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Bonds hits league leading fifth home run.
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Column One

I just love to be surprised by humor and humorous events. If it wasn't for all the comic relief that surrounds my life (my staff, for instance), I would be a grouchy, mean, lump of a woman, probably studying bacteriology or something equally nasty.

I have a number of people in my life who work on making life fun, and I love them for it. These are the people that seem to be able to glide through even the most stressful Bowes final. Sometimes, though, humor just happens, with no preplanning involved at all, and I find that this tends to be the funniest.

I was driving back from Mac's Crafts after buying *more* wedding stuff (next week's Column One I'm sure), when glob of humor came zinging through my car radio. It took the form of a commercial for I-don't-remember-what product; the announcer said, "So just gas up your Honda and throw another snake on the grill."

Or at least that's what I *thought* he said, though my brain quickly used context clues to determine otherwise. Now, I'm a visual person, and the picture of a man in a tall chef's hat throwing another snake on the grill might have sent me and my car careening off the road. Luckily, I was at a four-way stop at the moment, so a potentially lethal crisis was averted.

So, you're asking, "Amy, how does this tie into my walk with the Lord and/or my commitment to BBQ non-reptiles?" The only response is this: God loves to hear His children laugh! That is the only possible reason He allowed us to live with each other in any sort of community setting.

Let's face it - humans are crazy critters and a lot of fun to hang out with most of the time. God made us that way; humor is unique to humans and, as Gene pointed out Monday during chapel, being human is a pretty cool thing to be.

So, if you hear my commercial about grilling snakes, don't laugh yourself into the emergency room. Do, however, enjoy all the little bits of humor that come your way, because each one is like a piece of candy from God - it's not all the food you need, but it sure makes life a lot more fun.

Amy Oglevie
Editor-in-Chief

It's all about the kilts

Falling in love with Scottish knees

By Mackay Dufour
Campus Writer

Once again, it is time for the NNU Spring Musical, and this year's performance promises not to disappoint. Last year, the musical performed by the members of the NNU Music Department was *Oklahoma!*, and it seemed that each night the performance got better.

This year the Northwest Nazarene University Music Department is proud to present Lerner and Loewe's *Brigadoon*. Other memorable and famous musicals composed by the duo include *Camelot* and *My Fair Lady*, which was performed here on campus two years ago.

A New Yorker, Alan Jay Lerner based the story of *Brigadoon* on a German legend recounted to him by his



Amy Oglevie
Actors Willis Cook (Tommy Albright) and Ben Stecker, (Jeff Douglas) cross a bridge deep within a Scottish forest before meeting the mystical town of Brigadoon.

partner, Frederick Loewe. The musical initially premiered at the Shubert Theatre in New Haven, Connecticut on Feb. 6, 1947. The show toured through Boston and Philadel-

phia and, on March 13 made its New York debut. Later that year, *Brigadoon* won the award for Best Musical at the New York Drama Critics Circle.

The story of *Brigadoon* begins with two Americans on a hunting trip in Scotland. Tommy Albright, played by Willis Cook, and Jeff Douglas, played by Ben Stecker, discover a small town that doesn't appear on any map. Finding their way to the town's heart, the two Americans notice that the villagers are having some sort of fair. To the eyes of Tommy and Jeff, the villagers seem to be from another century. The two female leads in the play, Fiona MacLaren, played by Callie McCarthy, and Meg Brockie, played by Lynette Brown, greet the two hunters and invite them to join the festival. And as the play progresses, new conflicts arise and people fall in love.

Along with the talented ac

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Street race fatalities spur stricter penalties

By Marie Coehlo
Off-Campus News Writer

Donald Ickes was killed just moments after finishing some Christmas shopping for his grandchildren last Dec. 14 at a model-train store. Pulling his car onto the road that afternoon, Mr. Ickes, 65, was blindsided by a G.M.C. Yukon sport utility vehicle whose driver was street racing at more than 75 miles an hour, witnesses told the police.

Trisha Ann Thornton, 19, died on Jan. 18 in a car her boyfriend crashed into a streetlight pole while racing, the police said. The same night, Tami Anglin, 18, and Tara Mackmer, 19, died in a car that went out of control after a race, according to police.

Alarmed by a wave of deaths attributed to street racing, the authorities in the Portland area have begun a crackdown, joining a national move-

ment to curb an activity that most often seems to combine young men, automobiles and a dare — and can lead to deadly crashes.

This last week, the City Council in Portland voted unanimously to give the police authorization to tow the vehicle of anyone caught street racing, and even those of spectators. It joined Gresham, a suburb of Portland, as well as Multnomah County in adopting such an ordinance, and the Council even asked its legal staff to investigate whether it could sell the impounded vehicles at a public auction instead of returning them.

Spurred on by bereaved spouses and parents, the authorities are promoting a zero-tolerance approach that could take away cars used by racers, even if the cars belong to someone else.

"I have absolutely no sympathy for someone who turns



John Gress

Beverly Ickes with a photograph of her husband Donald Ickes who died when his car was struck by a driver who was street racing.

over the keys to an irresponsible young man who goes out and kills someone," said Beverly Ickes, who became a widow four months ago after 41 years of marriage to Donald Ickes.

Brandon Glen Davis, 20, driving the vehicle that fatally

struck her husband, was driving with a suspended license and had his 4-month-old daughter in the back seat. The Yukon was registered to his mother; it is not clear, though, whether his mother had given him permission to drive it.

Portland's police chief, Mark Kroeker, said that street racing was so dangerous that the new impoundment laws were justified. "It's a serious, critical problem with several fatalities," he said. "If you use a car for street racing, you're going to lose your car. That's where we're hoping to go with this."

The Multnomah County sheriff, Dan Noelle, a strong proponent of the county's new impoundment law, said five young people died in race-related incidents in December and January in the Portland area. "The families are in a state of absolute disbelief,"

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Donuts, Spaniels, Holy Wars and Humanity

By Gene Schandorff
Campus Chaplain

Donuts, Spaniels, Holy Wars and Humanity; that's about enough ground to cover in one fourteen-minute chapel message.

The thing about speaking briefly on subjects as broad as those listed above is that you can never tell the "whole story" about anything. The other thing about that is that I can count on one of you (students, that is) to respond with a usually insightful question or comment asking for the other side of the story.

The side of the story that I was able to tell on Monday morning is that Humanity is a good thing. Human-ness doesn't prevent holiness! But most of you who are human, or who know someone who is, know that that's not the whole story. Our humanity may not prevent us from living holy lives, but it sure presents some interesting options along the way. Every good thing that God ever made (even you) can

become an obstacle in the journey toward holiness for someone else.

The "humanity" of which I was speaking yesterday morning is "redeemed" humanity. Nothing I said yesterday was intended for the person who has not confessed their sins, repented, and trusted in the Saving work of Christ for their lives. The simple fact is that "holiness" is not an option for the unsaved human. Jeremiah got it right. "The heart [of mankind] is deceitful above all things and beyond cure." (Jeremiah 17:11)

Paul said that once we are "in Christ" we become a "new creation." This "new" creation is actually a "re-creation." The theological term for this is regeneration. The term many of us have known since we were old enough to bring grief to our parents is "born again."

What is implied here, and clearly stated elsewhere, is that if we are not "in Christ." Nothing has changed. We are our "old selves" and our "old selves" are sold out to our own

selfishness.

Even as I write this I hear a voice. Maybe it's your voice, maybe it's my own.

"But, what about us? What about the 'saved' folks who still struggle with temptation and fall into sin? Just because some old guy stands up in chapel and tells us that our humanity isn't the problem doesn't mean it's true. It sure 'feels like' my humanity is the problem."

Here's the deal. Coming to Christ does make everything new. It doesn't make everything different. You still live in a fallen world. You still live with fallen people. You still confront your own selfishness on a daily basis. And you still need to make some choices.

The thing that's changed is that you now have a genuine opportunity to choose to be "righteous."

Paul said it better than I, so let's listen to him.

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

¹³Do not offer the parts of

your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

For Paul, it's a question of control, of authority. Christian folks need to decide who's going to be in charge in their physical lives. Think about your life as an army. Armies work best when the officers lead and the enlisted folk follow. The Christian life works when we are lead (controlled) by the mind ("the General"), renewed by the Word and grace of God. The problem for many Christians is that they are still taking orders from the privates.

Well, I guess there's one more thing I ought to talk about before I run out of space. Christianity is about more than LIFE. It is about LIFE TOGETHER. With our humanity comes the both the opportunity and the responsibility to help each other along the way of holiness. St. Paul says that we should never do anything that causes a brother, or sister, to stumble.

There probably needs to be another entire article written at this point, but there isn't time or space. With "humanity" comes vulnerability. It's entirely possible for one human to become the source of serious temptation for another human. Sometimes we don't mean to. Sometimes we do.

We need to think about the stories we tell. We need to think about the movies we see, and the movies we take our friends to see. The warmer it gets, the more we need to think about the clothes we wear, or don't wear, and the effect that has on the people with whom we live and work and play.

John Wesley's mom, Susanna, had some great advice for her sons. Like it is with lots of the good things my own mom said, I can't remember the exact words, but I do remember the point. Basically, what she said to her boys was that anything in their lives that moved the center of their self control from their minds to their other parts was, for them, a sin.

Since we're all human around here, or at least trying to be, let's see what we can do to help each other be holy along the way.

P.S. Donuts are not evil and Spaniels make great pets, but lousy dates.

ASK program presents mentorship opportunities

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

Each year, the college experience presents its own unique set of challenges and decisions. Often students may wish that they had someone with a little experience to give them advice or just encouragement. The Alumni Sharing Knowledge program, known as ASK, is here just for that purpose.

The ASK program is an organization to promote mentoring between Northwest Nazarene University alumni and current students. The alumni are matched to students who are interested in the same career path. They communicate with students through a variety of methods to give support and answer questions.

There are two types of partnerships in the program. The first is the partner program. This is designed mostly for freshman and sophomore students. They are matched with an alumnus who wants to encourage and pray for the student. They may correspond through letter writing or other methods. The alumni partner is there to answer questions about choosing a major or just for general support.

Freshman Stephanie Arant became involved in the ASK program at the beginning of this year. She heard about the pro-

gram through the information given in chapel and felt that it would be a good experience for her. She wanted to get some solid advice on beginning her journey toward a teaching career. She is planning on transferring next year and wanted to make sure that she had a firm foundation and some good knowledge about teaching. She has not had extensive contact with her alumni partner but still feels that it is a valuable program. She says that she would definitely recommend it for anyone who has questions or concerns regarding their career choice or major.

"It's nice to have someone else who has already gone through college to talk to," states sophomore Lisa Linard. Linard has been a part of the program for two years now and has regular contact with her alumni partner. She sees the program as a very good opportunity and says that her partner is just a friend and prayer partner. "I think it's a good program; I've had a really positive experience with it."

The process to become a part of the ASK program is quite simple. At the beginning of each school year, there is an opportunity to fill out a short questionnaire. This form asks questions regarding stu-

dents' personal interests, major information and career goal. There is also a letter sent out to alumni as well asking similar questions. At this point, the Student Alumni Council members begin the process of matching.

Student Alumni Council, or SAC, is an organization created to build stronger relationships between alumni and students. SAC member Holly Larson describes the organization as "a kind of liaison between alumni and students." The SAC members are the ones who match students and alumni for the ASK program. They work hard to make sure that each student is paired with someone who will be knowledgeable and experienced in the career field that the student is interested in. SAC has many other responsibilities as well, including: helping with the career fair and making and delivering birthday cakes, survival kits and Valentine's packages.

The ASK program is relatively new to the Northwest Nazarene campus. It has only been in existence for three years. It is a very worthwhile program and can prove to be quite beneficial to all students who get involved. If you are interested in this program, be sure to sign up next year and be matched with an alumni.

Blood Drive

Friday, April 12

10:00 - 2:00

Donate a part of yourself to make a difference in the world. Come be a part of the NNU Blood Drive.

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Editors Note:

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

Although we have only a few additions of the paper left this year if you are interested I would still be interested in hearing

from you.

If you happen to be someone who is interested in writing campus news stories, please contact me at anwiggins@nnu.edu or call me at ext. 8231.

Writing news stories involves conducting interviews, attending campus events and then completing the story by deadline. It can be a very rewarding activity.

Writing articles for the remainder of this year can also get you

an opportunity to easily be involved with next year's publication. The Editor-in-Chief will also be searching for a new editorial staff.

I am also happy to hear from anyone who has any story ideas. If you have something of interest that pertains to campus life, please let me know, and I will get a story on it. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Brigadoon:
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tors singing in the musical, they will be accompanied by a group of instrumentalists in the orchestra. When asked how this year's music compared to last year's Oklahoma!, Megan Garske, a senior this year, replied, "The music was about the same compared to last year, and we rehearsed less. But it's really fun, I enjoy participating." Quite a few members of the orchestra are new to this type of musical performance venue. Jamie Campbell, a freshman French Horn player, said, "This is my first musical and the music is very challenging. The pressure is a lot higher because your part is more exposed in a small group like this one."

NNU's own Dr. Susan

Armstrong is the producer for this year's production. The director this year is Mr. Jonathan Perry, who has worked in the professional and academic acting community. He also is taking on the responsibility of choreography and lighting for this year's show. He also directed the fall play this year and plans to do it again this coming fall.

This year's spring musical looks to be one of Northwest Nazarene University's best, and there are still tickets available. You can buy them in the Fine Arts Department or the NNU Bookstore. Opening night is Friday, April 12 and there are performances on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. Tickets are only \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. The doors open at 7:30 PM.



Amy Oglevie

Northwest Nazarene University student actors participate in one of their last dress rehearsals for the musical *Brigadoon*. The play will be presented beginning Friday, April 12.

Don't forget to vote for class council members today, Wednesday, April 10

Class council speeches and elections will be Wednesday, April 10. Speeches will be held in class chapels during normal chapel time, voting will be outside the Dex.

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PRE-REGISTRATION ADVISING SESSIONS

Thursday, April 11, 2002

9:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Check campus mail for a list of where each major will be meeting.

HOUSING DRAWING

for 2002-2003
April 25, 26

To participate in the housing drawing you must be pre-registered. All applications are due on Wednesday, April 10.

Olsen, Corlett and
Courtside

Thursday, April 25

10:00 AM to 12 PM

Clydes

Dooley and
Sutherland

Friday, April 26

11:45 AM to 1:30 PM

Wordsworth

SGA executive council travels to Nashville

Nazarene student leadership conference proves beneficial

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The executive council for the 2002-03 school year began their SGA experience last weekend, April 4-7, by attending the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference. The conference included all US Nazarene colleges and universities. It was held in Nashville, TN at Treveca Nazarene University.

Representatives from executive councils for each school met together to discuss ideas and attend workshops. The NNU students had the opportunity to meet other people in their positions and gain useful information. Each of the schools has unique leadership programs. For instance, NNU is the only Nazarene school with a senate.

While at the conference, the officers were divided into groups by the office they will hold. In these groups, they discussed what has been done in the past and problems the schools are facing. They also generated ideas among themselves regarding various issues.

Each person also attended two workshops. Some of the

workshops were team building, effective communication, organizational skills and empowering others.

Krista Seltzer, the SGA Secretary for next year, felt that she gained the most from spending time with her fellow students. "The really meaningful thing was bonding and getting to see how we will work together," she commented.

The group was able to do a few fun things during their trip as well. They visited a scale model of the Pantheon and an art museum connected to it. They also played paint ball and visited several other interesting attractions.

Next year's *Crusader* Editor, Ali Brown, is excited about the information she gained from attending the workshops. She said that she learned a lot about how to deal with different personality types from one of the speakers. She feels that this will be very beneficial to her in the position she will be taking on next year. Brown was also excited to get to know her fellow SGA members better, commenting, "It is a lot of people I wouldn't have come in contact with if it hadn't been for SGA. I think that we



Krista Seltzer

These students were all a part of the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference. Ten Northwest Nazarene students attended the conference to gain useful leadership skills and share ideas.

blended really well."

The council was able to represent Idaho through several fun skits. They acted out the top ten uses of potatoes including explanations of why Mrs. Potato would be a good girlfriend, and how to propose using a potato rather than a ring. The group also dressed up in camouflage as hunters to clearly represent one of Idaho's most popular recreation activities.

SGA President-Elect Josh Fishburne felt that the conference was "a good way to

bounce ideas off each other in order to help our individual student bodies." Fishburne was excited by the prospect of getting the Student Body President of African Nazarene to the conference next year. At this year's conference, it was suggested that each school chip in enough money to pay for the Student Body President of African Nazarene to attend the conference.

Fishburne also thought that the conference was a great bonding time; he feels that the council will work well to-

gether next year. This was the second time Fishburne has attended this conference, and he felt that "overall it was a better conference this year than last year. It was designed as a really good training tool, and I believe it was successful."

Next year, the conference will be held in Boston at Eastern Nazarene University. SGA is very excited about next year and is already planning many great events. This conference was a great stepping stone to help them start off in their new positions.

Small group attends junior/senior retreat

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

Twenty-two junior and senior students from Northwest Nazarene University traveled to Stanley, Idaho on April 5 for the Jr/Sr retreat. The students stayed in the Mountain Village Inn for a weekend of relaxation and winter activities.

The group arrived on Friday night and spent the evening relaxing in the motel. On Saturday morning, they woke up and spent an active day snow shoeing, tubing and hiking. They hiked out to a beautiful lake that was frozen over. Once they made it to the lake, they were able to walk out a little way onto it to enjoy the view. They were able to see the Sawtooth mountains in the background and get some great group photos.

Sunday seems to have been the highlight of the weekend for many students. The day began with a devotional led by Scot Mortimor, Jeff Stockett and Tiffany Palmer. Stockett was the speaker for the event.

He spoke on priorities and the importance of keeping things in perspective. Overall, there was an incredibly positive response to his talk. Chad Frosland felt that "it was really impacting because he shared a lot from his personal life." After the speaker and a time of worship, Tiffany Palmer led the group in a time of communion.

The retreat was organized by the junior class council and proved to be a great success for all who participated. Only a small group attended but for those who went, that fact seemed to be another high point. "I had a ton of fun, it was really great to have a small group. We didn't have to worry about the organizational aspect that much because of the small numbers. That was really a highlight for me," stated junior Mellisa Schenck.

The junior/senior retreat is an annual event put on by the junior class. Everyone who will be a junior or senior next year should make time to attend.

Senior English projects to be presented April 11

The campus community is invited to the Spring 2002 English Evening. The evening will feature presentations of Senior Projects, delicious refreshments, and better than average coffee.

Thursday, April 11 at 7 PM in the Rotunda. Hope to see you there.

Longer presentations include:

Craig Craker — "Kurt Vonnegut's Criticism of American Society"

Melinda Hibbard — "Where Dreams May Go: A Collection of Short Stories"

Michael McCarthy — "When Young Adult Literature Hits the Fan: Exploring Adolescent-Focused Literature in Conjunction with Book Clubs in the Middle School Classroom"

Amy Rice — "Multimedia Darcy: Popular Culture's Por-

trays of Mr. Darcy"

Briefer presentations include:
Lynette Brown — "The Brontës: Life and Writing"

Amber Hellberg — "Willa Cather's *O Pioneers!*, *The Song of the Lark*, and *My Antonia*: Heroic Women in Pioneer Literature"

Gina Meis — "Filling the Gap: Teaching Professional Writing Skills Through Role Play"

Mindy Oldenkamp — "A Critical Study: The Role of Women in Society as Defined Through Selected Works of Margaret Atwood"

Rachel Roberts — "How We Could Become: A Study of Sherman Alexie's Belief in the Power of Music"

Erin Wing — "In the Company of Words and Wolves: Reflection Essays from Journals to Prose"

Track successful at Whitworth

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Sports Writer

Track season is in full swing now and stellar performances have already been achieved. Saturday, April 6, the track team traveled to Spokane, WA to compete in a meet at Whitworth College.

Junior Kristi Lund showed off her versatility by winning both the 400m and the discus. She ran a 1:02 in the 400 which is her best time for this season. Her goal for the season is to run far under 60 seconds and qualify for nationals. She also won the discus throwing 123-11, which is a national qualifying throw. Besides these two events, Kristi is also an important part of several relays.

On the men's side, Adam Butts threw a personal record in the hammer of 133-2. Butts is a freshman from Turner, OR. Last year he competed for Cascade High School and is now competing quite successfully at the collegiate level. He placed

second in the hammer at only his second collegiate meet.

Other noteworthy performances include Susan Young in the five kilometer race. Young broke her own school record by two seconds running a 19:02. Caleb Tubei and Ben Wornell battled it out for the win in the 5K men's race. Wornell led the whole race until the last second when Tubei sprinted past him to capture the win. They ran 15.37.46 and 15.37.88, respectively.

Other strong performances by NNU athletes include James Thomas, first in javelin 190-08; Heather Esposito, second in 400m run with a time of 1:03.3; Aubrey Metzger and Alina Lunsford, one and two in the pole vault, both with a vault of 9-05; Brice Roncace third in the 5K with a time of 15:55.33; Caleb Tubei, second in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:03; and Zack Dwello, third in the 1500 with a time of 4:07.

Thomas named track athlete of the week

By Chad Frosland
Sports Editor

James Thomas Jr. was recognized for his outstanding performance at the Point Loma Nazarene University Invitational in San Diego, CA. The Great Northwest Athletic Conference named Thomas the Male Athlete of the Week for track and field.

At the March 31 meet, Thomas threw a personal best 207 feet 8 inches in the javelin which not only won the meet, but qualified him for the NAIA national meet. His mark is the best

in the GNAC.

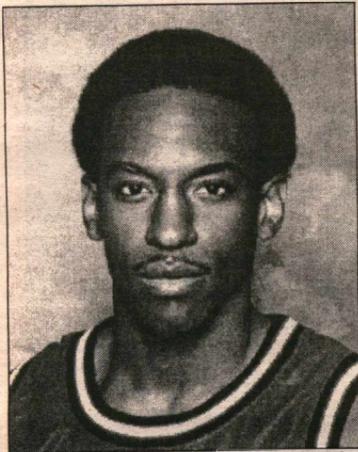
Juraj Trubiroha was a double winner at the meet with a time of 4:02.05 minutes in the 1500 meters, and 1:59.49 in the 800.

The NNU men placed second at the PLNU invitational by claiming five first place finishes.

Zach Dwello ran a PR in the Steeplechase, winning it with a time of 9:36.04 minutes. Teammate Francis Kimeli was second.

A PR was also run by Ben Wornell in capturing the 5K title with a time of 15:22.32.

The meet was a tight race between the top three schools, with William's Collegeseizing the victory with 221 points, NNU scoring 218, and Point Loma scoring 215.



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Thomas dominated the field with a personal best 207-8 in the javelin to qualify for nationals.

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Major leagues in full swing

By David Alban
Sports Writer

The opening week has been memorable for some. Others are glad it is done. It has been a week of pitching aces living up to their potential or getting absolutely clobbered. It has also been a week of home run hitters issuing the usual souvenirs in the bleachers. The usual powerhouse teams are thriving, but one team is making believers out of themselves and opponents.

Barry Bonds hit four home runs in his first two games and showed off his glove the other night. Bonds made a diving catch then gunned down the runner at home plate to help preserve the

Giants undefeated season.

Pedro Martinez and Roger Clemens both got rocked in their first start. But they made

ing to this point. Schilling pitched a one hit shutout and struck out 17 in his last start.

The Pittsburgh Pirates are playing fundamental baseball with good pitching and solid defense. The Pirates swept the Cubs at Wrigley this past weekend. This young team is trying to get some respect. If they continue this kind of play, they will get it.

Also, Craig Biggio hit for the cycle on Monday. He went 4 for 4 with four RBI and two runs. Biggio became the sixth player in

Astros history to hit for the cycle. Ken Griffey Jr. is out 6 weeks with a knee injury.



Barry Bonds celebrates his fifth home run of the season, a 2 run game winner against the San Diego Padres.

up for it in their second with easy victories. Curt Schilling, Randy Johnson and the entire Yankee pitching staff have been amaz-

A quality baseball team is merely a fantasy

By Kevan Lee
Sports Writer

Recently I heard of something called fantasy baseball, and I thought it was a great idea. Even after I found out that fantasy baseball does not mean 2 1/2 hour games and shorter schedules, I was still intrigued. Imagine, I could have any baseball player I wanted on my team, a team that would, without question, be one of the greatest ever assembled. It would have dominant pitching, power hitting and everything in between. I would be invincible!

As I prepared to play god with the rosters of major league baseball teams, my head began swimming with the hoards of possibilities laying before me. This wonderful thing called fantasy baseball could be the greatest thing that ever happened to me. I made a list of the top players in the league, salivating with every Manny Ramirez and Vladimir Guerrero that left my pencil. My life had never been so meaningful. And then I read the league rules.

To my horrible despair, I discovered that I would be sharing the best players in the world with

ten other guys who have the same goal of creating a super team. The rules read like a perverted list of commandments. 'Thou shalt not have the choice of any player in the league.' 'Thou shalt not be able to build a team that resembles an all-star squad.' 'Thou shalt not have fun...ever.' I'm sure the Israelites didn't feel nearly as bad when Moses gave them their guiding principles, but then again, the only fantasies they had were of milk and honey. Yet, all I had done was conjure up visions of grandeur, while unbeknownst to me, the shackles of diluted talent pools tightened around my wrists.

Begrudgingly, I continued with my fantasy league, holding out hopes that maybe, just maybe the others in my league were huge Tampa Bay Devil Ray fans and would fight over their rights. Compounding my dislike of this fantasy business, I received the second to last pick in the first round of the draft. As I watched the likes of Barry Bonds, Randy Johnson, Sammy Sosa, and more superstars disappear from the draft board, I wept like a little girl before picking up the greatest player in the '90s, Ken

Griffey Jr. That's right, the man who was just recently put on the DL. As the rounds progressed, I couldn't scratch off the names fast enough from the list of good players. A-Rod. Juan Gone. Schilling. Pedro. Sure, I was able to get back some of my dignity with solid picks like Mark Mulder and Nomar Garciaparra, but securing one's self-pride is a far cry from assembling an all-star team of baseball greats. What happened to my visions of glory? What happened to my dreams of greatness? Now I find myself in the 11th round praying to God that the guy in front of me doesn't pick up Eddie Guardado. Eddie Guardado?! What's this draft, nay, this world, coming to?

This fantasy of mine had turned into some strange, twisted nightmare of despair and lost hope. Left and right, solid position players were snatched up and pitchers were gone faster than you could say, "Jeff Suppan is a solid pick" (or in my case, "Who in God's great earth is Jeff Suppan?"). Slowly, slower than the walk of a condemned prisoner to the electric chair but a little more painful, my

roster began to take its irregular, deformed shape. My illustrious scorecard included the incomparable Milton Bradley, the masterful Jeff Weaver and the great David Segui. My double play combo was none other than Vizquel to Jerry Hairston? At least I picked up a Giambi, albeit one with a different moniker than the more famous and talented Jason. Where have you gone, Roger Clemens? Oh, that's right, you were scarfed up by chick_magnet8487 in the second round. Speaking of rounds, it's the 27th, and I just selected catcher Toby Hall from, you guessed it, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Later that night, after the carnage had ended and I had regained my normal thought processes, I looked over my lineup of wanna-bes and retreads and wondered where the fantasy was in all of this. My nightmares could not have conjured up such a pathetic and fantasy-devoid group of players. I felt ashamed to be involved in such a sad-sack excuse for entertainment. So out of sheer despair, I turned on the TV. Perpetually stuck on ESPN, the tube flickered the images of Sunday Night base-

ball and I watched as the Dodgers' Brian Jordan, my starting outfielder, set foot in the batter's box. I don't know what came over me, but suddenly I swelled with pride as the incredibly average Jordan stepped to the plate. With every pitch, I was glued to the set, hoping, praying that he could find a way to get an extra base hit. In my mind, I pictured him smashing a towering, majestic shot deep into the L.A. night and my fantasy points rolling like the bars on a slot machine. And, just as I was dreaming it, it happened. I heard the crack of the bat and watched as the ball sailed through the air, high into the dark night sky. "Home Run, Home Run!" I screamed, jumping up and down on the couch. Looking back to the television, the ball still hung perilously in the air until...the first baseman caught it in foul territory for the final out of the inning.

I guess I had it all wrong from the start. Fantasy baseball isn't about putting together an unstoppable team. The real fantasy is thinking that your players actually have a chance to be good.

MLB Power Rankings

By David Alban
Sports Writer

1. San Francisco Giants (6-0)

Off to an undefeated start with very supportive offense and quality pitching. Oh yeah... Barry Bonds has 5 dingers!

2. New York Yankees (5-1)

Four shut-outs, that's quality pitching. The American League is going to have trouble if they keep that up.

3. Cleveland Indians (5-1)

Bartolo Colon is proving his worth to the team with two wins in the first week, also leader of rising trio of aces.

4. Boston Red Sox (3-1)

Pedro's consistency is up in the air but if their bats keep up they should have little problem making the playoffs.

5. Pittsburgh Pirates (5-1)

Most people predicted this team to hit rock bottom this year, not so far, but 3 of their wins are against the Cubs.

6. Arizona Diamondbacks (4-2)

When you have Schilling and Johnson pitching like they are, why worry about offense?

7. Oakland A's (5-2)

Solid pitching and they don't seem to be missing Giambi, but he may be missing them with his current slump in NY.

8. Houston Astros (4-3)

This team isn't quite playing to its potential but getting the job done for the most part.



This week:
Steve Roth

Next Week:
Bekah Bowman

Been Bitten by the Spring-time Allergy bug?

It's allergy season again and many students at NNU are suffering from allergies during the spring months. Now, there are ways to stop the runny noses and itchy eyes!



Jen Anderson
Feature Editor

About 26 million Americans endure chronic seasonal allergies, and the number of people with milder symptoms may be as high as 40 million. For most people, allergies to plants that bloom in the spring and fall are merely annoying. For those with asthma or severe allergic reactions, however, these allergies may be life threatening. Spring, the season that is approaching, is traditionally the main season when allergies blossom because of new growth on trees and weeds. The most common symptom of seasonal allergies is hay fever. Symptoms of the hay fever closely mimic those of the common cold. However, there are differences. A cold runs its course in 7 to 10 days. Hay fever can drag on for weeks or months. Despite the name, "hay

fever" does not cause fever. An allergy is often accompanied by eye, skin or mouth itchiness and can often be traced to a specific trigger.

The first, most obvious, step to help cure or avoid seasonal allergies is to avoid the allergen.

The next step in treating allergies is medication. Antihistamines are often prescribed, but you can buy the less potent brands at Wal-Mart or any other store of your choice.

Be careful though: a major side effect of antihistamines is drowsiness, and some types produce more than others. Be sure to read the label carefully or ask your physician about the possible side affects.

If a runny nose is your main problem, there are nasal decongestants that you can buy at the pharmacy. However, don't be tempted to treat an allergy with an over-the-counter decongestant nasal spray for more than three days. After a few days of use, you may get a "rebound" effect, and your nose may become even more congested than before. These drugs are more useful for short-term use to relieve nasal congestion associated with a cold.

What should you do if you've tried every drug in the pharmacy and still sneeze from January to December? Allergy shots offer long-lasting relief

for many people. Getting allergy shots is a long process. Over the span of three to five years, the allergy patient receives a small injection of the offending allergens usually twice a week at first, then less often with larger doses as time goes by. These small doses desensitize the body's immune system to each allergen. After at least six months to a year, the sneezing, itching and hives may begin to subside. After about five years, it's possible for many to stop the shots completely.

About a third of patients who get allergy shots are cured after treatment, another third have a partial relapse and the rest will relapse completely. Those not cured may be helped by resuming the shots. If you've found that over the counter drugs or prescribed medication doesn't help your allergies, an allergy shot could help to relieve some of the pain. Remember, your doctor knows best, so make sure and tell him/her about your concerns and questions, and you can decide together if an allergy shot is the right move.

Allergies can certainly be life threatening, but for most people they are merely annoying. For many, occasional sneezing, itching and watery eyes is no big deal. Others grow accustomed to the

inconvenience and accept it as part of spring or fall, even if their symptoms are more severe. However, it is important to remember that there are treatments out there for the allergy-sufferer.

You can reduce your allergic misery if you take steps to keep the culprits out of your house. For seasonal allergies caused by plants and trees, keep windows shut and the air conditioner on. Purchase an air filter to clean out pollens, molds and dust. Use a dehumidifier in damp areas like the basement. Minimize clutter, book collections and other household items, which collect dust and pollens. Wash your hair every day to rinse off dust and pollen, and if you've been in the yard, leave shoes at the door and wash your clothes in hot water as soon as possible.

You won't be able to eliminate every allergen from your home or dorm room, but with these steps you can make it a comfortable place even during the peak of allergy season. And hopefully, by using the recommended steps above, your allergies and quality of life will improve. However, if you find that you can't find a remedy for your allergies, go to the doctor! Believe me, they have medications for even the most severe allergy sufferers.

For more information, log onto www.fda.gov.

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The Perfect Spring Dessert: Mud Pie and Worms

A great springtime dessert is mud pie and worms! Here is how to make this simple but visually spectacular and creative dessert. You can make it in one huge batch or in individual servings. Either way, the results are the same. You need:

Chocolate pudding; Oreo cookies, crumbled; Gummy worms and/or gummy bugs; Plastic wrap lined or ceramic glazed terra cotta flowerpots; Plastic beach or garden shovel (new).

Stir the chocolate pudding and fill the flowerpot to the near top. Separate the gummy worms and bugs and place them in the pudding so that they are half in and half out of it. Stick the shovel into the pudding. Sprinkle crumbled Oreo cookies on top. Voila!

Clean up your room!

Spring Cleaning: A how-to guide

Has your dorm room begun to smell moldy, or have the items in your fridge taken on a life of their own? If so, here are a few tips to straighten up your home and your life for the bright spring season!

LOOK AROUND

Examine your living space thoroughly. Peek behind and beneath your furniture. Let your gaze capture every nook and cranny. Dare to open the junk drawer. Do more than just sniff your laundry basket... look inside!

The first step to spectacular spring-cleaning is simple awareness. Notice the spider-abandoned cobwebs along the ceiling and the dust bunnies mating under the bed. When did the produce bin in the fridge start looking like a science experiment? Suddenly you're seeing your world in a completely new way. (Of course, if you think everything looks just great, you feel just fine, and hear nothing but permission to go out and play, you're probably in denial.)

DIVE IN

There's cleaning and then there's deep cleaning. To really honor the season of renewal, it is recommended to dive way below the surface. In practical terms, this means pulling everything out of cabinets, closets, drawers, the refrigerator and freezer, then stacking it all on the floor.

This frenzy does serve a purpose. First, it enables you to sponge off, wipe down and vacuum everything more thoroughly. More important, it helps you prepare to let go. You should really examine your stuff. Take it slowly. Ask yourself honestly if you'll ever fit in those tight jeans again. Do you get the creeps when you find an old love letter from an ex? If so, throw it in the trash! Take the time to decide if you need all of the extra things that are lying around.

LETTING GO

Deep cleaning requires honesty. It's a time to purge, to eliminate the irrevocably broken, bent, cracked, torn or slightly melted things that are cluttering up your life. Throw away your old term papers and toss the stale packets of Top Ramen in your cabinet. Throw away the old and get ready for the new.

To get more information, check out www.goodhousekeeping.com



UP your get together or party!

Spring is the perfect season to take your every-day get togethers outside and into the sun! Here are a few activities that you can have your guests participate in to enjoy the warm weather:

Pass the Orange: This fun-filled game is inexpensive and simple. The only things required are two oranges and people with both a neck and a chin. Divide the group into 2 teams. When the person (not actually playing the game) says, "Go!" the people must pass the orange from neck to neck, using only chins and necks. The team that gets the orange to the last neck in line the quickest without dropping the orange wins.

Limbo: Play some fun music while your friends stand in line waiting to bend backwards low enough to fit under the limbo stick (broom handle, yardstick, etc.). In order to win, the limbo master must not touch the stick or fall on the floor while maneuvering under the stick (which is usually held by 2 people).

Frisbee Golf: Toss Frisbees into buckets that are hanging from the trees. Move from bucket to bucket trying to sink the Frisbee just as golfers move from hole to hole.

Carnival Games: "Knock down the Bottles", "Shoot at the Target With a Water Gun", "Pie in the Face", "Toss the Coin on a Plate", "Pie Eating Contest", and "Ring Around the Bottles".

Water War Without Guns: Use everything from giant sponges and spray bottles to turkey basters, cups, water balloons and a garden hose to soak the members of the opposing "team."

Death toll rises in Israeli-Palestinian conflict

Bush and Powell ask for clearer statement from Israel

By Amber Adams
Off-Campus News Writer

Fighting continues in the West Bank as Israelis pound a Palestinian refugee camp. Despite U.S. demands that Israel immediately withdraw their troops they continue to rage against Palestine.

A fire broke out near Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity during the fighting.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, meanwhile, demanded "a clear statement from Israel that they are beginning to withdraw" from Palestinian territories and "to do it now."

The armed men "seem to have decided to fight to the last, to make the battle as bloody as possible," said the Israeli commander in the area, Brig. Gen. Eyal Shline.

It was also said that many houses in the camp had been booby-trapped and that several suicide bombers had blown themselves up in suicide attacks.

In the twilight before dawn on Monday, helicopters began firing missiles at the camp after militants inside ignored repeated calls to surrender.

Jamal Abdel Salam, a camp resident and activist in the Islamic militant Hamas group, said army bulldozers flattened homes, and that dozen of houses had already been destroyed.

Nearly all the women, children and elderly in the camp left while the militants stayed behind to "fight to the death." By afternoon, Israel controlled nearly all of the camp.

It was said by the Israeli military that nearly 150 men came out and surrendered their weapons.

The heaviest fighting was being waged in the West Bank city of Nablus and the Jenin refugee camp. Here hundreds of gunmen have been battling Israeli soldiers.

Israeli officials estimated that more than 100 Palestinians have been killed in Jenin camp.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and one was seriously wounded in the camp Monday. Smoke rose from Nablus as Israelis took con-



Ruth Fremson/ NYT

During a day of fierce battles across the West Bank in which 14 Palestinians were killed, a Palestinian woman and two young boys look outside their home in Bethlehem.

rol of nearly half of the Old City. Dozens of soldiers were reported surrendering their weapons.

One heroic story of bravery happened in one of the rubble-covered alleys. Here

"These missions have not been completed yet, and the army will continue operating as quickly as possible until the mission has been completed, until it has dismantled Arafat's terror infrastructure and until the murderers hiding in different places have been arrested." ~ Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

several Israeli gunmen were trying to pull one of their seriously wounded comrades to safety.

One of the rescuers was shot in the leg and then fell over the wounded man before both could be carried away as machine guns were fired

from helicopters. The incident Sunday was witnessed by Associated Press Television News cameraman N a z e e h Darwazeh, who also saw two bodies lying in the streets, including that of Ahmed Tabouk, a local vigilante feared by many in the Old City.

Controversy also arose from fighting around the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Israeli soldiers surrounded and fired at the church, which was hiding Palestinian soldiers.

The Israeli army demanded that the clerics be released and the militants inside to surrender.

The Franciscans were reported as saying the clerics were

not hostages and that Israel was violating a pledge they had made not to attack the church.

Over 200 soldiers have been holed up inside the church for seven days. Israel has surrounded the church and demanded that

the gunmen surrender. The army has said that troops would not attack the church, deeming it a sanctuary.

"I've been warning for days now that an attack is imminent and on behalf of my brothers calling on the church and the world to intervene with the Israeli government," the Reverend David Jaeger told APTN in Rome.

While the Bush Administration has called for Israel to stop their rampage of the offensive immediately, such progress and action has been delayed by Secretary of State Sharon's weeklong amble through Israel.

Many are frustrated with the seemingly deliberate hesitation for Israel to cease destruction of the militant operations in Palestine.

"These missions have not been completed yet, and the army will continue operating as quickly as possible until the mission has been completed, until it has dismantled Arafat's terror infrastructure and until the murderers hiding in different places have been arrested," Sharon said.

After the operation is over, Israeli forces will withdraw to buffer zones in the West Bank, he said. Sharon added that "the places we leave must have a responsible Palestinian leadership that will take over the areas."

Mass graves found thought to be remnants of Taliban's rule

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus News Writer

During the Taliban's last month of power, apparently, many people were murdered and thrown into mass graves. At least that's what a team of investigators are looking into in the central city of Afghanistan, Bamiyan. The team flew in on April 7 and is formed of investigators from the United Nations and the Afghan government.

After receiving reports from local leaders that three large graves had been discovered around the city, the team went out to investigate in the mountainous area near the city. According to local leaders, the bodies in the graves belonged to a minority group severely perse-

cuted by the Taliban, known as Hazaras.

A leader of the local Hazara people told Agence France-Press that the three graves contained the remains of 35 people, including women and children. According to Abdul Satar, a spokesman for the Hazara leader Karim Khalili, the majority of the bodies had bullet wounds.

"All this happened during the black era of the Taliban," Mr. Satar stated. A spokesman for the United Nations, Manoel de Almeida e Silva, reported that leaders in Bamiyan were under the impression that the victims were slaughtered during the final month of the Taliban's power.

Taliban leaders left Bamiyan in November when faced with at-

tacks by the Northern Alliance rebels and constant American bombing.

Bamiyan is significant because it is the site where massive carvings of the Buddha, presumed to be around 1,500 years old, were destroyed by the Taliban last year.

The native people of the Bamiyan region are the Hazaras, set apart by the Asiatic appearance and their devotion to the Shiite branch of Islam.

The Taliban soldiers are thought to have killed thousands of civilian Hazaras. The members of the Taliban military, along with the majority of Afghans, belong to the Sunni branch of Islam.

When the Taliban captured the city of Mazar-I-Sharif in 1998, the Taliban soldiers are accused of killing more than 10,000 Hazaras and then dumping their bodies into mass graves.

Reporters were told by Mr. de Almeida e Silva that the investigators were returned from Bamiyan and would give their

preliminary report on the graves soon.

Also on Sunday, a compound used by the international security force currently patrolling the streets in the capital was fired with rockets by unidentified gunmen. The rockets were 107-millimeter, apparently Chinese-made. The rockets all failed to hit their target, and no one was injured in the 2:30 am attack, according to officials.

This is not the first attack on this compound. On March 28, part of the compound was evacuated in order for a suspicious package to be taken care of by a bomb disposal team. Upon blowing up the package, they found that it contained only bricks.

Even in the presence of 4,500 members of the peacekeeping force, this last attack on the security compound indicates that there is still instability in the capital.

More than 550 people were detained last week alone by Afghan police officials on suspicion

of conspiring against the acting government of Hamid Karzai.

According to authorities, there are plots against the life of Karzai and former king Mohammad Zahir Shah, expected to return from exile soon. Members of the Hezb-I-Islami, a militant Islamic group, are suspected by authorities to be the ones behind the murder plans.

In two months, loya jirga, a national convention of the country's leaders, will meet and choose a new government to follow that of Mr. Karzai. Since political maneuvering is already in full swing in preparation for this convention, authorities are concerned that it may lead to violence.

A spokesman for the British-led International Security Assistance Force, Flight Lt. Tony Marshall, stated, "Our initial assessment is that rather than a group wishing to target ISAF in its own right, perhaps this is in some way linked to the current situation in Kabul."

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Sharon speaks about attacks



krtdirect.com

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, shown above, spoke on Monday, April 8, citing documents that allegedly reveal Yasir Arafat's involvement in the financing of suicide attacks against Israel.

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus News Writer

Intense battles were fought between Palestinian and Israeli troops on Sunday in the West Bank, facing hard resistance in the Jenin refugee camp, which was crowded, and in the alleyways of Nablus' Old City.

In Nablus, the Palestinians had about 14 people killed. Dead bodies were spread along narrow streets filled with rubble on day 10 of Israel's offensive to be rid of militants causing deadly terrorist attacks on Israel's civilians.

This renewal in the fight between the Israelis and Palestinians came just as Colin Powell, the Secretary of State, announced that Ariel Sharon, Israeli Prime Minister, has "taken very much to heart" a call from President Bush on Saturday for a withdrawal immediately from the areas in Palestine.

Powell took note that the leader of the Israelis is yet to make a defined time line for a withdrawal of troops, and Bush has not requested one. "The president doesn't give orders to a sovereign prime minister of another country," stated Powell on "Meet the Press" on NBC.

On Sunday, there were six gunfire exchanges at another front between the Israeli military and the Lebanese guerrillas. According to the military, six of the Israeli soldiers were

wounded.

During a conversation on the phone to Powell late on Sunday, Shimon Peres, Israeli Foreign Minister, asked Powell to intervene in the situation with Syria and Lebanon to restore the border's peace. Possibilities were thought about concerning a cease-fire between the Palestinians and Israel, as stated by Peres's office.

Sharon came to the war's defense at the start of a Cabinet meeting on Sunday, naming it "a war for our homes."

On Israel TV, Sharon stated, "We have no interest in dragging it out but we have to do the job."

Hints of friction began rising between the Israeli military command and its government with the mounting of international pressure for the scheduling of the UN Security Council's consultations.

More time was sought by officers for the West Bank operation, but talk by Cabinet ministers shifted to bringing it to a final end.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the military should continue as long as it can to "clean out terrorism" on the West Bank, but saw that after the demand made by Bush, "our hourglass is running out."

Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the army's Chief of Staff, announced to the Cabinet that he needed at least eight weeks to

finish the job, as stated by Israel Radio.

In a briefing later to reporters, he said, "The critical element is time. We need time to get to all the centers of terrorism in the West Bank and Gaza."

The chief of military planning, Maj. Gen. Dan Harel, gave warning that if the army leaves too soon, "then another series of devastating terror attacks will hit Israel's cities and streets. And then we'll go (back) in."

Israeli troops have gotten hold of most population centers in Palestine on the West Bank during their offensive lasting 10 days, which is the biggest Israel has experienced in twenty years. However, the fighters in Nablus and Jenin have kept Israelis from gaining complete control over all cities and doing house searching for the militants.

Powell stated that both sides need to do more to make the fighting end.

"Until the violence goes down at least to a level where you can see that both sides are acting in a responsible way and trying to cooperate in a cease-fire, you're not going to get to a peace agreement," said Powell.

He said he is planning to have a meeting with Yassur Arafat, Palestinian leader, "if circumstances permit" - which depends on access, security and the agenda for the meeting.

News Briefs

Alzheimer vaccine shows promise in aiding memory

A single dose of an antibody that cleans up brain-clogging proteins improves memory in mice and could be a step toward an Alzheimer's disease vaccine for people, researchers reported today.

The experiment, reported in the journal *Nature Neuroscience*, also sheds new light on the causes of Alzheimer's, which affects four million Americans.

A team at Lilly Research Laboratories in Indianapolis, owned by Eli Lilly; Washington University in St. Louis; and Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg, France, has been reporting steady progress in mice with an antibody called m266. In the mice, which are genetically engineered to develop a syndrome similar to Alzheimer's, the antibody hones in on the beta amyloid peptide, which forms the brain-clogging "plaques" seen in the disease.

The antibody attaches to the peptide and causes it to be flushed from the brain into the blood. Other studies have shown that mice do better on a memory test after an injection of the antibody.

Steven Paul of Lilly, who helped lead the research, said he and his colleagues had assumed that the antibodies were clearing plaque from the mice's brains. It appears instead that the antibodies were affecting the peptide before it could form plaque. This suggests that beta amyloid causes problems even before clogs form.

Dr. Paul said the information was a long way from being useful to human patients.

Thousands mourn passing of Britain's Queen Mother

In a broadcast message of thanks, Queen Elizabeth II told the nation Monday that she had been "deeply moved" by the outpouring of affection and sympathy that followed her mother's death.

"I have drawn great comfort from so many individual acts of kindness and respect," the queen said in the message filmed at Windsor Castle, where the queen mother died March 30 at 1:01 am.

"My family and I always knew what she meant for the people of this country and the special place she occupied in the hearts of so many," she said on the eve of her mother's funeral at Westminster Abbey. "But the extent of the tribute that huge numbers of you have paid my mother in the last few days has been overwhelming."

More than 200,000 people have paid their respects at the coffin of the queen mother, lining up for miles, day and night since Friday at Parliament where the royal matriarch lay in state.

Officials said 2,000 people per hour were passing through after waiting for up to five hours. The young, the middle-aged and the old were there, from London and other parts of the country.

Sextuplets born in Kansas

A woman gave birth to sextuplets today, and doctors say the three boys and three girls are doing well.

The woman, Sondra Headrick, 33, and her husband, Eldon, 32, are from Rago, about 40 miles southwest of Wichita, which until today had a population of 12.

The children were delivered by Caesarean section at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Joseph. The children's weights ranged from 2 to 3 pounds 11 ounces.

Only about a dozen sextuplets have survived as full sets, hospital officials said.

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Roaring Springs gears up for 2002 season

By Sarah Chase
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Roaring Springs Water Park's business is expecting to be snowballed when the weather gets hot. This wonderful attraction has two good reasons for this expect-

tation. First, the Avalanche ride is opening this year.

Second, Tiffany Quilici, park spokesperson is predicting the water park is going to have more than 240,000 visitors this summer, which is a twenty percent increase from 2001. Quilici

said, "Our season pass sales are up. We are expecting a huge season this year."

Some of the attention will be drawn by the Avalanche. Those riding it sit inside a raft that holds three people and take a plunge down one side of a U-shaped track that is

40-foot and is propelled by water that flows at the rate of 200 gallons per minute. The riders slide up the opposite side and go plummeting backwards. The raft finally stops after rocking from side to side.

The staff at Roaring

Springs is currently working to make the park in top condition before the opening day, May 18, arrives.

All work for this new additional ride is done, and finishing touches are being given now. Those touches include fresh paint and an entire acre of beach for sunbathing, castles, and volleyball.

Secondly, Roaring Springs is anticipating a great summer since they have a new season pass deal. In past years, group season passes, which cost \$109.99 for the first person and \$69.99 for all additional passes up to nine, were only sold to families. This year, that restriction will be invalid; however, tax requires extra money.

Quilici said, "We did that just so family and friends and neighbors can all go together and get the best value."

Groups are being booked at Roaring Springs, and the overall response has been positive.

"Company picnics, school groups, church groups, sports teams, any kind of group, are up significantly. Both of those factors are going to mean a big summer," Quilici said.



Action against street races

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Sheriff Noelle said.

Because most cities and states do not keep statistics on accidents and deaths related to street racing, it is hard to know whether the activity is on a significant upswing, although many authorities say they believe it is.

Several point to the way racing was glamorized in "The Fast and the Furious," a movie released last year that chronicled the lives of young drivers roaring around the Los Angeles area.

The video of the movie includes a warning that the stunts were done by trained professional drivers, and advises viewers to "be smart, drive safe and stay legal," but law enforcement officials here say the movie has glorified the street-racing culture.

At a hearing before the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in February, the stepfather of Trisha Ann Thornton, who died a month earlier when her boyfriend crashed into a light pole in a

race, pleaded with the authorities to crack down. "This beautiful 19-year-old girl can't be with us because of street racing," the stepfather, Smokey Mainwaring, said.

At the recent City Council hearing in Portland, some witnesses suggested that the urge of young men to race could be channeled to an amateur-racing program at the Portland International Raceway.

Drivers there are allowed to race their own cars in a controlled setting, following National Hot Rod Association safety rules.

Others worried that this would only increase the drivers' aggressive tendencies on public streets.

The Portland police say they will immediately begin impounding vehicles involved in racing.

They will wait about a month before towing spectators' vehicles, allowing word of the new ordinance to spread.

Towing spectators' cars is legitimate, said Charles Hales, a city commissioner who sponsored the measure. "Spectators are accomplices," he said. "This is not legitimate entertainment. This is a crime."

Press Release: "Misery" comes to Nampa

Back by popular demand, "A fine and Pleasant Misery: The Humor of Patrick F. McManus," will be presented at the Nampa Civic Center on Wednesday, May 1, 2002 at 8PM.

This popular show returns to the Civic center after a sold out show in October 2001.

The two-act play, by best selling humor writer Patrick McManus, introduces new stories and recounts classic McManus tales.

The program will include several educational lessons including how to brush the taste of dog of your teeth,

the proper form of panicking and what happens when you hunt that first deer with nothing more than a bicycle.

Actor Tim Behrens portrays 10 McManus characters including Rancid Crabtree, Crazy Eddie Muldoon, the Troll, and Henry P. Grogan, not to mention assorted dogs and other wild animals.

Patrick McManus grew up in Northern Idaho and his humor has been described as a combination between Mark Twain and Bill Cosby.

"People were laughing so hard and for so long, I was afraid the paramedics would need to be called in."

Spokesman-Review, Spokane WA

Individual tickets are \$14 adults and \$12 for students and seniors available by calling 465-2252 x4, online at www.nampaciviccenter.com or at the Civic Center Box Office at 311 3rd Street South, Nampa.

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Word from the Off-Campus News Editor

I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity to work on *The Crusader* this year. I won't say that it has always been fun or pleasant, but it was definitely a good experience.

In particular, I would like to thank my writers for

all their hard work to get their stories to me week after week.

Also, I'd like to thank the Editor-in-Chief, Amy Oglevie, for the opportunity to work on this paper, and all the effort she has put in to make this paper what it has been this year.

Thanks to the rest of the staff

for their friendship during some fairly late nights and frustrating setbacks. It was a pleasure working with you all.

I hope that you, the reader enjoyed the Off-Campus section this year. Thanks.

Happiness; have you misplaced yours too?

Wow, can I just say that this has to be one of the hardest semesters for me and so many of you out there. Maybe it's just the sophomore slump as a junior friend offered, but I'm not so sure anymore. This seems like a very hard time for everyone. So many things are clouding schedules right now. Papers, projects, etc.; it all seems to be swallowing myself and all of my friends. There are also a lot of family issues and relationship problems hovering about. Why is it that so many of us right now are on our way to a nervous break down? And why isn't anything helping?

I am going to honest right here and now. I'm struggling with the happiness issue too. I am busy and frustrated; I have too many things going on and not enough blessings flowing my direction. I know that many people are great and are satisfied with the way things are going but I know that everyone has felt or are on their way to feeling the same way I and so many other do right now. I keep thinking that if I

just pray to God for His will, life will get better. All my problems will just go away. But the truth is sometimes the stress in our lives is not what God wants for us. My mom told me the other day "to just give it all to God." But some things can't be solved by saying a quick "take these away, God" prayer. I know that I'm going through a very tough time and I don't know how it all is going to end. And the big problem anymore is that I just don't want to spend my time trying to figure out why God isn't taking away all the crap in my life.

Were you there at Timeout last week when Brendan said that it's okay to hear that some people are struggling right now? I was and it hit home. I don't want to lie anymore when someone asks how I'm doing and I say "great" just because I feel I must. I am not doing great, and guess what, I'm not very pleased with the way things are going. Does that make me a bad Christian? NO! It doesn't and if you're going

through a tough time don't think it makes you a bad Christian either. I'm sick of living my life in the shadows of fake happiness. I know I'm not the only one out there that is so tired of bad things or even just normal things. Life isn't always great or filled with blessings and not every person is happy with what seems like God's will.

If you're one who feels the same way I'm sorry that you're dealing with things, whatever they may be. And for those of you, who are just fine, cherish the moments you have. We all have our ups and downs and many times we feel like we'll stay in that runt forever.



Alli Cummins

I don't know when I'll feel happy again and I don't know when things will start to look up for you. I don't have any profound words to say right now. I just want those of you who are struggling out there to know that you aren't alone. I know that if it weren't for close friends and the wonderful counseling staff (thank you), I would be much deeper in my hole and I wouldn't be trying to climb out.

Whatever you're going through you aren't alone and although it may not seem so, there are other's out there that can help you through this. If you are hurting bad or just need someone to talk to, go to the counseling center. And no, no one asked me to mention them; I'm seriously saying all this from my heart. Life is too short to waste your days in constant struggle. There's no one-way to fix a problem; there's no one cure for stress or unhappiness. Dealing with issues, leaning on friends, and crying to God is always a start.

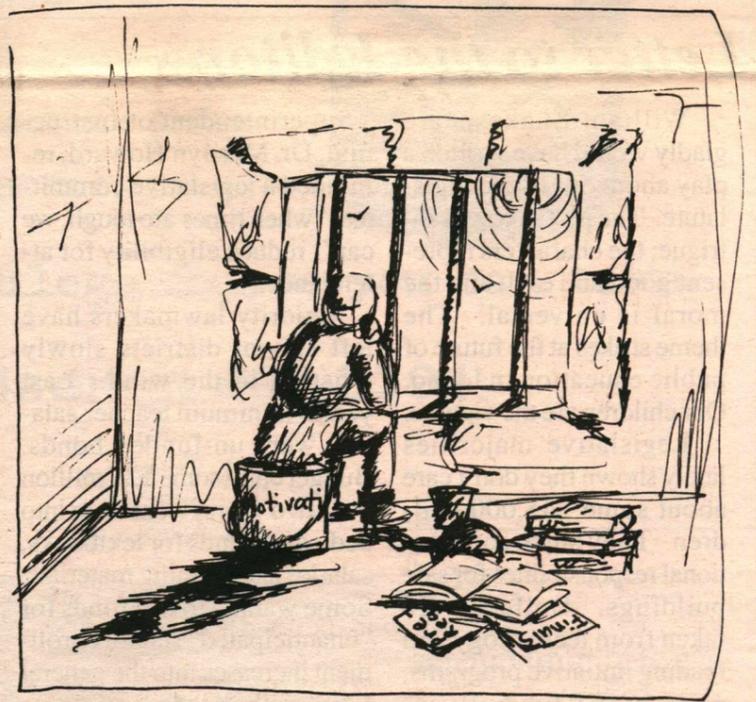
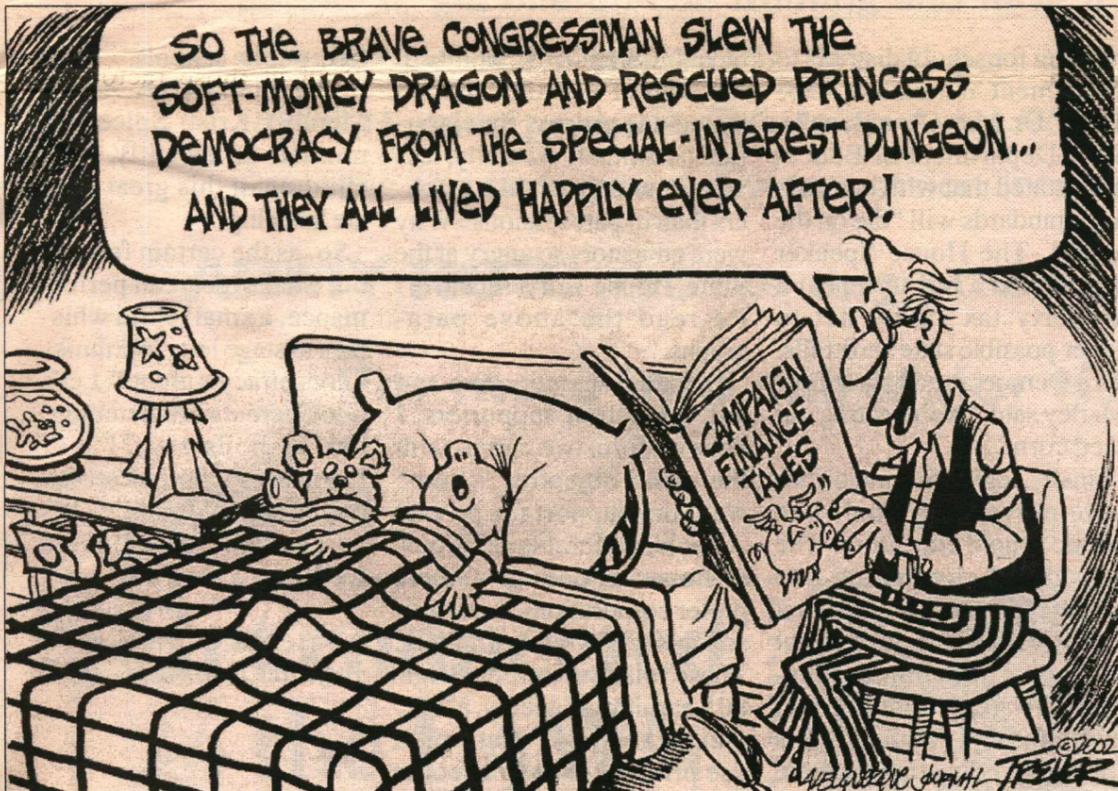
I haven't felt happy or relieved in a long time, and you

may not either, but it's okay to not be happy. It's okay to want to cry or even scream. If you have a problem start now to deal with it, don't put it off any longer, don't make my mistakes. Every problem no matter how small is an issue if it is affecting your happiness. It's okay to ask for help, and it is definitely okay to admit you aren't happy. I am admitting it to all of you right here and now. I'm slowly working through my issues.

Whether it's the sophomore slump or just a bad day, don't let it ruin your week, month, year or your life any longer. It's okay to be unhappy, but it's not okay to dwell in it and not seek happiness.

Anger, depression, gloom, whatever it is, can make a dirty hole in one's life. Don't let it start to take over yours. Reach up and take God's hand!

I know it's easier said than done, but if you don't take that step right now, you may never. Life is hard, but as I've learned, it can always get worse! Reach up now and take God's hand right now.



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Applications now available in Student Development

Students who will hold leadership positions in 2002-02 as student government officer, publication editor, Peer Counselor, or Resident Assistant are eligible to apply for a \$500 Advanced Activity Scholarship. Applications are due Friday, April 19th.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check each of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

Sniffing out a new weapon is no sweet task

The United States is developing an Odor Bomb.

"Why?" you are saying. "Don't we already have New Jersey?"

Fine, make your little jokes. But this happens to be a serious matter of National Security. According to news items sent in by several alert readers, the Department of Defense has asked scientists to develop an odor that is repulsive to all humans, regardless of culture. This odor could be used by the military to harmlessly clear people out of a given area.

On the other hand, it would attract dogs. The more disgusting something smells, the more a dog wants to take a hearty whiff. I recall one time when I was home playing host to a hostile stomach virus, and I suddenly had an urgent need to (as we used to say in college) talk to Ralph on the big white phone. I made it as far as the hallway before I went down on all fours and released most of my bodily contents, including, I am pretty sure, my spleen. It was beyond repulsive, but it caused my dog, Earnest, to go into a state of

wild dog elation, vibrating with happiness and barking joyfully into my right ear, as if to say: "THIS is the best Christmas EVER!!"

So the Odor Bomb would not be effective against dogs. But it would definitely work on humans. I know this, because I was present, decades ago, at a historic demonstration of the power of stink. This was in 1962, when my class at Harold C. Crittenden Junior High School of Armonk, N.Y., took the annual ninth-grade class trip to the Boston area. This included Salem, Mass., where we toured The House of the Seven Gables, the setting used by the prominent boring author Nathaniel Hawthorne for his famous book, "Portnoy's Complaint."

No, seriously, the book was called "The House of the Seven Gables," and as you recall (SURE you do) the house contains a secret passageway. While my class was tromping through this passageway, one student — whom I will refer to here as "Clifford," because his name was Clifford — released a MAJOR odor. One theory was that it was a



Dave Barry

stink bomb that Clifford had purchased from the famous Jack's Joke Shop in Boston.

Another theory was that it was organically produced by Clifford, who had a gift for that kind of thing. Whatever it was, it smelled so bad that they had to evacuate the entire house, including all seven gables. That was the last Boston class trip ever taken by students from Harold C. Crittenden Junior High. So let me just say, on behalf of my classmates, by way of sincere apology to all the succeeding classes: Neener neener.

But my point is that the Pentagon's Odor Bomb concept is theoretically sound. According to an article in National Geographic Today, odor scientists are studying a mixture of aromas from "vomit, human waste, body odors,

burnt hair, and rotting garbage." The scientists report that when volunteers sniff this mixture, they — prepare for a startling scientific finding — do not care for it. Perhaps some day, our troops will use such an odor to force the enemy to flee an area. If that doesn't work, we'll escalate to less-humane weapons, such as videos of the "comedian" Carrot Top.

But here's what has me worried about odor weapons: OTHER COUNTRIES MAY ALREADY BE AHEAD OF US. I say this because of two alarming foreign products brought to my attention by alert reader Tom Lemley, who sent me empty containers for these products, which I swear I am not making up.

One product is called "Drastic Toilet Air." It comes in a spray can, on which the only English words are "Drastic Toilet Air," "New" and "Produced by Johnson Wax Egypt." All the other words are in a foreign language, so we don't know whether this product is supposed to combat drastic toilet air, or — this is what scares me — it actu-

ally IS drastic toilet air, which could be a powerful weapon, in addition to an excellent name for a rock band.

The other product is an Iranian laundry detergent called: "Barf." Right on the box, in big red letters, it says: "Barf." It also says: "To obtain best result soak very dirty clothes in a solution of Barf for a few minutes and then proceed normally."

I'm sorry, but I don't see how we, as a nation, can "proceed normally" knowing that the Iranians have Barf, and the Egyptians have Drastic Toilet Air. The logical question is: What does Iraq have? I hate to be an alarmist, but I am frankly scared. Because neither I, nor anybody I know, has any idea whatever became of Clifford.

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.

Letter to the Editor

William Shakespeare gladly would have written a play about our Idaho legislature. The plot involves intrigue; the characters represent good and evil; and the moral is universal. The theme strikes at the future of public education in Idaho. Our children are the victims.

Legislative majorities lately shown they don't care about some 245,000 children. They shirk constitutional responsibilities for safe buildings. Dollars were taken from technology and reading initiative programs, part of CHIP funding vanished, fewer classroom aides are available and classes are becoming more crowded.

Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Marilyn Howard, reminded a legislative committee, "when times are tough, we can't reduce eligibility for attendance."

Majority lawmakers have left school districts slowly twisting in the wind. Last year's minimum teacher salaries were un-funded bonds. Budget cuts (some \$36 million over two years) went deep into dedicated funds for textbooks, salaries and learning materials. Some wanted to roll funds for "unanticipated" school enrollment increases into the general fund, rather than anticipate such increases, and they debated if the legislature should dictate curriculum to districts.

The Governor reduced

funding for school districts to implement mandated standards. Dr. Mary Ann Ranells, State Department of Education, stated that with no funding, standards will "die on the vine." The House Speaker introduced a bill to repeal a property tax safety net to cover possible state shortfalls. As a Democratic Senator Bert Marley said, "we're eating our seed corn."

Finally, legislative majorities have proven they don't like public school educators. The considered eliminating due process for teachers in the first three years and looked to cut salaries. They eliminated innovative grant funding and then cut deeply from budgets for higher education — where teachers come from.

Legislators considered

blocking employees' ability to sue school districts and rejected due process for classified personnel. Actually, less venom was directed at teachers than in part sessions. Why were educators so angry at the State House rally recently? Re-read the above paragraphs.

Legislative majorities and anti-education supporters, I believe, form two camps with the same objective. Some want tax-support for private schools, preferably religious, or home schooling. Others prefer corporations to run our schools with your tax dollars. These folks support the Digital Learning Academy, a "virtual high school," that would use private funds to become reality. The objective with both camps is obvious: eliminate

free, public schools.

As Idaho PTA Board Member Kristi Spicer reminded us recently, "the children of this great state are listening."

So, as the curtain falls on our Shakespearean performance, a small child whispers to stage left, "me thinks a conspiracy's afoot." Let's hope parents are listening, too, as polls say 71% of Idahoans support increased public school funding. It's an election year; I guess we'll see.

*~Steven C. McNeel
Adjunct Professor - BSU*

"And Now... for something Completely Different"



"I be a Love-Bug."

--Andrea Larson
Freshman



"Leprosy - who needs an arm anyway."

--Lindsay Dyer
Sophomore



"Schizophrenia - cause the voices in my head told me so!"

--Milly Bustos
Junior



"Diahrea - you gotta love it, inside and out!"

--Matt Fraley
Senior

"If you were an illness, which one would you be?"

Big Trouble in little Miami

By Aaron Gentry
Opinions Writer

Opening this last weekend in theaters was a great comedy based on and titled from the book *Big Trouble*. The book's author is none other than the famous Miami Herald columnist, Dave Barry. The movie is full of entertaining 'Dave Barry-isms' and a wonderfully entertaining and wacky story.

Big Trouble starts with a man named Eliot Arnold who wrote a column for the *Miami Herald*, but now finds himself running an advertising agency which he doesn't do so well. Eliot, played by Tim Allen (*Toy Story* movies, "Home Improvement", *Galaxy Quest*), finds there seems to be artistic differences between himself and his client. From there, the story jumps into a series of comedic twists and crazy turns and ends up being a story about Eliot earning the love of a woman he is interested in, played by Rene Russo (*Ma-*

lor League, Mr. Destiny, Tin Cup), and the respect of his son.

Like any good crazy comedy with plenty of wild and charismatic characters, *Big Trouble* has an all-star cast of recognizable leaders in comedy: Stanley

ing *Private Ryan*), Dennis Farina (*Snatch*), Patrick Warburton (David Puddy from "Sienfeld"), Heavy D (the rapper), and Andy Richter (Conan O'Brian's famous late night talk show former sidekick who now has his

alike who lives for Fritos Corn Chips and narrates the story. Played by the infamous Jason Lee (*Mallrats, Chasing Amy*), the 'Puggy' character steals the show with his Frito-loving performance.

Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld (*The Addams Family, Men in Black 1 & 2*), who captures what good directing in a comedy should be like, *Big Trouble* is hilarious. Full of both simple jokes and complex ones, this movie is sure to entertain and leave you wanting more. But in the end, you must really remember, with a comedy like this one, directing and acting can only go so far. The real person to blame (or credit if you wish) for this wonderful creative comedy is Dave Barry himself. He gives us a comedy for all ages that we can take our kids to and feel safe enough that the comedy that is inappropriate, we can easily explain to them or will be too complex for them to understand what's funny. With a combination of slapstick, com-



Join Tim Allen and Rene Russo are just two of many stars to appear in the hit film, *Big Trouble*.

Tucci (*Undercover Blues*), Zooey Deschanel (*Mumford*), Omar Epps (*Love & Basketball*), Janeane Garofalo (*Dogma*), Tom Sizemore (*Sav-*

own show on a different network during Primetime).

But probably the most memorable character was Puggy, a homeless Jesus look-

Big Trouble

Aaron Gentry

mon and thinking humor, *Big Trouble* is a great movie to see this coming weekend. If you're a person who waits for others to tell you whether to see a movie or not, let me be the first to tell you, you should see *Big Trouble*.

Big Trouble is rated PG-13 for some language, crude humor and sexual material. But, I felt that the rating may have been rather stiff for this age in movies. I felt any teenagers and adults would have no problem dealing with the small amount of language, crude humor and sexual material.



Aaron Gentry and Aaron Bly

Panic Room integrates great cinematography with action and computer generated effects

By A.T. Bly
Opinions Writer

Panic Room is about a mother and a daughter who move into a new house after a marital separation. One of the features of this home is a panic room, which is a small room attached to a bedroom where a steel door protects whoever is inside from whoever is outside. This room contains video monitors to keep an eye on possible intruders and a separate phone line to call for help.

The room also contains something quite valuable. And during the first night of staying in this house, a small gang of three burglars has planned to steal whatever it is that happens to be so important to them. But they miscalculated when the house would be available to the public, and they are just as surprised to find the house occupied as the mother and daughter are surprised to find themselves under siege.

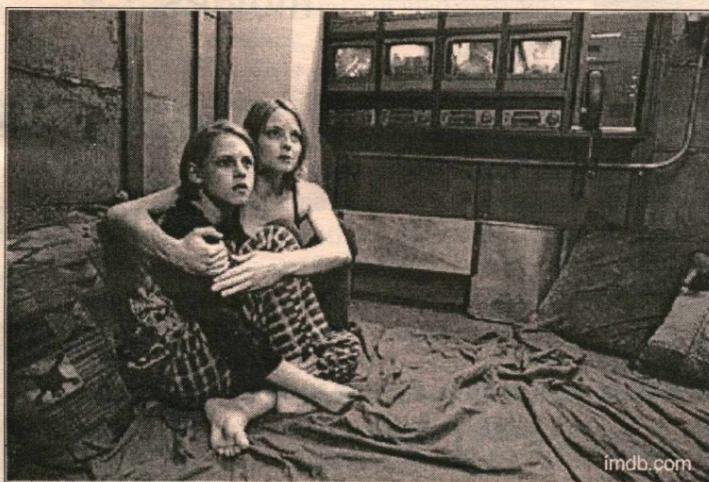
Then the fun begins, and the rest of the movie consists of one flawlessly executed scene of suspense after another. *Panic Room* is directed by David Fincher, who is definitely one of the better directors in Hollywood right now. His first four films were all entertaining, although they certainly are not movies for everyone. He has only made

rated R films, which cuts back on the overall enjoyment of examining his craft. But he is still a good enough director to make most anything worth watching.

His other movies include *Alien³* (1992), *Se7en* (1995), *The Game* (1997), and *Fight Club* (1999), and they all have their own merits for being quality films. He seems to have continued his trend of making every other movie a less thought provoking one as *Panic Room* falls more in line with the aesthetic entertainment of *Alien³* and *The Game*, rather than the more intellectual entertainment of *Se7en* and *Fight Club*. It is refreshing to know that a director understands that different movies serve different purposes—some enlighten us while others help us escape.

The star of *Panic Room* is Jodie Foster, who is consistently one of the best actresses in Hollywood and certainly does not fall short this time. In order to survive the intruders, Foster's character had to exhibit a high level of cleverness

to overcome all that was happening. And she made it believable that she could be doing all the ingenious things to



Jodie Foster and Kristen Stewart star in the thriller, *Panic Room*.

save herself and her daughter, as incredible as they often were.

Eleven year-old Kristen Stewart plays Foster's daughter, who has to be both scared and sick at various times, which must be difficult for a young actress, but she pulled it off well. The three intruders are played by Forest Whitaker, Jared Leto and Dwight Yoakam. Whitaker is the builder who knows everything about the house, while Leto is the grandson of the former owner and knows that something very valuable is hidden within the house. Yoakam, yes the country

singer, is brought along by Leto at the last minute and serves as the comic relief until everything gets bloody. The three almost act as a 3 Stooges routine between the scenes of intense suspense.

The best thing about *Panic Room*, though, is its camerawork and cinematography. The integration of natural camera shots and computer generated effects proved to be very de-

lightful. The scene where the intruders first arrive is made to look like one long take as the camera goes from Foster's room while she tries to sleep to various rooms around the house while passing through walls and doors and stair banisters and coffee pots and keyholes and looking out just about every window in the house. It looked real enough to be believable, and the detail of the entire scene was amazing.

Panic Room is not a spectacular movie, but it is one of the better films of this still new year.

Panic Room

A.T. Bly

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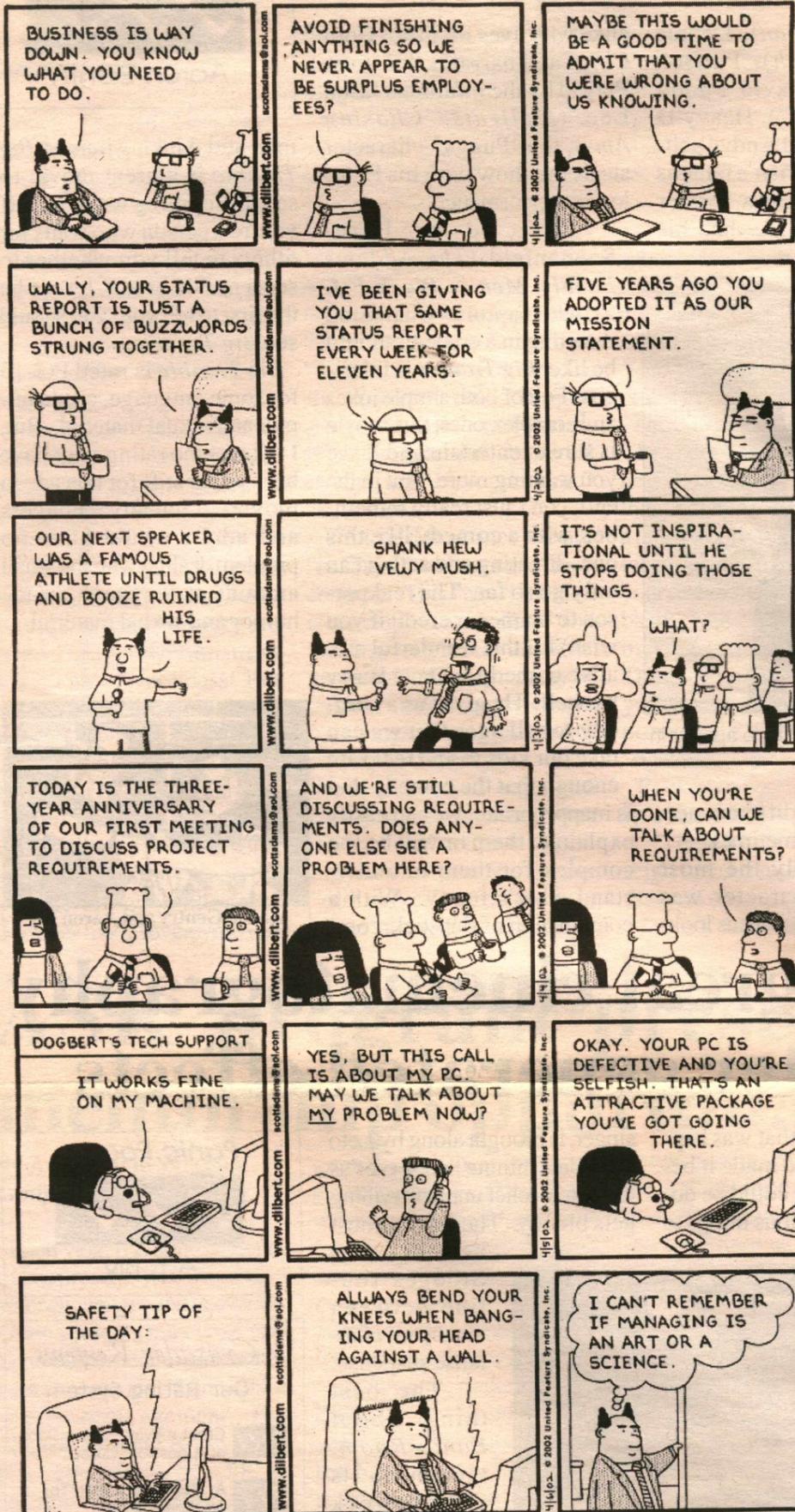
- Great movie! Shows signs of a possible classic.
- A definite pick for a weekend movie.
- See it at least once, it could make you a better person.
- Staring at the sticky stuff on the floor is more fun.
- Eating the sticky stuff on the floor would be more fun.

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Top Ten Things to do on Summer Break

10. Watch the washer start without quarters.

9. Enjoy homecooked meals - no "JUST ADD WATER" food.

8. Shower without Flip-Flops.

7. Make fun of your family for going to bed so early.

6. Attempt to make your own brick.

5. Light candles, take the screen off your window, and use a toaster.

4. Practice with your high school track team.

3. Let boys into your room (Dad and Brother).

2. Venture out and visit stores... besides Wal-Mart.

1. Watch all six Anne of Green Gables movies.

Submitted by Bekah Bowman

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Resident Evil:
R - 12 hrs 40 mins
7:05pm, 9:50

Ice Age:
PG - 1 hr 21 mins
5:05pm, 7:20, 9:35

E.T.:
PG - 1 hr 59 mins
1:05pm, 4:05

We Were Soldiers:
R - 2 hr 17 mins
3:00pm, 6:00, 9:00

The Time Machine:
PG-13 - 1 hr 36 mins
5:10pm, 7:40, 10:10

Panic Room:
R - 1 hr 52 mins
4:10pm, 7:10, 9:50

The Rookie:
G - 2 hr 7 mins
4:00pm, 7:30, 10:15

Big Trouble:
PG-13 - 1 hr 24 mins
5:30pm, 8:00, 10:00

Clockstoppers:
PG - 1 hr 43 mins
4:45pm, 7:00, 9:15

Blade II:
R - 1 hr 56 mins
5:30pm, 8:00, 10:15

Lord of the Rings:
PG - 2 hrs 58 mins
4:45pm, 8:15

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