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Get away from campus to exciting local destinations.

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Column One

Sometimes I find it hard to do what Jesus and the apostles tell me to do over and over in the Bible; love my bothers and enemies just as Christ loves me. This commission seems easy enough on the surface, but it can be very difficult to first understand what exactly Christ-like love looks like and secondly how to act that way.

I was raised in the church, the youngest daughter of a pastor; my dad had a lovely bass voice and often sang during services. One particular song of his, which I've never forgotten, was "He Grew the Tree." The song's primary line in the chorus states, "He grew the tree that He knew would be used to build the old rugged cross."

I remember this song mostly because I hated it when I was young. He would sing "He Grew the Tree" seasonally, at Easter time, and I would dread it every year. I remember thinking, "What kind of Father is God that He will not only let His Son die but create the instrument with which to kill Him?" The whole situation seemed very avoidable and cruel to me.

But last Sunday, after hearing it again for the first time in ten years, I heard another part of the chorus I had missed before. It addressed the love behind the sacrifice Jesus made. It said, "Nothing took His life, with love He gave it. He was crucified on a tree that He created."

For the first time in my life, it occurred to me that Jesus Himself helped to invent and grow the very tree that would be used against Him, causing the second-most horrible death the Roman Empire could come up with (ask any biblical scholar what was the most horrible). And, according to everything we know about the personage of the Son, He did it willingly and with love.

Jesus looked into the future before the creation of that sapling, or the world for that matter, and saw Himself dying on the cross to save mankind. I get the feeling that the Father and the Son worked on it together, knowing what was in store for Jesus in flesh form. What a mind-boggling picture of love; what an awesome example to do our best to follow. If that isn't the purest form of love, I don't know what is.

Amy Oglevie
Editor-in-Chief

The Sound of Music

Music Department shows off its talent

By Eric Aeschliman and Amy Oglevie

As the term screeches to a halt, thoughts of most students turn to final projects, papers and tests. Thoughts of *music* majors, on the other hand, include end-of-year ensembles and recitals.

Northwest Nazarene University has a proud tradition of requiring music students to show off their talent for the general public to appreciate. Four such concerts are being held on campus from April 26 to 29, offering everything from jazz to arias to woodwind melodies. Admission is free for all the events.

On Friday evening, April 26, two jazz combo concerts will be presented; a variety of jazz and blues tunes will be played during the evening in the Science Lecture Hall. Steve Goff will coach the first combo, made up of vocals Jennifer Anderson and Jeanette Wikle, Ranti Malone on piano, Aaron Baldassare playing guitar, Ryan Hanson on bass, Kobe Padilla at the drums and Mackay Dufour and Camden Hughes both on trombone.

Dennis Keck will coach the second jazz ensemble. Shawna Heim, Stephanie Jorgensen, Courtney Etienne, Jayna Poe and Millie Bustos are the stu-



Eric Aeschliman

NNU Woodwind Quintet, pictured above, is one of the featured ensembles to perform Monday, April 29. The concert wraps up a weekend of music festivities.



Eric Aeschliman

Two jazz combos, like this one, will perform Friday, April 26, in the Science Lecture Hall.

dents singing in the group, with Jeremy Hugus at the piano, T.J. Rumann on guitar, John Shaul on bass, Mitch Giannatala on

drums, Reid Hazelbaker on trumpet and Alvin Shaul on trombone.

Dr. Casey Christopher is the

coordinator of the Jazz Program and Director of Bands at NNU. The Jazz combos are sponsored in part by One More Cup—A Seattle-Style Coffee House on 12th Avenue in Nampa. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the concert starts at 8:00 pm.

The second musical event happening this weekend will be a senior voice recital presented by Carrie Vail and Sara Neddo on Saturday, April 27th. Vail will present works by Bononcini, Jommelli, Schumann, Fauré, Barber, Persichetti, Bolcom and Massenet. Neddo's featured composers will be Bellini, Schubert, Chausson, Duparc and Barber. The students will also perform a Mendelssohn duet.

Neddo and Vail are both Music Education majors. They are both students of Dr. Judy Marlett. Becky Nelson and Lorine VanCorbach will be the accompanists for the evening. The recital begins promptly at 8 pm in the Emerson Auditorium in the Administration Building.

Next, Andrea Vanderpool will present her vocal recital Sunday afternoon, April 28. She will sing works by Rossini, Schubert, Fauré, Bacon and Allitsen. Vanderpool is a senior from Wenatchee, WA, double majoring in Music Education and Ap

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Daytrips in Idaho can be an adventure

By Amy Oglevie
Editor-in-Chief

As the year comes to a close, students are busily working on final projects, papers and last minute studying for tests. Sometimes, though, they need an excuse to get away from their rooms or the library for the day and have some fun.

Daytrips can be a relatively inexpensive way to get out of the dorm and do something different. Southwestern Idaho offers

a variety of locations to visit that offer adventure, relaxation or a little of both.

The southwestern section of Idaho is host to a wealth of history. The most prominent historical impact on the area were the gold and silver rushes of the mid-1800s. Two towns are the remnants of that bygone era, Idaho City and Silver City.

After gold and silver were discovered in the mountains in 1862, Idaho City became the largest town in the Pacific

Northwest and mined more gold than all of Alaska. Many structures erected in the 1860's remain standing and are some of Idaho's most important historical buildings. Post gold rush Idaho City continues to thrive; must of the boom flavor still exists and can be experienced through a self-guided walking tour of the area.

To the southwest of Idaho City boomed a similar mining community called Silver City. The two cities were contemporaries to each other, though Silver City rests high in the Owyee



Official Idaho Travel Guide

90 buildings like this one still stand in historic Silver City

Mountains. The rugged, gravel road to Silver City (from the

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Giving back to NNU through strong student leadership

View of student leaders as coaches, cheerleaders

By Jayson Grenn
SGA Community Relations
Director

As the school year comes to a slow, dragging death, all of us are busy planning for the next year; with new schedules, new roommates, new everything and anythings, and new expectations.

Some of us will be in new positions in clubs and have new ideas and new directions. I like to think of myself as someone who has experienced a diverse amount of what Northwest Nazarene University has to offer in terms of extra-curricular activities. And with that, I have seen some good and some bad when it comes to people who are doing the leading in those certain clubs or groups. You wanna know why some clubs are more effective, more driven, and more popular than others? Read on ---

Good student leaders are what makes the club grow great or sink low. Except for extremely popular clubs (like the Ultimate Frisbee club), it's

who has taken the group by the horns that makes it what it is.

In my opinion, a club that talked about fanny packs all day (shape, size, color, models, went to fanny pack conventions, etc.) could be top-notch if you let a person with passion and integrity be in charge. Still wanna know why some clubs are more fun, more successful, and just plain better? Read on---

Good student leaders are coaches, appealing to the best in their fellow students; they are problem solvers, advice givers, cheerleaders, and change-makers. The door is always open to new ideas or just for a chat. Poor leaders are invisible; they give orders and expect them to be carried out.

Good student leaders are comfortable with all groups of people. Weak leaders are uncomfortable with people and walk the hallways with their heads down.

The good student leaders do not have private offices, spe-



Jayson Grenn

cial privileges or closed meetings. Pretend-leaders have all these things and are always looking for special treatment.

Good student leaders lead by being visible and available at lunch and after classes; non-leaders do not see the sense in "hanging around."

Good student leaders arrive early for events and stay late. Poor leaders get in late and leave on time.

Good student leaders are aware of and focused on the group's goals; they think of ways to make people in their school enjoy the learning environment and how to reward them. Wannabe leaders think only of the line on the resume, status and how they look to outsiders.

Good student leaders are

good listeners. Weak leaders are good talkers.

Good student leaders know the names of people. Non-leaders do not.

Good student leaders set up, run and clean up an event. Inadequate leaders are above menial tasks and dirty work.

Good student leaders delegate important jobs. Inferior leaders make all final decisions themselves.

Good student leaders can relate to all groups in the school. Impotent leaders do not; they feel strained with people outside of their peer group.

Good student leaders are fair. Non-leaders favor their friends.

Good student leaders are humble. Inadequate leaders expect reward.

Good student leaders are strong; they confront problems. Weak leaders are elusive; they are never at the meeting when the responsibility is assigned.

Good student leaders are available to younger students. Feeble leaders do not have the time for anyone who is not a senior.

Good student leaders are persistent. Bad leaders persist only when their self-interest is

at stake.

Good student leaders can relate to staff and administration. Second-rate leaders see them as the enemy.

Good student leaders participate in another organization's event. Poor leaders do not participate because they are not in charge.

I am sure I am guilty of being a poor leader once in a while. I am sure everyone is. But the point is that we should all try to minimize the negatives and make sure what we are doing and how we are acting is in the best interest of the club, group, Northwest Nazarene University, and most importantly, ourselves.

Imagine if we did our best to ensure the club or organization is the best on campus. Imagine if we thought of others first. Imagine if we worked for our club with integrity and pride.

If we did all of these things, fulfilling what a "good student leader" is would be easy. Ultimately, I believe that an effective leader will constantly be in the process of creating leaders. How? By having the courage to shift focus and try things differently, creating meaning and involvement, and rewarding and recognizing improvement and a job well done.

Campus ministry clubs in search of new members

Submitted by Ryan
Notbohm
Guest Writer

One of the advantages of attending a Christian university is the opportunity to be involved in ministry clubs. NNU has several excellent clubs that are always looking for new enthusiastic members. There are clubs for almost every person's unique interests. If you want to be involved in the 2002-03 school year, here is some information to get you started.

Good News Club

We meet weekly to minister to children in an apartment complex here in Nampa. Good News Club is associated with Child Evangelism Fellowship, and we use their material to teach a Bible lesson, missionary stories, songs and games.

If you enjoy teaching, singing or just playing with kids, we would love to have you join us. We meet Thursdays at 3:40 in the Student Center. If you have any questions, call Jennie Johnston at 8207.

Boise/Nampa Rescue Missions

We meet twice a month, once to go to Boise Rescue mission and once to Nampa

Rescue Mission. At both rescue missions, we have chapel with the guys. We have a worship band that comes and plays, and we sit with the guys and sing our little hearts out. Then we have a time of sharing, sometimes it's Ryan Pike speaking or we get into small groups with the guys and just talk. It's a lot of fun and sometimes even an adventure.

The goal of our ministry is

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to go and share the love of Jesus with these men. We really need people to just come and be there; your presence alone makes a difference. Our ministry also really needs freshman and sophomores, for our ministry is losing a lot of members this year.

We need you to come

alongside and continue the ministry for the next year. If you are at all interested in coming with us or you would be interested in a position on our council, contact Becca Gilbert at 467-5979.

Angels

We meet every Monday and Thursday at 6:45 in the Student Center to go and play bingo with elderly disabled people. They go for about an hour. We need people who are willing to just come along and play bingo. We also plan special events for each term. Also coming up Saturday, 27th we will be going on a fishing trip with them. For more information, call Shelley DeBoer at 8236 or Stephanie Jacobs at 8089

PALS

People Always Loving Someone is a ministry club focused on reaching developmentally disabled young adults. We enjoy spending Saturday afternoons participating in various activities including bowling, eating ice cream, pizza parties, playing football in the park or simply watching a movie.

Currently the club consists of about eight to ten PALS kids, a majority of senior NNU students who will be

graduating, and several underclassmen who have recently joined the club. We hope to maintain the ratio of NNU students to PALS kids that we currently have (about 1:1). In order to maintain this ratio, it would be great to have the participation of more underclassmen. We are also look-

ing for a few more men who are able maintaining control of a group of rowdy kids (however, this is not limited to men).

If you feel that you fit this description, or you simply enjoy spending time with those with developmental disabilities and are willing to give every other Sat-

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Finding yourself before searching for someone else

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Spring is in the air. The birds are singing and hearts are a flutter. This is the time of year when romance can blossom as fast as spring flowers (a little corny, huh?)

I watched two doves in my front yard this last weekend. Apparently, they mate for life because these two would not leave each other's side, which reminded me of the subject of romance and relationships.

I have been reading *Relationships* by Dr. Les and Leslie Parrott. They say that relationships are part of the human survival kit. We need to be in deep and close relationship with others, whether those others are a friend, roommate, parent, boyfriend, girlfriend, husband or wife.

The question that comes to mind when thinking about relationships is why do we pursue romantic relationships? The number of answers to that question is limited only by the infinite boundaries of the imagination. Responses may include loneliness, a lack of stress, everybody else has a girl/boy friend. And of course to have someone to love and someone who loves you in return. I am sure you have heard more var-

ied and interesting reasons than these.

Why we seek a significant other is at least as important as the significant other we become involved with. If contemplating a relationship, please keep in mind the most important idea of this book. "If you try to find intimacy with another person before achieving a sense of identity on your own, all your relationships become an attempt to complete yourself."

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If you are entering a relationship to try to find your identity, you are not only cheating your partner, you are depriving yourself. One of our developmental processes includes finding our personal identity and becoming comfortable with it. Only then will you be able to seek a partner to compliment your life instead of complete it.

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Get connected to the LAWN

One of the best kept secrets at NNU is that we are one of the few universities to have their total campus on a local area wireless network. This allows students, faculty, and staff the capability of accessing our network and Internet resources all over campus without needing a network connection or ac\dc power. All they need to do this is a laptop and a Cisco 350 wireless card.

Mother Daughter Weekend

Treasure of the Heart

April 26-28

Schedule of Events ~

Friday, April 26th

Chapel in Swayne Auditorium
Spend the day together (eat lunch, go to classes)
Registration in the Brandt Center (3:00-5:00)
Dinner
Welcome
Social Event

Saturday, April 27th

Continental breakfast in the Brandt Center lobby
Mother Daughter worship time in Swayne Auditorium
Craft Time
Service Project
Banquet in Brandt Center
Evening Devotions

Sunday, April 28th

Coffee, juice, & pastries in dorms
Attend the church of your choice
Lunch together on your own

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Ministry club sponsors clothing drive

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The Hope House ministry club will be doing one of its last projects of the year beginning April 25. They will be sponsoring a clothing drive for the Hope House children. Clothes, books, small furniture and other items will be welcome donations.

As you are packing up to

return home for the summer, please consider donating any item that you do not wish to take home. All the items will go to the children, and there are many needs to be met. Hope House club member Mindy Meier explains, "They don't have enough money to just go out and buy new clothes for the kids." Because of this the annual clothing drive is essential to their ministry.

There are approximately 50 children in the Hope House. Because of this large amount of kids, there is an overwhelming need for clothes and other items. Please demonstrate your thankfulness for what you have by donating items to this clothing drive.

Boxes will be placed in each dorm on April 25th and will be picked up May 11th.

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.

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 eas-

ily be involved with next year's publication.

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 either by phone or email.

Students plant flowers as service to Northwest Nazarene campus

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

On Saturday, April 20, the campus of Northwest Nazarene University underwent a student organized beautification day. Community Relations Director Jayson Grenn, along with staff member Dick Van Schyndel, headed up the event.

There were three main projects that took place during the day. One group of students walked around campus and picked up trash. Another group had the privilege of planting flowers in various locations across campus. The third group, which was labeled as the "adventure group" by Grenn, ventured to the Elijah Drain to pull out trash and other objects that had been in there. There were about thirty students and several staff members involved in the event. They started the day with a

breakfast of donuts and coffee. They then broke up into small groups to do their various tasks. The day ended with lunch at Subway.

Grenn has been involved with campus beautification day

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~Stephanie Jacobs

in the past and was excited that this year there were more people than ever to help out.

This is an annual event that happens before graduation every spring. Small improvements are made around campus in order to give the best

impression possible. A similar event happens in the fall; it is called RUSH. The two days are primarily set up to improve the look of our campus.

There was a wide range of students from freshmen to seniors who attended the event. All who worked were rewarded with a free t-shirt. Freshman Stephanie Jacobs felt that it was a very worthwhile event: "I normally hate gardening, but I decided that campus needed to be beautiful for graduation so I did it. And it was really fun!"

The event was a great success and the results can easily be seen by anyone who walks through campus. Everyone who helped out is greatly appreciated. And if any students are interested in becoming involved with campus beautification in the future there will be several opportunities next year.

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-lied Voice. Wendy Quarve will accompany Andrea for the evening. Quarve earned her BA in general music at NNU in 1992 and her Master of Music degree from University of Idaho in 1996. Vanderpool is very active in the Music Department; this is Vanderpool's third recital at NNU. Her acting credits have included Laurey in "Oklahoma!" Tzeitel in "Fiddler on the Roof." The recital begins promptly at 3 pm in the Emmerson Auditorium in the Administration Building.

Northwest Nazarene University is proud to present an evening of chamber ensembles in concert on Monday evening, April 29, at 8:00 pm. The Woodwind Quintet, coached by Jason Franzen, will present works by Ibert and Bozza. The quintet is made up of Jodi Schueler on flute, Megan Garske on oboe, Sara Keller on clarinet, Spring Fisk on French horn and Ryan Cronrath on bassoon.

Jeremiah Coto coaches the guitar quartet with other members: Clayton Reed, James Kadel and Brian Loosli. They will perform three pieces, two of them by Debussy.

Gay Pool, Northwest Nazarene University adjunct piano professor, has eight students performing two piano quartets in the recital. LaRita Schandorff, Kristin Jacobsen, James Kadel and Jessica Powell will play Mayron Cole's "Wash Rag." Jennifer

Pavlisko, Stephanie Jorgansen, Eric Aeschliman and Katie Wilson will present "Summer Love," also by Cole. Professor Pool is also Piano Director for the Idaho Suzuki Institute.

In addition, nine students of Dr. Walden Hughes will perform pieces he has arranged himself. Jackie Douty, Dorthyann Isackson and Kenton Owsley will play an arrangement of Bach's "Sheep May Safely Graze," for six hands on one piano. A second six-hand arrangement will be Rossini's "William Tell Overture," presented by Brad Jahn, Johanna Hamilton and Jayme Harding.

Matt Chitwood and Kendall Yoder will play a four-hand arrangement of Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King." Also, the premier performance of Dr. Hughes' four-hand, two-piano arrangement of Schubert's "Hark Hark the Lark," will be performed by Jill Deakins and Johanna Hamilton

This event will be held in Swayne Auditorium in the Brandt Center; doors will open at 7:30 pm, the concert is at 8:00 pm.

Students are invited to attend these events, support their friends and experience a wonderful weekend of entertainment. For more information on any of the events listed, please call the Northwest Nazarene University Department of Art & Music at 467-8413.

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



Eric Aeschliman

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Jazz Combo Concert

Friday, April 26

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Summer of big concerts at Idaho Center

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Editor

This summer at the Idaho Center the stars are going to shine bright and not just in the skies above the venue's increasingly popular outdoor amphitheater.

Those performing this summer are Tim McGraw, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Nickelback and Van's Warped Tour.

The expanding summer concert lineup is bringing big names into Canyon County — even artists who pass by many larger markets.

"It's just an incredible summer we're going to have out here in the amphitheater," Idaho Center Marketing Director Cyndi Lenz said. "We have had quite a lineup out there already. But we're looking for even more shows than last year."

Lenz estimates that a minimum of eight big concerts will fill the air with music at the outdoor venue this year.

The 10,500-seat amphitheater offers reserved seating and general admission seating on its grassy slopes.

Tickets are on sale now for a Wednesday, June 12, performance by McGraw, the 2001 Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year. The Idaho Cen-

ter is one of around a half-dozen places McGraw will play at across the nation this summer.

A few diehard fans braved the cold and rain Thursday to line up and be the first to get tickets.

Cheryl Hebner of Boise planned to camp out in the rain overnight to ensure she would get good seats to see her favorite country music star.

"We're just here because we want front-row tickets," Hebner said. "The closer the better to see Tim."

Hebner and friend Nancy Huffman of Nyssa pitched a tent at the Idaho Center ticket window Thursday morning.

"We're just crazy enough to be out in the rain," Hebner said.

This isn't the first time she has spent the night waiting to buy tickets to see McGraw — and she's traveled a lot further than 25 miles to do it.

"We've seen him and Faith Hill at BSU and Portland twice, and we

flew to Dallas and to Fresno to see him," she said. "We've seen him six times. We really should get to meet him — that's what I'm waiting for."

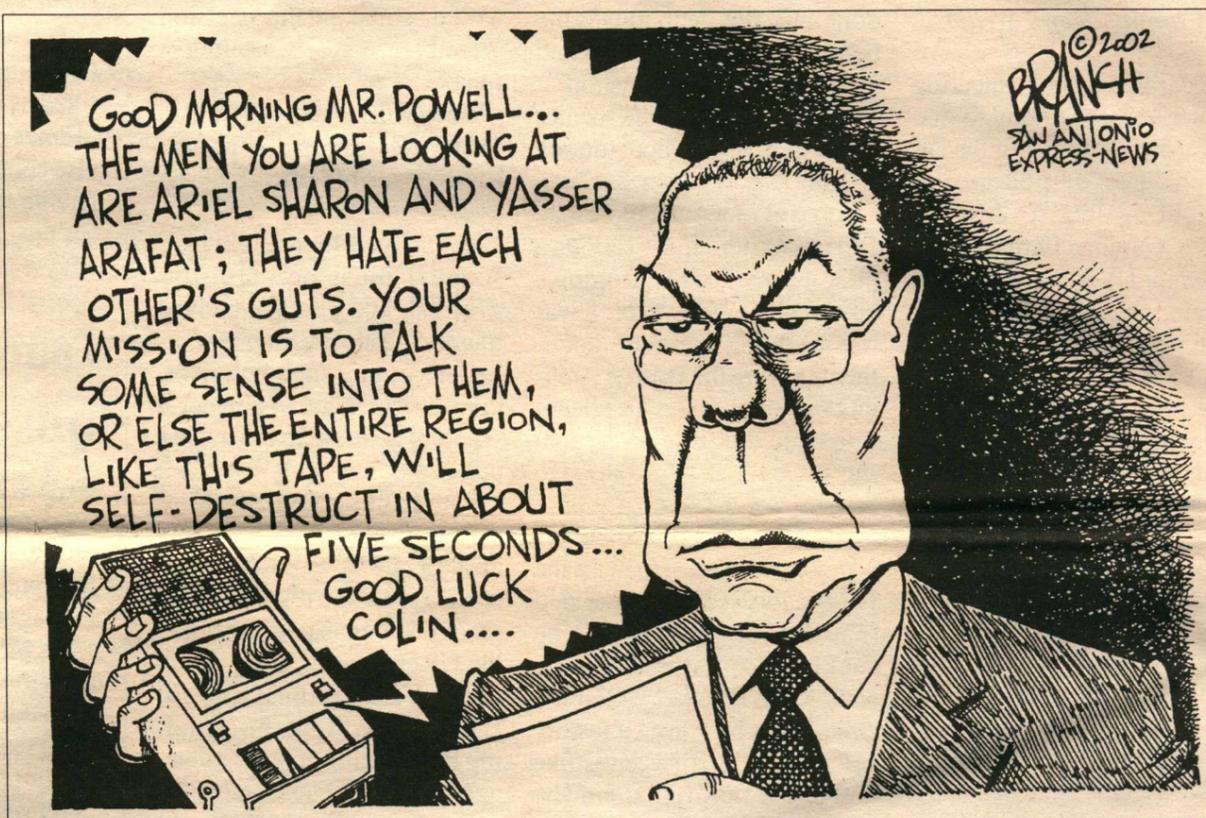
A couple more similarly big-name performers will also join the summer lineup, Lenz said, but she can't say who they are — yet. But she said the best selling point for the outdoor amphitheater is its scenic setting.

"We have such beautiful country here. You can see the mountains, the stars and the whole world," she said. "There is such an ambience in the amphitheater."



Rob Bartholomew/IPT

Cheryl Hebner of Boise adjusts the door of her tent on a wet Thursday afternoon outside the ticket office at the Idaho Center. Hebner camped out in anticipation of Tim McGraw tickets, which went on sale Saturday, April 20.



Philippines experiences horrors of terrorism

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Writer

Three explosions ripped through a major city in the southern Philippines on Sunday, April 21, killing at least 14 people and injuring 45 others after a radiostation caller warned of a wave of bombings.

The caller claimed to be from the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf, which has been holding an American missionary couple for nearly 11 months and is the target of a U.S.-backed military campaign as part of Washington's war on terrorism.

One bomb exploded outside a busy department store in downtown General Santos, killing at least 14 people - four of them children - in a hail of shrapnel and flying glass.

Within 40 minutes, bombs went off near a radio station and a bus terminal in the largely Chris-

tian city of 800,000 in the Mindanao region, where Islamic militants have been fighting for an independent homeland.

The scene of blood, wreckage and shattered glass was reminiscent of five nearly simultaneous bombings in Manila 16 months ago that killed 22 people.

An Indonesian man who has claimed he planned those blasts pleaded guilty in General Santos to explosives possession after leading police to a buried cache of more than a ton of TNT, detonating cords and M-16 rifles.

Police said it was too early to accuse any specific group of carrying out Sunday's bombings, blaming only "terrorists." But a Radio Mindanao Network office in nearby Koronadal said it received a call an hour before the first blast from a man who earlier called to complain about police boasts that the city was safe from terrorists. The man asked

whether the station wanted to cover bombings later in the day.

A separate warning circulated via cell phone text message - a chief method of communications in the Philippines - said 18 bombs had been planted around the city and would start exploding after lunch.

Radio station manager Elmer Ubaldo said he decided not to air the warning because he did not want to cause panic. The caller identified himself as Abu Muslim al-Ghazie and said he represented al-Harakatul al-Islamiyah, the formal name used by Abu Sayyaf. Other spokesmen for the group said they had no knowledge of Abu Sayyaf involvement.

The Abu Sayyaf, believed to have ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, and the fundamentalist Moro Islamic Liberation Front have been blamed for setting off bombs in General Santos in the past.

The city is about 130 miles from Basilan Island, where the Abu Sayyaf has been holding Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, KS, and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap for nearly 11 months.

About 160 US Special Forces troops are on the island on a six-month counter-terrorism training mission aimed at helping the Philippine military crush the guerrillas, who have beheaded an American and other hostages.

The first bomb exploded in a three-wheel motorcycle taxi parked in front of the two-story Gensan Fitmart department store in the business district of General Santos, about 620 miles southeast of Manila. Most of the casualties appeared to be taxi drivers, shoppers and bystanders.

The second went off 34 minutes later near a radio station, apparently causing no injuries, followed several minutes later by the bus terminal blast, which

wounded several people as reported by the city's disaster operations center.

Bartolome Baluyot, Police Chief for central Mindanao, said that two unexploded bombs were discovered under a truck parked in front of the store. Most businesses closed and checkpoints were set up on major roads as part of a security clampdown amid fears of further explosions.

The blasts came three days after the State Department renewed a warning urging Americans to exercise caution in the Philippines. In March, several bombs without triggering devices were discovered in Manila, and the rebel group that claimed responsibility has threatened to plant more bombs.

The statement also noted that the Abu Sayyaf has kidnapped Americans and may do so again.

Now introducing "the weaker tournament"

By Kevan Lee
Sports Writer

With the start of the NBA playoffs last week, one has to wonder what it must be like to be a team on the outside looking in. Some missed the playoffs by the smallest of margins, often only by a game or two. But most were eliminated before the All-Star break. And yet, no matter how they missed out on the postseason, they all will be watching it on TV.

Is this really necessary? If 16 teams can continue their season for another month, then why can't the remaining 13 squads do the same? The NBA is always looking for a way to get more money, and the best way to do that is to keep having games—even gruesome, ugly affairs. Since the upper echelon teams fight for supremacy, why can't the lower ones battle for ineptness? It only seems fair. And who knows, the weaker tournament may be more exciting. One can only imagine.

The clear favorite early on appears to be the Chicago

Bulls. Led by Jalen Rose, the only Bull with measurable talent, Chicago has little to no chance of beating any of the 12 remaining teams. In fact, their poor regular season performance earned them the number one seed and a first round bye. Hopefully the bye will allow the Bulls to get rusty enough to make a run at the league's pitiful honor in its most inadequate tournament. The lack of athletic ability and basketball skills in the NBA playoffs' ugly, disfigured cousin is so disparaging that some might mistake it for women's basketball. Only the worst survive in this loser-takes-all tourney. Memphis, one of the worst teams, knows what it takes to lose when it counts, as they fall to the Phoenix Suns and advance to the next round. Every team knows that too much talent can be costly when it comes to playoff time. Tell that to the Milwaukee Bucks, an early season favorite to take the league's better-half trophy. Milwaukee looks out of place among the amateurish nobodies of the weaker NBA teams.

They stand nary a chance of advancing by losing, despite attempting to prove that they belonged by dropping their last 12 of 14 regular season games to qualify. As the Denver Nuggets will attest, the regular season does not matter come playoff time; they learned that lesson first hand when a perfectly rotten first 82 games were spoiled by Steve Francis' cold shooting in an 89-77 win. Win and go home, that's the name of the game.

Stars are born in the playoffs. Players have to prove that they are unskilled enough in the clutch to snatch defeat from the hands of victory. Atlanta's Jacque Vaughn knows what it takes. His 10-foot airball as time expired took the Hawks to the next round and took his celebrity to the next level. The same can be said of Miami's Eddie House, who carried his team on his back with several fourth quarter bricks. Oh what some would give to be responsible for a team's demise.

The playoffs are also full of

good stories. The Wizards, staring a win in the face, needed some help if they were to advance to their conference finals. When, all of a sudden, a figure appeared from their tunnel, and Michael Jordan, the team's savior, emerged with two bags of ice strapped around his knees. The fans erupted with every missed Jordan shot and the Wizards, with newfound despair, suffered a loss, pushing them one step closer to the championship game of woefulness.

However, it was not to be. The Chicago Bulls, once a great and glorious franchise, were too untalented for the Wizards. It was the Bulls who would be facing Memphis in the finals, and not Washington's crew of misfits and rejects. The Grizzlies had battled their way through a pathetic bottom half of the Western Conference, culminating their drive with a narrow loss to the West's worse, Golden State. You know what they say: in order to be the worst, you have to beat the worst.

Before a crowd of just over

4,000, Chicago and Memphis duked it out in what would be known as one of the worst games of all time. Missed lay-ups, missed dunks. Bricks from the three-point line, bricks from the foul line. The teams exchanged poor shot for poor shot and defensive mistake for defensive mistake. The game went right down to the wire, with neither team looking like it wanted to lose. The Bulls, trailing by one point had the ball on the game's final possession. No one wanted to take the shot for fear of it going in and losing the championship. Fred Hoiberg knew, however, that he was so incapable of making a field goal that he would have to be the man. Hoiberg—no one within three feet of him—rose from the foul line, cocked his arm and released. He bricked it off the top of the backboard! The Bulls lose! Hoiberg's a goat! The Bulls lose!

Hey, it could happen. It would sure beat watching the Lakers sweep everyone.

Mariners and Red Sox showing brilliance early

By David Alban
Sports Writer

Baseball is starting to heat up in late April. The slow starting Seattle Mariners have won nine of their last ten and the Boston Red Sox have won six in a row.

Seattle looks exactly like the team from last year, with explosive hitting and superb pitching. No deficit is too great for this team to come back from. This is baseball's most exciting team to watch in 2002. The team is unbeatable on the road where they are currently 10-0.

With the help of a solid bullpen and Pedro Martinez' consistency the Red Sox have put together a six-game win streak. Urbina has seven saves thus far this year and Veteran pitcher Frank Castillo is third in the American League in ERA. Manny Ramirez and Scott Hillenbrand are batting in runs with over twenty a piece. This

team needs to keep its health, and if that happens, beware.

There are no real strong presences yet in the National



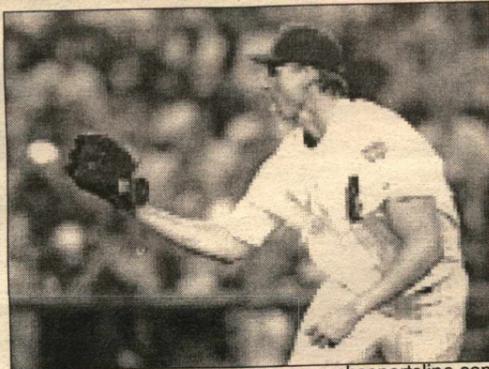
The Mariners are proving that 116 wins may be within reach once again.

League. The best record belongs to the Pittsburgh Pirates but no one has enough faith in them to think they are legitimate. The Giants started off very strong, but have faded in their last few games. Their pitching has held up, but their bats have left them. Bonds is still batting .432 with 24 walks and a .643 on base percentage. Other than that, the Giants are hurting for

offense lately.

The Arizona Diamondbacks are reaping rewards from their pitching staff. Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson combined have 8 wins. Johnson threw a 2 hit shutout in his last appearance, recording 17 strikeouts. Arizona will most likely ride their pitching into the playoffs again but it will take a lot more than just these two aces.

Atlanta's Rafael Furcal tied a modern record with three triples on Sunday against the Marlins. Lance Berkman hit



Randy Johnson struck out 17 and played tough defense in a dominating 2-hit shutout.

three home runs last week and now leads the Major League in home runs with nine.

Alban's Elite Eight

1. Seattle Mariners (15-4)	Undefeated on the road. 9-1 in last ten games. Great team to watch play.
2. Boston Red Sox (12-4)	Won six games in a row and also undefeated on the road. Pedro Martinez needs to become more dominant.
3. San Fran. Giants (12-6)	Have had a rocky last 10 games. But when Barry Bonds has 8 home runs and batting over .450, who cares?
4. Chi. White Sox (12-6)	Scored the most runs in the majors and they have an ace with four wins. Sox will be a contender come October.
5. Pittsburgh Pirates (12-5)	Still keeping pace. Everyone is starting to wonder when they will fade. Pitching is the name of the game.
6. Minnesota Twins (13-6)	This team is on fire with 4 straight wins. Need stronger pitching; ERA is a little high for a 13-6 team.
7. NY Yankees (12-8)	Not playing particularly well as a team. Pitching has been lackluster, and little offense to speak of.
8. Arizona D-backs (12-7)	Randy Johnson, 5-0, 17 strikeouts in his last start, on pace to win 30 games. I wouldn't want to face their 1-2 punch.

Previews and predictions for the playoffs

By Matt Fraley
Sports Writer

What are the NBA playoffs, you may ask? It is the same as the final four, although the teenagers compete for an NBA trophy instead of an NCAA title. The Dream teens might not make an incredible impact this year (the Clippers did not make the playoffs if you were wondering).

Of the 16 teams in the postseason, 13 teams were among the top 14 in points scored during the regular season, the other three being Toronto and the two best defensive teams in the NBA, Philadelphia and Detroit.

Who will win? Who will receive the coveted MVP trophy? What about the other awards?

First, let's break down the match-ups to see who will go all the way:

Nets-Pacers: Indiana shocked the nation with a win in New Jersey and has Nets analysts worried about the next game. New Jersey is not a great road team (19-22 during the regular season) but come playoff time, different rules apply. I predict New Jersey to win it in 5. However, that is if Kidd gets

any help from his inside players (only 22 points from the Nets' 4s and 5s in game 1).

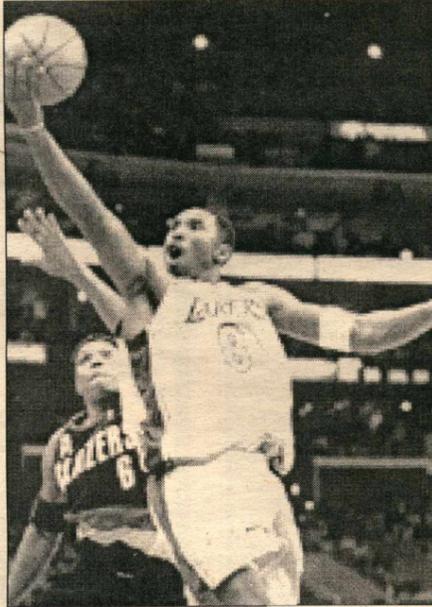
Magic-Hornets: this match-up is far from predictable because both teams are very inconsistent and have been plagued by injuries all season long. McGrady is capable of taking over a game but he needs help from Miller and the veterans to overcome the Hornets stinging victory in game one despite Mashburn's absence.

Sixers-Celtics: I correct myself. This is the most difficult series to predict. The Celtics have a lot of firepower and showed us in the first game that they were not intimidated by last year's finalist. But Philly has a lot of heart and possibly "The Answer" to this series' equation.

Pistons-Raptors: Toronto's hot streak was bound to end sometime. Detroit's tenacity on defense, epitomized by Ben Wallace, will prove that the Raptors are extinct.

Kings-Jazz: I do not think that I need to predict this one. I heard that half the Jazz squad decided to retire because the arthritis was unbearable.

Mavs-Wolves: The Mavericks have a lot of size and a great backcourt. They finished only one game behind the



Kobe Bryant's 34 points on Sunday helped the Lakers take a 1-0 lead in their series with the Trailblazers.

Spurs, the second team in the West. This series displays the most interesting match up: Nowitzki, versus Garnett. I give the edge to the Mavs who won the opener.

Lakers-Blazers: Portland can win a regular season game against the Lakers but come playoff time, the Lakers play a

different game and Fox gets more irritating. Look for a series' record in the number of technical fouls if this face-off drags on.

Spurs-Sonics: no disrespect to those of you from Seattle, but you might not want to watch the Sonics last three games of the year. The Spurs will be the first to reach the second round.

Next week, some of these match-ups will have wound down, and most of my predictions may have become true. But speaking of predictions, here is what I envision happening in these next few months.

Most Improved player: Quentin Richardson. He has an amazing scoring ability and a sweet shot from downtown. Corliss Williamson is another contender.

Sixth Man award: I would say "Q" again but Jermaine O'Neal has been invaluable to the Pacers with his 18.5 pts, 10.5 reb, and 2.5 blk per game.

Rookie of the Year: Tony Parker comes to mind because of the maturity he has shown and the Spurs results but the other European, Pau Gasol, has better numbers and made more of an offensive impact (17.5 pts,

9 reb, 51.6 FG%)

Rookie first-team: P. Gasol, S. Battier, E. Griffin, J. Richardson, T. Parker

All NBA first team: T. Duncan, C. Webber, S. O'Neal, K. Bryant, J. Kidd

Defensive first team: T. Duncan, B. Wallace, D. Mutumbo, K. Bryant, G. Payton

NBA Finals: Spurs over the Pistons. I think Detroit will reach the finals thanks to their defensive abilities, particularly those of Ben Wallace, who received an astounding 115 out of 120 votes for defensive player of the year. Detroit's team chemistry is more impressive than the Spurs' but I see San Antonio taking it all thanks to the stellar, consistent play of potential MVP Tim Duncan. This brings us to our first award:

Regular season (and finals) MVP: Tim Duncan. His knowledge of the game and his fundamentals are so sound that there is no other choice. His team is also second in the West (second only to the Kings).

Watch some games and do not forget to take a look at the future champs, the San Antonio Spurs.

Wiggins and Rasmussen break school records

By Chad Froslund
Sports Editor

Lacey Rasmussen and Ann-Marie Wiggins set Northwest Nazarene University records Saturday during the Central Washington Spike Arlt Track and Field Invitational.

Rasmussen, from Nampa, broke the 10 year old triple jump mark with a winning leap of 35-9. The old mark was 34-3.5. Wiggins, from Weiser, ID, placed third in the 3K in a personal record time of 10:26.42. This eclipsed the mark of 10:40.24 set by Michelle Skyles in 1988. "This was a big break-through race for Ann-Marie as it cut 27 seconds off her previous best," said NNU Coach Randy Dalzell.

The 3k was a race that Wiggins had only run in a collegiate meet twice prior to Saturday and was just hoping to run a sub 10:40. When she crossed the finish line, she knew that she had run a good race but figured it was some-

where in the 10:30's. Wiggins said, "When Coach initially told me my time was 10:28, I thought 'Oh, Coach...' knowing that he times by hand, and



Wiggins had a "breakout" race on Saturday.

figured that he was off."

Wiggins also noted that she had been frustrated because she felt like her team had gotten a late start on the season, this was only their third outdoor meet, and that other athletes were running faster and performing more up to their potential. Wiggins said the most exciting thing

about her performance Saturday was, "I was tired of feeling like we were running slow, so it was good to have a breakout race. I'm feeling that I'll be running faster and more confident now." Wiggins' time is a provisional qualified for the NAIA National Meet. She needs to run 5 seconds faster to reach the automatic qualifying time for the national meet, and she said it is her goal to reach that mark. James Thomas Jr. won the javelin with a throw of 196-4. The Crusaders also had two second-place finishes - Ryan Lee in the 110 hurdles (15.32) and Kristi Lund in the discus (126-10).

Two others from NNU also reached provisional marks - Alina Lunsford in the pole vault (10-3.25) and Juraj Trubiroha in the 1500 (3:57.5).

The NNU men placed ninth with 34 points. Central Washington won with 145 1/3. The NNU women were fifth with 52 points. Western Washington was the winner with 155.

Don't miss the last two
time-outs
of the school year!

Featuring:

THIS WEEK:
Trevor Lubiens

AND

NEXT WEEK:
New SGA President
Josh Fishburne

AND

Come hear new Campus Ministries
Coordinator Paul Clark try to be witty!

Students Speak Out

How does NNU feel about living on campus and the criteria for being allowed to live off campus?

"I'm in college now, I should be able to live where I want. Besides, living off campus is cheaper and better food."

Sherry Barnes

"We should be able to make responsible decisions in college and living off campus provides us with those opportunities, and it is much cheaper."

Jennie Johnston

"I think it is ridiculous. People should be allowed to choose where they live. Students deserve to be treated like adults!"

Jeanette Wikle

"I really don't think it's that big of a deal to live off campus, or that you have to petition to live off campus."

Annie Salisbury

"I really enjoy the sense of community that NNU has, and I know that I'll never have the opportunity to live with so many people the way that dorm life allows. I love the church camp atmosphere that it provides. So, I appreciate the way administration encourages living on campus to all students."

Chad Frosland

"I realize that NNU needs to keep its dorms filled, but with tuition so high, off-campus living saves the student tons of money. I saved \$250 a month by moving off campus into an apartment."

Anna Salisbury

"I think that administration overemphasizes the aspects of off-campus living too much. I understand that they want to build a tight community, but it shouldn't be forced on the students, it should be of the students' free will. They should reduce the amount of paper work involved in moving off campus, and lighten up on the rules and policies, because the more restrictions they place on the students, the more apt students are to break the rules already in place."

Jessica Wigley

"I'm all about living on campus. NNU is a community and that's a big part of what NNU is about."

Angie Finton

The Question of How

Is on campus or off campus the better choice for students?



NNU encourages students to

But has their encouragement and involvement in student's



Shawna McArthur

Dooley is currently the only Sophomore girls' dorm residence.



Shawna McArthur

Ford is the Freshmen girls' dorm residence and has many rules.

By Jen Anderson
Feature Editor

Every April here at NNU, students who plan to return to NNU must face the question of where they will live the upcoming year. This question, however, is ultimately answered by Student Development and by housing committees. There are seven dorms that are assigned based on classification and age, and there are also the many surrounding apartments off campus. Students can participate in their living arrangements by applying for their desired room in the dorm that is assigned to their age and yearly status, and they're also allowed to pick who their roommate/s will be. But when it comes to living off campus, NNU's policies are strict. According to Karen Pearson, Director of Student Development, a student must be 21 years or older or have a senior credit standing to live off campus (this does not count living with parents or guardians). However, if one has extreme financial need or extra circumstances that force one to live off campus, there is an exceptions

committee that allows students who qualify that do not meet the normal criteria to live off campus. But in order to do this, the student must be able to show proof of the circumstances and show that living off campus would improve his or her situation.

However, should NNU be so involved in where the students live? Many universities require incoming freshmen to live on campus, but after that first year, students are free to do what they choose. After all, most upperclassmen in college are over 18 years old and are classified as adults. So, should NNU be allowed to dictate living arrangements to the adult-age students? The majority of students answer a resounding "no." However, most students polled stated that they agreed with freshmen requirements of living on campus.

If NNU students want the freedom to live where they please, one could question if they know the repercussions of being allowed to live off campus. Karen Pearson stated, "Studies have proven over and over again that students receive

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Olsen and Corlett
 Date: Thursday, April 25
 Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Place: Clydes

\$25 late fee for not pre-registering before the housing drawing.

HOUSING DRAWING

Applications were due April 10th

Dooley and Sutherland
 Date: Friday, April 26
 Time: 11:45 am - 1:30 pm
 Place: Wordsworth

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live on-campus living arrangements gone too far?



Shawna McArthur

Sutherland is home to the sophomore male on-campus residents at NNU.

higher grade point averages and better retention when living on campus.”

Perhaps NNU’s policy is in place to better education for the students who attend here because the studies have proven education is better for those who live on campus in a dorm environment. Perhaps this policy is in place to encourage the community atmosphere that NNU claims to have.

There are many possibilities that are behind the reasoning of NNU’s policy for off-campus living, but students want freedom that this policy does not offer. Where should NNU draw the line? Should they adhere to the outcry of the students who want freedom or should they continue to keep the strict policy that it currently enforces?

While it seems that administration and part of the student body have major differences in their theories about living situations, NNU’s encouraged dorm-life has had a part in the cultivated community that most students come to love about NNU.

Price Comparison

Can students save money living Off Campus?

On Campus Costs

1. Food and Rent:
 \$476.00/mo. (for 9 months)

2. Utilities:
 \$0.00/mo.

3. Phone:
 \$0.00/mo.

4. Internet:
 \$0.00/mo.

Total: \$476/mo.
 \$4285.00 per year (for 9 months)

Off Campus Costs

1. Rent for an average 1-2 bedroom apartment:
 \$450-\$600/mo.

2. Food (for 1 person):
 \$30-\$60/mo.

3. Utilities:
 \$20-\$50/mo.

4. Phone:
 avg: \$20/mo.

5. Internet:
 avg: \$15/mo.

Total: \$535-\$745/mo.
 \$4815-\$6705 per year (for 9 months)

It’s important to remember that students, when living off campus, oftentimes share an apartment, which would cut the cost of living in half. Also, the amount for a one bedroom apartment is only slightly more for a small dormroom in Sutherland. However, financial aid cannot be allotted for the room and board portion of total costs if the student is living off campus, so those who choose to live off campus could possibly be losing potential aid for their schooling.

Israeli-Palestinian conflict no closer to resolution

Powell's trip leaves little effect on Middle East

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus News Writer

The compound of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity are where an Israeli offensive ended in a stalemate in the West Bank.

The offensive not only resulted in hundreds of casualties, but Arafat's security service was wiped out, and many of the nascent institutions of his Palestinian Authority were destroyed.

Despite the devastation, defiant gunmen are still inside the church in Bethlehem. Carefully keeping an eye on these standoffs, the United

States is involved in a high-stakes waiting game while pondering the next move in their war against terrorism that has come to involve many nations around the world. This campaign could include an assault on Iraq.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, amid calls from the European Union not to raid Arafat's office, said, "That's our message right now: Give us time to find a way out of this and let's not try to solve it through the use of any violence."

At the time Powell issued this comment to the press, Israeli tanks had just come out of Ramallah on Sunday but continued to telephone Arafat's office in the city to reiterate their demands for the extradition of four wanted Palestinians, who are suspected for the murder of a cabinet minister.

According to Palestinian officials, William Burns, US assistant secretary of state for the Near East, was to meet Arafat on Monday.

Troops left Nablus but maintain their positions around the Bethlehem church thought by Christians to be the birthplace of Jesus; now a sanctuary for wanted Palestinian militants who are trapped along with more than 200 policemen, ministers and civilians.

A statement was issued by a group of die-hard militants contained in the church: "We will not surrender and we warn (of the consequences) of the slow death we are subjected to."

Other places on the West Bank, shocked Palestinians just out of Israeli curfew emerged from their homes to find piles of garbage, their shops smashed and their streets destroyed by tank tracks.

Palestinian officials do not believe the pullbacks are legitimate, as Israeli forces have maintained strongholds in areas just outside the cities they left in army entitled "encirclements" to keep suicide bombers from entering Israel.

In the case of the Jenin refugee camp, which housed Palestinian refugees, the Israeli army has been accused by the Palestinian people of committing a massacre.

Terje Roed-Larsen, a Palestinian army official, said on Israeli Army Radio on Sunday, "Let me be very clear, I have not and I am not accus-

ing anyone of massacres... we do not have the full facts from Jenin, but what I saw (on Thursday) was truly appalling. The destruction was massive and the stench overwhelming."

Though Israel agreed to talk about what happened in Jenin, no agreement has been met.

At left: A region in conflict.



AP

Israeli tanks withdrew from Nablus today, shortly after leaving parts of Ramallah, significantly scaling back its three-week-old campaign to crush Palestinian attacks.

Only one more: a note from Ryan Hanson

I just want to say that it has been an incredible year working for *The Crusader* as *Off-Campus News Editor*. The people I have worked with and the opportunities that were allowed to me have been a true blessing.

I have only one more issue to bring to you. Afterwards I will have a plethora of Monday nights with no deadlines, no crashing computers forcing me to redo hours of work. I can't say that I will miss the work much.

What I will miss is the opportunity to help inform the campus community of what is occurring in the world. I will miss the late night comraderie the staff developed. I will miss runs to McDonald's and Wendy's to pick up food for empty bellies.

Only one last issue, however. I thank God for all He has done in my life and all He will continue to do. We serve a wonderful, amazing, living God, and I for one am thankful for the sacrifice He made for me.

Pro-Israel support in right wing conservatives and Christians

By Sarah Chase
Off-Campus News Writer

A conservative Christian, Gary L. Bauer, spent his growing up years in Kentucky as the son of a janitor. William Kristol grew up as the Jewish New York intellectuals' scion. Both forged an unusual, close relationship as right wing supporters.

Concerning the issues of encouraging values in families and the nomination by the Supreme Court of Clarence Thomas, both men have been equally supportive. The issue that now grips their attention is Israel, and a strong pro-Israel attitude dominates the conservative side.

A broad range of individuals support the conservatives, ranging from religious minded conservatives to hawks interested in our nation's security.

Many conservatives from the area of the party affiliated with

President Bush complain about his efforts of making peace in the Middle East. They claim his efforts are a "muddled mission that undercuts his post-Sept. 11th antiterrorist doctrine."

A great shift in the Republican Party's views has been marked by its pro-Israel attitude, according to political strategists.

As Jews have voted on the Democratic ticket for decades, conservative presidents had been easier in breaking with Israel.

After the Suez Canal was nationalized, Dwight D. Eisenhower would not support a French, British and Israeli attack on Egypt. Repeated clashes with Israel occurred during the elder Bush's administration.

Currently, Bauer, the president of American Values, an organization for research, is frequently pressing Israel's situation with an e-mail message

daily that reaches nearly 100,000 conservative Christians. Kristol, the editor of *The Weekly Standard*, has had criticism of Bush's policy for the Middle East in two publications. First, his magazine has been an effective source.

Secondly, Project for the American Century, a group for foreign policy that he directs, sends off memorandums that are pro-Israel.

Kristol stated, "We think you can't have a peace process in which one of the partners is a sponsor of terrorism. Not if you're engaged in a serious war on terrorism."

This view is widely supported from Christian social conservatives like Bauer to Jewish neoconservatives like Kristol, radio show host Rush Limbaugh and the *Wall Street Journal's* free market conservatives.

"Suddenly the president who soared by standing on principle seems to have been replaced by

an imposter who's lost his foreign policy bearings," quoted from *The Journal* early this week when Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State, came back to the US with nothing to show.

Another conservative publication, the *National Review*, says in its May 6th edition that "the administration has leaked away prestige and credibility with nearly every statement."

The roots of newer Republican ideas were begun during Ronald Reagan's presidency. His strong anticommunist line and missile defense advocacy brought to him a group of pro-Israel left winged neoconservatives. Richard

Pearle, his assistant defense secretary, and Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, his ambassador to the United Nations, were two of those individuals.

Bauer's pro-Israel belief originates in ideology and theology. He said, "As an evangelical, I do believe that the Bible is pretty clear that the land is what is called covenant land, that God made a covenant with the Jews and that that would be their land."

He also refers to Israel and the US as "mutual allies" in a struggle of the cold-war-type between democracies of the West and Islam's radical side.

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US Cardinals to meet with Pope



Santiago Lyon AP

US Cardinal Francis Eugene George of Chicago arrives at Rome's Fiumicino airport early Sunday to attend a meeting of American cardinals scheduled for April 23 and 24 with Pope John Paul II.

By Amber Adams
Off-Campus News Writer

US cardinals began meeting in Vatican last Sunday to discuss a plan of action for the latest charges of pedophilia brought against several US priests. Cardinal Bernard Law, the senior US Roman Catholic prelate, commented that the pope's summon for the cardinals to meet in Rome was a "wake-up call" for the Catholic Church. The thirteen US cardinals will be meeting with the pope and Vatican officials on Tuesday and Wednesday. These meetings will concentrate on how the US Catholic church should come out of the pedophilia scandal.

On Sunday, April 22, the pope addressed pilgrims and tourists after the two-hour Mass. It was noted that his speech was more slurred than usual and at one point he appeared to have lost his place in the text. Church officials said that the scandals have had a negative effect on the pope who turns 82 this next month.

Law made his first appearance in two weeks on Sunday where he addressed the anger of his parishioners and apologized for his handling of the scandal. Law is at the center of the allegations of the cover-up in the abuse scandal. This has been his first public speech since unexpectedly flying to the Vatican for secret talks with the pope.

"Regrettably I have been late to respond and implement changes required to restore the trust" of the public, he said at Boston's cathedral.

"The repeated public calls for my resignation are a clear signal that many feel my leadership efforts have been inadequate," Law said. "I wish I could turn

the clock back on the harm done and the decisions done before my arrivals in 1984 and as my tenure as Archbishop."

John J. Geoghan, the former priest in Boston where the sex scandal largely began, has been accused of molesting more than 130 youngsters and is serving a prison sentence for groping a boy in a swimming pool. It was reported that there are documents saying the Boston Archdiocese knew about the allegations and did little more than move Geoghan from parish to parish.

Monsignor Francis Maniscalco, spokesman for the US Bishop's Conference, said that the cardinals would be seeking guidance from the Vatican on whether pedophile priests can be allowed to stay in the ministry or if a "one strike and you're out" rule should be

"It is clear that today we have a much better understanding of this problem. If in hindsight we also discover that mistakes may have been made as regards prompt removal of priests and assistance to victims, I am deeply sorry."

~ New York Cardinal Edward Egan

applied. It was said that they would be looking into possible alternative ministries where the offenders could be placed, such as chaplaincy for an old age home. It will also be discussed "whether this means that everyone with this background is out or whether there can be degrees of misconduct where someone can be declared safe after treatment," Maniscalco said.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of the Archdiocese of Washington DC was more aggressive in his opinion of the future of pedophile priests in the church.

"Someone who has pedophilia should never return," he said on NBC's "Meet the

Press." "I think it is an illness ... Anyone who is diagnosed, you can't let them back."

He also brought up suggestions for a uniform set of rules that all US branches of the church would follow dealing with priests who are accused of pedophilia. The American churchmen will also be discussing whether or not, and in what situations, pedophile priests should be handed over to civilian authorities. In a recent interview, Bishop Wilton Gregory, President of the US Bishop's Confer-

ence, said that US bishops would be making this decision at their twice-yearly meeting in June.

"They will have to be [handed over]. We have to distinguish between crime and sin," he said.

"Behavior which might give scandal must be carefully avoided, and you yourselves must diligently investigate accusations of any such behavior, taking firm steps to correct it where it is found to exist," the pope said.

John Paul's comments were the most extensive statements about celibacy (sexual abstinence) since the revelations of sex abuse began pouring out in the US earlier this year.

New York Cardinal Edward Egan, who will also be attending the meeting at the Vatican, apologized in a letter released to his parishioners. In the letter, he offered his apology "if in hindsight" he had made mistakes in handling sex abuse cases involving priests.

Egan has been criticized for his handling of sexual abuse cases as the former bishop of Bridgeport, Conn. since the scandal erupted. He stopped short of saying he had made mistakes. He said in the letter that over the past 15 years, "I consistently sought and acted upon the best independent advice available to me from medical experts and behavioral scientists."

"It is clear that today we have a much better understanding of this problem. If in hindsight we also discover that mistakes may have been made as regards prompt removal of priests and assistance to victims, I am deeply sorry," stated the letter, read at all masses in New York City over the weekend.

News Briefs

Lake Lowell greets anglers

NAMPA — Two hundred anglers will turn out Saturday, April 27 at Lake Lowell to see who can catch the largest bass or at least be able to tell the best "how they got away" story.

The attraction will be an annual Boise Bass Busters Club's tournament that offers thousands of dollars in prizes.

Lake Lowell is 64 percent full and the cold temperatures will affect catch rates, regional fisheries biologist Brian Flatter of the Idaho Fish and Game Department said.

"But the fish are there," Flatter said. "They will not have any trouble finding bass."

Bass fishing has become an extremely popular sport not only at Lake Lowell, but other fishing holes like Brownlee, C.J. Strike, Anderson Ranch and Owyhee reservoirs.

The rules call for four flights of 100 boats to go out on the lake from about 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. The top weight of the best seven fish caught will be counted. Fish must be 12 inches or longer.

Boise Bass Busters Club member Russ Barger said it's a catch-and-release contest.

"This is our main money maker," tournament director Scott Graham of Star said. All the tournament's 100 slots were filled by early April.

Funds raised help the club sponsor tournaments. The club also contributes to help conservation efforts to improve bass habitat, he said.

A pro-am tournament also will be held at Lake Lowell on May 4 and 5.

Iraqis move surface-to-air missiles into "no-fly zone"

WASHINGTON, April 22 — The Iraqi military late last week moved surface-to-air missiles into southern and northern "no-flight zones" patrolled by American and British pilots, putting those pilots at significantly higher risk, senior Pentagon officials said today.

The movement of the missiles has been part of heightened activity by Iraqi air defenses inside the two zones, where Iraqi military aircraft are prohibited from flying.

But Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, played down the significance of the moves, saying that President Saddam Hussein of Iraq frequently moves missiles, radar and other anti-aircraft systems in and out of the no-flight zones. Indeed, a Pentagon official said the missiles may have already been moved out.

"The only reason I mentioned it today was just to highlight this issue of having Americans being shot at as they're patrolling the no-fly zone," General Myers said.

The incident comes at a time of increased tension between Iraq and the United States.

General Myers said American and British pilots have either been fired on or have been the targets of Iraqi radar systems at least four times in the past two weeks. On Friday, allied jets dropped precision-guided weapons on a radar installation in the northern zone, the first such attack since February. Pentagon officials said the radar appeared to be linked to Russian-made surface-to-air missiles, either SA-2's or SA-3's.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said today that Canadian officials would be included at all levels of a Pentagon investigation into the accidental bombing last week of a Canadian unit in southern Afghanistan by an American F-16. Four Canadian soldiers were killed and eight others were wounded.

He said the investigation would be concluded in 30 to 60 days. The Canadian government is also conducting an investigation of the event.

All News Briefs written by Ryan Hanson, Off-Campus Editor.

Summer of big concerts at Idaho Center

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Editor

This summer at the Idaho Center the stars are going to shine bright and not just in the skies above the venue's increasingly popular outdoor amphitheater.

Those performing this summer are Tim McGraw, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Nickelback and Van's Warped Tour.

The expanding summer concert lineup is bringing big names into Canyon County — even artists who pass by many larger markets.

"It's just an incredible summer we're going to have out here in the amphitheater," Idaho Center Marketing Director Cyndi Lenz said. "We have had quite a lineup out there already. But we're looking for even more shows than last year."

Lenz estimates that a minimum of eight big concerts will fill the air with music at the outdoor venue this year.

The 10,500-seat amphitheater offers reserved seating and general admission seating on its grassy slopes.

Tickets are on sale now for a Wednesday, June 12, performance by McGraw, the 2001 Country Music Association Entertainer of the Year. The Idaho Cen-

ter is one of around a half-dozen places McGraw will play at across the nation this summer.

A few diehard fans braved the cold and rain Thursday to line up and be the first to get tickets.

Cheryl Hebner of Boise planned to camp out in the rain overnight to ensure she would get good seats to see her favorite country music star.

"We're just here because we want front-row tickets," Hebner said. "The closer the better to see Tim."

Hebner and friend Nancy Huffman of Nyssa pitched a tent at the Idaho Center ticket window Thursday morning.

"We're just crazy enough to be out in the rain," Hebner said.

This isn't the first time she has spent the night waiting to buy tickets to see McGraw — and she's traveled a lot further than 25 miles to do it.

"We've seen him and Faith Hill at BSU and Portland twice, and we

flew to Dallas and to Fresno to see him," she said. "We've seen him six times. We really should get to meet him — that's what I'm waiting for."

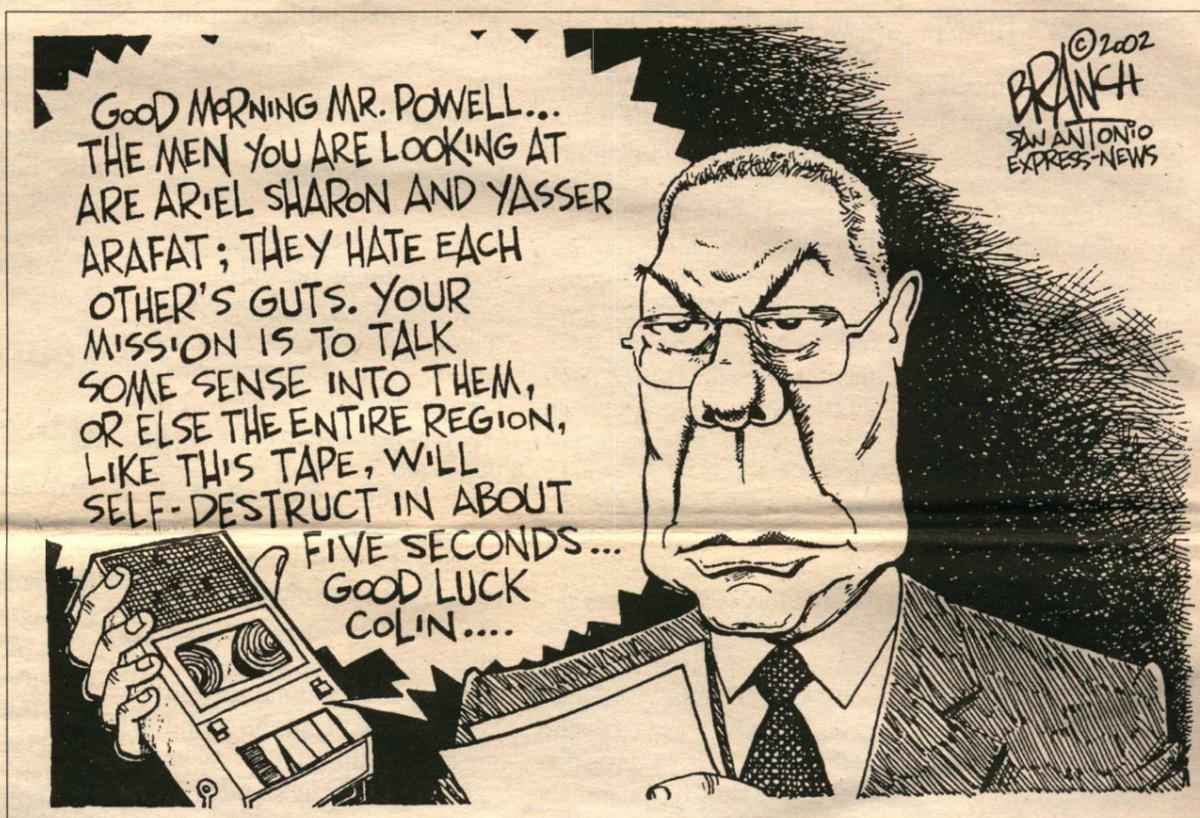
A couple more similarly big-name performers will also join the summer lineup, Lenz said, but she can't say who they are — yet. But she said the best selling point for the outdoor amphitheater is its scenic setting.

"We have such beautiful country here. You can see the mountains, the stars and the whole world," she said. "There is such an ambience in the amphitheater."



Rob Bartholomew/IPT

Cheryl Hebner of Boise adjusts the door of her tent on a wet Thursday afternoon outside the ticket office at the Idaho Center. Hebner camped out in anticipation of Tim McGraw tickets, which went on sale Saturday, April 20.



Philippines experiences horrors of terrorism

By Marie Coelho
Off-Campus News Writer

Three explosions ripped through a major city in the southern Philippines on Sunday, April 21, killing at least 14 people and injuring 45 others after a radiostation caller warned of a wave of bombings.

The caller claimed to be from the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf, which has been holding an American missionary couple for nearly 11 months and is the target of a U.S.-backed military campaign as part of Washington's war on terrorism.

One bomb exploded outside a busy department store in downtown General Santos, killing at least 14 people — four of them children — in a hail of shrapnel and flying glass.

Within 40 minutes, bombs went off near a radio station and a bus terminal in the largely Chris-

tian city of 800,000 in the Mindanao region, where Islamic militants have been fighting for an independent homeland.

The scene of blood, wreckage and shattered glass was reminiscent of five nearly simultaneous bombings in Manila 16 months ago that killed 22 people.

An Indonesian man who has claimed he planned those blasts pleaded guilty in General Santos to explosives possession after leading police to a buried cache of more than a ton of TNT, detonating cords and M-16 rifles.

Police said it was too early to accuse any specific group of carrying out Sunday's bombings, blaming only "terrorists." But a Radio Mindanao Network office in nearby Koronadal said it received a call an hour before the first blast from a man who earlier called to complain about police boasts that the city was safe from terrorists. The man asked

whether the station wanted to cover bombings later in the day.

A separate warning circulated via cell phone text message — a chief method of communications in the Philippines — said 18 bombs had been planted around the city and would start exploding after lunch.

Radio station manager Elmer Ubaldo said he decided not to air the warning because he did not want to cause panic. The caller identified himself as Abu Muslim al-Ghazie and said he represented al-Harakatul al-Islamiyah, the formal name used by Abu Sayyaf. Other spokesmen for the group said they had no knowledge of Abu Sayyaf involvement.

The Abu Sayyaf, believed to have ties to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network, and the fundamentalist Moro Islamic Liberation Front have been blamed for setting off bombs in General Santos in the past.

The city is about 130 miles from Basilan Island, where the Abu Sayyaf has been holding Martin and Gracia Burnham of Wichita, KS, and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap for nearly 11 months.

About 160 US Special Forces troops are on the island on a six-month counter-terrorism training mission aimed at helping the Philippine military crush the guerrillas, who have beheaded an American and other hostages.

The first bomb exploded in a three-wheel motorcycle taxi parked in front of the two-story Gensan Fitmart department store in the business district of General Santos, about 620 miles southeast of Manila. Most of the casualties appeared to be taxi drivers, shoppers and bystanders.

The second went off 34 minutes later near a radio station, apparently causing no injuries, followed several minutes later by the bus terminal blast, which

wounded several people as reported by the city's disaster operations center.

Bartolome Baluyot, Police Chief for central Mindanao, said that two unexploded bombs were discovered under a truck parked in front of the store. Most businesses closed and checkpoints were set up on major roads as part of a security clampdown amid fears of further explosions.

The blasts came three days after the State Department renewed a warning urging Americans to exercise caution in the Philippines. In March, several bombs without triggering devices were discovered in Manila, and the rebel group that claimed responsibility has threatened to plant more bombs.

The statement also noted that the Abu Sayyaf has kidnapped Americans and may do so again.

Forgive, forget: How we accomplish this

As you probably noticed in my last article something is wrong with me. That last article was, I'm sure, depressing and didn't make sense to some. I hope that it helped someone and I hope that you realize that dark attitude was not really who I am.

I have been struggling with a load of hate, pain, and guilt for many years. Now it has caught up with me.

You see, one could say that I didn't have a normal teenage life. My sister graduated high school the year before I entered. I was so excited because I thought I was going to be an only child. The youngest gains the whole house and both parents for just themselves (you younger kids know what I mean and can relate). I was so excited, little did I know that my high school years would shape a mean and hate-filled woman by the time I entered college. You see, my sister left, but came home, pregnant (with my nephew) and attention seeking. I was "pushed" aside so my parents could figure out what to do.

I'm not telling you this for you to pity me, no, no, I'm sharing

all this so you can understand the time and amount of hate that has taken over my life.

Within the next few years my parents would spend more money than I could ever imagine getting her safe from her past mistakes. More and more my life seemed to be getting worse, health problems started to arise for my dad as well as my mom and myself. My sister didn't change either, and sure enough my niece was born. Life got harder and harder. My only break was coming to college and I was so happy to be getting away from a crappy life.

Freshman year was great, I had easy classes, great friends and the best part was that during the summer I would be working at a camp and I wouldn't have to see my sister much.

However, my desire to stay away would end up hurting my mom and causing more confusion on my part. Where was my dad you might ask, like any other dad, he was there but not sure of what was going on? To get to the point, this year, after coming back to school, I realized how much hate I had from all of what



Alli Cummins

happened to me. I was pitying myself and blaming everything on my sister.

Slowing throughout this year things have been getting worse. My hate was been growing. Until this past month, I found out, once again my sister is pregnant and she's getting married on the same day as my best friend.

I was so mad that I felt like having a nervous breakdown... and I think I did in my last article. My point which I am slowly getting at is: I know that my life has been hard, and I tried to blame it on God, but that doesn't ever hold up (don't try it). And then I turned to blaming my sister and hating her for

what she did to my family. But the truth is that bad things happen. And yes, my sister did cause a lot of problems that my family and I have had to deal with... but me blaming her is not the answer.

Sadly to say that only in the past week have I realized that I have to forgive her to start to heal myself? And sadly to say that she hasn't changed and she probably won't ever change. But, holding the pain and the guilt and the hate inside for six years hasn't solved anything.

I KNOW that someone out there reading this is struggling with forgiveness too and I know that someone out there needs to forgive someone else.

Don't hold it in people; it's not worth it. My relationship with God has been affected by this hate too, and no one should ever get to that point in his or her lives. Whatever the wrong, whoever

wronged you, it's not worth bottling it up and killing a part of you and possibly your faith. I am now on a long journey to recovery, from my past hate and pain.

Don't get to the point where I am, forgive and forget. I hate that saying and I used to argue that you shouldn't forget, but now I know that one must forgive and then FORGET.

If you don't, then you will always hold that pain inside, and it will always resurface to stab you in the heart again. If you have a broken heart like I have had for six years go and start the healing process. Forgive, it may take some time, but forgive. Then, forget. The person may hurt you over and over, but don't let it add up.

My life hasn't been easy, but now I'm working to make it better. You can too! But don't try it alone... God is there, call on Him, and let the healing begin!

More daytrips in Idaho

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Mountains. The rugged, gravel road to Silver City (from the town of Murphy) is 23 miles long, narrow and winding and is open only from June to November. Most cars can handle the road, but low clearance vehicles are not recommended.

However, if you can get there, it is well worth the drive. Silver City appears today just as it did during its boom time (1860-1900) when it boasted a population of 2,500 people, 75 businesses and 300 homes. In stark contrast, six people currently live there year-round today, but 70 of the turn-of-the-century buildings remain intact.

If visiting historical towns is not your idea of a fun time, perhaps climbing the continent's tallest single structured sand dune is more your style. Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park, located off Highway 51 south of Mountain Home, is a great place to climb the dunes and enjoy a day under the warm Idaho sun. Stay after dusk on weekends to gaze at the heavens through Idaho's largest telescope at the Bruneau Dunes Observatory. For more information on the park, call (208) 366-7919.

Not to be overlooked, Idaho's capital city, Boise, is a

great place to visit. Be sure to check out the shops and restaurants in historic Hyde Park on 13th Street or wander through the city's Art and Cultural District.

The centerpiece of Boise is the 25 mile greenbelt along the Boise River. The greenbelt, for those unfamiliar with the area, is a walking and biking trail that follows the river through local parks, including the Julia Davis and Ann Morrison Parks.

Also in Boise, the tree-lined Julia Davis Park is a must-see, home to the Idaho Historical Museum (334-2120), the Boise Art Museum (345-8330), Zoo Boise (384-4045), the Old Penitentiary Site (368-6080) and the Idaho Black History Museum. The Black History Museum is a monument to the century of contributions by Idaho's African American population; for information call (208) 433-0017. Boise's Basque History Museum, located downtown, celebrates Idaho's Basque population, which is the largest outside of Spain; for information call (208) 343-2671.

For those interested in wildlife conservation, the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area is home to dozens of raptors that hunt and proliferate as nowhere else on

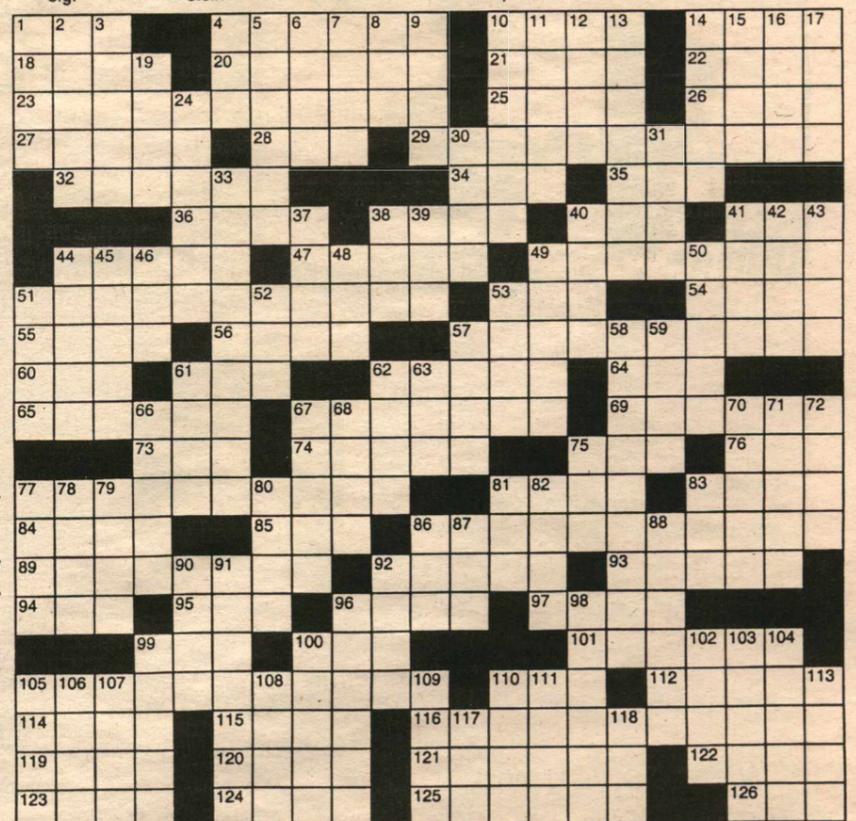
earth. Take Exit 44 south through Kuna to locate the park. A second center offers an even closer look at these magnificent birds; visit the Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey. To get there, take Cole Road south of Boise, or call (208) 362-8687.

Finally, for a closer and more expensive daytrip getaway, nothing can beat a water park. Roaring Springs, located in Meridian, is a great way to cool off on a hot day. The park offers high-speed tube slides, a wave pool, kids' pools and a quarter-mile river float, among other attractions. This season, Roaring Springs will introduce a new slide, which appears to be a water slide half pipe. For admission information and park hours, call 884-8842.

Whether it is exploring historical gold and silver rush towns, climbing extremely tall sand dunes or roaring down a water slide, there is always something new to see and do in Southwestern Idaho. Enjoy the sunshine and see what the Treasure Valley has to offer.

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Let's get the (birthday) party started right

TODAY'S PARENTING TOPIC IS: Planning a birthday party for your two-year-old child.

The first thing you must decide, when planning a birthday party for a two-year-old, is: Should you invite the two-year-old? Because a child that age can put a real damper on a party. And probably your child doesn't really understand that he or she is turning two. One of the best things about small children is that they have no clue how time works. My two-year-old daughter believes that everything that has ever happened, including her birth and the formation of the solar system, occurred "yesterday."

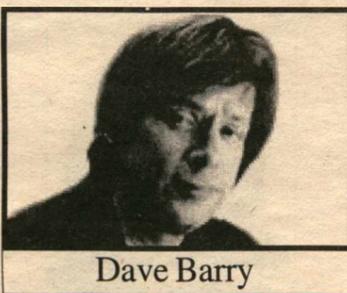
I have a friend named Helene who made excellent use of this phenomenon when her children were small. If they wanted to do something that, for whatever reason, they couldn't do, Helene, rather than argue, would tell them they could do it on "Tuesday." If her kids wanted to go swimming, and it was January, Helene would say: "We'll go swimming on Tuesday!" And they were satisfied, because they had a definite answer,

even though it actually had no meaning. (Airport flight-information monitors are based on the same principle.)

Unfortunately, as people grow older, they come to understand the concept of time, unless they are my wife. (Just kidding!) (Not really!) But most two-year-olds have no idea what "two years old" means, and would not notice if you held their birthday party after they went to bed.

Another low-stress option is to wait until your child is invited to some OTHER two-year-old's birthday party, and when you get there, tell your child that the party is actually for him or her. ("Look, Jason! Your name is written right here on the cake! L-I-S-A!")

Of course, the foregoing suggestions are intended in a purely humorous vein. (Not really!) Unless you are a Bad Parent, you must throw a birthday party for your two-year-old, and you must invite other two-year-olds, and THEY MUST HAVE FUN, even if they don't want to. This is why so many birthday parties feature rental clowns, even though few things are more terrifying to small chil-



Dave Barry

dren than a clown at close range. Stephen King based an entire novel on this concept.

Another fun thing that two-year-olds do not enjoy is organized activities. Most two-year-olds are happiest when they are free to wander around in a non-organized way. So it can be quite a chore to herd a group of them together for organized birthday fun. But you must do this, or the terrorists will have won.

When our daughter turned two, we had a big party at our house. That was over a month ago, and we're still finding cake frosting in unexpected places. ("So THAT'S why the VCR doesn't work!") Our house was filled with two-year-olds, running, falling, yelling, crying, pooping, etc., each with at least one adult in pursuit, trying to organize the child. I honestly didn't know

who most of these children were, or how they found out about the party. Maybe the Internet. All I know is, the organized activity we had for them was: art. Yes! We invited small children to our house and DELIBERATELY GAVE THEM PAINT.

I believe the reason we did this is that our brains had been turned into cole slaw by the bouncy castle. A bouncy castle is a big rubber inflatable thing that you can rent for birthday parties, weddings, congressional hearings, etc. The idea is that children can climb inside and bounce around and have a lot of fun, unless they find the bouncy castle to be even more terrifying than the rental clown.

My daughter LOVED the bouncy castle. That was the good news. The bad news was, the rental company set it up at 8 a.m., six hours before the party started. Once my daughter realized there was a bouncy castle in her yard, she had to be inside it, bouncing, at all times, and she felt very strongly that there had to be a parent in there bouncing with her. So by the time the guests started arriving, my wife and I

had spent about three hours apiece bouncing our IQs down into the low teens, which is why we thought it would be fun to give art supplies to two-year-olds. I'm surprised we didn't let them drive the car.

Of course, we also gave them cake, because this is mandatory at birthday parties, even though historically there is no known case of any two-year-old ever actually eating so much as a single molecule of birthday cake. In fact, as far as I can tell, two-year-olds never eat ANYTHING. I think they nourish themselves via some kind of photosynthesis-like process that involves the direct absorption of Play-Doh.

In conclusion, holding a birthday party for two-year-olds is both fun and easy. All you have to do is follow a few simple steps! I will cover these on Tuesday.

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.



Super Crossword

Answers

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"And Now... for something Completely Different"

"Run around the track fully clothed and find a cure for cancer."

--Jessica Wiggly
Freshman
Mass Comm

"Streak around the track and find a cure for AIDS."

--Heather Miller
Sophomore
Mass Comm

"I wanna be packed up for San Diego, CA...or bust."

--Aaron Hueth
Junior
Business

"Eat some monkey bread and join N.A. (Neverending Storyaholics Anonymous)."

--Scot Mortimer
Senior
Graphic Design

"What do you want to do before the end of the year?"

Matthew McConaughey is killer in *Frailty*

By Aaron Gentry
Opinions Writer

Out in theaters right now is *Frailty*, a movie about a serial killer and his brother. Matthew McConaughey and Bill Paxton star in this spring thriller.

McConaughey (*A Time to Kill*, *Amistad*, *U-571*) plays a simple rural townsman who comes to the FBI Agent in charge of the "God's Hand" murderer case and tells him he knows who the murderer is. He tells the agent, played by Powers Boothe (*Curly Bill Brocius* of *Tombstone*), that he believes his own brother is the "God's Hand" killer.

From that point on, the story takes you on a wild ride through the McConaughey character's past. You are introduced to his father, played by Bill Paxton (*Aliens*, *Indian Summer*, *Tombstone*, *Apollo 13*, *Twister*, *U-571*), who also directed *Frailty*.

This is Bill Paxton's first major directing debut, and although the movie has received



Bill Paxton is captivating in his latest spring thriller movie, *Frailty*.

mixed reviews, his directing is not to fault.

While the movie is not completely predictable, I found myself seeing some things just a few moments before they happened. But there are still quite a few parts that will make you jump and/or scream. For the most part, this thriller only has a few twists, but they are worth the wait to the end.

Loaded with religious over-

tones, *Frailty* is a good movie for any Christian to see, whether you hate it or love it. The movie also has one very nice surprise: the acting ability of young Matthew O'Leary, who truly plays the main body of the acting in *Frailty*. For most of the movie, O'Leary is the actor on the screen while Matthew McConaughey narrates his story. This is the first movie

ever for O'Leary, and based on his performance in this movie, I surely hope to see him again in others.

This movie is a throwback to the classic suspense/thriller movies of days long ago. While it is a suspenseful and scary movie and has violence, it is not bloody, gory or have nudity or sex for no reason. This is not a standard suspense/thriller compared to today's standards, and that is what impressed me about it when I thought back to it in the last few days.

Frailty is a very good movie but don't go expecting an award-winning performance, amazing special effects or stunning cinematography... it has none of those things. What *Frailty* does have is a great storyline and better-than-average everything else. If you're looking for a movie with those other things, wait for *Spiderman*, *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones* or see *Changing Lanes* now.

Frailty



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Our Rating System

- 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.

The Man Who Wasn't There



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Black and White filmography makes comeback in *Man Who Wasn't There*

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The Man Who Wasn't There is about a man, who almost is not really there. The main character is a barber who lives a normal modest life. That is until he discovers his wife is having an affair with her boss, a strange man offers him a once in a lifetime opportunity and he blackmails his wife's boss to have the money to invest. After that, the movie gets a little odd.

Billy Bob Thornton is the barber, and he plays the role to perfection. He was also very good in his other two recent movies, *Bandits* and *Monster's Ball*, but he is in his prime in *The Man Who Wasn't There*.

His expressionless demeanor that he exhibits throughout the film keeps all the intricate pieces of the cinematic puzzle in their right place—well, at least until the aliens arrive.

The other two notable actors in *The Man Who Wasn't There* are Frances McDormand (*Almost Famous*, *Fargo*) and James Gandolfini ("The Sopranos", *The Mexican*). McDormand is Thornton's wife, and she delivers her usual stellar performance. Gandolfini also does very well in his limited role as McDormand's boss and secret lover. Additionally,



Billy Bob Thornton strikes a dramatic pose in the cinematic masterpiece, *The Man Who Wasn't There*.

the rest of the cast is both entertaining to watch and talented.

The Man Who Wasn't There is a Coen Brothers' movie, and that is all that is needed to be said to many who are into movies. Their more prominent films include *Raising Arizona*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*, *Fargo*, and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, all of which are outstanding motion pictures.

And *The Man Who Wasn't There* ranks right up there with the best of them. Joel Coen directs their movies, while his brother Ethan produces, and

they both co-write all their screenplays. And in every one of their movies, their deliberate, unique and intelligent style marks every wonderful scene.

Perhaps the real star of *The Man Who Wasn't There* is its cinematography. It is filmed entirely in black and white, and every camera angle and use of lighting makes full advantage of this very artistic mode of photography.

Sometimes, the way the movie looks is so captivating that the audience forgets

about the story and the characters. But I certainly do not mind much. There are so many movies out there that completely lack any artistic vision that I refreshingly welcome a film like *The Man Who Wasn't There*.

Another superb aspect of *The Man Who Wasn't There* is its dialogue. Billy Bob Thornton's character does not have many lines, but his go mostly unnoticed as his character provides the narration for the movie.

Also, the characters around

him all seem to have a lot to say. A prime example of this is Tony Shalhoub's lawyer character who is brilliantly hysterical and whose dialogue runs at a very high rate.

The Man Who Wasn't There was recently released on video. Anyone who has not seen it definitely should. It is a 2001 release, and it ranks among the best seven films of last year, the others being *The Royal Tenenbaums*, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Monsters, Inc.*, *Moulin Rouge*, *Memento* and *Black Hawk Down*.

See it because it is important. See it because of the Coen Brothers. See it because it is great.

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