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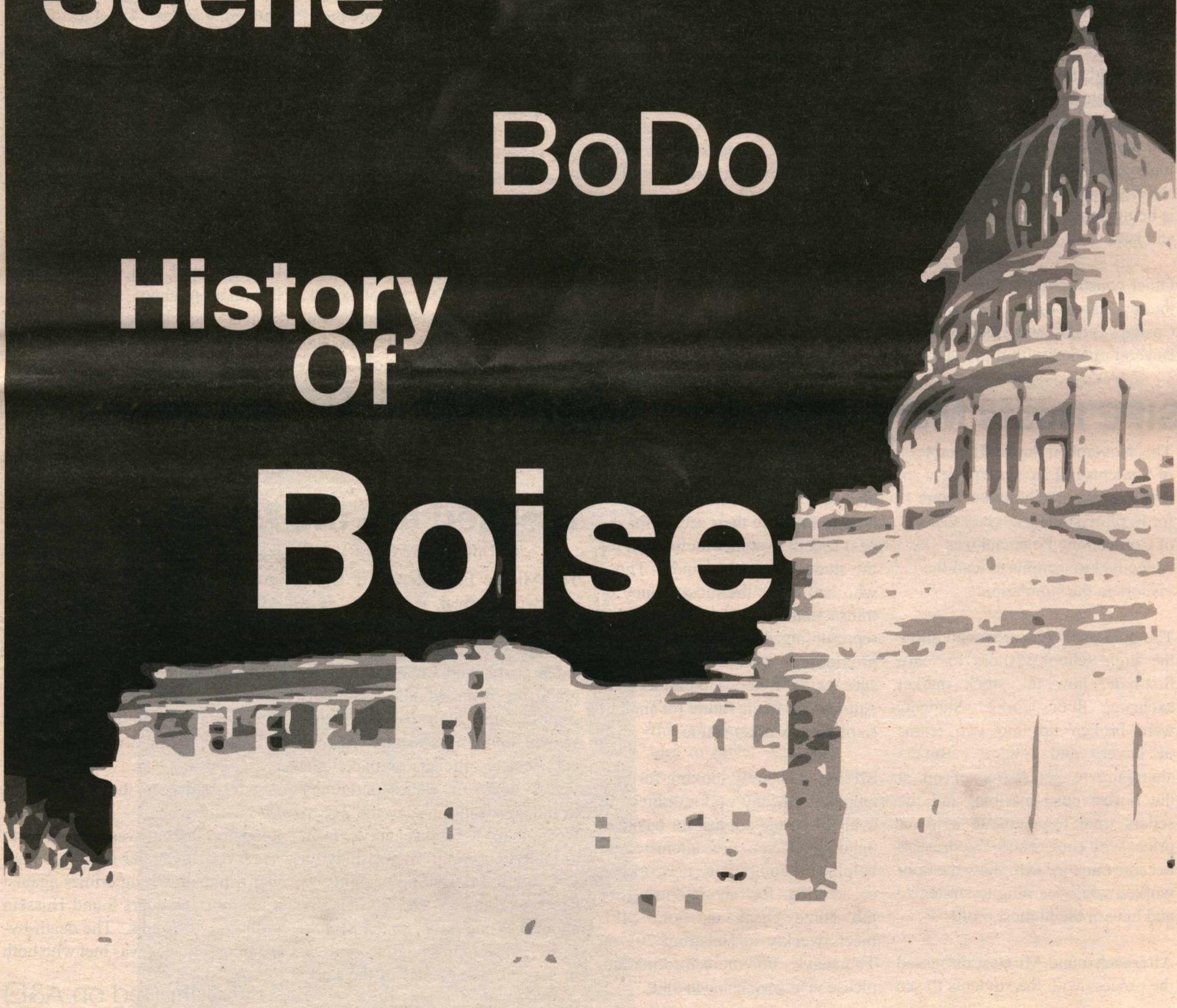
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Shop 'til You Drop Retailers Surge into Nampa

Anthony Haskett

After fighting pylons, a 25 mph speed limit, and many lane changes, construction on Garrity is finally complete. Citizens of Nampa can now enjoy a four lane road with a new stop light next to the airport. The easy access to businesses, like the Saigon Restaurant, which features a Vietnamese buffet, has been restored. Street lights line the sidewalks as well, adding a sense of security.

Along with this road construction, new construction is taking place all over Nampa. A new Wal-Mart and Sam's Club opened next to the Idaho Auto Mall. Besides these two stores, an entire shopping complex is being constructed next to Garrity and I-84.

Other construction is happening on the new Karcher interchange. A new Costco, Target, and Bed, Bath, & Beyond opened within the last two

months. Joining them before the end of the year is Petco, Best Buy, and Old Navy. Other large retailers plan on joining the new shopping plaza in the near future. The new interchange to I-84 should be open by the end of this month as well, allowing easier freeway access to these businesses.

Many other businesses, such as the Family Dollar just north of NNU on Holly, are opening around the area too. All of this competition is driving out at least one resident business. King's, next to Paul's, is closing its doors as it cannot compete with all of the new competition. The store will be hosting close-out sales between now and their final day of business.

Overall, available shopping options have and will continue to increase, giving Nampa consumers more selection and a competitive market.

SIFE Hosts Market Game for Explore Students

This November, the NNU chapter of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) sponsored a market game for Explore students. Gary Chase of Cornerstone Financial was welcomed to campus to lead the visitors in the simulation.

The goal of the game was to allow the high school visitors to learn first-hand how the stock market exchange floor works. Students were broken up into two teams of buyers and sellers. Buyers attempted to get shares of oil at the lowest cost possible, and the sellers tried to negotiate a lower price. With each round, the students became more aware of how the floor worked while learning to strategize and to earn the highest profit.

After each round, Mr. Case discussed the process with the students to see

what they had learned. He was also able to give students advice on how to improve their scores for the next round. Another motivation for the students was the candy. Those who had made the most money or transactions were paid with M&Ms representing raises, bonuses, and promotions. Because of the event's success, SIFE hopes to partner with Admissions in the future for another Explorer's Market Game.

SIFE is constantly looking for new members. Many opportunities are available—and not just for business majors! If you are interested in helping the community, networking, or looking for an internship or job come check us out. SIFE meets weekly in Helstrom 203 on Thursdays. For more information, please visit www.nnu.edu/SIFE.

Six Ways to Keep Yourself Safe

Anthony Haskett

With peeping toms around campus, everyone alike needs to heed some personal safety warnings. What follows is a brief guide on how to increase your chances of staying safe on campus and when walking downtown.

1. **Walk in groups of 3 or more.** Power in numbers will drive away potential attackers or others who you do not know.
2. **Walk in lighted areas.** Fewer attacks happen in lighted areas. If assaulted, one is more likely to be seen by by-passers when they are in the light.
3. **Walk in populated areas.** If you know a shortcut that is usually deserted, do not take it alone. Once again, assailants are less likely to do anything if they can be seen.
4. **Carry a personal noise making device.** If you feel threatened as someone is approaching, take out an air horn or rape whistle and blow. If you don't have one, make as much noise as possible because you will attract people's attentions and usually scare away the approaching person.

5. **Have your keys ready when entering your dorm or car.** Having your keys prepared allows you to enter and shut the door quickly. This gives any uninvited guest very little time to go into your apartment or dorm, thus protecting you in your own personal space. It is also a good idea to always keep the door to your residence locked so you know who is in your abode at all times.

6. **If someone in a car ask for assistance, do not get close to the car.** Stay at least 4 feet away from the car. Getting too close can give the person asking for assistance the opportunity to kidnap you. If you feel greatly uncomfortable or threatened by the person, scream and run in the direction opposite of the one the car is going.

As stated above, these are basic guidelines to increase your safety. If you would like to know more information about more ways to protect yourself, feel free to contact either the Peer Health Educators or the NNU Security Department. Security also requests that any unusual incidents be reported to them so they can help fortify the campus. You can reach them at ext. 8550 or ext. 8911 in an emergency.

Blessed are the MEAC

Jennifer Clowers, Aubrie Scott, and Brandon Johnson

The Middle Eastern Affairs Club, otherwise known as MEAC, is a new club on campus dedicated to educating students about the political process, and important events going on in the Middle East. This semester the club has organized several lobbying sessions with local elected officials to make our voices heard on issues pertaining to the area. On Tuesday the 21st of November, a representative from a lobbying group in Washington D.C., will be visiting campus to speak with the students and faculty about pressing issues in the Middle East. This representative will be in several classes and in the Perk,

so feel free to come ask questions. Also, next month be sure to check a film the club will be showing highlighting the lives of Israeli youth. This year we will continue to show films, bring in speakers, and provide new opportunities for students to become politically involved.

A quick update on the Middle East:

Saddam Hussein was sentenced to death on November 5th by an Iraqi war tribunal. Citing crimes against humanity, the court found Hussein guilty on all counts. The death-by-hanging sentence was met with both

(continued on A&E)

Tyler Law

College Basketball Fans Rejoice!

Another basketball season is now upon us. Our very own men's basketball team now has a couple games under their belt, but there is plenty more action to come as the year goes on. Coach Tim Hills and the Crusaders are set to make some real noise in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

It will be apparent to all fans that the Crusaders have a new look this season. Eight of the twelve players on the roster are either transfers or freshmen and the team only returns one starter, point guard Marcus Clift. This means that there is a lot of pressure for them to gel quickly and learn to work together, but Coach Hills is optimistic about the team's chances once they reach their comfort level. The returning players bring experience and many of the freshmen can expect to see a good dose of playing time. If you don't know some of the players early on, don't worry; they'll make a name for themselves in due time.

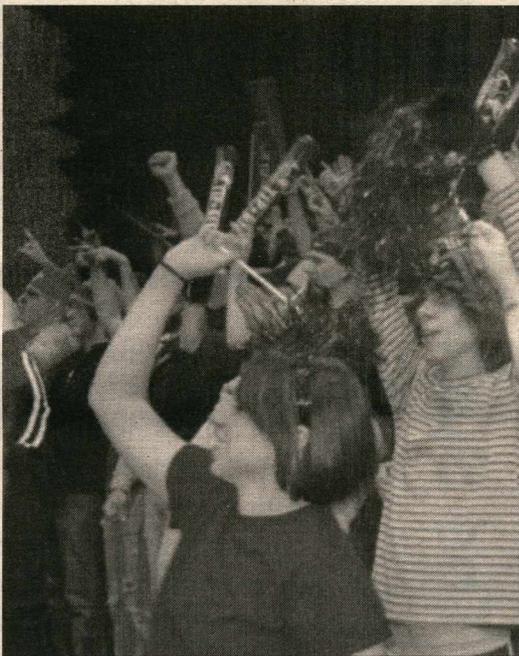
This season the team's strength will be in its shooting. "We've got a lot of kids that shoot the ball real nice," Hills commented. This should allow the Saders to put up some big points in their games. However, their strengths are not only confined to the court. Hills is very impressed with this group of guys. "We've got a bunch of great kids and they're good students. They're fun to be around, and they've got a great

work ethic." This provides a firm foundation to build a team on.

Hills has two main goals for the season. The first goal is to have a winning season. With that accomplished, the second goal is to be placed in the top eight teams in the region, allowing the Crusaders to qualify for the playoffs. For that to happen, they would most likely need to finish in one of the top three spots in conference play.

Fortunately, there will be plenty of games to go and see from now until March 3rd and, if all goes well, maybe even beyond. Conference play opens on January 4th against Seattle

University. Also, the season schedule is available on the NNU athletic website. So, what are you waiting for? Put on some NNU gear, and go out



Lady Saders Are Ready to Do It Again!

Rachael Finch

The changing of the seasons means more than just a change in the weather. That's right, Sader supporters, it is basketball season! The girl's basketball team is ready to show us once more what they are made of. If you'll recall, last year the girls made it to the national tournament. According to Coach Kelly Lindley, they are ready to do it again this season.

Seven of this year's twelve players are returning athletes. That means over half of this year's team has the experience of competing at nationals together. This experience gives the girls a few advantages. First of all, it raises morale. These players know what they can do and they are ready to show it. Second, half of the team is already accustomed to playing together, and the team that plays together grows together. Third, as Coach Lindley stated, "they know what it takes to win, and they expect to win." Knowing what it takes to win is a big part of competing, and these players have been there. They know their strengths and weaknesses. If they can use this knowledge and experience to channel their energy, they stand a much better chance of doing well this year.

Coach Lindley stated two major goals for the season. The first of these is to reach the team's full potential. With the guidance of their lead and assistant coaches, the team can certainly attain this goal. Making it to the

national tournament is the second goal. Once again, the experience of the returning players will be of great advantage in meeting this goal. These players can serve as examples for the other players because they know what it takes. That alone, however, will not get the girls to the national tournament. For that reason, Coach Lindley encourages the team to play "an up-tempo brand of basketball," and drive the ball to the hoop. It will take an assertive and energetic team to make it, and that is what this team is.

Despite their experience, the team does face some challenges. For example, two of their all-conference players who played wing graduated last year. Thus, the guard positions may be a challenge this year as the team fills the gap left from those players. Also, Coach Lindley stated that the conference is "tough from top to bottom." The girls will be playing some very good teams such as Western Washington, Central Washington, and Seattle Pacific. In order to compete with such athletes, some of the team members, specifically some freshman players, will have to step up into leadership roles. The stronger and more united the team can become, the better they will play.

There is one last element to Crusader success, and this is where you come in. Yeah, you! Fan support lets our team know that we appreciate them. If you think the girls are doing a good job, let them know. They work hard and represent NNU well, so go to the games, and by all means, make some noise! It's going to be a great season!

New Ministry enters the Treasure Valley

Andrea Hall

On September 23, 2006, the Treasure Valley saw the dedication of a new Christian ministry group's home. Mission Aviation Fellowship, an international ministry organization, has moved its headquarters from Redlands, California, to Nampa, Idaho. The dedication ceremony was attended by over 3,000 people and marked the official opening with music, speeches, book signing, and even airplane rides.

This move symbolizes a new stage in the MAF's life. The organization, which turned sixty-one this year, has now expanded their training and support facilities and is preparing to send out more new missionaries. The move was spurred by the high living and operating costs in California. Nampa won out as the new location because of the terrain, pilot training available, and the large number of MAF supporters in the area, including Crossroads Community Church.

Mission Aviation Fellowship was founded in 1945 by a few pilots who served in WWII. Over the years, the organization has grown and now supports and stations "some 200 missionary families in the remotest regions of twenty-three countries on five continents" (MAF news page). Their pilots fly in supplies, medical personnel and medicines, and conduct emergency evacuations for the missionaries and their areas of service. They also provide communication services like

satellites, radios, and wireless systems in the isolated areas where they send their missionaries.

With their new 35,000 square foot facility and 23,500 square foot hangar, MAF has gained a new home and the capabilities to support more mission work in the field. Last month key members met to decide how best to continue their work in global missions, examining the results of a new study on "unreachable" areas. MAF will be working hard to continue their vision that "all people have access to both the Gospel and the resources that advance God's Kingdom."

MAF also had some more publicity recently with the release of the movie End of the Spear, portraying the murder of five missionaries in Ecuador by the Waodani Indians. The remains of their plane are now on display in the MAF headquarters in Nampa.

Source: Mission Aviation Fellowship; www.maf.org

What does Witness do that's so special? This small group of NNU students works in much the same way Parable and Covenant do: they travel over the Northwest region working at summer camps, going to churches, and putting faces to the name of NNU. The main difference between the groups is Witness is primarily a camp ministry, while the others spend only part of their summer at camps. This may seem like a mediocre job, but students who have served on Witness know what a difference even the dirtiest work can make.

One of the best ways to show Christ's love to people is to do something for them. This is the premise behind the Witness team. They use their many talents to get down and dirty, often literally, to help kids, youth leaders, or simple bystanders understand what God can provide. Tasks that the team performs range from counseling to worship leading to drama, just to name a few.

"To sum up the summer in one word is almost impossible," says junior Eric Knappe, who was one of the five Witness members this summer. "In some ways I am still processing much of my experience." Proud moments from oatmeal wars and jumping in lakes are fresh in Knappe's mind, but so are the quieter moments spent with campers in chapels and prayer time. Knowing he will never forget the kids and leaders he worked with, he looks forward to hearing from them and seeing some when they come to visit NNU. "It really is about people," he says, summing up the mission of all of NNU's ministry groups. The impact that these students have on the lives they come in contact with is immeasurable and unforgettable. Next summer a whole new group of NNU students will pile into the van and embark on another mission into the Northwest.

The Summer According to Witness
Andrea Hall

Homesick?

Take Comfort in the Word

Andrea Hall

Psalm 94:18-19 "When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me great joy."

Coming to college in a different town, state, or even country can be pretty hard, but anyone can get through it. If you're anxious about the new, scary experiences ahead, crack open the Bible, pray, talk to a friend, or just spend some "me-

time" alone for a while. It is always helpful to remember that you're not here forever. You will see your family and friends again, even though they seem so far away now. Though this verse comes from a psalm about facing enemies, it can also apply to a person feeling nervous. God can calm the nerves and anxiety. Soon you'll be done with finals, graduation, travel plans, or whatever you have, and on your way back to your loved ones.

[Copy Editor's Note: I apologize for the grammatical errors in the last issue. We had a problem uploading onto the server, so a few rough drafts were published.]

Time Out Box

November 15
Rob Carlson

November 22
No Time Out!

November 29
Amy Carroll

Just a Few Reasons Why Jay McDaniel Deserves a Chance

Crusader Editor:

I would like to respond to an editorial published in the last edition of the Crusader written in protest of the ideas presented by guest lecturer, Jay McDaniel, who was hosted by *The John Wesley and the University Lecture Series*. The editorial's author, Dr. Christopher, was arguing that McDaniel's notions were wrong and contrary to Christian teaching. I'd like to contend that in fact McDaniel's perspective deserves a chance: to be listened to, to be carefully considered, and to be incorporated in the way we as Christians live out our faith.

1. Jesus proclaimed God's kingdom of Heaven while he walked this earth. Luke chapter four is a revealing glimpse of that kingdom: expansive, and not just for those within reach of Jesus' own region and nation. His own hometown could not accept the wide boundaries to that kingdom, and became furious at his teaching. You see, the Jews of Jesus' day were expecting a political liberator and emancipator. Instead Jesus came as a Messiah subversive to and ultimately whose influence extended much farther than just the political spectrum. His kingdom did not support Israel's desire for national independence, nor freedom from their oppression politically. Its no wonder the Jews rejected Jesus as their Messiah! He was nothing of their expectations.

2. Jesus was not interested in the narrow vision of saving just one people group, he came to seek and save the lost of *every nation*. Jesus proclaimed a kingdom of peace, not of forcefulness: a kingdom where every individual was welcome. Perhaps this is why the Gentiles, the outcast of society, and the "sinners" felt so comfortable in his presence. Jesus' vision and mission for the kingdom was world wide, not exclusive to the Jewish nation. One of

the disciples' last questions to their Lord while he was on earth was, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?" Listen to Jesus' response, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:6-8)

3. The question at hand then, is *how* does Jesus save every nation? This perhaps is not quite so cut and dry as we were taught in Sunday School. I believe scriptures speak to the complexity of this issue. Peter quotes the prophet Joel while preaching on the day of Pentecost by saying, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21 from Joel 2:32). Our scriptures relay the story of how God chose to initially reveal himself in the context of one particular nation – the nation of Israel. But I do not think God intended that salvation to stay only within the confines of one nation, or that in order to receive salvation any one would have to conform only to the culture of that chosen nation. In fact, Jesus seems to proclaim quite the opposite – he proclaims good news for *every* people. Thank goodness God sees and knows the complexity of the great variety of peoples he has created on this earth. I think God has, does and will fulfill his promise in scripture that everyone who calls on his Name will be saved. *How* they call on his name however is where the complexity of the issue arises.

4. Jay McDaniel's message speaks to the variety and complexity of peoples and cultures present on earth. Have you ever heard the idiom, "Its all Greek to me"? Each of us has been raised within the context of a particular culture: affected by language, geographical region, beliefs,

values, time conception, psychological framework and even religion. I cannot and will not ever fully relate to a Greek person. A 21 year old raised in Athens will surely pursue and relate to God much differently than I! But because I affirm that God is omnipresent, I affirm that God is present to that 21 year old Greek individual as much as he is to me, and is in fact wooing both of us to know his Love more and more.

5. The title of McDaniel's lecture was "Listening to the Wisdom of Other Religions: God's Love as Deep Listening." His main point was that if we set aside our evangelical agenda so firmly framed within the concrete grid that we call "Christianity" (ie: our religion), and take the time to *listen* to other individuals from different religions than ours, than perhaps we will find a new way to understand the God we know as *truth*. McDaniel called this listening *grace*: the ability to give another individual space to be listened to. He never asked us convert to another religion as the actual way to get to God, but rather probed us to ask the question, "can we *listen* to our neighbor?" (Remember Jesus' definition of neighbor reached far beyond the confines of our cul-de-sac, hometown, even nation.)

6. McDaniel affirmed that lessons to be learned of God are not exclusive to the Christian religion. He gave many examples of how when interacting with various world religions, each seemed to provide a model or different perspective on how to relate to and understand God as *truth*. Each of those lessons matches the lessons learned by the nation of Israel as found in scripture, only these were also found within the context of different cultures. McDaniel's challenge was to extend grace in choosing to listen to how other cultures and religions have gone about pursuing God and truth. Perhaps in doing so we will become a little bit more converted

to the truth about God proclaimed by Jesus Christ while he walked this earth – a truth not exclusive to one nation or culture, but for every one who calls on the name of the Lord. This is the good news worth proclaiming to everyone who will take the time to listen.

Jay McDaniel's perspective deserves a chance. The principles of deep listening prompt us to draw nearer to the expansive, immeasurable love and truth of God revealed to the variety of peoples and cultures on earth. Rather than outward purity and righteousness based outwardly on the law, Christ taught a life of truthful living. He exemplified to us what it means to listen and to love not just those from one's own culture and with whom one is most comfortable, but those from any nation willing to listen in return. I trust that ultimately God will judge the hearts of all who sincerely seek him and call on his name. I would like to bear witness, by the power of his Holy Spirit, to the expansiveness of my God's love and truth all the way to the ends of the earth. I would like to do so gracefully, by listening to those who will listen to me in return. That to me is *Christian* living.

Respectfully and Humbly submitted,

Libby P. Tedder

Seeing 5

BoDo Putting Boise Back

Boise's Art Scene

Andrea Hall

At first glance, Boise may not seem like the most happening city, especially when it comes to art. That's what I thought when I arrived here as a freshman art major; I came from a big city, with big art museums nearby, to Idaho, where the biggest art museum in range is the Boise Art Museum. It's about the size of the Fine Arts Center in Colorado Springs, my hometown.

But I shouldn't have let size or first appearances fool me. Boise and even Nampa have a great art scene, with many opportunities to find new venues. I mentioned the BAM, which has had some wonderful shows in the past and shows no sign of slowing down. There are also many galleries in downtown Boise, many of which are free to the public. Even coffee shops and movie theaters are great sites to go hunting for local art. Outdoor markets pop up every now and then with their own offerings as well.

The Boise Art Museum is probably the best-known location in the art scene here. Currently the museum is running shows by textile artist Mary Watt,

contemporary

Northwestern artist pieces from their permanent collection, and, on November 16, Russian icons from the Romanov era. Another show, coming in December, will focus on Ted Apel, an artist whose works focus on sound and are very interactive. For more information on these shows, the artists, or other events at the BAM, I recommend their website www.boiseartmuseum.org.

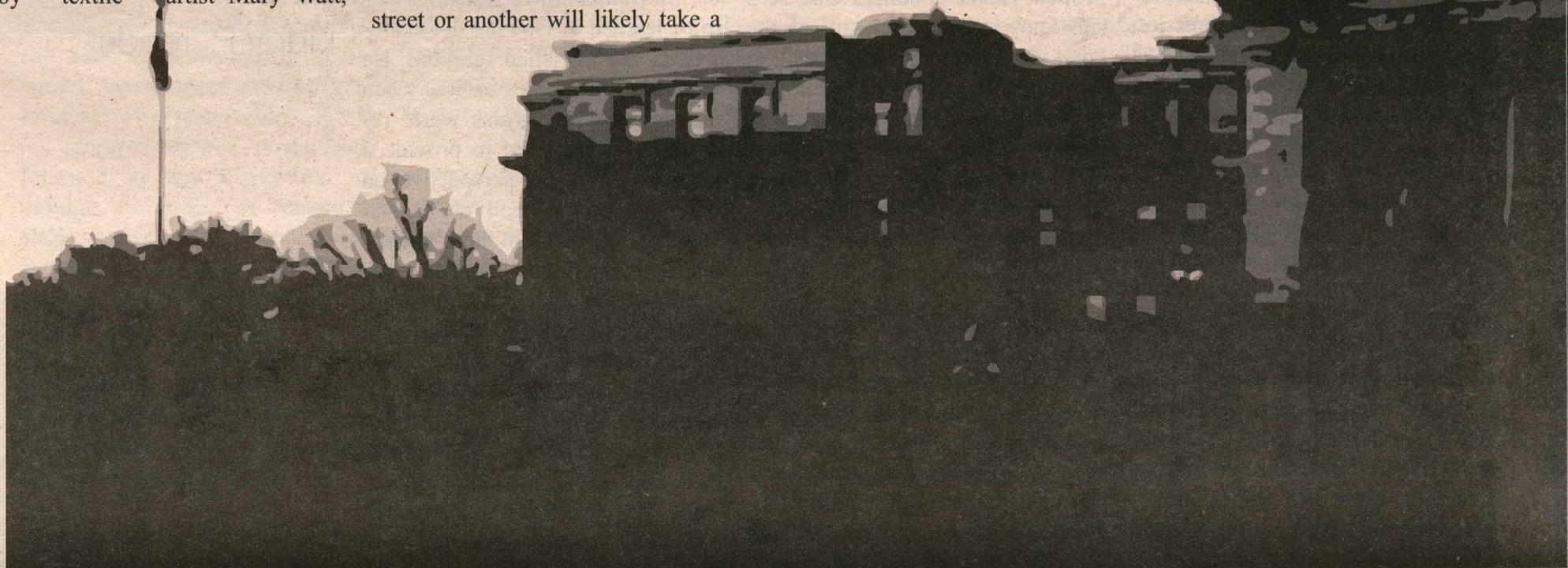
A flip through the pages of *Boise Weekly*, the city's arts and entertainment publication, can help in finding the galleries and shops in the downtown area. A map is published with markers denoting sites of interest. Though navigating the often-one-way streets of downtown can be confusing, even stressful for an out-of-state visitor, the results of exploration can be worth the hassle. Many of the gallery spaces downtown are in pre-existing buildings along the main streets, and a stroll down one street or another will likely take a

visitor to a gallery. Though space can be at a premium in downtown's crowded areas, there are sometimes opportunities for galleries to develop their own spaces, like J. Christ's gallery. This gallery was the first building downtown to be built specifically as an art gallery, and they have an edgy space perfect for displaying local artist's works. I have had the pleasure of visiting J. Christ, and the experience was quite nice.

I have not had the pleasure of visiting too many other galleries on the Boise art scene because I usually spend most of my time on First Thursdays in the BAM or getting lost on one-way streets. I do hope to continue expanding my repertoire. First Thursdays are the best way to explore: all the galleries are open for free and even have snacks out in anticipation of hungry, college students. The BAM gives free admission on First Thursday, too, further easing my sparse cash flow. I know now to never judge a city by its cover. After looking around and getting lost a few times, I can see that Boise really does have a happening art scene, and I can go explore it all I want.

Boise has got a lot of flack for a long time. People don't understand that it actually is a cool city. It may not be as cool as Seattle, but it's got character. For those of us that appreciate the Idaho capital, it has been tough to help other people realize how hip Boise is; however, the argument may be getting a little easier to win. With all of the renovations taking place within the city limits, Boise is expanding in size and reputation.

Of course, out of all the additions to Boise, the best one is BoDo. If you haven't heard of BoDo, you're not only out of the loop, but you're missing out. This new Mall/Outdoor Shopping Center/Cultural experience has taken the place of the 8th street marketplace in the midst of Downtown. That's where BoDo cleverly gets its ridiculous name: Bo(ise) Do(wntown). However ridiculous the name is, this place is cool. Almost cool enough to make Boise cool. So what is it about BoDo that appeals to the masses?



6 Double History of Boise

On The Map

Christopher Spicer

First of all, it's the shops. With all of the trendy stores leasing space in BoDo, Idahoans won't have to buy clothes online anymore. Stores such as Levi Strauss, Ann Taylor Loft, White House Black Market, and Urban Outfitters are all part of the plans for this new shopping Mecca.

Second of all, it's the restaurants. There are fancy restaurants, coffee shops, and great places to eat with friends after walking around the city at night. Including PF Changs, Proto's Pizza, KB Burritos, Maggie Moos Ice Cream, Tully's Coffee, Happy fish, BoDo is putting up heavy competition for the restaurant scene in Boise.

Aside from the fine shopping and dining available at BoDo, there are few things offered to help keep you entertained. There is a brand-new Edwards Theatre with 9 screens. This theater offers \$5 tickets to students with a valid student ID, which is cheaper than the average matinee price elsewhere. The Big Easy is also a part of BoDo, infusing the music scene with the new shopping scene.

If you haven't discovered BoDo yet, you will soon. Everyone who is anyone in the Treasure Valley hangs out in BoDo.

Derek Derooy

Boise began as a British-held fur-trading post in 1834, built mere miles from the mouth of the Boise River. Owned by the Hudson Bay Company, the fort competed with American fur posts. The Hudson Bay Company staffed the fort mostly with Hawaiians (Owyhees) for the first ten years. Following the conclusion of the Indian Wars in 1855, the fort was abandoned.

At the peak of the Civil War, the U.S. Army chose a location for a new fort Boise along the Oregon Trail. 50 miles east of the original fort, the fort intersected the Oregon Trail and the road between the Owyhee and Boise Basin mines (Silver City & Idaho City), where businesses were booming from the discovery of gold in 1862. Upon the second Territorial Legislature in 1864, the capital of the Idaho Territory was moved from Lewiston to Boise. A saw mill on Cottonwood Creek and a sandstone quarry at Table Rock were started to help build the economy.

With the gold rush ending, Boise's population fell between 1865 and 1870 to under 1,000. The state penitentiary and United States Assay Office were built to offset the struggling growth. After constructing the capital building in 1886, Boise was back on its way. Only four

years later, Idaho received its statehood, becoming the 43rd state.

The first part of the 20th century was good to Boise. Irrigation of the Treasure Valley led to a booming agricultural center and was followed up by the construction of the Arrowrock Dam (the tallest dam in the world from 1915 to 1932). A large number of Basque immigrants used this new grassland to herd sheep, participating in what was then a large industry. While the Great Depression put people and businesses out of work around the country, Boise enjoyed continuing growth.

In more recent days, businesses such as Albertson's, Hewlett-Packard, WinCo Foods, Simplot, and Micron all of have their headquarters in Boise and all have blossomed; venture capitalism, as it ravages the Northwest, has taken a deep hold of Boise as well. Now with a population nearing 200,000, Boise compares with Midwest cities such as Des Moines, Grand Rapids, Tulsa, and so on.



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Feature

Tyler Law

Spruce Up Your Holidays

For the Love of Cambodia

Tannis Wasson

You may have seen them for sale one evening in the student center. You may have seen your friends carrying them around, and you may have seen the women of the SGA wearing them. What am I talking about? Purses for and from Cambodia brought to us by Khmer Krafts.

These purses are manufactured by women who may have come from sexual slavery, from poverty, or from the killing fields in Cambodia. These poor, village women make these bags and sell them to support themselves, allowing them to live in freedom. Where many people merely see a receptacle for their wallet, cell phone, chapstick, and other necessities, these women see a glimmer of hope. The fifteen dollars paid for each bag is a lifeline for them, a way out of a life they never chose.

In 2001 Khmer Krafts and Setan Lee, a refugee who miraculously survived the killing fields and concentration camps of Cambodia, founded the Battambang Trade

School. Since it began operating, many women have been trained at the Battambang School and 20 village women are now employed by Khmer Krafts. Some of these women live below the Cambodian national poverty level of twenty American dollars a month; these purses, however, do not only support those who construct them, they also support the training of young women who may have come from similar situations.

The injustice of Cambodia can never be made right, but as students, Christians, and good stewards of the planet, each person at Northwest Nazarene University can help. Students can buy purses, donate money, or support the David Center, a home for orphans of the killing fields. Purses can be bought from SGA Community Relations Director Stephanie Rooks for ten dollars during her normal office hours. If you would like to know more about Cambodia or Khmer Krafts, visit www.khmerkrafts.com.

They give us lumber, paper, and lovely scenery. Isn't it time we gave something back? Once again the City of Trees (that's Boise for all of you out-of-state people) is ready to gear up for its annual Festival of Trees, sponsored by Saint Alphonsus Hospital.

The festival is a holiday tradition in Boise, and it helps out a good cause as well. In the last 22 years, the event has raised nearly \$4 million for health related services and research throughout the Treasure Valley. The average annual attendance is about 40,000 people.

If you go, you can expect to see beautifully decorated trees displaying many different themes. There will also be live entertainment, activities for the entire family, especially for children, and a whole lot more. One of the classic parts of the festival is the "talking Christmas

tree." Yes, kids can actually go and have a chat with a real, live tree. All of these wonderful elements come together to create a wonderful Yuletide experience. Not bad for an event that started with fourteen trees.

Of course, if you would rather not make the drive to Boise, Nampa has its own, smaller version at the Nampa Civic Center. It benefits the Meals on Wheels program. Its theme is "Christmas around the World."

Boise's Festival of Trees runs from November 22nd to the 26th at the Boise Centre on the Grove. Nampa's is from November 25th to the 27th. For more information on Boise's, search for Festival of Trees at www.boiseonlinemall.com or for Nampa's, check the Nampa Civic Center website at www.nampaciviccenter.com.

To Everything Turn, Turn, Turn

Tyler Law

I'm sure that everyone has noticed the recent and dramatic drop in temperature. It seems the seasons are shifting once again. I first noticed the change one morning as I went about my usual routine. I took my morning shower, immediately followed by my Rocky-like jog through the streets of Nampa. It didn't take my hair long to freeze and that's when it hit me: fall is upon us, and it's brisk, baby!

Now, many people may not appreciate the cold and prefer warm weather activities. Not me, though. I have always loved the colder days and the experiences they bring.

First of all, we have entered the

season for hot drinks. Sure, you can order them any old time during the year, but they become an extra-special, liquid experience when the temperature drops. A warm drink is so soothing and comforting. Hot cocoa with a squirt of whipped cream is particularly festive. Then, of course, there's hot cider, which utilizes a secret blend of spices and apples to create a veritable party in your mouth (and everyone's invited!). It is also the time when egg nog aficionados can rise up from their year long oppression and guzzle straight from the carton. I just wish I knew what "nog" was.

A change of wardrobe is in order too. Goodbye to t-shirts and shorts

(well, for most of us). It is time to whip out all of those cool sweaters, be they wool or cotton, colorful or bland, plain or depicting some sort of cute holiday scene. Let's not forget that many underrated articles of clothing finally get their chance to shine. Mittens, scarves, and stocking caps can finally be pulled from the bottom of the shelf and be worn proudly.

The biggest gift of the colder seasons has yet to be mentioned, but that will all change with the following word: SNOW. Yes, it snows here in Southern Idaho, albeit not much, but that just helps us to appreciate it more when we do get it. Nothing compares to seeing the landscape

covered in white, sledding down a steep hill, or pegging your friend in the back of the head with a snow ball. I recommend all three.

So now that the season is here, do yourself a favor. Find a good book. Put on a festive sweater. Make yourself a cup of cocoa or cider and curl up in a blanket next to a roaring fire (or in the absence of a fireplace, the nearest heat source). Then enjoy all that this wonderful time of year has to offer.

Rachael Finch

8 8 A&E Emo Kids Unite for the "Never Shave Again Tour"

For the last year and a half I have heard stories of The Big Easy. Just 30 minutes away, this concert hall has been an unfamiliar icon of Boise entertainment for me. I felt as though I was being deprived of a fundamental NNU experience. But on Saturday, Oct. 28, the distant legend became a reality when I attended the "Never Shave Again Tour."

As I stood in line to enter the concert hall, I found myself surrounded by fifteen- and sixteen-year-old kids sporting studded bracelets and wearing more makeup than AFI's front man, Davey Havok. I began to wonder if The Big Easy was all it was cracked up to be, or if it was, as skeptics had told me, just a trashy club. To my astonishment I found that this small venue is one of the best I have seen. It includes a medium sized stage, a small floor, elevated seating, and balcony seating. This provides room for the more active audience (those who want to mosh and stay close to the stage), as well as those who would rather watch the show from the tables. Overall, the venue accommodates every kind of audience member well.

The show included five bands: The Stickups, Scary Kids Scaring Kids, It Dies Today, Aden, and Silverstein. Every band offered a high energy performance, and the crowd's enthusiasm, despite the mass of teenagers, rivaled that of the bands. Security went crazy as the keyboard player, aka Spaz-core

Dancer, for Scary Kids Scaring Kids climbed the light scaffolding and dove into the audience. Regardless of age and social divisions, for the few hours we were at the show, the audience was united under one banner: the music. As different as we all may have been, we all shared a love for the music, and we let it take us away. Few things are more amazing than standing in a crowded concert hall next to a complete stranger and realizing that you are both screaming the same lyrics at the top of your lungs. That feeling is not exclusive to this concert. While every show is a unique experience, any good concert will create a bond between audience members and the band. It will get into your blood, energizing you, and leave you with no choice but to become a regular concert-goer.

If concerts are already in your blood, the Big Easy is a great source of local shows. If you have not attended a live concert, it is a good place to get started. I challenge the view that this is just another club. It is well maintained and regularly offers a variety of inexpensive shows. Concerts coming up in the next two months include the following: Reel Big Fish, From First to Last, Norma Jean, Zebrahead, Killswitch Engage, Senses Fail, Reverend Horton Heat, and many others. So next time you are trying to fill up your empty Saturday nights, check out the Big Easy's website and see who is playing.

Chris Spicer

Borat Makes Unprecedented Debut



The much disputed new movie about a Kazakhstani Television Reporter named Borat was released nationwide on November 3rd with a surprising response by movie-goers. *Borat!: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan* only opened in 837 theaters, cut from 2000 due to fears that people would not understand the humor. The opening weekend brought in \$26.5 million for the movie however and was the biggest opening for a movie in less than 1,000 theaters. *Borat* beat out *The Santa Claus 3*, which opened on 3,458 screens and only brought in \$19.5 million dollars.

Borat is being marketed as a comedy; however, like the title says, it is an interesting look at American culture. Although Borat, created and played by Sacha Baron Cohen (*Da Ali G Show*), says and does ridiculous things as a visitor to America, he exposes certain things about American culture that are ridiculous as well. Borat is fond of kissing people on the cheek when he meets them, whereas the people that he tries to kiss on the New York subway are not very fond of him. The film is almost a documentary

of how hostile American's are to strangers, making it seem like we are an unreceptive country to foreigners.

With all of the crazy and totally inappropriate things that Borat does for his "documentary," he will definitely have America laughing. It will be interesting to see if people take anything else away from the film. Apart from all of the absurdity, this American satire has a lot to tell us about the way we live our lives in America. The fact that it crosses every line and offends almost everyone could dissuade people from seeing it or looking for a deeper meaning. I wouldn't recommend taking your parents or even admitting to them that you couldn't stop laughing. If you go, take a friend. When you're done laughing, be sure to talk about the ways *Borat!: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan* impacted your cultural views. However odd that sounds, it's sure to happen.

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celebration and bitterness around Iraq. This verdict may further divide the Iraqi people.

The Israeli Defense Force is seeking to prevent terrorist attacks against Israel by identifying hidden Hamas cells throughout Gaza. Israeli Prime Minister Olmert insists that the mil-

itary operation will be short-lived but will not set a pullout date.

Russia and China have agreed to assist Egypt in redeveloping a nuclear energy program to compensate for the lack of adequate electricity.

Help Wanted: Mother's Helper

Responsible non-smoker needed to assist in my Nampa home w/ housework and childcare. Must love babies, tolerate laundry, have sense of humor.

email: aprilandbrandon@yahoo.com

Ty and Anthony's Point/Counter-Point

A forum dedicated to exploring both sides of an issue that concern the common NNU student.

Topic: Pens versus Pencils

Ty: When I write, it's always with a pen. There's no contest. Pens are clear and easy to read.

Anthony: The only reason pens are easier for you to read is that your handwriting is so sloppy. Pencils, for the average Joe, are just as clear and easily read. Plus, when you write with pencils, you can erase your mistakes, unlike the pen.

Ty: Are you kidding? Pencils are often very faded and hard to make out. Not to mention, they do make erasable pens now. And are you forgetting that pens come in different colors? Now you can get all the colors of the rainbow in an ink pen. They make writing fun, not like that drab, old, gray color that you are forced to use with pencils.

Anthony: That drab, old, gray color you so willfully put-down happens to be one of the first manufactured writing utensils. If it were not for the pencil, those pretty pens you so happen to love would not exist.

Ty: If you love gray so much, then go grab a gray or silver pen. And, as for history, don't you remember that ink came first? Way back in the day, the Chinese and the Egyptians were using ink to develop the art of the written word. It's been proven as the best tool for thousands of years.

Anthony: Ty, if you knew your history, you would find out that the Romans and Egyptians used a small lead disc for a ruling guide line on the papyrus to keep the lettering even. Your pen may have been the best tool for thousands of years, but the pencil was necessary in guiding its strokes.

Ty: Huh. That's a very interesting tidbit. I guess I must have been out that day in History of Writing 101. But let's not forget that you have to sharpen a pencil. It gets whittled down as you sharpen it. A pen merely loses ink, but it retains its size so it's easy to use. Plus, it's not as disruptive to the people around you because there aren't sharpening noises or pencil shavings flying everywhere.

Anthony: It might get smaller in size when you sharpen it, but you at least know when you're running short on lead. With pens, you might come to class unprepared because all of your pens have run out of ink and you don't know it. That never happens with pencils.

Ty: You can always borrow one from a friendly neighbor. Remember, a pen shows your professor that you are sophisticated and professional. Now, how about this, Anthony? Let's say you're taking a test, and you have no eraser left! What do you do? What **do** you do?

Anthony: Pass the test because I came equipped with a number 2 pencil, which the Scan-tron is able to read due to the reflectivity. You wouldn't pass, however, because ink doesn't work on a Scan-tron or on other standardized tests, such as the CAAP and the ACT. This could be why your professor always tried to get you to change your writing utensil on test days.

Ty: Yeah, the man's always trying to keep me down . . . It's time to think outside the box and let people use whatever tools they find necessary to do their best.

Anthony: Well, Ty . . . (Anthony had an amazing and irrefutable argument here, which put everything Ty wrote to shame. However, he wrote it in pencil, so Ty came along and erased it).

Ty: It just goes to show you that the pen is mightier than the sword . . . or the pencil. . . whichever the case may be.

Point/Counterpoint Official Tally

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Would you rather...

Would you rather be extricated from your chimney by firemen after impersonating Santa Claus, or get caught trampling through your neighbor's yard while helping your kids TP the neighbor's house? I would much rather take the former option.

First of all, we will simply assume that this is the scenario: I was impersonating Santa Clause so that my children would continue to believe in Old Saint Nick, thus sparing them the tragic experience of finding out that Santa is but a myth. In my own childhood I never had the joy of believing in the jolly, bearded fellow. My parents never gave me presents from Santa or encouraged my belief in him. They were neutral on the issue. I say leave neutrality for Switzerland; my kids get to believe in Santa! Therefore, my act was actually quite noble as I was stimulating the imagination of America's youth. I was standing up for the rights of children everywhere. Such an act should result in my being hailed as a hero.

Second, I've always wanted to dress up as Santa. Ever since watching "The Santa Clause," I've yearned for that red velvet suit with white fur trim and a matching hat! I don't think getting stuck in a chimney would really detract from the experience at all. If anything, it might add to it. I mean seriously, do you think with the big belly Santa has on him he would never have trouble squeezing himself out of a chimney? Get real!

Rachael Finch

Besides, it would be fun to sing "Chim-Chimney" at the top of my lungs while waiting for the firemen to arrive.

Then, of course, there is the whole "experience" of having the firemen drive up in their snazzy red trucks just to save little old me. Some people might find the situation humiliating. Again, my cause was noble and my heart was in the right place, so what is there to be embarrassed about? I hardly think there is a standard procedure for extricating a person from a chimney. Would they just pull me out, or would it require the Jaws of Life? Perhaps they would pour oil or liquid soap down the chimney in an effort to slide me out. We will be neglecting the obvious possibility that I might be able to worm my way out of the suit, thus freeing myself from the extra volume that got me stuck in the first place. You see how endless the options are, right?

Personally, though, my favorite part would be seeing myself on TV! Something like this would definitely make it on the news. I would have a story to tell the grandkids!

Now do you see why I would rather take the Santa option? Any idiot can teach their kids to TP a house. On the other hand, it takes a very special person to get stuck in a chimney dressed as Santa Claus.

10 Campus Life

Dancing at Homecoming?

Anthony Haskett

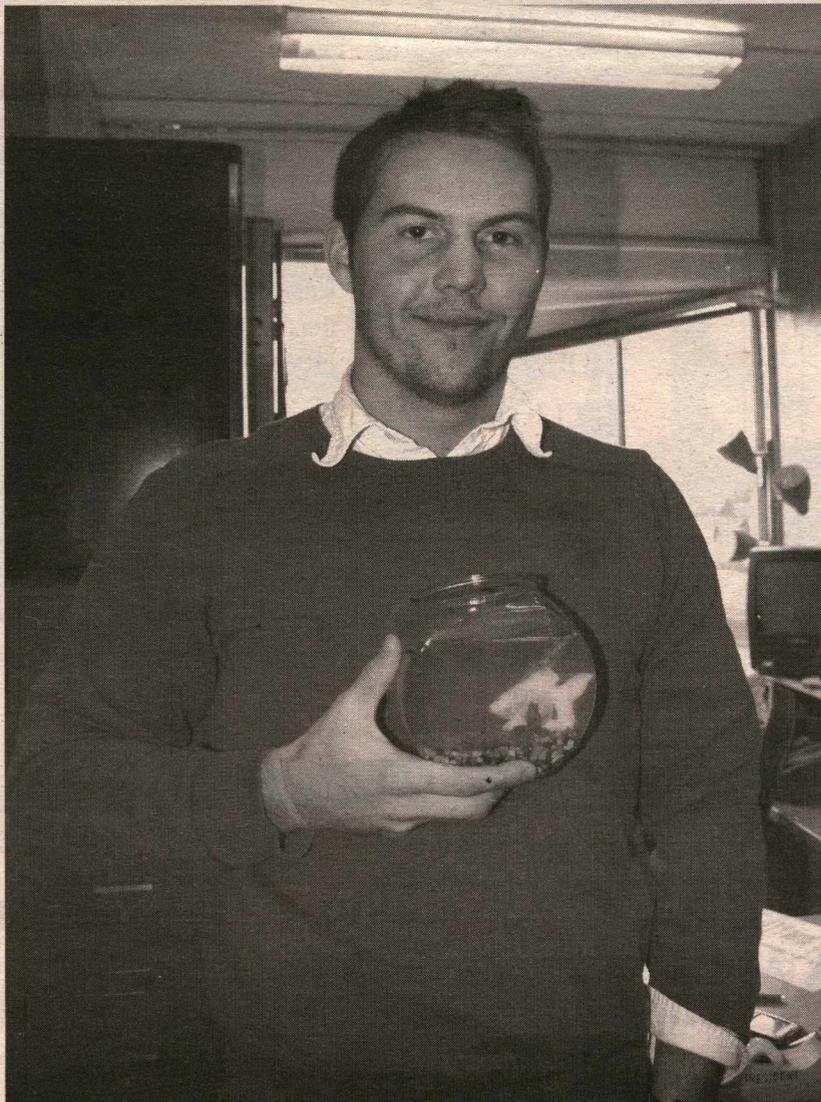
Many festivities transpire when the Thanksgiving weekend rolls around. The most important, at least to NNU alumni, is Homecoming. For some, this year's Homecoming is accompanied by a sense of finality and sadness as it the last one to occur over Thanksgiving. Next year, Homecoming will take place over the first weekend of November.

Homecoming ushers in many events. They include the Homecoming Banquet on Nov. 22, the Homecoming Concert on Thanksgiving, a silent auction, and the men's and women's basketball games on Nov. 24 & 25.

The Homecoming Banquet's theme this year is "Masquerade." Maybe you have heard of this regal event from a history class or *Phantom of the Opera*. Traditionally, this stately, yet festive, occasion required one to wear a mask or other disguises, often letting the wearer create elegant, historical, or fantastic costumes. Tradition prevails once again as the Junior Class Council requests all attendees to wear a mask along with your stylish attire. For those who have an extra couple of dollars, pictures will be available to capture you and your date's exquisiteness.

You might be wondering if dancing will occur at the Homecoming Banquet because of the posters you've seen advertising the event and the theme. Nazarenes fear not! There will be no organized dancing at the homecoming banquet; however, live music from a jazz combo will accompany the evening's meal. If someone happens to "bust-a-groove," the Junior Class Council will be responsible. Crossroads Community Church will host this event on November 22, 2006 at 7 p.m.

The coronation ceremony will take place at the banquet as well, which will feature "some exciting changes," says Jackie Miller, a junior class senator. For those who miss the first ceremony, another one will take place at halftime during the men's basketball game on the evening of Nov. 24, giving everyone an additional reason to go support the Crusader men.



Kenton Lee

State of the Campus

As I sit here and ponder the current state of our campus, I cannot help but think, "What if I took this literally?" What if NNU was a state? Thinking about this was way too much fun, so I thought I would have to write this down for the article. So, please, humor me and join me in picturing our campus as a literal state.

First of all, I believe that the shape of the state of our campus would look something like Alaska. It's kind of big. It has a lot of space. There are a lot of people pretty much in three or four main areas. Just like the tip of Alaska borders Russia, Sutherland can feel like it is next to Russia too. Plus, like their internet, our internet lacks speed.

An important question about the state of NNU would be this: which area is the capital? I mean, there are so many parts of the campus that are powerful: the administration building, Student Development, Ford Hall. So which would it be? After much consideration, I believe that the capital city of the state of NNU would be something akin to the capital of California. Even though California has all kinds of cool cities like LA, San Diego, and San Francisco, its state capital is Sacramento. For reasons similar to this, I believe the capital city of NNU would be in an obscure location. Sure, the President and a couple other VP's have their offices in the Administration building; the Brandt Center is huge and a lot of things go on there; and the student center has all of the food and

student services. I think, however, that the capital of the state of our campus would be the library. It is kind of in the middle of campus. Really smart people are always there. You don't go there unless you need something. Definitely, I would say that the library would be our state capital.

What about some state interests? We already have our state motto: Great hearts, great minds, great futures. We have a state symbol: the NNU logo. We would just need a few other things. I suggest that our state nickname would be "The Nano state." NNU kind of sounds like nano, and iPod Nanos are really sweet. The state song would be "NNyou Are Beautiful." Our state bird would be those sickly ducks (*avionesi uncleanese* for the scientific term) that live in the Elijah Drain. The image on our state quarter would definitely be a poignant recapturing of an unnamed freshman standing with tray-in-hand looking for a place to sit in the crowded Dex. I can see it now.

Our state's main import would be anxious high school seniors and our largest export would be competent and confident young adults or tomatoes. Either way, our state would be full of excellent resources like DVD's, backpacks, and video games (isn't it funny how all guys have some and no girls have any?). The state of NNU would have very low property taxes and pretty fair sales tax.

In all, if NNU were really a state, I think that we would be a-okay. We would be a growing state with a future. Even though a good part of our population would leave every year, it would be a state that would never really get out of people's hearts and minds. I would definitely want to live in the state of NNU (as long as I didn't live in the capital city).

Nursing Home



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HILL, O	Pants/Pink size L	tops/Pink size M	F
CHILDS, R	Blouse/ M	Slacks/ L or 12	F
BARLOW, K	Blouse/ size 12	Blue/slippers size 8	F
POTTER, B	slippers size 10	hair stuff	F
LYNCH, E	Bright Colors Sweater/ large	Black slip-on shoes size 8	F
BROCK, D	Tops/ XL	Sweat pants XL	F
EK, C	Address Book/ CD player	Tops/ Size M	F
MARKUS, W	Shirts/LG Sweat Shirt/Tan	Sweat pants XL	M
LONG, J	Med.	Sweat pants L	M
MCREYNOLDS, S	CD head set	Red and Black Dress suit/22W	F
JENSEN, L	Card Games Sweat shirt w/elvs on it/ XLarge	Sweater/button up Lg	F
SALA, S		Sweat Pants XL Sweat Pants & long johns/ Lg	F
MALCHOW, L	Sweat shirts/ LG		F
YOUNG, D	Pants size 38x32/ Sweats XL	Socks	M
KINGSTON, C	Sweat Pants XL	Sweat Shirts XL	M
SCHMIDT, O	Jeans size 38x33	button up shirts LG	M
GIPSON, V	Stretch cotton pants 10-12	Tops/ M Pants cotton stretch	F
JOHNSON, D	Sports bra 42C	26/28	F
YOUNG, A	Food Basket	Tops/ M	F
WARD, M	Pants/ M.	Tops Small	F
CRONRATH, B	Shoes size 7	Hand lotion Red Christmas	F
GRAYBEAL, H	Socks	Sweatshirt/M Bright colored	F
LARSON, L	Slip on shoes size 6	blouse/ size M or 8/10	F

HOFFMAN, M	White dress blouse /Lg	white sweater/lg	F
STIDMON, V	Tops/purple/XL	Purple stretch pants/XL	F
JARDINE, P	face cream	sweater size LG	F
ANDERSON, N	lap blanket	sweater size 3x	F
BALLARD, J	Pants/ blue Size 18	Sweat shirt/ blue med	F
VEAL, L	Slippers Large	Clothes Lg	F
HAMPTON, F	Sweat outfit/ XL	pants XL red or green	F
SONSON, M	Slippers LG	CD Player with instrumental music	F
SWEET, D	Pink slippers Lg	hair things	F
MILLER, D	Long Sleeve Fleece outfit XL	Slippers LG	F
SHELTON, L	Planter Pots	nick-nacks	F
PATTON, H	lap blanket fruit food basket/ sweets	food basket	F
SKAGGS, D		Rooster décor Heavy Blanket/ Twin size	F
CAMPBELL, J	Word Search Puzzles	Pants/sweat outfits XL	F
HESTON, M	Warm Tops size LG	CD's Hank W. Jr. & Johnny Cash	M
BELCHER, E	Electric Razor	Sweat pants/shirts size Lg	M
BARRON, F	Electric Razor	Button up sweaters XL	M
TERWILLEGER, J	shoe like Slippers/Lg		F
TERWILLEGER, F	Shorts/Lg	tie/case of Pepsi	M
BLECHINGER, G	Electric Razor	Lubriderm Lotion	M
LANGLEY, E	Slippers/Pink or Lavender size 8	Books on Tape/ CD Player	F
JOHNSON, M	perfume /White Diamonds	warm fuzzy scarf/ hat/gloves	F
ELLIOT, K	Pants/Blue size 16/18	Sugar Free Candy	F
DUSKIN, M	Word Search Puzzles	Purple Slippers/ size 10	F
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