Spring semester on Thursday, February 21st. Both vocal and instrumental students will be presenting pieces that evening, and the public is welcome. Admission is free, and the recital begins promptly at 8 pm in the Emerson Auditorium in the Admissions Building on the NNU campus.



Eric Aeschliman

Students prepare for their upcoming vocal and instrumental recital.



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Exercise, diet can reduce winter depression risk

By Shawn Jensen
Campus Counselor

Are you experiencing a lack of energy, decreased interest in school and homework. Do you have an increase in appetite with weight gain, carbohydrate cravings, an increase in sleep, excessive daytime sleepiness, social withdrawal, or slow, sluggish, lethargic movement?

Are these symptoms usual for you? If so, you may have

what is called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

You may have heard of this disorder before. It has been labeled many times. Have you heard of the winter blues, cabin fever, or for you psych majors, depression with a seasonal pattern specifier? Whatever label you give this, it is a very real problem for those who suffer from it.

SAD has a higher prevalence for those who live in the upper latitudes. Age and gender may



also contribute to the probability of experiencing this type of depression. According to the

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fourth Edition (DSM-IV), younger people are at an increased risk for winter depression, and 60% to 90% of those who are diagnosed are female.

Never fear, there are treatments that have been proven to be successful for SAD. Light therapy is used to combat the decreased exposure to sunlight due to winter weather and shorter days. A Healthy diet with the careful inclusion

of carbohydrates can help to elevate your mood. Exercise has proven to elevate mood and improve self-esteem. A regular exercise program can also help defeat the symptoms of SAD. Of course, seeking counseling can help to cultivate new ways to deal with the symptoms of depression. We are always happy to help!

For additional information on SAD, go to www.nnu.edu, counseling, then links.

Junior play jammed full of crazy characters

By David Kadel
Assistant Editor

What do a Wall Street businessman, a Russian wrestler/ballet teacher, an inebriated actress, and an ex-Grand Duchess have in common? Well, throw in a few hundred fireworks to boot and you'd have this year's Junior Class Play, *You Can't Take It With You*.

The play, set in the 1930s, is a comedy that takes a light-hearted look at a kooky family that, if we look hard enough, is a lot like our own.

The Sycamore house is a bit crazy sometimes. But they don't seem to notice. Grandpa (Brice Roncace) who has been cheating the government for years, Mr. Sycamore (David Zirschky) and his playwriting wife Penny

(Melissa Wilde) live together with their two daughters. Alice (Devon Van Essen), their youngest, has fallen in love with her boss' son, Tony (Verne Ward).

Trouble brews when Tony's parents come to dinner on the wrong night and see the Sycamores at their weirdest. As the evening progresses, everything seems to go wrong, and Alice is convinced that the relationship will never work.

What makes this play so funny is that it has a lot of weird characters who are all so different. It adds a lot of variety. Ben Stecker said, "I really enjoy my character because he is just a big bumbling Russian who is not as smart as he thinks he is. And I get to talk with a cool accent."

With a cast of 18 characters, the small Science Lecture Hall

stage gets a bit crowded at times, but that just adds to the craziness of the play. Wilde said, "It's been a lot of fun working with so many people. I know I would never have met a lot of them if I hadn't been in the play with them."

The actors come from all four classes, which is often confusing to people. But the Junior Class Play is called such because it is sponsored by the Junior Class Council.

The council was responsible for selecting the director for the play. This year's director is Jennifer Hill, a senior double-majoring in History and Political Science.

Concerning the play, Hill commented, "I like the interaction between the different characters because they're all very unique and quirky and seem to exist in their own world. The



Shawna McArthur

Brice Roncace and David Zirschky rehearse a scene in the Science Lecture Hall. Monday night was the cast's first full run-through.

way they all interact with each other in their own way is what really makes the play wonderful."

You Can't Take It With You will be performed in the Science Lecture Hall Thursday

through Saturday, Feb. 28-March 2 at 8:00 pm each night. Tickets can be purchased at the door at a cost of \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, children, and seniors.

Ever hear about Dr. Bennett's train-hopping days?

By Ali Brown
Campus Writer

So you think you know your professors, but what do you really know about them?

Most of what you know has probably come from things they have shared in class. They might have mentioned being valedictorian, making the Deans list or making the grades. But degrees and doctorates aside, they were all college students at some point.

Students of Dr. Gaymon Bennett would probably describe him as mild mannered, good natured and calm. But don't be fooled by his Santaesque appearance. Behind that literature loving, prose writing and poetry quoting persona lies the heart of a rebel.

It was early spring 1962, and Dr. Bennett was a sophomore at NNC. One Friday night, he and a friend spent the evening exploring Nampa's (then active) train yards. Don't forget, we are talking about pre-Wal-Mart times, so this isn't an unlikely choice of entertainment. Eventually, they

came upon the control tower, a small two-story tower from which the operator could view and conduct the switching yard. After talking to the operator for a while, the boys decided to attempt train hopping.

Thinking it would be best to start out small, they hopped a train that was headed to Boise, or so they thought. Actually, they were on their way to Mountain Home. After a few miles, heavy rain began to pour, unfortunately they had chosen an open car. Realizing their ride had long past Boise and fearing it would not stop in any nearby town, the boys jumped off when the train paused to let another pass. They walked their soaked selves to the highway and attempted to hitch hike.

They were able to get a ride to East Boise but had no way to get back to Nampa. It was now 1 am and they were cold, tired and wet, with only twenty cents between the two of them. They wandered around town and eventually found themselves at an all-night laundry mat. What luck! In those days,

it cost a dime to dry a load of laundry, so they stripped to their shorts and dried their sopping wet clothes.

Then they headed to the highway to try another round of hitchhiking. They soon realized that traffic had been detoured, so they were unsuccessful. They walked as far as Meridian and then used their last dime to call a friend to pick them up.

You would think Dr. Bennett's train-hopping days would have

ended there, but guess again. The next week they were at it again. This time, the trip was thoroughly planned and organized. They caught a train to Huntington and then hopped in a lumber car on the way back. It was a success. But the triumph of their rebellion was soon lessened considerably when another group of NNC students tried to follow in their footsteps.

The new, amateur train-hoppers were careless and even-

tually thrown in Canyon County Jail for the weekend.

Dr. Bennett's name was mentioned to the police and eventually he received a warning about being involved in illegal behavior.

And thus began the reform of this rebel. It was then that Dr. Bennett began to take an interest in other things. He was now onto new pursuits, one of whom you might know as Evelyn.

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2002 Covenant, Parable, Witness members selected

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The interviews and auditions are over and the selection process completed. The summer ministry groups have been selected for the summer of 2002. There are three groups that will be traveling this summer to represent God and Northwest Nazarene University.

The first group is Covenant.

This is a music group that travels and shares their talent and musical abilities with churches across the northwest.

The second group is Parable. The members of Parable minister through their acting abilities. This is a drama group that travels to various churches as well as camps. This year, Parable will also be traveling to Alaska with their ministry.

The third group is Witness.

This group consists of only five people and their ministry revolves completely around working at camps. These students travel to several different camps in the area and perform tasks wherever they are most needed.

Congratulations are in order for all the students who made this commitment and were chosen for the job.

Parable
Paul Clark
Todd Fulcher
Tyler Hill
Doni Moore
Kristina Scharfenberg
Melissa Wilde

Covenant
Jamie Campbell
Katie Freeby
Jeremy Hodges
John Giannatola
Jeremy Hugus
Todd McArthur
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Make contribution to Operation Buddy Bear

Bears given to comfort children at crime scenes

Naomi Falby
Campus Writer

Operation Buddy Bear will be hitting the Northwest Nazarene University campus on February 28, 2002, at 7:30 pm during the men's basketball game against Anchorage, Alaska. Every teddy bear will be donated to local law enforcement agencies.

Teddy bears are given to children when police respond to crime scenes, accidents, fires and difficult social services cases. Police use the teddy bears to provide comfort to the child. They also help to build trust and a sense of safety in the child.

While teddy bears are a valuable tool for police when dealing with children, most agencies unfortunately are unable to afford them.

Senior English major Erin Wing was the recipient of an Operation Buddy Bear after a car accident in which her mother was seriously injured.

Mike, the teddy bear so named after the EMT that gave Erin the bear, provided comfort while Erin and her siblings were being taken to a different hospital than their mother and father. Mike still maintains residence with Erin.

Operation Buddy Bear is enjoying the support of Nampa Mayor Tom Dale. During an interview with Circle K President, Spring Fisk, the Mayor gave his positive view on the

project. "The Buddy Bear program is a great program that is reaching into the hearts and lives of the children affected by crime. It deserves your highest level of support."

Five hundred dollars was donated by the local Kiwanis club to Circle K for the purpose of buying teddy bears to match donations that will be collected at the February 28th game.

Currently, Circle K and the Northwest Nazarene University SIFE club (Students In Free Enterprise) are negotiating additional donations and matching funds, as well as discounts on teddy bears.

Thanks to Kiwanis, and hopefully future donations, each teddy bear donated at the basketball game will be a double blessing.

The new teddy bears, and other stuffed animals, can be donated at several locations. A special booth will be at the basketball game on February 28th.

If you will not be able to attend that game and would like to donate a new stuffed animal, two locations are available for drop-offs. The on-campus location is at the Athletic Office in the gym; call Jewel at extension 8876.

Off-campus, please contact the Canyon County Prosecuting Attorney Victim Witness Coordinator Brenda Cameron at 454-7391.



Circle K club President Spring Fisk loads teddy bears into a shopping cart for Operation Buddy Bear.

Coming Soon!

Crusader on the Web

The NNU Crusader staff is working on bringing this publication to the world wide web. We will notify you when it is accessible.

EXPLORE NNU

THURSDAY THROUGH
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125 students are expected to visit campus next weekend. They will be visiting classes, chapel and staying in the dorms. Welcome these prospective students to campus!

Fieldhouse, Rec Center offer various opportunities for spring exercise plan

Get on the path toward a successful exercise program

By Jessica Wiggins
Campus Writer

"My doctor told me to stop having intimate dinners for four. Unless there are three other people." Are you one of those people like Orson Welles that is having dinner for four people all by yourself? If that is the case, maybe it is time for you to start exercising.

Spring is in the air, and with spring comes a desire to get outdoors and get into shape. Many people have been taking every opportunity they can get to work out, between classes and in the evening. NNU is privileged to have not only a wonderfully equipped Montgomery Fieldhouse but also to have

the Nampa Recreation Center within walking distance from the school.

The Nampa Recreation Center is a year round facility open to all ages. The 140,000 square foot facility houses one of the largest indoor rock climbing walls in Idaho, three collegiate size basketball courts, six racquetball courts, an indoor running track, three dance studios, large gymnastics floor, five swimming pools, spa, sauna and steam room.

The Recreational Center is open from 5:30 am to 10:00 pm. Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, and 11:00 am until 6:00 pm on Sunday. If you would like to try it out, don't give up hope just because you missed out on the deal that NNU gets for passes. There

are special day pass rates of only \$6.25, and you can also purchase a 20-visit punch pass.

There are many special activities and classes that the Nampa Recreation Center has to offer this spring. As a member of the Rec Center, you have opportunities to get involved in a number of these activities. Some of these options include fitness and weight training; water fitness classes, outdoor recreational programs and martial art classes. If you are interested in any of these exciting classes, check into them at the Rec Center.

If you just don't have the money to get a Rec Center pass, or you would just rather stay here on campus, you can take advantage of the facilities we have here at NNU.

There are a variety of different exercise bikes and treadmills in a separate room down the hall from the main gym along with a nice weight room.

At scheduled times, the gym is open to play ball, and the pool is open for swimming. As it starts warming up, students will be able to start using the track, soccer fields and outdoor courts.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in an exercise program this spring. Getting into shape can be one of the best feelings of a lifetime. As you start your exercise program, here are a few tips from the experts. 1. Set your goals. 2. Set a timeframe for your goals. 3.) Figure out how to meet your goals with an exercise program. 4.) Structure your program. 5.) Maintain your program. Sticking to these rules can help you get on the path to a successful exercise program here at Northwest Nazarene University. Good luck, and remember, "Your aspirations are your possibilities."



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Date: Feb. 20-21

Place: Brandt Center

Price: Free for all sessions. Wednesday night dinner will be \$12 for students with meal cards and \$14 for anyone who does not have a meal card.

The speakers for the conference will be William Abraham, Roger Hahn and Al Truesdale

Reservations for dinner must be made by Wednesday, Feb. 13

Editors Note:

As the editor of the campus section of this publication it is my responsibility to find writers for campus news stories.

I am always searching for new people to write stories. If you are interested in writing a story for this section I would be happy to hear from you.

I am not only interested in finding new writers but also new ideas for stories. I always enjoy hearing feedback from readers. If you have any ideas, suggestions or just comments contact me. You can email me at anwiggins@nnu.edu or call me at 8231. Thank you for your interest.

Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

All-star game sparks debate

By Matt Fraley
Sports Writer

The All-Star game is a chance to sit back, forget about defense, watch a few dunks and ...boo a cocky player who feels the need to be the MVP of the All Star game. Like many other fans of basketball, I did not see the point in letting Kobe Bryant have the ball each time down the floor. It is an All Star game, not a Lakers star game. I do not think he deserved to be elected game MVP despite his 31 points.

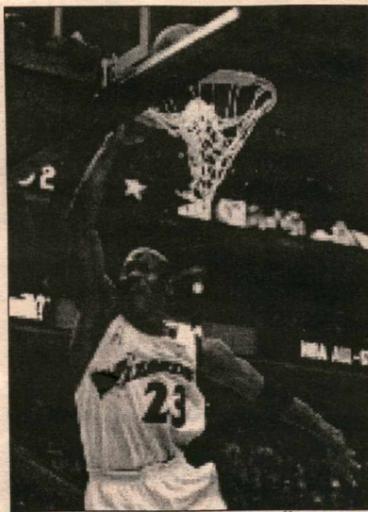
There are ethics to an All Star game.

First, you should let the hometown favorite steal the show. 19,000 fans seemed to agree with me that Kobe was not the true hometown favorite. Iverson deserved the spotlight, but for some reason, Bryant ended up with the title. The Answer has been invaluable to his franchise and has played some excellent basketball so far this year.

Secondly, Bryant announced before the game that he wanted the MVP title for this game. This request can be understood when you are considered a second to Shaquille O'Neal. Maybe without Shaq present this was the only chance Bryant could get to claim the spotlight, something hard to do with Jordan playing again after coming out of three years of retirement.

Thirdly, Bryant was just trying to score and break shooting records, without doing anything spectacular such as McGrady's dunk in traffic where he threw the ball of the backboard and woke up the crowd with a powerful slam.

Finally, I see no merit in taking 25 shots and managing to score



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East All-Star Michael Jordan missed this wide open dunk during Sunday's game.

31 points. All those guys out there could do the same. Surely, if Antoine Walker were to try, he might need to take more than 25 to reach that mark, nevertheless, I do not see his scoring as a feat.

Tracy McGrady, on the other hand, not only shot 9-15 (60%) and played less selfishly, but he was also more spectacular. His self alley-oop via the backboard was one of the most impressive dunks I have seen in years.

What I am getting at is that Bryant is the media's favorite, but not mine. The fans were all very clear during and after the game. They dislike Kobe Bryant... a lot. Unfortunately, points do often decide who will receive the MVP trophy...

Apart from that, the game was quite interesting and entertaining. Jason Kidd did not beat the record of assists in one half, Bryant did not break the record of shots taken in a game (27 by Wilt Chamberlain), but three foreigners made it into the roster, Tracy McGrady showed his talent, and Michael Jordan

made us all laugh when missing one of his trademark dunks.

The game was in the West's hands from the beginning because the East was heavily undersized. They arguably have the three best guards in the league on the same team (Kidd, Jordan, Iverson) but their speed could not measure up to the size of the West. Duncan, Garnett (both seven feet tall) and Chris Webber, 6'9", left Mutombo, 7'2", feeling lonely on the Eastern Squad. Elton Brand, Duncan and Garnett all grabbed double digit rebounds. This freed up the West guards, incidentally Kobe Bryant quite often, for the fast break. The East did not have a chance.

One match up that was entertaining in the fourth quarter, however, took place between the shooters. Five consecutive three pointers were scored in the span of a minute, bringing the score back up to All Star standards, but once again the East could not contain either the shooters or the inside game of the West.

Who would have been my MVP? McGrady is not a bad choice, but his team did not win. Payton was more valuable to the West because he scored 14 points in the fourth quarter including three 3pt shots during the critical shootout between the two squads.

I do not think the All Star game needs to change in any way, but maybe some players should try and have fun and let the true hometown favorites perform.

Olympic coverage dissapoints

By David Alban
Sports Writer

One would think with the Olympics here in the USA we would get better coverage of these games. NBC can't seem to figure out that sports are far better if you watch them live. Instead, flip on CNN in the middle of the day and you get told all the results right then, so nothing is a surprise when the nightly primetime action comes on. It would definitely be in NBC's best interest to show the coverage live during the day and taped coverage at night.

NBC also had the rights to the NBA All Star Game. So on a Sunday when most of the nation figures on watching the Olympics

all day, we get to watch a point-less game of overpaid stars, to see who can show off the best on the court. The station should have sold the rights of the game to a different network to show us what we really want to see, the Olympics.

NBC already has a one hour time slot from 2 to 3 p.m. during the week where they show taped preliminary rounds from earlier in the day. I don't see why they don't just widen the time slot and show live coverage.

For instance on Monday during this time slot they showed the qualifying rounds for the finals of Men's Half-pipe Snowboarding. While they were showing us that taped cov-

erage, they could have just shown the finals live. The first USA medal sweep at the winter Olympic games since 1956 but NBC foregoes the opportunity to show it live. They decided to wait to show it till primetime on Monday night. No one has told them that showing it twice wouldn't hurt anyone, especially if the first one is live.

Get really excited when you watch primetime Olympic action over the next few weeks. Just don't listen to any radio, get on the Internet or talk to any of your friends before it starts (in other words, don't do anything all day) or it will ruin the surprise.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE			WESTERN CONFERENCE		
ATLANTIC	W	L	MIDWEST	W	L
New Jersey	32	15	Dallas	35	14
Boston	28	21	Minnesota	33	16
Washington	26	21	San Antonio	31	17
Orlando	25	24	Utah	25	24
Philadelphia	25	24	Houston	16	33
New York	19	28	Denver	14	31
Miami	18	29	Memphis	14	35
CENTRAL	W	L	PACIFIC	W	L
Milwaukee	28	18	Sacramento	37	12
Toronto	29	20	L.A. Lakers	33	13
Detroit	26	21	Portland	25	23
Indiana	25	24	Seattle	25	23
Charlotte	23	23	Phoenix	24	24
Atlanta	16	32	L.A. Clippers	25	26
Cleveland	15	32	Golden State	14	32
Chicago	11	36			

THREE-POINT CONTEST THRILLS

By Matt Fraley
Sports Writer

The ATT Three Point Shootout was decided once again in an overtime. Some clutch shooting by the Sacramento Kings' Pete Stojakovic enable him to grab the lead in the three-player final round. He hit 11 of his last 13 shots, and sank the entire last rack of 5 balls to finish with 19 points, edging out Mavericks' guard Steve Nash who had 18.

Chuck Person followed Stojakovic, and would have won the title if he had hit his last ball, but it bounced off of the back rim resulting in the overtime.

The Olympic Experience:

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Sunday morning, we were feeling very satisfied with our Olympic experience and decided to do a little more sight seeing before we headed back to Nampa. We came across a sign leading us to the famous Olympic Oval, home of the speed skating competitions, and decided on impulse to check it out. As we were walking up to the front of the venue, a man approached us from NBC who gave us four tickets to the event for FREE. Excitement filled the air as we headed into our first Olympic Competition!

Energy filled the Olympic Oval. The ice was exceptionally quick and world records were soon to be broken. As the races continued, record after record was broken. In the end, Germany's own Claudia Pechstein took the gold with a world record-breaking-time of 3:58.94. Renate Groenewold grabbed the silver for the Netherlands and Canada's Cindy Klassen stole the bronze. Even though the US did not end up with any medals, I was still deeply moved by the Medals



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German speed skater, Claudia Pechstein won the 3000m event with a world record time.

Ceremony following the event and found myself cheering right along with the Germans, Dutch and Canadians.

On the ride home to Idaho, my mind raced with all that I had witnessed. I came home elated and completely hyper. I will never be the same; I am now an Olympic Junkie and am dreaming of the next time attending the Olympics comes within reach. This was one weekend that will be forever etched in my memory.

NCAA basketball exciting and unpredictable

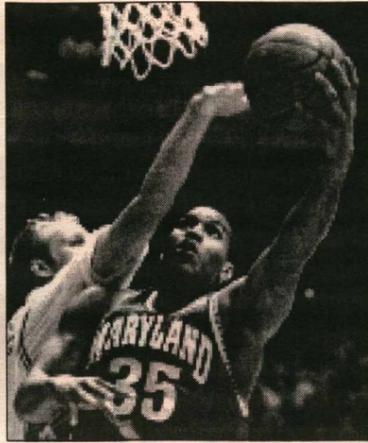
By Josh Zickefoose
Sports Writer

Nazarenes are not supposed to bet anyway (it is in the special rules section of the manual), but if we were into betting I would not bet on anything in college basketball. I am sure everyone already knows that college basketball is fairly unpredictable but this year seems exceptionally up and down.

Okay, the top five teams are relatively unchanging. Duke has lost one, Kansas two, Oklahoma and Maryland three and Cincinnati two. It is predictable that these teams will win many times over. But when you look below the top five it is hard to find consistency.

Teams are very streaky this year and in games they are expected to win they do not. It is not like ranked teams (minus the top five) are losing by small margins to no name teams, they are losing often and by unrespectable margins to "easy teams". A good example of what I am talking about is the sizable whipping that Miami took from Boston College this last week, beating the Orangemen by thirteen points.

This week will be exciting because number 3 Maryland will host the game against the #1 Duke Blue Devils. The last time these two teams meet it was in Duke's house and Maryland got eaten alive. But,



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Maryland's Lonny Baxter will play a key role in the Terrapin's matchup with #1 Duke this week.

that was just at the end of the game. The entire game was exciting to watch and Maryland had Duke wondering behind at

the half. Maryland will have to play hard at home and try to pull out a win.

I would expect this to be an even better game than the last, and there should be a house of Blue Devil haters to welcome Duke. I will not guarantee a good game because this season is anything but predictable, but I hope it is.

If Maryland can stay strong and win then that may hurt Duke's chances of holding the number one slot, not likely but it could happen that they lose number one.

Texas Tech is showing signs of weakness, which I am sure does not make Bobby Knight very happy. It seems according to coach Knight that the

team can not deal with being behind. They do not have the chemistry or confidence to return fire and take a lead back.

This only being the first year at Texas Tech Bobby will still have more remodeling to do in order to turn his new team into a winning team. This year is not at a loss, Knight still has a chance to make the tournament. He will have to build confidence and teach his new kids to win (with out beating them) if he hopes to someday win another tournament. The only way to know this year is to watch and see. Remember, no betting; it is not safe.

NNU's women to host playoff

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

By sweeping the Alaska schools this past weekend, the NNU women's basketball (6-8, 11-10) team has earned the privilege of hosting the six-team NAAIA Independent Playoff on Feb 21-23. NNU's two victories, coupled with Seattle university dropping a 69-60 decision to Seattle Pacific secured the honor on Saturday night.

Amber Hellber led the Sadlers on Saturday night against Alaska Fairbanks with 17 points. Alysson Kollman added 14 points for NNU, giving her a total of 30 for the weekend.

The Sadlers ended a frustrating three-game skid on Thursday night by dominating Alaska Anchorage with a balanced scoring attack. The Sadlers never trailed in the game, and added to their 12-point halftime lead by scoring the first 11 points of the second half. NNU travels to St. Martin's for a Valentine's day game.

New advertising opportunity

By Kevan Lee
Sports Writer

I got to thinking the other day, and before I remembered that nothing good can come from that, I was already off on a groundbreaking tangent leading myself into uncharted mensa territory. But more on that later. With the Daytona 500 officially kicking off the NASCAR season Sunday, my thoughts turned to perhaps the simplest sport of them all—racing.

Nothing beats the thrill of pure speed racers experience flying around the track at hundreds of miles per hour as the G-forces melt them into their seats. I feel like I can relate to some of them because I occasion to go 40 in a 35. I get goosebumps even thinking about it.

Racing, really, is every man's dream. We love to drive around aimlessly for no particular reason, we love to show off what our car can do, and we love to waste a perfectly good three hours on a Saturday afternoon. NASCAR fulfills every one of our wishes and so much more. Its drivers get the enjoyment of a Sunday drive without going anywhere. Their cars are some of the most pristine, finely-tuned machines in the country. And sometimes, they get to waste up to four hours at a time with a good excuse. Even more, they get a trophy when they finish driving; all we get is a reprimand for wasting gas. Jeff Gordon is living out every one of our fantasies. And he gets paid to do it.

Speaking of money, one of the most interesting things about NASCAR is the way it uses sponsors. Each car and racer is literally covered with logos, company slogans, and

brands—all in the name of shameless promotion and tasteless advertising. Every car has one main sponsor that is plastered onto the hood, roof, trunk (do they even have trunks?), and anywhere else on the car that has three square feet to spare. Smaller brand names appear down by the wheel-wells and on the side, virtually impossible to see as cars whiz by on the track yet still worth \$500,000 a spot. Even the racers spare no dignity when it comes to the mighty dollar. Their outfits appear to be made entirely of company patches sewn together to make a fire-resistant polyester ad campaign. Seriously, I've seen fewer products in the Consumer Report. But no complaints here.

In fact, I am willing to put myself up for ad space. You heard me right. Anyone who desires may pony up a small fee, and I would be more than happy to give him part of my body for his use. Even more, I am not above letting my car become a moving billboard. I am open to any and all ideas, provided they will leave me with some sense of pride after my service is finished. I guarantee that your ad will receive the maximum exposure through packages ranging from me sitting in a chair next to the salad bar in The Dex from 12:00-1:00 to me streaking during time outs at basketball games.

The fees will also vary depending on which part of the body customers are interested in. For example, wearing a T-shirt bearing a catchy slogan will be much cheaper than tattooing a picture of someone's girlfriend onto my chest. Pretty much anything goes as far as

the car is concerned. As I mentioned above, I, being a male, love to drive around aimlessly, so you can be assured plenty of viewability. In fact, for the right price, I will bring my car to a dead stop on I-84, provided that is not a misdemeanor or a felony. Consider me a living, breathing classified ad...with feelings.

However, there are some standards that I will not be willing to concede. First and foremost, I will not allow rival Nazarene universities any space on my body. My absolute loyalty to Northwest Nazarene University cannot be bought at any price...less than \$50. Second, I cannot bring myself to promote organizations that I do not support. That means no Tommy Hilfiger, no WNBA, and no one-ply toilet paper producers. Lastly, please refrain from using profanity. I may be a human billboard, but I'm a human billboard with virtues.

Now, just to make sure we are clear on this, I am not selling my body because I have no self-respect. I am selling my body because I have no money. I see this as a business opportunity that provides me with the best means of acquiring income. I hope that no one will see me as less of a person for this but rather as an innovative entrepreneur.

I warned you at the beginning that when I start thinking, some strange things tend to happen. However, I feel like this idea definitely has some promise. Bobby Labonte, Tony Stewart, and Dale Jarrett may be racing legends to millions of race car enthusiasts, but I see them as something more: the fathers of modern advertising. And they have taught me a valuable lesson that I would have never ever learned in macroeconomics.

The AP College Basketball poll

Rank	Team	W-L
1.	Duke	(22-1)
2.	Kansas	(21-2)
3.	Maryland	(19-3)
4.	Oklahoma	(19-3)
5.	Cincinnati	(22-2)
6.	Florida	(18-4)
7.	Alabama	(20-4)
8.	Gonzaga	(22-3)
9.	Arizona	(17-6)
10.	Kentucky	(16-6)
11.	Marquette	(21-3)
12.	Stanford	(15-6)
13.	Miami (Fla.)	(20-4)
14.	Pittsburgh	(21-4)
15.	Virginia	(15-6)
16.	Oklahoma St.	(18-6)
17.	Oregon	(17-7)
18.	Illinois	(17-7)
19.	Wake Forest	(17-7)
20.	UCLA	(16-7)
21.	Georgia	(18-6)
22.	Indiana	(16-7)
23.	Ohio State	(17-5)
24.	No. Carolina St.	(18-6)
25.	USC	(16-6)

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American Ross Powers led the USA halfpipe pack to Olympic gold.

USA Sweeps Men's Halfpipe Snowboarding

USA domineered the other countries in the men's halfpipe snowboarding event.

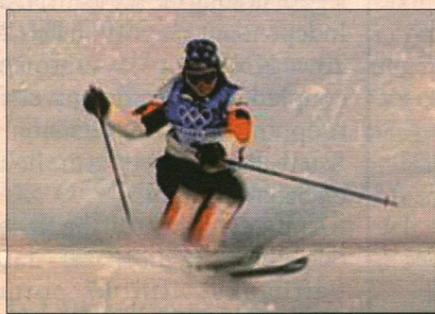
Medal	Athlete	Country	Results
Gold	Powers, Ross	USA	46.1
Silver	Kass, Danny	USA	42.5
Bronze	Thomas, Jarret	USA	42.1

SKI JUMPING



Switzerland's Simon Ammann soars through the air during the men's 90km ski jump during Sunday's games.

Ski Jumping is as close to flying as man can get without the aid of machines. It begins on a steep slope where the contestant speeds up to over 50 mph only to be flung off the edge of the slope and into the air. The goal is to make the leap last for 90km and then as far past that mark as possible. This sport is as extreme as the Olympics come and is man's closest attempt at soaring with the birds.



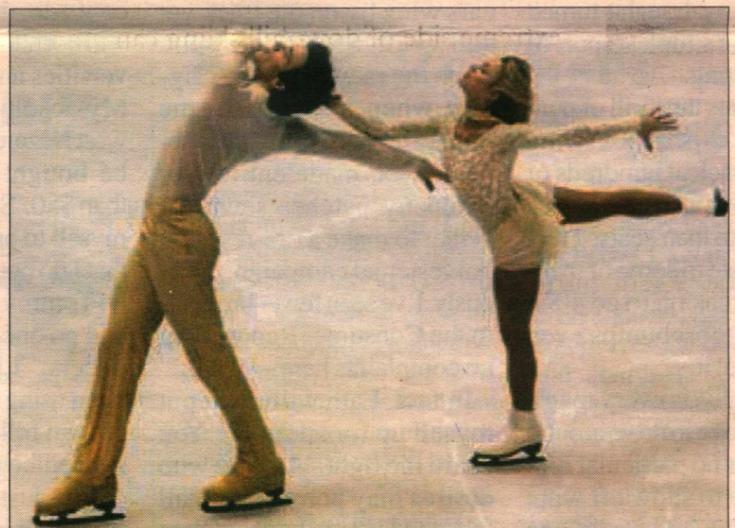
Norway's Kari Traa slides down the hill during the finals for Olympic gold.

Women's Free Style Skiing

Free Style skiing is one of the Winter Olympics' most well known sport. This year, Norway's Kari Traa took over the hill with her phenomenal speed of 34:48 seconds.

Rank	Country	Name	Time	Score
1	Norway	Traa, Kari	6.36-(34:48 sec)	25.94
2	USA	Bahrke, Shannon	6.02-(36:09 sec)	25.06
3	Japan	Satoya, Tae	6.41-(34:23 sec)	24.85
4	Canada	Heil, Jennifer	6.45-(34:04 sec)	24.84
5	USA	Hardaway, Hannah	6.06-(35:89 sec)	24.77
6	Japan	Uemura, Aiko	6.14-(35:48 sec)	24.66
7	USA	Battelle, Ann	6.08-(35:80 sec)	24.62
8	France	Laoura, Sandra	6.28-(34:82 sec)	24.12
9	Russia	Cherkasova, Marina	5.77-(37:26 sec)	23.52
10	Austria	Marbler, Margarita	6.11-(35:64 sec)	23.18

Winter Olympics Figure Skating



Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze of Russia displayed their pair's skating techniques and went on to win Olympic Gold for their country.



Yevgeny Plushenko of Russia is a favorite contender for Gold in men's skating.

Figure skating in the Winter Olympics is one of the most loved and most watched sports. Its combination of beauty and technique make it a graceful yet exciting event to watch.

After a controversial ending to the pair's figure skating competition with Russia walking away with the gold medals, all who follow the sport are eager to see which country will dominate the single's competitions. The world can expect quite a show from the rest of the figure skating competition for these 2002 Winter Olympics.

THE LUGE



Italian Armin Zoeggeler luge sweeps down the Luge track in front of eager spectators.

The Luge has sparked conversation and controversy within the 2002 Olympics due to its daredevil nature. Sliding down an icy tube at speeds topping 90 mph has fans and athletes excited about this year's competition.

Rank	Country	Name	Total	Difference
1	Italy	Zoeggeler, Armin	2:57.941	—
2	Germany	Hackl, Georg	2:58.270	+0.329
3	Austria	Prock, Markis	2:58.283	+0.342
4	USA	Heidt, Adam	2:58.606	+0.665
5	Russia	Demtschenko, Albert	2:58.996	+1.055
6	Germany	Albert, Karsten	2:59.046	+1.105
7	Germany	Geppert, Denis	2:59.154	+1.213
8	Austria	Kleinheinz, Markus	2:59.211	+1.270
9	Italy	Huber, Wilfried	2:59.319	+1.378
10	Austria	Margreiter, Rainer	2:59.637	+1.696

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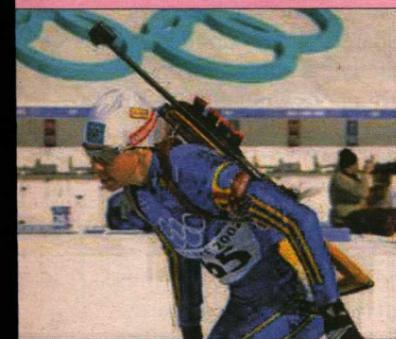


Alpine Skiing

Many sportsmen and women love to downhill ski. However, many would be unable to participate in a race that reached the speeds that the competitors in the Alpine Skiing contest in the Winter Olympics reach. It's a sport that requires agility and precision and only those who are interested in the extreme side of downhill skiing can participate.

...le of Austria dominated the Alpine ...ent and went home with gold.

Country	Name	Finish	Difference
Austria	Strobl, Fritz	1:39.13	—
Norway	Kjus, Lasse	1:39.35	+0.22
Austria	Eberharter, Stephan	1:39.41	+0.28
Norway	Aamodt, Kjetil Andre	1:39.78	+0.65
France	Cretier, Claude	1:39.96	+0.83
Austria	Greber, Christian	1:40.00	+0.87
Sweden	Nyberg, Fredrik	1:40.30	+1.17
Sweden	Hoffmann, Ambrosi	1:40.31	+1.18
USA	Sullivan, Marco	1:40.37	+1.24
France	Fournier, Sebastien	1:40.39	+1.26



Women's 15K Biathlon

This event involves endurance and precise shooting ability. The track is 15 kilometers long, and throughout, the participants must hit the appointed shooting targets to succeed as a competitor in the Women's 15K Biathlon. This event truly is a competition of endurance and skill.

...a Forsberg from Sweden is shown ...p the Women's 15K Biathlon. She ...winning the Bronze Medal.

Country	Name	Finish	Difference
Germany	Henkel, Andrea	47:29.1	—
Norway	Poiree, Liv Grete	47:37.0	+7.9
Sweden	Forsberg, Magdalena	48:08.3	+39.2
Russia	Pyleva, Olga	48:14.0	+44.9
Bulgaria	Dafovska, Ekaterina	48:15.5	+46.4
Ukraine	Nazarova, Olga	48:29.9	+1:00.8
Germany	Glagow, Martine	48:34.2	+1:05.1
Russia	Ishmouratova, Svetlana	48:45.0	+1:15.9
Czech Republic	Jasicova, Martina	48:47.5	+1:18.4
Russia	Ashatova, Albina	49:06.1	+1:37.0

Heading to the Olympics?

Here are some items *NOT* to take:

- 1. Alcohol**
No. Alcohol will be available for purchase at certain venues, and may only be consumed in designated areas. Alcohol may not be brought into a venue.
- 2. Bicycles**
No. Bikes are not allowed in Olympic venues.
- 3. Broadcast equipment**
No. Exclusive TV and radio broadcast rights are granted by the IOC to organizations around the world, and no other organization may infringe on those rights. Only rights-holding broadcasters may broadcast sound or images from Olympic events, including sporting action and ceremonies.
- 4. Brochures and flyers**
No. Unauthorized commercial material is not permitted at Olympic venues.
- 5. Coolers**
No. A cooler is considered a restricted item.
- 6. Firearms**
No. Firearms are prohibited at Olympic venues. There is no storage available at any of the Olympic venues.
- 7. Food & drink**
No. You may not bring food or drink to Olympic venues.
- 8. Glass and cans**
No. These are restricted items.
- 9. Prohibited items**
Weapons (including knives), fireworks, illegal drugs, inherently dangerous items, prescription-strength medicines not validly prescribed for the ticket-bearer by a physician. Utah law states that any person (including one licensed to carry a concealed firearm) is prohibited from transporting into an Olympic venue any firearm, ammunition, dangerous weapon, explosive, chemical or incendiary device.
- 10. Confiscation of items**
Spectators found with prohibited items or found misusing restricted items at a venue are subject to having the items confiscated. Police may take further action in such circumstances.
- 10. Scooters, skateboards, and skates**
No. These are restricted items.
- 11. Skis & snowboards**
No. Skis and snowboards are restricted items at all venues.
- 12. Sleds**
No. Sleds are restricted items.
- 13. Tape Recorders**
No. Recording or photography of concerts at Olympic Medals Plaza is not permitted.

Planning on packing your camera with you on your trip?

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Doctor in trouble over painkiller scandal

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Writer

Separating the two doctors in tiny Grover, NC, are a few streets, and a world of trouble and a tiny drugstore crammed inside a house trailer that is this country's biggest retailer of the painkiller OxyContin.

Sharing a parking lot with that drugstore is a clinic run by one physician, Dr. Joseph H. Talley, a self-styled specialist in pain treatment described by some of his patients as their best hope for relief.

But the town's other doctor, Dr. Philip M. Day, says he has watched the pain clinic's growing practice with concern that some of Dr. Talley's clientele may be going to Grover not seeking treatment but for a narcotic high.

Late last month, the federal Drug Enforcement Administration suspended Dr. Talley's license to prescribe controlled substances, a regulatory classification that includes narcotics like OxyContin but not commonly used drugs like penicillin.

The agency has charged Dr. Talley with prescribing drugs like OxyContin and methadone, which is also used as a pain medication, to patients

who were drug dealers or drug abusers.

This action follows a complaint by the North Carolina Medical Board against Dr. Talley charging that he had failed to examine patients properly before prescribing narcotics or to monitor how they used the drugs.

Dr. Talley disputed the drug agency's charges and the complaint by the medical board, saying he planned to contest them. He said that while he was aware that some of his patients had died, he had no way of knowing that they had been drug abusers or whether drugs he prescribed had played any part in their deaths.

While specialists scrutinize patients' drug use with urine tests and other means to see whether they are taking narcotics as prescribed or possibly selling them on the street, Dr. Talley says he does not use such tests because they are unreliable.

He said addiction through prescribed use of narcotics was relatively rare. He pointed to studies championed by pain



Dr. Joseph H. Talley says prescriptions he wrote for OxyContin were to provide relief to people in pain.

management experts in the mid-1990's that found that chronic pain patients could be safely treated with narcotics without fear of addiction.

Yet some pain experts cau-

"If I tell this guy in terrific pain I'm not going to treat his pain and I think you are an addict, that just adds insult to injury. It is just devastating."

~ Dr. Joseph Talley

tioned that those studies might have limited value because they involved patients in controlled settings like hospitals rather than the public.

Dr. Day said he still respected Dr. Talley but believed that he may have lost the ability in recent years to distinguish real patients from others seeking drugs for themselves or to

sell.

Billy Wease, an owner of Medi-Fair Drug Center, the pharmacy that shares a parking lot with Dr. Talley's clinic, said a federal drug agent told him that agency data showed that the pharmacy was the largest retailer of OxyContin in the nation. He said that most of those prescriptions came from Dr. Talley's clinic.

"I didn't realize we were No. 1," Mr. Wease said. "All I was filling was what was coming through."

Dr. Talley said he was also struck by the federal data. He said that the clinic treated about 1,000 patients and that about 30 percent of the prescriptions he wrote were for OxyContin.

"That automatically makes me the biggest prescriber of OxyContin in the U.S.," Dr. Talley said.

He went on to say that means that there are "a lot of guys out there who are not doing their job by prescribing this drug."

Dr. Talley said that he trusted

his patients and that if a few drug abusers slipped by him, there was just so much he could do. "If I tell this guy in terrific pain I'm not going to treat his pain and I think you are an addict, that just adds insult to injury. It is just devastating."

He said that with his permit to prescribe narcotics suspended, he had been working nonstop to find other doctors and clinics to see his patients.

Dr. Day said he feared his practice would be flooded with patients going through drug withdrawal. He said he already had to wean some of Dr. Talley's patients off drugs when they felt they could not get that help at the clinic.

Dr. Talley said any patient who wanted to stop using narcotics could get that help at the clinic. As for his ability to tell good patients from bad ones, Dr. Talley said he was inclined to wait for someone besides Dr. Day to make that call.

"I'll find out what my batting average was when I meet St. Peter," Dr. Talley said. "Maybe I got 19 out of 20 right. Maybe I did 50-50. That's what I'll be judged on."

Nampa principal positions change

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus News Writer

Nampa will be opening three new elementary schools in the fall. However, because of a lack of funding, the hiring of new principals to administrate the schools will not be happening.

The eight existing principals will have charge over what will be twelve schools. Currently, each school has its own administrator, but this fall, the principals will be paired and given charge of three buildings. All together, there will be four teams of principles in the district.

Scott McDonald, district spokesman, stated that Nampa is attempting to deal with cuts in administrative funding. The idea of pairing principals was brought up by two of the elementary school principals. This week, the board approved their plan.

The Nampa School District technically does not call their principals "principals". They have been labeled as "chief education officers," or CEOs. "We are not going to get funding next year for 12 CEOs," McDonald said, "It's not going to happen."

The responsibilities of the teams

of CEOs will be divided into kindergarten through fourth grade and fifth grade through seventh grade. However, since seventh grade is part of the middle school, there will need to be excellent communication between the administrator in charge of fifth through seventh and the administrator(s) at the middle schools. "That brings a lot of alignment and a lot of possibilities," McDonald commented.

"We are not going to get funding next year for 12 CEOs." ~ Scott McDonald

This system of pairing has already been in effect in the school district for some time; principals at the middle and high schools are responsible for two buildings each already. Kevin Stanger and Jeff Read are those two individuals. Stanger has charge of South Middle School and Skyview High School while Read is in charge of West Middle School and Nampa High School.

Total administrators in these schools include three at the high schools and two at the middle schools. McDonald stated that the pairing system has worked well with the middle and high

schools.

Just as teachers are able to request where they teach, the administrators will be able to have some say in where they will work and who they will be paired with. When the final administrative assignments have been made, they will be publicized. That could happen as early as next week.

McDonald stated that the Nampa School District has paired high-performing and low-performing schools in hopes of improving all schools. The four groupings are: (1.) Centennial, Iowa and Sherman; (2.) Central, Owyhee and Park Ridge; (3.) Roosevelt, Greenhurst and Lincoln; (4.) Reagan, Snake River and Sunny Ridge.

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Press Release: IHC receives grant for teachers

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has awarded the Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) a \$150,000 Challenge Grant offer to assist the IHC in building a \$1 million endowment for its humanities education programs, including annual summer teacher institutes, workshops and related activities. According to NEH, Challenge Grants are the most competitive grants offered by NEH, with only 25 percent of applications funded in 2001. The Challenge Grant award requires the IHC to raise \$450,000 in private and corporate matching funds (3-1 challenge match) over the next three years.

The IHC has earned a reputation over the years for sponsoring one- and two-week summer institutes for elementary and secondary teachers on such topics as Idaho history, the Literature of Idaho and the Intermountain West.

The Council's summer 2002 institute will focus on Idaho Political History since World War II. Teachers from throughout Idaho apply to attend the institutes, usually held on Idaho college campuses. IHC recruits noted scholars from the region and the nation to participate in the institutes and covers the

costs of teachers to attend, including meals, lodging, a modest stipend, texts and other materials. "The institutes are intensive, intellectually renewing experiences for both teachers and scholars," said Marc Johnson, Chairman of the Idaho Humanities Council.

"IHC's summer institute program also will help prepare humanities teachers in implementing Idaho's new achievement standards. We're confident we can rally the public and corporate support within three years to make this opportunity for Idaho's teachers a reality."

In order to sponsor a summer institute in years past, the IHC has been dependent upon fundraising from various sources to make an institute every summer in perpetuity. The \$150,000 from the NEH and the \$450,000 match the IHC must raise in three years will be added to a \$300,000 base the IHC already has amassed for its Teacher Education endowment. The endowment goal is \$1 million. Expendable interest on the endowment would fund a summer institute and related programs for elementary and secondary teachers of the humanities on an annual basis.

Afghan-Americans look forward to going home

By Amber Adams
Off-Campus News Writer

With the latest developments happening in Afghanistan, many Afghan-Americans are beginning to long for home. Many of these people left Afghanistan when they were young because of war, lack of good education and freedom.

One such woman, Sheila Jahan, left to become a doctor. Today, at age 42, she is a busy neurologist in the suburb of Washington. With elegant clothes, a Mercedes and a 14-year-old daughter in a private school, she is but a shadow of what she once was while living in Afghanistan.

Others have also found prosperity living in America. M. Z. Ghaznawi, a businessman, longs to go back and build glass factories so his people can have proper windows. Zalmi Niayz is the

parents abandoned houses and careers to work at low paying, menial jobs just to stay in the United States.

"I remember my father, when the summers would be 100 degrees he would be outside laying tar," said Nadia Aman, 25, a systems analyst in Springfield, VA. Her father had been a high official in the Afghan finance ministry in the 1970s.

While Afghan-Americans are storing up financially, they are also rising politically. Waheed Momand, a 52-year-old biomedical engineer who left Afghanistan in 1982, is one of the leaders. He and his wife left three years after the Soviet invasion and trekked through the mountains to Pakistan, mostly on foot. Momand's story is common for many Afghans.

Now Dr. Momand is the president of the Afghan Coalition and lives in Northern California with his family. Before Sept. 11, groups like Dr. Momand's focused on more

social and cultural matters such as helping Afghan immigrants. More recently, they have been electing delegates to represent them when the United

"These people are almost obsessed with moving back, in waves of talent, with their skills—business, entrepreneurial, educational, medical." ~Don Ritter

owner of Creative Contractors and Remodeling in Annandale, VA. Mr. Niayz recently formed a nonprofit organization, the Afghan Reconstruction Association, so he could bid on building projects. He left Afghanistan when he was only 16 and attended high school in Northern Virginia, then college at the University of Arkansas. "I have Afghan values," he said, "but I dream in English."

Even the younger generations are especially drawn back to their home country. They have watched as their

States deals with the new government in Afghanistan.

"This was really the first democratic election ever held in any Afghan community in more than 30 years," Dr. Momand said. "That was re-



Susana Raab/New York Times

Dr. Sheila Jahan, a neurologist, said, "My plan is to have a clinic, to go for one month, then come back for three months here. It is my duty."

ally a historic thing."

Many Afghans have led very quiet lives in the United States, watching as their country fell deeper and deeper into despair.

"We cried and we cried and we cried," said Weis Sherdel, 28, a systems analyst, "and nobody heard our voices." Many have looked for opportunities to do something to help but have had no such hope. "We've been in the desert for so long and are so thirsty," said Zalmi Niayz. "We finally see water."

"There are legions ready to march," said Don Ritter, a former Republican Congressman from Pennsylvania who leads the board of the Afghanistan America Foundation, a nonprofit organization that opened an office in Kabul last month. "These people are almost obsessed with moving back, in waves of talent, with their skills—business, entrepreneurial, educational, medical."

Dr. Jahan said she was investigating boarding school in the United States for her daughter. Asked if the separation would be difficult, she recalled a conversation with her own mother, who died in India a year after the family left Afghanistan.

"I said, 'Mommy, how could you love your country so much you would die for it?' She laughed at me. She said, 'You are too young to understand that your duty is to your country.' Now I understand."

News Briefs

Man contracts AIDS virus from bad blood

A Texas man has become the first American known to have been infected with the AIDS virus from donated blood since the nation's blood banks implemented rigorous new screening technology three years ago.

The man, David Autrey, a 51-year-old ranch hand from Chilton, was infected with H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS, from blood donated at the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center in San Antonio. The virus was transmitted while Autrey was having emergency heart bypass surgery in August 2000 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, officials said.

Although the testing process now in use is highly sophisticated, it can fail to detect the virus from people who donate soon after being exposed to H.I.V., said Dr. Michael Busch, a professor at the University of California at San Francisco and an executive with the Blood Centers of the Pacific.

The infected blood in Texas came from a man who was a regular donor at the San Antonio blood bank and who donated four times in 2000, said Dr. Norman Kalmin, president of the blood center.

Experts say the chance of getting H.I.V. from donated blood is one in two million to three million transfusions, and they say that the nation's blood supply remains safe.

Cat saves woman's life as house burns

A Nampa woman who is seven months pregnant narrowly escaped a fire Thursday morning when she was awakened by her cat shortly before her home exploded into flames.

Leslie Scott, 18, was sleeping about 7 am when her cat, Smokey, began pawing at her. When she woke up, she recognized that the house was on fire and fled.

"I would definitely say the cat saved her life," Nampa Fire Marshal Doug Strosnider said.

Unfortunately, investigators said the cat did not survive its act of heroism. Smokey, along with another cat, a rabbit and a lizard perished in the fire.

Scott suffered minor smoke inhalation and was given oxygen on the scene by firefighters. Her husband, Joshua, had already left for work at a warehouse in Nampa.

The fire started when a heat lamp for the lizard's cage fell over and ignited nearby materials.

Violence in Middle East continues

An Israeli fighter jet launched at least two missiles at a security target in Gaza, witnesses said, hours after the Israeli army reported that Palestinian militants had fired what appeared to be a new type of rocket at Israel.

The Israeli army had no immediate comment on the strike.

Witnesses said they saw fighter jets patrolling over the city and then saw one of them fire a missile at the Ansar police complex near the residence and headquarters of President Yasser Arafat, who was in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

"There is thick smoke. People are fleeing to shelters," said one witness, as ambulances raced to the seaside area.

There were no immediate reports of casualties nor on the extent of damage.

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Explosion in Nigeria leaves hundreds dead

By Kerri Tygart and Jill Deakins
Guest Writers

While most of us look forward to watching the Winter Olympics on TV, some NNU students had the chance to actually witness a few events live.

Five students took a road trip together to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Chris Mayer, Jarod Krohn, Jill Deakins, Jamey Garmon and Kerri Tygart spent this past weekend watching events such as the Women's Moguls finals, the Germany vs. Slovakia Hockey game, the 15K Nordic Combined, a Medals Ceremony and the Men's Luge finals.

But do not think they did this all on their own. Chris' friend, Eric Shepherd from Salt Lake, was their wonderful tour guide and they would not have found anything without him.

After this weekend, we have come to the conclusion that the best thing ever made is handwarmers.

In spite of the frigid temperatures, we were all very impressed with how these Olympics were put together.

Everyone was warned of the security at the Games, but it was actually very well organized, and it was comforting to know that they were taking these extra measures to protect us.

The event staff were always very cheerful and willing to greet us, sometimes even singing.

During the events, there was always something going on, even during the breaks, and we did not get bored once.

Some memorable experiences for us personally were things such as meeting a member of the US Bobsled team, seeing the presentation of America's

first gold medal and watching the Olympic flame cauldron.

Three exciting surprises that we got at the Medals Ceremony were seeing Steve Young, Bob Saget (the *Full House* dad) and watching Lite House in concert.

Watching the sporting events live rather than on TV created a much higher sense of anticipation and excitement.

It was intense seeing one of the US Women's skiers earn the silver medal in the moguls and witnessing the tense moment of watching a member of the US Men's Luge team barely get knocked out of medal contention.

These are some of the exciting memories that make it worth the money to see the Olympics live.

All of us agree that going to the Olympics is one

of the best experiences we have ever had, and anyone who gets the chance to go should definitely take the opportunity.

If you are looking for a good road trip during the next couple of weeks, head down to Salt Lake City for some fun and excitement.

Do not forget to bring some handwarmers! Oh, the toe warmers do not work.



Catholic Cathedral offers final resting place to public

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus News Writer

In Los Angeles, an almost finished Roman Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels rests atop a mausoleum.

This mausoleum may prove to be "one of the most prestigious final resting spots in the city." An endowment is expected to come from the 5,000 niches and 1,300 crypts for remains which are cremated.

This endowment is meant to pay for the upkeep of the cathedral its expenses. It is likely that the price of crypts will start at \$50,000 each.

It is only by being invited that one is allowed to have "perpetual residency" under the marble Spanish floor. Being invited is selectively decided on what one's contributions to the church and one's uprightness have been.

There is not any other cathedral in America that has complete mausoleum within the basement. The remains of five bishops from California, which are presently in East Los Angeles' Calvary Cemetery, are going receive interment in this mausoleum.

In Los Angeles, the Archdiocese's Patroness, St. Vibiana, who has also been at Calvary Cemetery, is to be taken to the

cathedral's mausoleum. A special chapel will be built for her next to the mausoleum.

This autumn, the cathedral will be consecrated. The cathedral seats 2,600 people and is 333 feet long.

Those who support the archdiocese will have crypts made obtainable for them. Also, those who gave large sums of money for the building of the cathedral's construction will be given the opportunity to have a crypt.

According to the archdiocese, important donors to the cathedral building project include Merv Griffin, Richard Riordan, Roy Disney, Betsy

Bloomington, and Rupert Murdoch.

However, a listing of all persons who will be invited to have a crypt has not been drawn up yet. The decision over whose remains will be put in a crypt will be made by Cardinal Roger Mahony.

In such a religious place as the cathedral, giving regard to commercial interests could cause mocking. In Los Angeles, there are critics who have given the cathedral the name "Taj Mahony" in reference to its design, immense size, and also to the cardinal.

The major force that has driven the construction has been the Cardinal.

A donation suggested for

one of the crypts would likely begin at about \$50,000. The depending factor taken into consideration when a donation is suggested will be the location.

Any space in a crypt located close to 26 stained-glass lunettes and windows or within a chapel will be more expensive. There are six chapels in all.

An archdiocese spokesman, Tod Tamberg, said, "Until we have at least a year up and running, we really won't know."

Tamberg went on to say that the crypts would take a long time to fill, since the cathedral is built to stand for centuries.

Our continuing journey to heaven, holiness

"We get so focused on avoiding hell that we forget to celebrate our journey to heaven."

Those words rang through my mind all weekend. What hit so close to home was that those words came from NNU's very own Shemia Fagan.

This weekend I had the privilege to hear Shemia speak at a youth winter retreat. I've noticed lately that I, along with a good portion of this school, have gotten so wrapped up in what is "right" or how to be the "best" Christian, that I've forgotten what I'm really living for.

I am a Christian, and I profess that in everything I do. I also love God and strive to have a great relationship with him. But, I lack! I lack so much in my relationship with

God and my life as a Christian.

You see, I've gotten so caught up in avoiding hell that I've taken my eyes away from God. I preach that "God is the only way" and "Avoid hell, love God." But I have strayed from what I profess to be right. I have lost sight of that goal and have judged others for not being perfect. I wonder if I'm not the only one who should hear these words. I'm writing this article in hopes my confessions can help bring this school back to celebrating our journey instead of preaching what others do wrong.

I know that I'm not the only one who feels this way. God opened my eyes this weekend to the fact that I need to get off my high and mighty Christian pedestal and back down to reality.



Alli Cummins

There are people starving to hear God's word. But they won't listen to me if I can't get over how others make mistakes and stop finger pointing at other Christians.

Today in Philosophy class, for a good portion of time, there was a debate on whether we serve God for Heaven or if we call ourselves Christians to have a better life on earth and to bring others to this "good" life. And I think after

looking back at this school that our views have become that of witnessing to everyone just so they can have a "better" life on earth is the only way to please God. And I don't agree with that. Because that's saying their life is nothing unless they come UP to our standards.

Why have Christians received the stereotype of "holier than thou?" Because we make ourselves out to be just that. I'm tired of focusing on what I do wrong, because when I do, I loose time to focus of my celebration of God and heaven.

If my whole reason for calling myself a Christian is so I can have a great life and avoid hell, then I have missed the point in which Jesus gave his life.

God gives us heaven and

yeah we shouldn't just become Christians for heaven and not try for anything else. But I'm so sick of others telling me what I do wrong and why I'm a terrible Christian. I want to go back to that elementary idea of loving God and worshiping Him through my relationship.

So I challenge this school to stop looking at what we do wrong and instead start celebrating what we have. I have a wonderful and loving heavenly Father and He has given me the gift of heaven. So I will not focus on avoiding hell or becoming a perfect Christian, but I will start celebrating my journey to heaven and my relationship with my God. And I challenge this school to do so as well.

How music reveals truth

Brooke Van Dam
Opinions Writer

I think music has a way of revealing truths that may be subtle but life changing all the same. For example, I was driving the other day and put in two of my favorite Christian bands' CD's. I noticed something for the first time as I was listening to the words of their songs. The first group really focused on their struggle in having a relationship with Christ and doing the right thing. The second group only focused on the greatness of God and His majesty and power. I began to see it as two ways to approach God.

The first way focuses on you. What does God bring you? How does having a relationship with God affect your life? How do you integrate God into your life? A lot of the time I think this is how most of us approach things. I know I do a lot of the time.

The second way only fo-

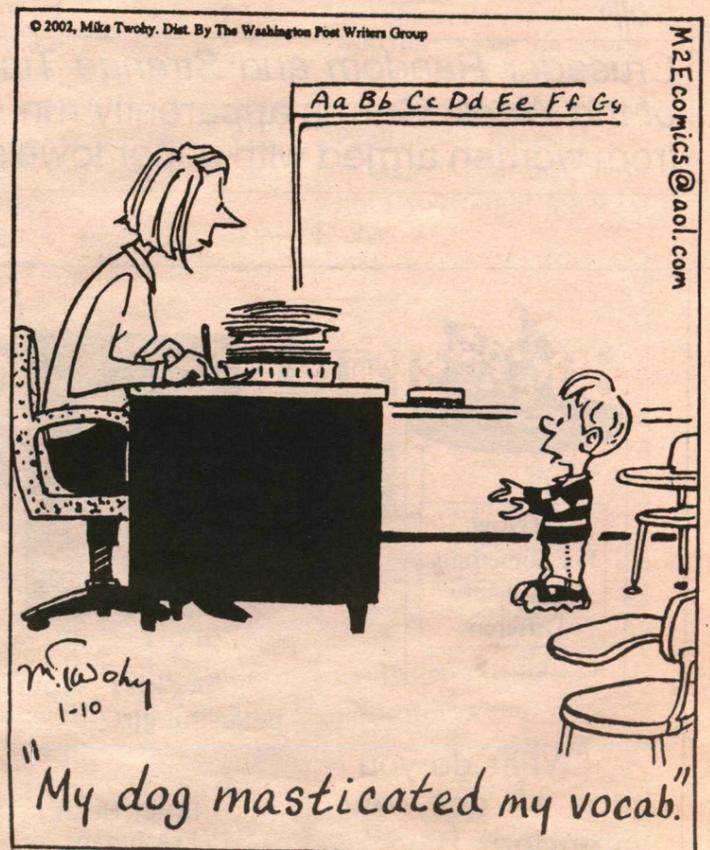
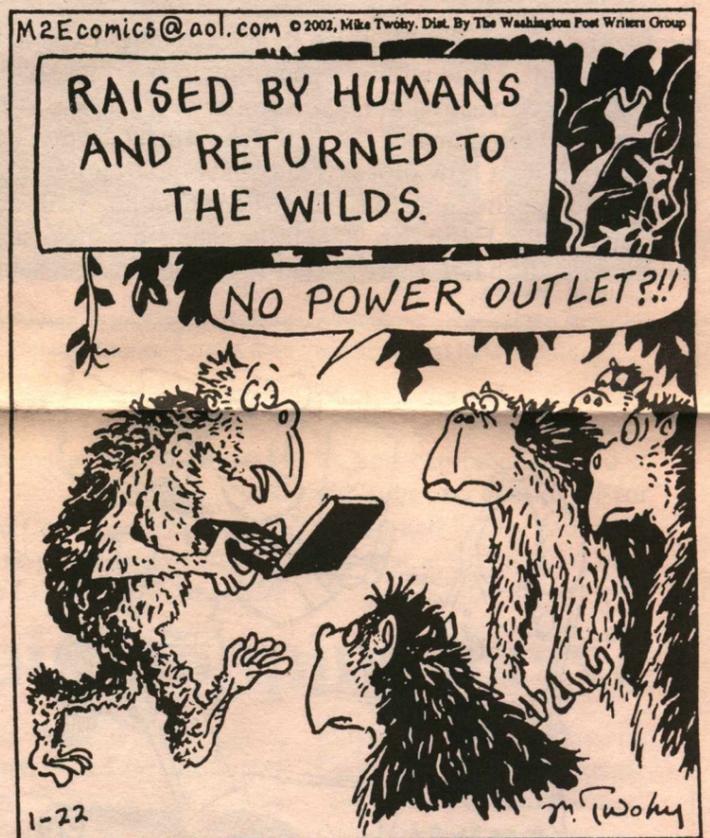
cuses on God. It incorporates you looking at Him and not in any way, shape or form at yourself. The songs talked about His redemptive power and the way He transforms lives.

I immediately made a correlation between Peter and his experience walking on water. He did this impossible task but the only catch was that He could not spend one second thinking about himself or his circumstances. The only thing he had to do to accomplish this deed was look straight at the face of Christ. The One who transforms everyone and everything.

Christ talked time and time again about not worrying or caring for yourself. I often correlate this with not worrying about the test tomorrow or if the guy I like feels the same. The statement means so much more than that, though. As soon as we worry about our problems and our little world, the goal of being one with

Christ seems impossible. How can I do or be that? Look at me I'm a mess. But, if we look straight at the face of Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit it's over. He fixes our problems, and our worries seem to fade away. The goal is not impossible but attainable because Christ already beat every barrier that will keep us from success.

I don't think this mindset is a natural one. We don't automatically think about God all the time and forget ourselves. It is a daily thing. It is everyday waking up and asking God to renew our minds. In Romans 12:2, it talks about not conforming to this world but being transformed by the renewing of our minds. We have to supernaturally transform the way we automatically think. And the only way to do it is through the power of the blood of the Lamb. Wow, it is amazing.



Asteroid nearly destroys Earth: See Page 64A

You can skip this column. I'm sure you have more important things to do. You don't need to waste your valuable time reading about how MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, POSSIBLY INCLUDING YOU, RECENTLY WERE ALMOST KILLED BY A GIANT SPACE ROCK AND THERE ARE MORE COMING AND NOBODY IS DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

Excuse me for going into CAPS LOCK mode, but I am a little upset here. In case you didn't hear about it, which you probably didn't: On Jan. 7, an asteroid 1,000 feet across — nearly three times the current diameter of Marlon Brando — barely missed the Earth, which is most likely your planet of residence.

What do I mean by "barely"? I mean that this asteroid, traveling at 68,000 miles per hour, came within 400,000 miles. In astronomical terms, that is nothing.

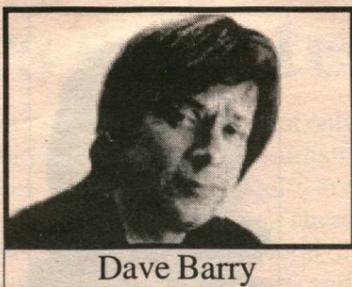
To get an idea how close this thing came, imagine that your head is the Earth. Now hold your right hand, repre-

senting the sun, at arm's length. Now take your left forefinger, representing the asteroid, and move it toward the Earth at 68,000 miles per hour until your pinkie is up to the knuckle in your left nostril. Now try to type a sentence. THAT is what I mean by "barely."

What if this asteroid had hit the Earth? According to British asteroid expert Benny Peiser, as quoted in the National Post of Canada, "Such an object could literally wipe out a medium-sized country." So if you live in a LARGE country, you have nothing to worry about!

No, really, if this thing had hit anywhere on Earth, it would have been seriously tragic. And don't think you're safe just because this one missed.

There are plenty more asteroids and asterettes (which are your female asteroids) whizzing through space, and eventually one will hit us. Some already have. Astronomers believe that 65 million years ago, a large asteroid struck Earth and wiped out the dinosaurs;



Dave Barry

in 1985, a smaller one obliterated the career of Henry "The Fonz" Winkler. It is only a matter of time before disaster strikes again.

I'm sure this information raises some troubling questions in your mind, the main one being: There's a British asteroid expert named "Benny"? But also you're wondering: What is the astronomy community doing about this?

Good question. As it happens, the American Astronomical Society was holding a conference in Washington AT THE VERY SAME TIME as the asteroid nearly hit the Earth. I know this because *The New York Times* covered the heck out of the conference. Here's the scary part: *The Times* did not print ONE WORD about the asteroid. Instead, as this thing whizzed

past, *The Times* printed the following exciting astronomy news:

JAN. 8 — Astronomers have discovered that certain gamma rays, which they USED to think came from billions of light-years away, in fact came from only a few hundred million light-years away!

JAN. 9 — Having studied the far edges of the universe with the Hubble telescope, astronomers now believe that roughly 14 billion years ago, stars formed more quickly than was previously thought!

JAN. 10 — Astronomers "peering deep into the heart of the Milky Way" have discovered more than 1,000 sources of "powerful X-rays," far more than were previously known!

So there you have it: While the Giant Space Rock of Death was coming THIS CLOSE to turning our planet into a cosmic Whack-a-Mole game, the astronomy community was squinting at the far edges of the universe. This is like two police officers standing in the park, and a screaming woman runs past, chased by muggers,

and one officer says to the other: "Look over there! An albino squirrel!"

No, the astronomers aren't going to save us. Humanity must take matters into its own hands. Step One, of course, is for everybody to lay in at LEAST a two-week supply of margarita ingredients. Step Two is to mount a massive international project, based on the movie "Armageddon," to watch for an incoming asteroid, and then send up a rocket, commanded by Bruce Willis, to blow it up with a hydrogen bomb. Except of course we can't really use Bruce, because he'd want \$20 million, plus a percentage of the asteroid. So we need someone else — someone with courage, skill and a proven ability to perform in the face of grave danger. There is one name comes immediately to my mind, as I'm sure it does to yours. Geraldo, your planet needs you.

Dave Barry is an award winning columnist. Barry writes about various major issues relating to the international commentary, the future of economy, the social infrastructure and exploding toilets.



Crusader Random and Strange Tip of the Week: Germs apparently run from women armed with paper towels.





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"A kiss from a beautiful girl"

--Brian Hesse
Freshman
Computer Science



"As long as I don't get sick, which is what I got last year, then I'll be fine!"

--Amy Carner
Sophomore
Graphic Design



"I already got a huge pink card from my grandma. That's all the lovin' I could ask for."

--Kenny Meier
Junior
Music Ed.



"Meatloaf shaped like a heart."

--Hilary Stueckle
Senior
Nursing

"What do you hope to get for Valentines Day?"

DILBERT By Scott Adams



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- ### Top Ten reasons to wait until grad school to date
10. Give the guys an extra four years to try and mature.
 9. Let them fill out after a diet of Ramen noodles and sugar.
 8. Chicks dig guys with cars that run.
 7. Can we say, "long term dividends?"
 6. Late bloomers can show that they too can grow facial hair.
 5. Chicks dig guys with a steady income.
 4. Four more years acquisition of "smooth moves."
 3. Guys usually have a little more direction in grad school.
 2. Chicks dig guys with cars that look good.
 1. No self-respecting slacker would be caught dead in grad school.

Submitted by Kandice Gingrich (in a frivolous mood)

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Rollerball does not live up to its predecessor

By Aaron Gentry
Opinions Writer

Movies come in all sizes and shapes: some are action, some romance, some horror and some are only described as 'stupid'. *Rollerball* fits into this category like a glove, but not an OJ Simpson glove. *Rollerball* came out this weekend being advertised as a 'High-Paced Action-Thrillride,' and we as fans were told to 'Get in the Game!' But realistically, it was an hour and a half of lousy story and acting with about nine minutes of good action mixed in.

In it, Chris Klein (*American Pies*, *Here on Earth*, *Election*) stars as Jonathan Cross, a hockey player who was not getting into the NHL the way he wanted. His friend Marcus Ridley, played by LL Cool J (*Any Given Sunday*, *Deep Blue Sea*), tells him of the money he is making in the 'Rollerball' Circuit.

Tempted, he goes to the

Middle East and is paid tons of money to play in an ultraviolent form of 'rollerbasketball' where the ball is a seven-pound ball of steel and the teams are a mix of players on inline skates and motorcycles.

Once in the Middle East playing the game, Cross meets a teammate of his who he has an affair with, Aurora, played by Rebecca Romijn-Stamos (*X-Men*, *Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me*).

Usually a notable actor, Jean Reno (*La Femme Nikita*, *Leon: The Professional*, *French Kiss*, *Mission Impossible*, *Ronin*) plays the head of the Rollerball league. But sadly, every major actor in the film is absolutely hor-



The depiction of 'Roller-Basketball' from the remake of the 1975 sci-fi cult classic *Rollerball*.

Rollerball
Aaron Gentry

rible. Chris Klein tries to impersonate Keanu Reeves throughout the entire film. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos is her usual self, pretty but not smart.

Jean Reno gave the worst

performance in his life, trying to be a charismatic loud-mouth. Which leaves LL Cool J, using his usual acting skills to gain the 'MVA' (Most Valuable Actor) award for this movie.

Directed by John McTiernan (*Predator*, *Die Hard 1 & 3*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Last Action Hero*, *13th Warrior*), I ex-

pected better.

But when I learned only a few minutes beforehand that there were statements made by McTiernan telling a story of how he was forced by the producers to re-edit the film for time concerns, I realized the true reason the movie stank like a Sunday drive through Nampa.

McTiernan is known for high quality action movies, and now he has a horrid one

under his belt, but we can't truly blame him until the 'Directors Cut' DVD comes out ... then we can slam him when it still stinks.

The bottom line is - Do not Go See *Rollerball*! It's a poorly edited, poorly acted, poorly rewritten remake of a 1975 *Rollerball* starring James Caan, which just happens to be a great cult sci-fi classic. You should rent it and check it out, but be sure to skip the one with Keanu Re—I mean Chris Klein.

Crusader Reviews

Our Rating System

- 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

Amélie continues current French trend of excellence

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Amélie is a film in French with English subtitles now playing at The Flicks in downtown Boise and is rated R.

A little taste of foreign cinema is good for one's cinematic soul. Several cultures have historically been among the perennial leaders of the films spoken in a non-English language. The one that always seems to be at the cutting edge, or as the pseudo-intellectuals like to say, "Avant-garde," is that of the French.

Although in modern times French films rarely make a dent upon an industry controlled by money and Hollywood, perhaps a small but noticeable influence is in the process of maturing.

Two recent French films have gained popularity in America. One is *Brotherhood of the Wolf*, an entertaining action/horror flick, and the other's English title is *Amélie*, a wonderful romantic comedy that is best described as a

love letter to the city of Paris. *Amélie* is directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, who has become famous among certain circles as the master of special effects visuals. His most recent French films include *The City of Lost Children* and *Delicatessen*, and his famous English movie was *Alien: Resurrection*, the fourth installment in that long-running series. As expected, the same magnificent visuals are implemented in *Amélie*, except that this time they are more persuasively intertwined within the storyline.

The movie centers on a girl named Amélie Poulain, played by Audrey Tatou (*Happstance*, *Venus Beauty Institute*). She is an extremely nice



Audrey Tatou stars as a nice young woman that is just searching for love in the French film, *Amélie*.

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young woman who wants to fall in love, and the story is how this comes about. Along the way, she meets eccentric characters and greatly influences the lives of all she encounters. The all-French supporting cast superbly plays

their parts as well.

The beginning of the film was similar to last year's *The Royal Tenenbaums* in that it was presented in a documentary-style opening that explained the backgrounds and personalities of all the primary

characters. This is an extremely creative and highly entertaining method of getting the viewer involved, and from then on, the movie didn't let up.

Hilarious, romantic and beautiful, *Amélie* is a great movie that is only flawed in its occasional amorality, which is why it fails to deliver a perfect four-checkmark performance.

I realize that not everyone enjoys reading a film, but sometimes a movie in a foreign

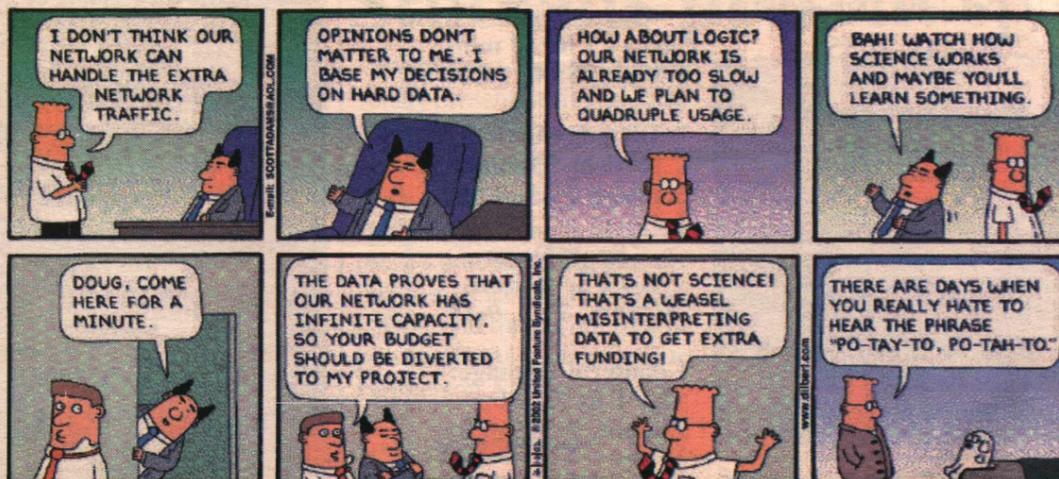
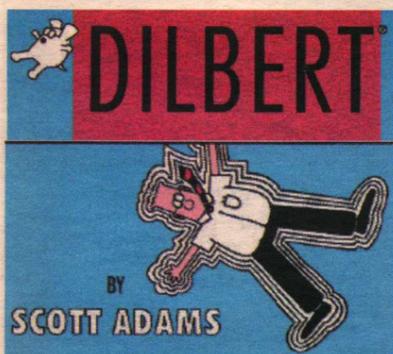
language amplifies the artistic value of the images presented on the screen. Movies such as *Life is Beautiful*, *Run Lola Run* and *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* are examples of such an experience. And I believe *Amélie* is on par with these films as the finest in foreign cinema.

If anyone wishes to have a better-rounded appreciation for the value of the art of film, these are a few of the necessary films that are definite must-sees.

Simply put, this is a nice film for anyone who wishes to laugh and smile and to maybe know what it's like to fall in love, if that is something that has yet to happen in his or her life.



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