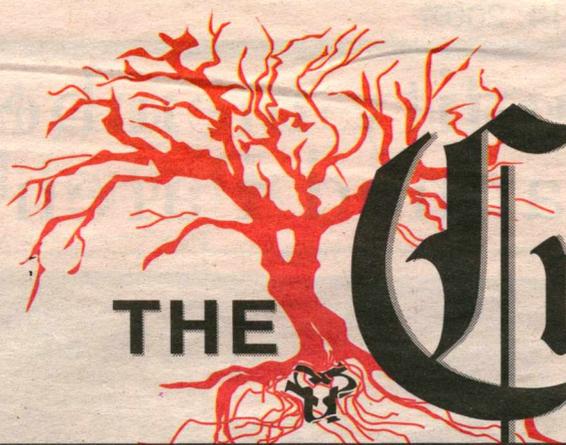


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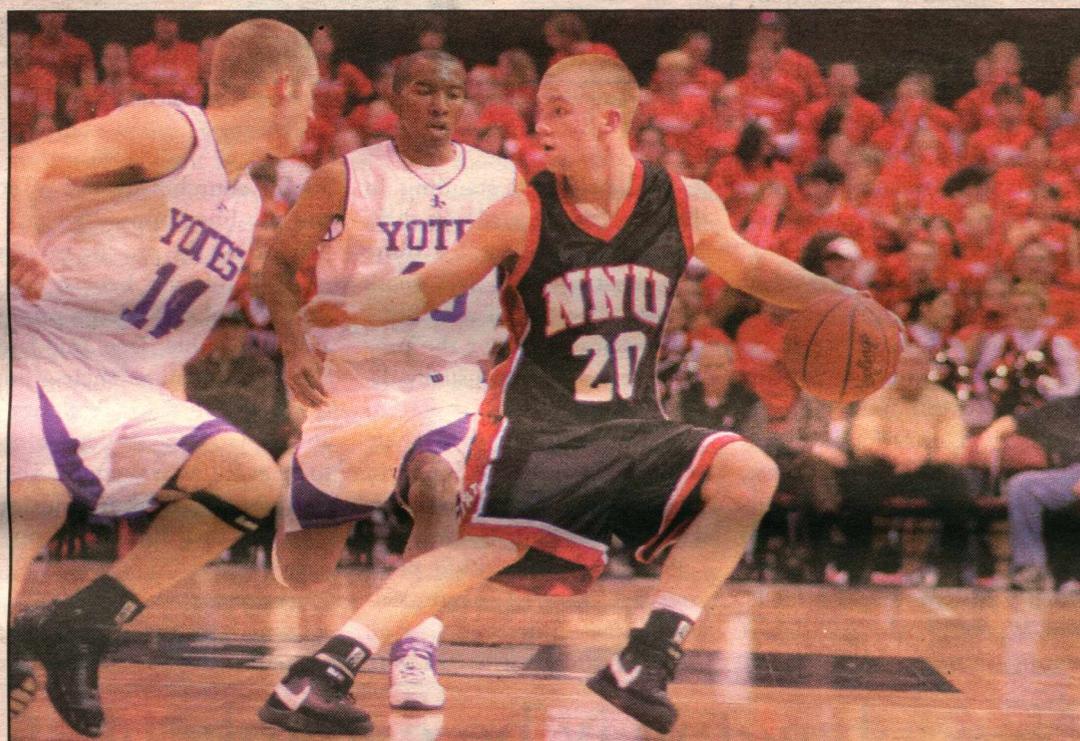
Coyotes upset Crusaders

College of Idaho wins exhibition game 60-54

by DEREK DE ROOY

The NNU mens' basketball team lost its exhibition match against College of Idaho last night, with a final score of 60-54. The loss was more painful than most, after NNU jumped out to a 10-point halftime lead. The second half included little scoring by the Crusaders, and the C of I coyotes scored 42 second-half points to seal the game with minutes to spare.

NNU guard Justin Parnell finished with a game-high 15 points, but only shot 6-of-16, including 3-of-9 from three-point territory. Freshman guard Joel Ryman and sophomore forward Kendall Gielow pitched in with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Tyler Roberts grabbed a game-high 9 rebounds, with Jason Simmons (8), Adam Shildmyer (8), and Justin Parnell (7) also collecting more rebounds than any individual Coyote. Tyler Roberts also led the team with



Guard Justin Parnell fends off Coyotes Tuesday night (photo by Jenn Hush).

6 assists and, on the downside, 9 turnovers.

Where the Crusaders were out rebounding the opposition by a 44-32 margin, the Coyotes

defense put pressure on NNU, forcing 22 turnovers. C of I had 15 steals, compared to 5 for NNU. The C of I offense also pressured the opposing

defense, drawing 29 fouls.

The high number of fouls led

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Ashley Puga headed to Cross Country nationals Saturday

by DEREK DE ROOY

NNU's star runner, Ashley Puga, has qualified to run at the NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championships this Saturday in Joplin, Mo. The following is a chat *The*

Crusader had with Puga about her accomplishments this season and the upcoming event:

Q: How do you decide the way you want to run a race? What is the thought process

there?

A: It depends on what race I'm running and what the goals for that race are. My coach helps me out with this a lot. For example, runners can run for a position, time, or to specifically improve a certain

area that they struggle with. Of course, one should run as if to win, but sometimes that isn't realistic. For example, this past race,

SEE "PUGA" PAGE 11

Prank on C of I turns dangerous Monday night

by IAN BAUDER

A group of NNU students struck a College of Idaho security officer with a car after a prank went awry on Monday night, according to Jennifer Oxley, the director of the C of I communications department.

Caldwell Police Chief Robert Sobba said that the students were on the C of I campus to do "some goofy tricks" which involved soap and marshmallows in a fountain. According to Oxley, a student security officer approached the students, who ran to their vehicle. Oxley said that somehow, when the students drove off, they struck the security officer. The officer was sent to the hospital via ambulance, but was released hours later with only minor injuries.

"It seemed harmless at the time," said Head of NNU Security Darrel Stewart, who was involved with the investigation. "But the situation escalated and someone was hurt." Stewart also said that disciplinary actions would be taken with the students, but wouldn't comment as to what the actions would be.

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Wednesday



Hi: 48°, Low: 33°
Partly sunny.

Thursday



Hi: 54°, Low: 33°
30% chance rain.

Friday



Hi: 51°, Low: 35°
30% chance rain.

Saturday



Hi: 52°, Low: 32°
30% chance rain.

Sunday



Hi: 51°, Low: 30°
30% chance rain.



Political Spotlight

Part 6 in an 8-part series on presidential candidates

by TREVAN HAUCK

U.S. House Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas) has been called the underdog candidate since he threw his hat into the ring in February of this year. Many now, however are calling him the dark horse candidate and are considering him a real threat.

Paul has been a strong voice for the traditional conservative branch of the Grand Old Party. This is not Paul's first experience with the race for the White House. In

1984 Paul entered the race as a Libertarian candidate, however this time around he has chosen to seek the Republican nomination and has no

plans to run as an Independent.

Representative Paul takes a strong Libertarian stance on domestic and foreign policy. He advocates an extremely restricted policy towards U.S. involvement in foreign affairs. Paul is the only Republican candidate who calls for an immediate and complete troop withdrawal from the Middle East. He also believes that the role of the government should be to protect our borders and quality of life with minimal restrictions on American liberties.

The Texas representative had a record breaking day last November 5th in terms of online fundraising. Bringing in over 3 million dollars in less than twenty-four hours, shattering the previous record of 2.7 million held by John Kerry.

For more information on Ron Paul log onto:

RonPaul2008.com



Ron Paul

by ALLI SCHISLER

Almost every weekend, several protesters can be found outside of the Nampa Planned Parenthood facility. Saturday, November 10 was no exception; at 12:00 p.m. two female protesters held signs in the rain reading "Abortion is Murder" and "Abortion Kills."

The protesters hope to raise awareness and indignation concerning Planned Parenthood's abortion referrals. To inquisitors, the group hands out pamphlets covering a wide range of topics including abortion, premarital sex, sexually transmitted infections/diseases, risks of oral contraceptives, etc.

The group makes it clear that their reasons for protesting are religious. Indeed, the group includes a pamphlet entitled "So You Think You're Good?" on original sin and the death and resurrection of Christ, when passing out abortion information. One protester also hands out a DVD which is entitled "23 Minutes in Hell," which portrays the realities of eternity in hell.



Health center that doubles as a Planned Parenthood Location (photo by Robin McConkey).

One protester, standing in the rain for a four-hour shift, says, "We're a voice for those who don't have a voice. That's why we're here—for the Lord."

One protester says the pro-life group members usually divide Saturday into shifts, to assure protesters will be there at least between the hours of 10am-4-p.m. when the Saturday Express Clinic is open.

Some of the pro-life picketers are from Treasure Valley Baptist Church; almost all are evangelical Christians who

attend churches devoid of active pro-life groups.

Leading the pro-life protesters is Randi and Lenette Jackson, who also headed a protest at the Double Tree Inn later Saturday evening. Their group is called Youth for Revolution and the Jacksons are determined to meet fellow area youth. Their web site is youth4revolution.com and they also have a myspace account.

The main goal of the group, as stated in the group's mission statement is to "educate,

encourage, and equip youth to become strong pro-life, pro-abstinence, Christ-centered leaders in their communities and to their peers."

One aspect of the proposed education includes protesting Pro Choice organizations such as Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood does not occupy a facility full time in Nampa, though it has a location in Boise. Instead, Planned Parenthood runs the Saturday Express Clinic in Nampa, operating out of an office at 924 Twelfth Ave. in Nampa, on the corner of Twelfth and Colorado every Saturday.

Planned Parenthood of Idaho provides services including birth control, family planning, abnormal pap follow-up, counseling, HIV/AIDS testing and education, pregnancy testing and education, and sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment.

The Youth for Revolution website tells the protesters goals: "We will be a voice for the voiceless in any way that we can... We will be a voice for tomorrow's generation today."

New planet may be capable of sustaining life

by T.J. BARR

A new planet has been discovered that could harbor not only water, but life. The future search for extraterrestrial life could very well begin with this super-earth.

According to Space.com, the planet is close enough to its solar systems star to keep water from freezing, but far enough away to keep it from evaporating. The planet is 50 percent bigger than Earth and roughly five times more massive. This planet, dubbed Gliese 581 C, after Gliese 581, the star it orbits. The star is a red dwarf one third the size of

the sun and located 20.5 light years away.

Due to the lessened output

*This planet is
a real big find
in the science
community*

of heat from the smaller star, the planet is closer to it than we are to our sun, making the year on Gliese 581 C approximately 13 earth days. This planet is a big find in the science community as it can help dictate the

future of our space program.

Two other planets orbit the same star, one large gas planet similar to Jupiter located closer to the sun than Gliese 581 C, and one eighth Earth-mass planet outside the habitable zone, the area around a star that could possibly sustain life. Computer generated models of Gliese 581 C predict that the planet is either rocky, much like Earth, or, even more exciting, a total water world.

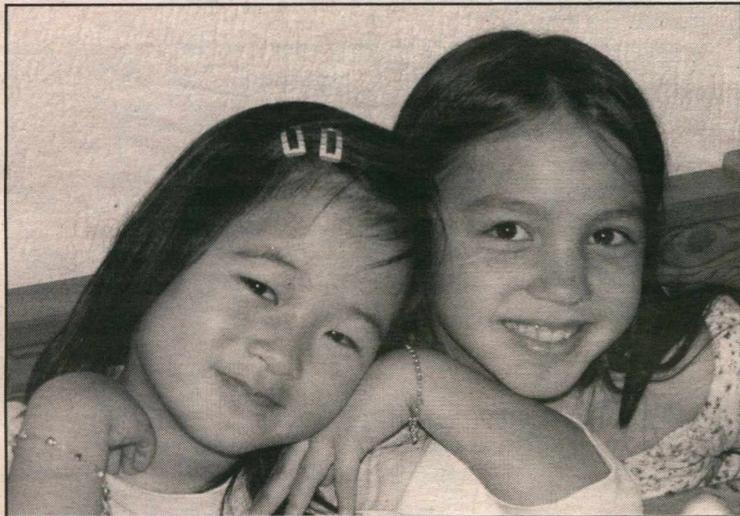
The estimated temperature is between 32 and 104 degrees Fahrenheit, meaning the water is likely liquid. The discovery of Gliese 581 C has excited the scientific community and lends to the hope that there are other



NASA artist concept of Gliese 581 C

such planets out there, waiting to be discovered by NASA or any space enthusiasts. For more information on recent discoveries, missions, and programs please visit www.NASA.org

Foster-care racial gap; states adopt cultural training



Two foster care girls (photo from of Wikicommons).

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

The white social worker looked at the dark spots on the black child's body and assumed the youngster had been beaten. The family denied it, but the social worker insisted.

It turned out the child had "Mongolian spots" — harmless skin blotches common among black children. The social worker's mistake was discovered before the parents got into trouble.

But researchers and policy-makers say such episodes help explain why black, Hispanic and other minority children in

the United States are far more likely than white youngsters to be taken from their homes and placed in foster care.

Racial or ethnic prejudices — conscious or unconscious — can lead social workers to see abuse or neglect where none exists, these experts say.

The experts caution that stereotyping on the part of social workers is just one factor in the racial gap, and probably a small one at that. Other factors — higher rates of poverty, inadequate housing and child care, for example — are believed to be major contributors to abuse

and neglect among minorities.

Nevertheless, stereotyping is enough of a concern that cultural-awareness training for social workers has been instituted in 45 states, many of them in the just the past few years, according to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

Nationally, blacks make up about 15 percent of the childhood population, yet account for 34 percent of children in foster care, according to the GAO report. Black children on average stay in foster care nine months longer than white children, the report said.

The report said "bias or cultural misunderstandings and distrust between child welfare decision makers and the families they serve" was one of several factors accounting for the gap, along with poverty and lack of access to services.

"Once we are reported, we are more likely to be investigated. Once we are investigated, we are more likely to be placed in foster care. Once we are placed in foster care, we are less likely to be returned to our families," said Sondra Jackson.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

Further unrest in Pakistan

LAHORE, Pakistan

Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto demanded the resignation of U.S.-backed President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Tuesday, dashing Western hopes that the two moderate leaders would form an alliance to confront strengthening Islamic extremists.

Bhutto, just placed under house arrest for the second time since her return from exile, said she was working to forge a partnership with Nawaz Sharif, the man overthrown as prime minister in a 1999 coup by Musharraf.

Her call, which could see Pakistan's two main opposition parties joining, raised a new threat for Musharraf.

Iran takes steps in revealing nuclear programs

VIENNA, Austria

Iran has met a key demand of the U.N. nuclear agency, handing over long-sought blueprints showing how to mold uranium metal into the shape of warheads, diplomats said Tuesday.

Iran's decision to release the documents, which were seen by U.N. inspectors two years ago, was seen as a concession designed to head off the threat of new U.N. sanctions.

But the diplomats said Tehran has failed to meet other requests made by the International Atomic Energy Agency in its attempts to end nearly two decades of nuclear secrecy on the part of Iran.

Republican Candidate calls for more soldier support

CHARLESTON, S.C.

Republican presidential candidate Fred Thompson called for a million-member military ground force and more funding to equip and care for service members and veterans in a speech Tuesday at a military college in this early presidential primary state.

The former Tennessee

senator and actor also told a crowd at The Citadel that he wants more modern battle equipment on the ground, in the air and on the water to help revitalize the nation's security.

"With 20th century equipment in a 21st century war, our material support for our troops has not matched the demands we have placed on them," Thompson said.

Chlamydia cases set U.S. record

ATLANTA, Georgia

More than 1 million cases of chlamydia were reported in the United States last year — the most ever reported for a sexually transmitted disease, federal health officials said Tuesday.

"A new U.S. record," said Dr. John M. Douglas Jr. of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More bad news: Gonorrhea rates are jumping again after hitting a record low, and an increasing number of cases are caused by a "superbug" version resistant to common antibiotics, federal officials said.

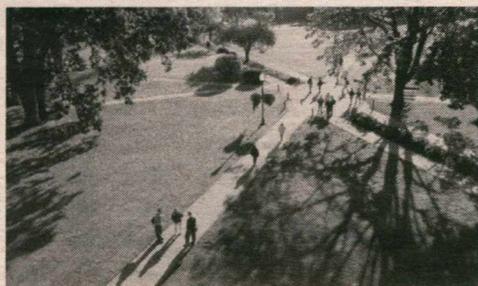
Good news on sub prime mortgage for Goldman Sachs' investors

NEW YORK, New York

Wall Street shot higher Tuesday, lifting the Dow Jones Industrials nearly 320 points after reassuring news from Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. quelled some of the market's worst fears about the credit crisis and the economy. A plunge in the price of oil gave investors further incentive to buy.

Goldman Sachs heartened investors with word that it didn't expect a significant hit from the subprime mortgage turmoil. Chief Executive Lloyd Blankfein, said the bank has a short position in the subprime mortgage market and won't be taking any significant charges to write off losses.

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New break in O.J.'s theft and kidnapping case

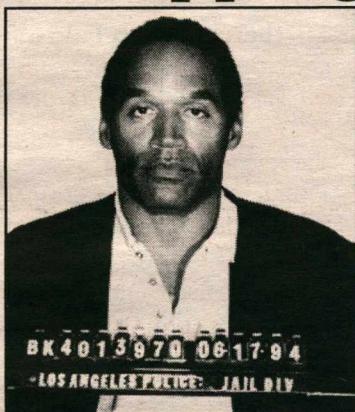
by ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of the men who accompanied O.J. Simpson to a hotel-room confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers testified Tuesday that the former football star wanted them to bring "heat" to show they meant business.

Simpson's golfing buddy, Walter Alexander, also told the court that Simpson instructed Charles "Spencer" McClinton to draw his weapon before the group entered the room.

"It changed the whole plan," said Alexander, who accepted a plea deal to testify against Simpson. "At first the plan was we were to just show the guns. But right before we went into the room he told Spencer to put the gun in his hand."

Alexander said he kept the weapon he was carrying tucked into the waistband of his suit, but that as soon as he saw McClinton waving his weapon around and shouting orders at the memorabilia dealers he realized he was taking part in an



Mug shot of Simpson

armed robbery.

Simpson, 60, has maintained in interviews and through his lawyers that he never saw any guns or asked anyone to bring them to the hotel room. The testimony Tuesday was part of a preliminary hearing in the case. Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure will decide after the hearing whether there is enough evidence for Simpson and two other men to stand trial.

He also has said he intended only to retrieve items that had he said were stolen from him by a former agent, including

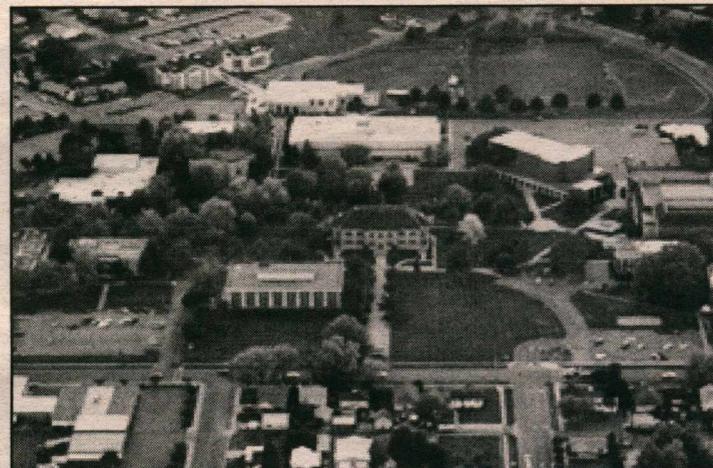
the suit he wore the day he was acquitted of murder in 1995 in the slayings of his wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

Simpson and two other men face 12 criminal charges including armed robbery, kidnapping with a weapon and conspiracy. A kidnapping conviction could result in a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole. An armed robbery conviction could mean mandatory prison time.

Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., was taken into custody two days after the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley at a Las Vegas hotel-casino.

He pleaded guilty Oct. 23 to conspiracy to commit robbery, a felony, in a plea deal that could get him up to six years in prison. District Attorney David Roger has said prosecutors will seek a suspended sentence, which could get Alexander probation. This is yet another chapter in the O.J. legacy.

Prank: NNU students may face serious consequences



Aerial view of College Idaho (photo from www.collegeofidaho.edu).

Neither the school, nor the police have released the names of either the NNU students or the C of I security guard. The prosecuting attorney's office has not decided as to whether charges would be pressed or not. Sobba said that "the case is currently under investigation."

Oxley said that the students at C of I are "relieved that the officer was not hurt, but scared that something like this could have happened." She

added that even though the school has a very tight-knit community, and the officer was a very "well known and well liked" student, everyone at the school realizes there was no malice.

Holly Linder, head of media relations, said that both NNU and C of I are encouraging students to not let it escalate. Linder also said the student bodies should not "dishonor" their schools with bad behavior.

Alaskan discipleship program offers students a chance at spiritual learning and growth

by ALLI SCHISLER

On Thursday, November 8, Jason Armstrong, representing Northern Lights, an innovative discipleship program based out of Anchorage, Alaska, visited campus. Armstrong hoped to garner interest on campus among graduating seniors or students interesting in taking time off from school.

Armstrong is the senior pastor of Anchorage Free Methodist Church, which has an attendance of about fifty. About one year ago, Armstrong had the idea to start a discipleship program for young adults, specifically age 18-23. The program is for students who are looking to "make the transition from faith of childhood into lifelong

faith," Armstrong says.

The program will run from August to June, and the church is looking for 6-10 young adults interested in the discipleship program, which will consist of daily outreach to the church's surrounding community. The church is located near an elementary school which contains students who speak thirty different languages, Armstrong says. Therefore, the community is ideal for students who may wish to serve diverse populations.

Students in the program will serve three hours a day at the local elementary school as recess monitors, etc. Most importantly, Armstrong says, those in the discipleship program will develop relationships with students and their families. Those in the

program will also serve local charities to gain perspective on social service. And those in the program will serve in ministry at the Anchorage Free Methodist Church.

Students will live near the church in a duplex the church will convert to housing. Students will develop close relationships with the others involved in the program.

There is an application process, though Armstrong says all applicants will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. References are required. Students from a variety of denominational backgrounds are encouraged to apply; those interested do not need to be from a Free Methodist background.

During the ten-month

program, those participating will serve in Thailand for two weeks. The cost of the trip to Thailand is included in the overall program cost of \$6,500. The fee covers student's housing fees and living expenses throughout the duration of the program. Students must provide their own transportation to and from Anchorage.

Armstrong believes Anchorage is an ideal place for the Northern Light discipleship because of the city's diverse population and multiculturalism. Also, students wanting to leave the continental United States, but not wishing to master another language, may find the discipleship program in Anchorage a perfect fit.

The program is open to those

with ministry degrees—or those attempting to complete ministry degrees—but also to those who do not foresee a future in the ministry, but desire to spend a year developing ministry skills.

Armstrong invites post-high school students who want to grow in faith and "understand and develop spiritual gifts" to consider the program. Armstrong says those involved in the discipleship program will develop, "keen understanding of what they believe and commitment to service."

Students interested in the Northern Lights program can visit:

www.Anchorage.FreeMethodistChurch.org.

Musharraf must leave office

STAFF EDITORIAL

As a faithful, democracy wielding American, it is impossible to condone the actions President Musharraf has taken; we must demand that Musharraf step aside in the coming election. Not only has he created a political atmosphere in his country that is oppressive to his opposition but he has also managed to consolidate his power in an effort to move toward a more totalitarian rule. In recent weeks Musharraf has halted elections, removed opposition judges from the highest courts, and managed to retain his military command despite a promise in good faith to the international community not to do so. Musharraf has made statement after statement that he

will relinquish his military powers and reinstate the constitution as soon as the government is safe from the "outside influence" of the terrorists who are currently launching a strong offensive in the north.

Hogwash! An attack against his country does not give Musharraf the right to oppress his critics and neglect his obligations to the world. His moves on power are nothing more than an effort to push for control of a government in which he has been losing power in for several years. If he truly believes in what he preaches: a free and democratized Pakistan then he would be doing everything he could to obtain just that. It may seem odd to some of our readers but to us suspending your

constitution and shutting down local and national media does not seem like a move toward democracy and freedom at all. The United States is teetering on the edge of a very dangerous precipitous with Pakistan that we can not afford to neglect any longer. Our government has been turning up the pressure on Pakistan but it's not enough.

If Pakistan turns much further from freedom our ability as a nation to cooperate with them becomes very limited which turns out to be a problem. Pakistan receives a lot of well spent U.S. dollars to combat terrorism in their country and to gather valuable intelligence that the U.S. uses in it's assessment of global terrorism. Not to men-

tion the fact that Pakistan posses nuclear weapons, which in the hands of terrorists, could prove catastrophic?

The United States government must use what ever political and possible military force possible to pressure Musharraf out of government. If Pakistan is to remain an ally to the United States in the "war on terror" they must begin to move toward a free, democratic society. In the world we live today it is impossible to neglect this obvious double standard that Musharraf is trying to get away with. Musharraf has had his opportunity to prove himself to be a fair and democratic leader but has failed repeatedly.

We need to be thankful for what we have

It is pretty easy to forget what matters to us. Seeing as Thanksgiving is next week, I think it is a perfect time to think about why I am thankful for my life. As cliché as it may seem, I feel it is necessary to consider these issues every once in a while because, lets face it, we are pretty blessed to live here. Here is some of what I like to call "wake the heck up" statistics:

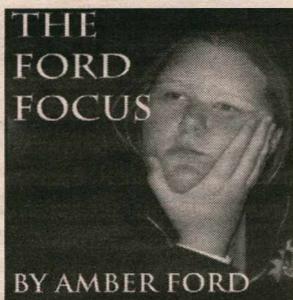
20 percent of the populations in the developed nations consume 86 percent of the world's goods.

A few hundred millionaires now own as much wealth as the world's poorest 2.5 billion people.

According to UNICEF, 30,000 children die each day due to poverty or just

under 11 million children, under five years of age, each year.

A mere 12 percent of the world's population uses 85 percent of its water, and these 12 percent do not live in the Third World.



The United States spends eight billion dollars on cosmetics per year and the world spends 400 billion dollars in the drug trade every year. It is estimated that it would cost

only nine billion dollars to provide water and sanitation and 13 billion dollars to provide basic health and nutrition around the world (statistics courtesy of www.globalissues.org).

When you consider that, it seems like we don't have all that much to complain about. I can say that I get stressed out from homework and other commitments, but overall, I have a pretty good life. The following are some reasons why I am thankful for my life.

I have a family that loves me and friends that support me. I live in a place where I have the right to express my opinion freely. I can speak out for what I believe in and choose my own religion without being

killed. I don't worry about my home being destroyed by the government.

I don't have to be concerned about lacking the resources to keep me healthy. I can walk over to my sink and safely drink the tap water that comes out of it. I don't have to worry about the next time I will be able to eat. I can get a vaccination for something as common as the flu. I was able to get a free public school education.

So in the long run, remember that things are pretty good around here and they could be a whole heck of a lot worse. Think twice about what you say and evaluate everything that you do have, not everything you don't have.

Letter to the Editor

To *The Crusader*:

Homecoming 2007 has come and gone. On behalf of the Alumni Board of Directors, I want to specifically thank you students for your role in its success. Your performances in drama, music, and athletics were amazing and we appreciated the extra effort that went into preparing for those events 3 weeks earlier than usual. We LOVED having the student body on campus this year and your participation in everything from homecoming chapel to the bonfire/fireworks finale brought a palpable energy and enthusiasm to the entire weekend. It was a treat for us to see your homecoming court coronation included in the Friday night concert as well. Thank you for making the festivities more fun for us all.

We hope now that many of you will be able to enjoy a restful and restorative Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family.

Marilee Shively, M. D.
President, NNU Alumni Association

The Crusader

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- Send a letter to the editor at crusader@nnu.edu. Name and year in school are required for publication. Letters under 250 words are likely to be printed. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted.

Guest Columns

Welfare reform needs to be reformed

In 1995, President Bill Clinton claimed he would "end welfare as we know it." He did. He successfully took many, including children, who desperately need cash assistance off the assistance rolls.

In 1996, President Clinton signed a bill that changed the cash assistance welfare program Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). This was welfare reform.

The difference between the two programs is two-fold: TANF gives states much leeway in determining which families will receive assistance and TANF stipulates time limits.

According to the National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP), "the federal government sets the

program's basic rules, but states set income eligibility limits and benefit levels."

The time limit of TANF, as specified by the federal government, is five years.

while the federal government managed to "end welfare as we know it" ... it also managed to leave the already needy even needier.

That is, with minor exceptions, families are only eligible for cash assistance for up to five consecutive or nonconsecutive years. States, though, can set time limits under the five year limit. Idaho, for example, only allows families—even the sincerely needy—cash assistance for twenty-four months, hardly time to al-

low a struggling family to get on its feet.

Of course, welfare reform had the desired effect. It appeased white middle-upper-class Americans who knew little about the welfare system or AFDC, but feared that the system was being grossly abused.

Admittedly, there has been a great decrease in the amount of Americans represented on welfare rolls. Since the change from AFDC to TANF, case-loads have been cut by two-thirds. Supporters of the 1996 welfare reform rejoice.

What about that two-thirds, though? Did those families miraculously find a way to make ends meet in a country where, on average, families need an income of about twice the federal poverty level to meet their

most basic needs?

Nope. According to the NCCP, "Only a quarter of poor children—about 3.5 million—benefit from TANF, even though the number of children living in poverty has increased by more than 10 percent since 2000."

In fact, more children benefit from Social Security than from TANF. What is the point of an assistance program that hardly assists?

So, while the federal government managed to "end welfare as we know it" for middle class white Americans to whom welfare hardly matters, it also managed to leave the already needy even needier.

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Leave guns in the hands of law abiding citizens

The right to bear arms is one of the most fought over rights of the Constitution. Should citizens be allowed to own and carry firearms? Let's look at the statistics. Dr. Gary Kleck, a Florida State University Criminologist, conducted a national survey that found that there were approximately 2 million DGU's (defensive gun uses) per year.

Thirteen other surveys found between 800,000 and 2.5 million DGU's a year. That's a significant number of law-abiding citizens who were protected by owning and carrying a firearm.

According to the National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA) the belief

that gun control laws reduce crime is a myth. New Jersey adopted what was called "the most stringent

...keep guns in the hands that deserve them, those of the responsible citizen.

gun law" and within two years the murder rate was up 46 percent. When Hawaii adopted their harsh gun control measures, their murder rate tripled. Washington D.C. enforces some of the harshest gun control laws in the nation. Since their implementation the murder rate has gone up 134 percent. These are big numbers. Even a small rise

in the murder rate would be significant, but 134 percent?

Of the 15 states that have the highest murder rates, 10 of them restrict firearms. This phenomenon isn't limited to the United States. When Canada passed its own gun control laws, murder rates failed to decline but armed robbery and burglary, crimes most likely to be deterred by civilian gun ownership, increased.

Taiwan and Jamaica saw sharp increases in violent crime when they banned handguns. Many surveys have shown a correlation between increases in gun control and increase in violent crime. It's fair to assume that if gun control

is enforced it will only take guns out of the hands of law abiding citizens, because criminals would have no qualms about keeping their illegal arms. It lends credence to the old maxim "If guns are outlawed; only the outlaws will have guns".

When guns are no longer available for the defense of citizens the balance of power tilts in favor of the criminals. Criminals will always find ways to commit their nefarious deeds, whether guns are illegal or not. So keep guns in the hands that deserve them, those of the responsible citizen.

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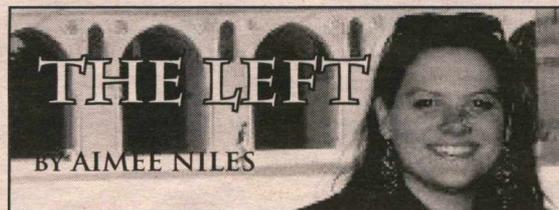
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Should we be a welfare state?

The state should provide for its citizens

The government has a responsibility to take care of its citizens. The welfare system is one way in which industrialized countries have attempted to bring their populations out of poverty.



Undoubtedly, the United States welfare system needs improvement. However, cutting benefits and shutting down programs is not the solution.

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), in 2002—the latest data available—the United States had the highest poverty rate among 20 other rich, developed member nations of the OECD. The countries with the lowest poverty rates are the Nordic countries that have huge welfare states: Sweden, Norway and Finland.

A concern of those who oppose a large welfare state is that people on welfare take advantage of the system and do not work. According to research done by the Urban Institute, in the current job market as many as two thirds of those coming off welfare would remain unemployed. It is not that people do not desire to work; it is that they cannot find high enough paying jobs to compensate for things such as child care and health care.

It should be noted that Social Security and the welfare system really should not be compared in the same breath. Social Security deals with different demographics than the common welfare system. Under the current Social Security system, every American—at some point in their lives—will be eligible for benefits. In the welfare system, certain requirements must be met.

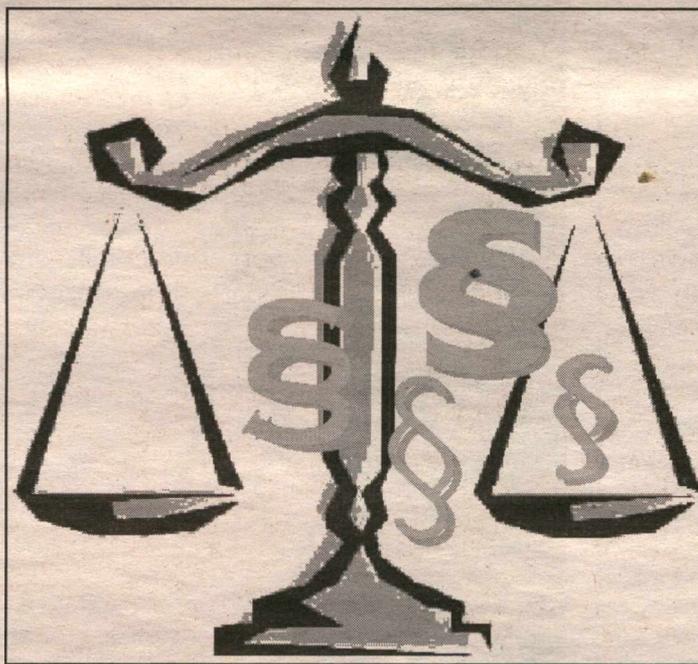
It has been proven that the cur-

rent system does not help bring those in poverty out of it. This is, and should be, attributed to a flawed system. But perhaps it also has to do with the environment in which people in poverty are raised.

Education is not as highly valued among those in poverty, therefore it is not as readily sought out. The second generation of poverty is not only a failure of the welfare system, but of the socioeconomic and environmental issues that encourage staying in poverty.

The United States is the richest nation on the planet. Children go to bed hungry while others idle their time away on their X-Boxes and PlayStations. Is it not the responsibility of our representatives to do something about this?

People complain that more of



Are the scales even? (photo by wikimedia.org).

the national budget goes to welfare programs than defense; I say hooray for that. Protection from outside forces does nothing if internally people are suffering. If it's the government's job to boost the economy then shouldn't it be the government's job to ensure everyone benefits from that wealth?

Welfare creates unneeded dependency

Our government's responsibility is to maintain our nation by providing security, law and order, and programs that help the stability of our economy. Welfare spending in America has been skyrocketing since the Johnson administration declared war on poverty. With Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and hundreds of other like programs, social welfare spending is our biggest cost in the federal budget far more than the Iraq war.

According the Cato Institute, last year alone we spent over \$477 billion dollars on programs to fight poverty, which they say is almost \$13,000 for every man, woman and child beneath the poverty level. Yet still we see no major decrease in

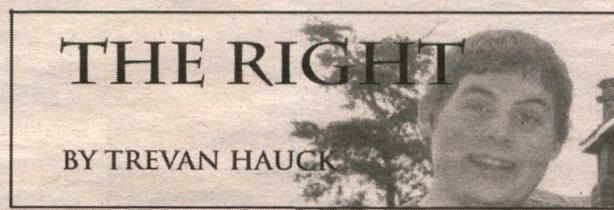
the number of poor people in our country.

Thirty years ago every person that was drawing upon social security was supported by the income of two other working class individuals. Now that same per-

son has to be supported by five incomes. This system is headed for collapse.

Many on the left would say that the only way to decrease poverty and improve the quality of life is to increase the size of our welfare state. This sounds logical. The more you spend the more people are helped. This however has not

been proven the case and in fact it is the opposite of what we should be doing. Our economy cannot afford to keep supporting people the way we are with social security and Medicare.



We should be reforming our programs to minimize spending and direct it only where real help is needed. It should not be the role or the responsibility of the government to pay for the living costs of every poor person. Yes the government is responsible for lending a helping hand and getting people into the work force but it should not be creating a dependency program in which the government foots the bill.

We are left with the question of who takes care of the poor if the government does not. The government needs to help its citizens but only so much that they enable people to provide for themselves.

The real job of helping those who are poor, struggling, or less fortunate, falls on the shoulders of the church. We are called as Christians to love our neighbors and to provide for God's people (1 Corinthians 16:1-4). The church is the ultimate welfare institute as it should be. Yet in our country we blame the government for not taking care of the poor or not spending enough to "fix" our problems.

It is the Church, God's people, who should be providing for the poor and helping each other in times of need because it is what we are called to do.

Q&A: Dating Perspectives What do guys think?

In a two-part series, *The Crusader* seeks to find out what people on campus look for in their relationships with the opposite sex.

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Dating is confusing. In fact, understanding the opposite sex can be so complicated that you want to give up; but you just can't. Is the phrase "men are from Mars, women are from Venus" that accurate? Can we hope to understand the opposite sex? Some of the men on campus were asked a few questions that girls are dying to know. These are their replies:

What do you notice in a girl?

"First off, eyes and smile, those two, and who she's talking to. This is before I meet her. When I'm talking to her, her laugh, how she laughs and her sense of humor, if she has one."
— junior Dane Manley

"I like a girl who likes to have fun, but not too much fun, homework obviously, fairly organized, not too much into mood swings, all ears when she needs to be."
— senior Kit Boone

"Oh gosh, her laugh, and clothes. Not a fan of the midriff or butt crack."
— sophomore Tyler Mostul

"I notice how nice/sweet they are. I notice the persona they give off; what sort of an attitude they have towards others."
— senior Kyle Mayer

How do you feel about girls asking guys out?

"I think it's great when a girl asks a guy out. It takes a lot of the pressure off, and I think it's easier for everyone because guys are a lot more obvious when they like a girl, girls are

impossible to read."

— junior Ryan Harter

"I would feel fine about a girl asking me out but only if she hangs out with me a little first and kind of feel out how I feel about her. I would be really uncomfortable if she just came right out and asked me."

— senior Ben Cremer

"I really don't have a problem with girls asking guys out. The whole thing about guys asking girls is a little old fashioned for me. I don't think it is a huge deal for a girl to do that. Now if it is proposing the guy should definitely do it and not the girl."

— freshman Zach Brown

Do guys like the pretty girls or the personality? Is a good personality really important or simply a bonus?

"Guys are initially attracted to good looks but personality is important. Not secondary, equal, to more important depending on the guy. Not a bonus. Pretty, but [if she is] a jerk I wouldn't want to date her. A good personality includes fun to hang out with, able to laugh and tell jokes, not a jerk."

— freshman Stuart Montgomery

"For the most part, I don't think guys will pursue a girl if he is not attracted to her...if she has an amazing personality, her attractiveness increases 500 percent. Looks and personality are both very important aspects in male attraction to females. If anyone tries to tell you that one can stand alone from the other, he is probably lying."

— senior Chris Spicer

Next week: Stay tuned for the girls' perspectives on dating, guys and relationships!

How technology affects the v

Out with the land line?

by ANDREA HALL

How does a college campus stay connected? According to several students and staff members here at NNU, connections are kept in the air. The streams of information racing through the atmosphere and through buried cables are what holds this campus together. It is hard to miss the signs: there are students everywhere with their cell phones in hand, toting laptops and palm pilots, staying on top of their schoolwork with a world of information at their fingertips.

The most popular method of communication seems to be cell phones. The campus is inundated with cell phones. Despite the fact that NNU installed a brand new phone system two years ago, most of the campus seems to rely on their personal phones or other methods to stay connected.

"I have a phone in my room," said freshman Megan Horwood, "but I use my cell phone." The phone system involves an online sign-in and status center, in addition to personal extensions for each student. The extensions can be set to ring anywhere its designee will be, allowing for phone calls to be forwarded to cell phones or the room where a study group is meeting. However, to do so requires the user to go online and fiddle with their settings, something that can be confusing for some.

On a campus where almost everyone owns a cell phone, trying to figure out how to work a new phone system may seem uncalled for. "I have never used it because it sounds complicated," said Allison Bean, a freshman. The campus phones seem to be designed more for a single office building rather than a campus community, where people are always on the go.

In this world of technology, the simple land line has faded in the shadows of instant wireless communication, with the Internet and phones smaller than the average TV remote. However, the advent of cellular and wireless technology has changed the academic world too, in ways both good and bad. Teachers can post their lectures online for their students, which can be especially handy for those who take nearly illegible notes. E-mail makes assignments easy to turn in or to get questions asked in a hurry. Technology in the classroom keeps getting better.

"My availability this year has been reduced," said adjunct French professor Matt Fraley. He still feels like he can communicate well with his students, though, using electronic means, since he is rarely on campus. "E-mail is perhaps the easiest because one can redraft, carefully select words, and not feel intimidated by the situation as in a personal encounter."

But there are other kinds

of technology that ers may not want i classroom. How times has a lecture interrupted by the tent jangle of a cell that someone forgot lence? Bean mention her Cornerstone cl been interrupted al times by a clas phone. "Sometime ple even leave the r answer their phon said. "And the prof just like, 'OK...'"

"I do not thin cell phones are d ing, most of the said Corlett residen tor Danna Hammer now and then, so forgets to turn a ph in a meeting, but H did not mention an problems she has l use both my cell a school system," she do like the phone on campus."

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How we communicate: The Facebook Revolution

2005 study still applicable today: reliance on mobile devices rampant

by ANDREA HALL

According to a study performed in 2005 by the University of North Texas' (UNT) anthropology department, cell phones are as "common as sets of keys." This still rings true, in fact, today cell phones are even more prevalent in society.

The university observed groups of 18- to 24-year-olds at various Texas academic institutions, trying to discover how college students use technology, specifically mobile devices like cell phones and laptops, during their daily activities.

David Howard, a UNT graduate student and one of the researchers, said that most

students who bring their laptops to class use them more for checking e-mail and instant messaging rather than for taking notes.

"The professor usually didn't catch what was going on," said Ethan McGaffey, another student researcher. "A laptop is the perfect cover because the professor thinks you're taking notes."

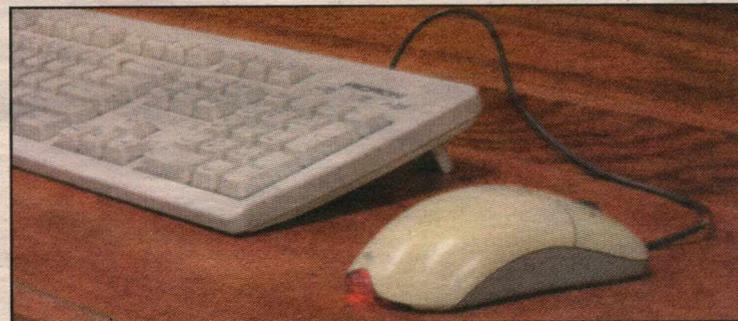
The UNT study also found that college students are more dependent on their cell phones than expected. The subjects became anxious

when they were separated from their mobile devices, especially their phones. With most



"Crusader" Editor-in-chief Amber Ford text messaging before deadline (photo by Andrea Hall).

phones containing up to 300 phone numbers, and the caller ID features, the researchers



said that their subjects no longer had any idea of the actual phone numbers of their contacts, making the devices a necessary accessory. "Forgetting to bring them along can be like forgetting to wear clothes," said McGaffey.

Though this study's results

were first reported in 2005, its results are still applicable two years later. Cell phones and laptops keep students connected to their families and friends, near and far, often right under their professors' noses. (UNT's news article can be found at: <http://web3.unt.edu/news>)

Facebook, MySpace transform communication, entertainment



Stephanie Elliott signs in on a Perk kiosk (Photo by Robin McConkey).

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

Facebook has become one of the main communication and entertainment sources of college students since its launch in 2004, and NNU is not exempt. Nearly 1,300 people who are or have been part of the NNU community are on Facebook, and over 500 of these are undergrad students.

This reporter interviewed 30 students, and out of those interviewed, 26 said they logged into Facebook every day. Half of those students said they log

into Facebook multiple times a day. Only one person said that Facebook was the fastest and most reliable way of contacting them—most said a phone call or texting was the most reliable way of contacting them—but a little under half said that they had used Facebook to find contact information for people, such as an e-mail address or phone number.

Since its launch in 2004, Facebook has gained more than 53 million members, quickly becoming one of the primary tools for communication among college students, family members, high school classmates and more. According to Facebook's statistics page, an average of 250,000 people register for a Facebook account every day.

So what makes Facebook so popular? The general consensus is that it's a good way to communicate with friends and family. Most of the students interviewed said that they use Facebook to keep in contact with friends or family

that they don't see on a regular basis. Several of the people interviewed said that they also use Facebook to communicate with friends that they do see on a regular basis.

"It's a good way to get to know people who go to your school because you can start to match names with faces based on their profile pictures," says sophomore Marissa Bartlett. "It also makes keeping in touch with high school friends easy, especially with the event invite feature Facebook has. Anytime there is a holiday and people come home from college, there are always gatherings and online is the easiest way to make sure everyone—or at least everyone with an account—is included."

So what about MySpace? MySpace is currently the largest social networking website out there, with over 200 million users, including bands and individual pages. The number of current NNU students on MySpace is 1,228, a smaller number than Facebook

users. Nonetheless, 27 of the students interviewed said that they had both a Facebook and a MySpace page.

Over half of those with accounts on both sites said that they preferred Facebook over MySpace because of friends and features. Senior Rebecca Wynkoop also pointed out that "Facebook is more personable, and feels safer. Myspace has inappropriate ads and it puts horoscopes on your page and there is no way to get rid of them. I guess my biggest reason would be the integrity of the program and my second biggest reason would be safety."

MySpace, began as a place for bands to share their music, generally attracts a younger crowd, while Facebook—founded by Harvard grad Mark Zuckerberg and originally intended to be a college networking website—attracts mostly college students and alumni. Facebook is gaining popularity, however, since creating networks for high schools and regional areas and allowing its members to create their own applications such as the iLike application, which allows members to put 30-second clips of their favorite songs on their website.

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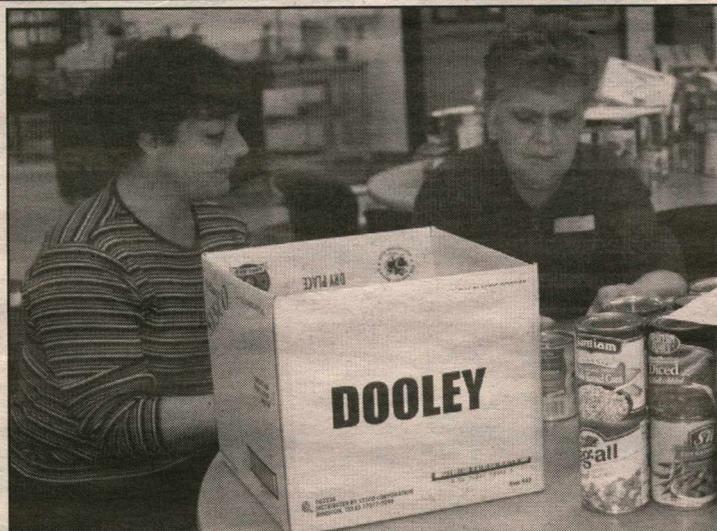
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Above: Culver RD Ryan Ketchum discovers a "Treet" while sorting food. Right: Dex employees Sue and Delane help tally up the contents of Dooley's donations box (photos by Robin McConkey).



Sodexho collects 711 lbs. of canned food

by RACHAEL FINCH

Sodexho continued their mission to stop hunger on Wednesday, November 7, with a campus-wide can drive. Students were asked to bring canned food to the cafeteria, and students without a meal plan were given one free meal in return for three cans of food.

America's Second Harvest National Network reports that 42% of clients that served the network had to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating oil,

35% had to choose between paying for food and paying

their rent or mortgage, and 32% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care. Andy Chaplin, NNU's Sodexho general manager, reported these statistics to the student body in Chapel, on Monday, November 5, to encourage students to get involved.

Sodexho's world wide initiative on stopping hunger has been in motion for over ten years. According to sodexho.com, the initiative has four components; volunteering, sharing Sodexho knowledge, food donations, and financial donations.

The can drive at NNU, which usually gathers 400 to 700 pounds of food, has been in place for at least five years, said Chaplin. However, in past years all nonperishable foods were accepted, while this year only canned food was accepted. This year, 803 cans were collected, totaling 711 pounds; an excellent showing, said Chaplin.

While all residence halls participated in the can drive, Corlett and Dooley were the top halls in donations, and over 120 people utilized the meal for food donation option, said Chaplin.

Knape in charge of fundraising contest for 'Invisible Children'

by IAN BAUDER

In an effort to give the children in Uganda a future, Invisible Children is promoting a fund-raising contest called "Schools For Schools," an initiative where academic institutions in the United States donate money to support education in Uganda. Currently there are 808 different schools enrolled in the program, one of which is NNU.

"Invisible Children wanted a way to help the children of Uganda by providing education" said Eric Knape, NNU's Community Relations Director. Knape is the person in charge of NNU's chapter of

the contest. "My job is to organize service projects throughout the year" said Knape. He explained that last year's Community Relations Coordinator Stephanie Rooks signed NNU up for the contest.

Knape said that NNU is responsible for raising money to help build teachers' accommodations at Gulu High school in Uganda. He said that he is planning several fundraising events specifically for Schools For Schools, including a benefit concert in the spring.

The contest, which started in October and will continue until February 1st, assigns each school to a "cluster" or group

of schools. The schools in each cluster compete to see who can raise the most money. Whichever school gets the most money out of their cluster will get to send a representative on an all-expense-paid trip to Uganda, where they will learn about Invisible Children's work in the country.

Currently the contest has raised around \$400,000 this year, and over \$1.2 million total. You can check NNU's ranking in the contest, see how much the school has raised, and learn more about the contest online at: s4s.invisiblechildren.com/school/northwest-nazarene-university.

Community outreach a monthly activity for Student Nursing Association

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Each month the Student Nurses' Association (SNA), led by president Angie Bower, selects a need in the community and plans an outreach activity/project to help that need. For November, SNA will be collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies for kids around the world.

November's outreach is coupled with Samaritan's Purse and their program, "Operation Christmas Child". Shoeboxes are assembled for children around the world, in poor areas, whose parents cannot afford Christmas presents. The shoeboxes are filled with toys, candy, school supplies, and hygiene items. Each class of nurses is competing to see who can donate the most boxes. Few boxes have been turned in so far.

To the class of nursing students who donates the most boxes, SNA is giving them 100 dollars to donate to the charity

of their choice. The average box costs about twenty to twenty five dollars to put together. The deadline for turning in these boxes is Nov. 15.

The boxes will be taken to Northwest Christian Credit Union for drop off. The Credit Union is having a party complete with goodies and a visit from a radio station to celebrate the drop-off of these boxes on Nov. 15.

September and October's activities included collecting board games and children's books to donate to local hospitals. In the next two weeks these books and games will be delivered to the pediatric and emergency departments of Mercy Medical Center, St. Alphonsus, and St. Luke's. These games and books are to entertain and distract kids while they are waiting for their parents or during their stay in the hospital.

Education Club hopes to thrive this year through activities

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

The Education Club's winter coat drive has been so successful that the club is planning on running it longer. "It's going really well," Ed Club president Dani Wilson says. "That's why we're running it for another week."

There is a box in each dorm for donated coats and students are invited to donate coats of all sizes. The coats donated go to elementary and secondary schools in Nampa to help disadvantaged kids brace the elements during the cold winters. Their current focus is Central Elementary School, but any extra coats will be distributed into other schools.

As of Monday, 72 coats have been collected. Members of the club took this first collection into the schools Monday. The drive will end this Friday and the second collection will be

distributed into the schools that day.

According to Wilson, the Education Club has been struggling or nonexistent in recent years and has just begun to start up again. As of now, plans for further drives and activities are undeveloped, but members of the club hope that it will continue to grow and thrive.

Student Life Events

Wednesday, November 14
9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Lisetta Cook

Friday, November 16
8:00 p.m.: Boise Philharmonic in Swayne Auditorium

Monday, November 19
Gifts for Nursing Homes due

Tuesday, November 20
8:00 p.m.: Concert Band in Swayne Auditorium
(Thursday through Saturday, look for Explore NNU kids and say hi!)

Marmots and Dynasty win intramural championships

by IAN BAUDER

The Marmots powderpuff team and the Dynasty flag football team both won by scores of 6-0 to win the NNU intramural championships last Saturday. The games were played in a rare downpour under the lights of the Nampa High School Bulldog Bowl.

The Marmots, playing against the undefeated Bloodbath, won the coin toss and elected to kick.

For most of the first half, the game seesawed back and forth, neither team able to get into an offensive rhythm. Key mistakes and turnovers throughout most of the half marred any analysis of which team was truly better.

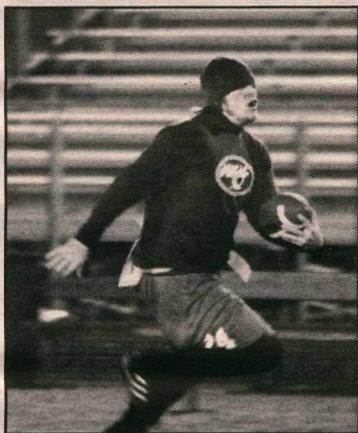
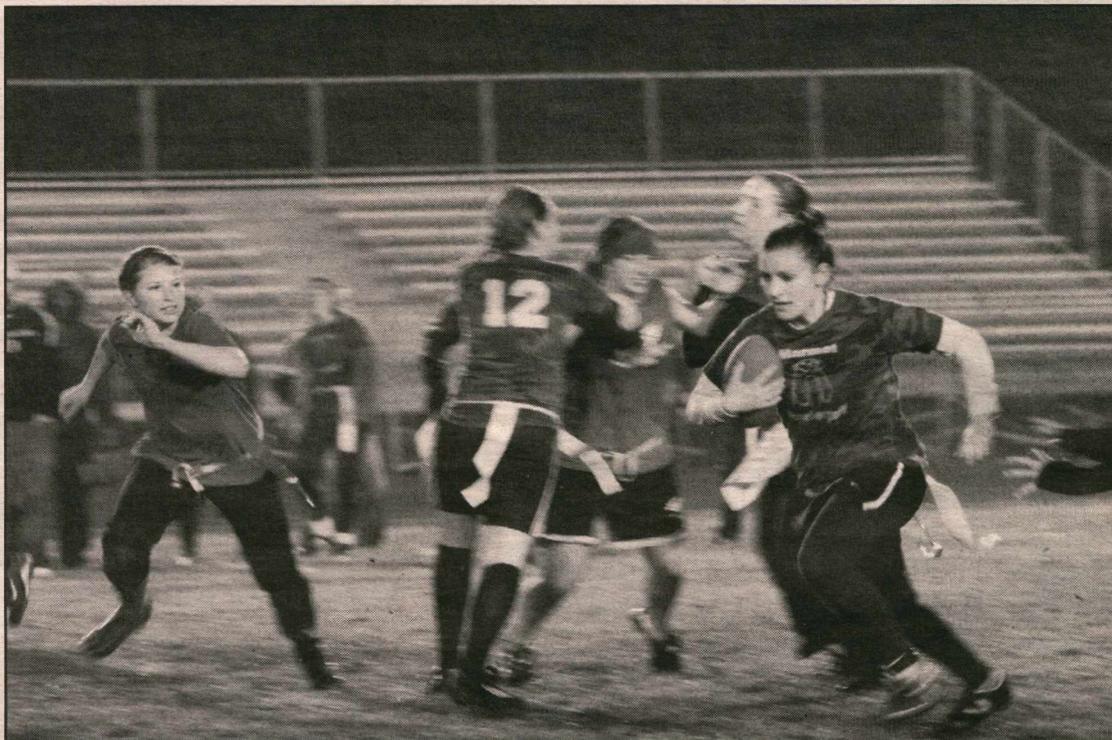
Bloodbath tailback Jessie Monroe was a star for the night, making several key plays, but the Marmots held their ground.

Towards the end of the first half, Marmot senior Jenn Stetz ran for considerable yardage, managing to score what would be the game's only points.

Bloodbath responded with a big push, driving within striking distance, but they ran out of time and were unable to score.

The second half saw lots of missed opportunities. Despite Bloodbath's best efforts, and a last-ditch drive down the field, the Marmots held on and took the win.

In the men's game, BLT faced off against Dynasty. Both made



Above: Marmot Amy Sever runs for a big gain with Jessie Monroe not far behind. Left: BLT quarterback Jeff Shaw sneaks down the field (photos by Robin McConkey).

Mike Hoyt intercepted the ball deep in Dynasty territory, but Dynasty's defense was able to hold them until halftime.

Towards the beginning of the second half, Dynasty defensive lineman Marshall Schultz returned an interception for the game-winning touchdown, but failed to get the extra point. Neither team would score again, clinching the championship for Dynasty.

Trenton Harding, speaking for Dynasty, said that he credits their victory to the "defensive

secondary as a whole," also noting that the entire team put forth a winning effort.

Jordan Freiburghaus, a member of BLT, said that he doesn't think that there was a flaw with the strategy his team had, but that they "didn't make some key plays," and "paid for it in the end."

With both The Marmots and Dynasty being largely disbanded due to graduations, be on the lookout for new rivalries next season.

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"...I didn't run to win the race and try to compete with the leader. I ran to try and place in the top five because that would qualify me for Nationals."

Q: Have you ever been in an on-track fight?

A: "No, sadly. The most you can do is throw elbows, but that usually only happens at the beginning of a big race, or if runners are really close to one another. Sometimes you can get spiked, too. There can be a lot of trash talk."

Q: How much do you train?

A: "I train six days a week, and lift about three times a week. I have around three 'hard' days/week, two 'easy days,' and one 'long' day. A 'hard' day is about equal to a race distance. I think I run between 50-55 miles a week."

Q: Who do you have to thank for your success?

A: "First, I have the Lord because He has provided me with the talent to run. It really doesn't matter how many medals that a person gets. It all comes down to whether it is for your own glory or for His. There's also no way I'd be anywhere close to where I am without the coaches or the team. Having a team makes a drastic difference. Also, my friends and family. There's no way I can take the credit even though people sometimes try to hand it to me."

Q: Are you nervous?

A: "No. I probably will be when I get there. I'm really excited, more than I ever have been. Never in my life did I think making Nationals was a possibility. It's really been a dream come true. It taught me that believing can make a huge difference... in addition to putting in the hard work, having fun, staying positive, and choosing to focus more on others than myself."

Volleyball team headed for NCAA Div. II postseason for first time

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Women's volleyball finished up their regular season this weekend with victories against Seattle University and Montana State, earning them their first postseason appearance since switching from the NAIA to NCAA Division II.

Over the two games, sophomore Cammy Dranginis proved her worth with a total of 23 kills. Loni Evenson led the Crusaders against Seattle University on Thursday, netting 17 digs. Senior Kristy

Wigren had an outstanding 18 digs against Montana State University-Billings.

NNU is one of 64 teams invited to the NCAA National Volleyball tournament after their ranking of sixth in the Pacific Regional poll. The top eight teams from each district are invited to participate.

The Crusaders, who finished 18-8 (12-6, GNAC), are making their first tourney appearance since joining NCAA Division II in the 2000-2001 season. They finished third in the conference, tied with Central Washington

University.

Members of the team have also been named to the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Academic All-Conference Volleyball team. To qualify athletes must have a minimum GPA of 3.2 and be in their second year on the team. Wigren leads the team in her third consecutive year with a GPA of 3.95. Evenson and Chelsea Pelton join Wigren as second-time academic members, with Allison James and Dranginis making their first All-Conference Academic team.

The Crusaders will find themselves pitted against third-seated UC San Diego in the NCAA Division II Pacific Regional. The game, a first-round match of the NCAA National Volleyball Tournament, takes place in San Bernardino tomorrow. NNU faced UC-San Diego on August 31 in Hawaii, losing 0-3.

UC San Diego finished with a 19-7 overall record, and finished as runner-up to host Cal State San Bernardino in the California Collegiate Athletic Association at 13-5.

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11/10, at MSU Bill., W 3-1

Upcoming Games:

11/15, at UC-San Diego
(NCAA Div. II Tournament)

Men's Basketball

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Upcoming Games:

11/16, at Chico St. Univ.,
5:00 PM (Ellensburg, WA)
11/17 at Notre Dame de
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Women's Basketball

Scores:

11/6, at Weber State Univ.,
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Upcoming Games:

11/16, at Cal State-
Stanislaus, 5:30 PM
11/17, at Cal State-
Dominguez Hills, 7:30

Hoops teams fall in Utah

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

Both of NNU's basketball teams were defeated in exhibition games this weekend in Utah.

The ladies played Friday against Weber State University and managed a halftime lead of 29-24, but Weber State came back strong, winning 75-54.

Ahkiyah Hunter scored a game-high 15 points to lead the Wildcats. Hunter was helped by her teammates Caitlin Anderson and Sara Tuomi, who scored 12 and 13 points, respectively. Anderson scored all of her points in the form of three-pointers, making 4 of 5 on the night.

Lindsay Brady was the top scorer for the Crusaders at 13

points. Kristin Hein helped with 10 points, and also nabbed 12 rebounds—compared with 10 team points and 11 rebounds on the Homecoming game against the alumni team.

While NNU's defense held Weber State to 37 percent shooting in the first half, Weber State rebounded by shooting almost 60 percent in the second half. Weber State shot 16-of-20 from the free throw line in the second half.

Weber State also played excellent defense throughout the game, holding NNU to 28 percent shooting in the first half.

The women's team opens the regular season next weekend in Turlock, Calif., playing against Cal-State Stanislaus and Cal-State Dominguez Hills.

At the men's game on Tuesday night, the University of Utah led by 20 points at half-time (42-22) and more than doubled their score in the second half of the game, soundly beating the Crusaders 88-43.

NNU hung tough at times, but Utah runs of 11-2 (first half) and 17-0 (second half) ended the game for NNU.

Luke Nevill scored a game-high 19 points for the Utes, and also tied a game-high eight rebounds. Ute teammate Stephen Weigh chipped in 17 points, shooting 6-for-6 in field goals, including 3-for-3 in three-pointers. Kim Tillie added 4 of 5 three-pointers for the evening.

NNU's two top scorers, Tyler Roberts and Adam Shildmyer, helped out with 10 and 9 points, respectively.

Overall, Utah shot 62 percent from the field (33-54), while NNU made only 29 percent (13-54) of their attempts.

The men's regular season opens next Friday in Ellensburg, Wash. with a game against Chico State University.

Vikings' Peterson tears ligament one week after breaking record

by DEREK DE ROOY and the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coach Brad Childress said Monday that Peterson tore his lateral collateral ligament in the Vikings' 34-0 loss to Green Bay. Peterson will not require surgery, Childress said.

Packers cornerback Al Harris hit Peterson in the knee, and the star rookie writhed in pain on the field for several minutes in a scary scene.

Losing the only offensive star it has will be a devastating blow to a unit that has struggled in every game Peterson has not topped 200 yards rushing this season. It's been a one-man show in Minnesota, with Peterson accounting for 1,081 of the team's 1,551 yards rushing and eight of the team's 10 touchdowns rushing.

Now the Vikings will turn to veteran Chester Taylor, who topped 1,200 yards rushing last season. Taylor, is averaging 5 yards per carry this season in a backup role.

"The good news is that the knee is otherwise stable and the injury is isolated to that ligament," Childress said. "I'm told that's a good healing ligament."

Childress said this is not a season-ending injury, but he did not talk about when Peterson might be back.

"I'm real hesitant to put a timeline on that thing," Childress said.

Peterson, the No. 7 overall pick out of Oklahoma, was hurt just a week after he set an NFL single-game rushing record 296 yards in a victory over San Diego. Peterson was on pace to break the record for rushing yards by a rookie.

Team doctors told Children that with ligament tears graded on a three-point scale, with three being the worst, Peterson's tear is "two-plus." It's not as serious as an anterior cruciate ligament tear, which would have required surgery and ended Peterson's brilliant rookie season.

"Coyotes"

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to 35 free throw attempts for C of I. And despite shooting only 54 percent from the line, the 19 made free throws were 18 more than NNU.

NNU opened the game with guns blazing, while C of I played a sloppy first 10 minutes, and NNU ran to an 18-2 lead to start the game. But a series of NNU mistakes led to a 15-4 run by C of I, climbing back to a score of 22-17. Glaring was C of I's ability to draw fouls, and Gielow landed his third foul with 36 seconds left in the first half.

With time winding down in the first half, Parnell and Gielow scored on a series of layups to end the half with a 6-0 run.

Following halftime, the Crusaders continued to play careless basketball, and along with a number of hotly argued calls, the Coyotes opened with

a 7-0 run. They pulled to their first lead since the opening basket with over 13 minutes to play, the score reading 34-33. NNU's Simmons fought back with a three-point play to tie the game at 36 with 11:54 left on the clock, and the two teams would fight back and forth as the score mounted.

But shots began dropping for the Coyotes as they jumped out to a significant lead. With time running out for NNU, intentional fouls started sending Coyote after Coyote to the line. With hope gone, the Crusaders still couldn't knock down many of their open looks.

NNU travels to Ellensburg, Wash. later this week, to play non-conference games against Chico State and Notre Dame de Namur. The Crusaders won't be back home until Nov. 24.

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“Pass me D-Rock” - This year’s Durant

by DEREK DE ROOY

I felt a coolness running through my room, and boy, did it hit me. Not a coldness, but more a crisp, fresh tinge to the atmosphere. Something that cleared all the smoke, cleared the air with its relative purity. Suddenly I realized it. College basketball had begun.

In my younger years, college basketball wasn’t even a blip on my radar. I was an NBA boy, and for all the right reasons. The quality of play was better; it had to be, only a few college players were chosen every year. The TV coverage was more consistent—this was when I watched Sonics games religiously (you know, back when they won games).

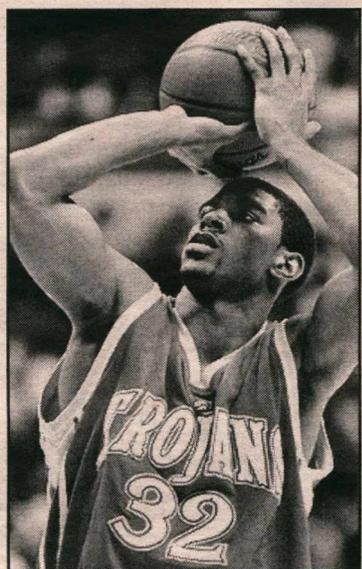
Perhaps most importantly, you couldn’t ever completely count an NBA team out—some nights they just had a little something extra.

About the time I came to college, however, my opinion changed. There were the fights. Then came the shootings. Followed shortly thereafter by the banishment of leggings. Now there are new officiating scandals every few months.

At some point, I realized that I’d come from the state of Washington, the world’s leading exporter of “snatching defeat from the hands of victory.”

I grew up watching the Sonics, Seahawks, Mariners, and in more recent years, Wazzu football (go Cougs). Every game was a heartbreak.

Through this disappointment, I heard the names Kevin



We get to see how good O.J. Mayo is this season (photo by AP).

Durant and Greg Oden. Collegiate ball got more intriguing to me as I lapped up any and every article about them that I could. When March Madness rolled around, the purity of pride and competition in a month-long tournament became apparent to me. Throw in the fact that the top two picks in this past season’s NBA draft went to the

two closest teams to my home, and college basketball was “in.”

Forget that I was all for Seattle getting Oden. Forget that I followed the billboard rules “Once for Oden, Twice for Durant” by honking twice while in Portland. Whether I was right to pick Oden over Durant or not remains to be seen. It’s not like the Sonics will be in Seattle next season anyway.

But to be fair (and to jump in with every other reporter/columnist who knows it’s never too early to look to the future), who will be this year’s fantastic freshmen?

Who will blow teams out of the water? Whose potential will cause us to drool? Who will make the painful jump to the NBA a successful season, and who will decide to stay in college for another year?

There are plenty.

Guards O.J. Mayo (USC), Eric Gordon (Indiana), and Derrick Rose (Memphis), forward Michael Beasley of Kansas State, and UCLA center Kevin Love have already put up huge numbers in their first games.

Any one of these players could be the “missing link” to teams on the verge of a championship.

Will they be great? This season had better tell, because next year, they’ll probably turn pro.

Braun, Pedroia win Rookie of Year awards; Sabathia wins A.L. Cy Young award

by DEREK DE ROOY and the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ryan Braun won the NL Rookie of the Year award in one of the closest votes. Dustin Pedroia ran away with the AL honor.

Braun, Milwaukee’s slugging third baseman, edged Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki by two points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America.

Called up from Triple-A in late May, Braun hit .324 with 34 home runs and 97 RBIs.

Pedroia, Boston’s second baseman, hit .317 with eight homers and 50 RBIs, easily topping Tampa Bay outfielder Delmon Young. Voting was done before Pedroia helped lead the Red Sox to the World Series title.

C. C. Sabathia won the AL Cy Young Award on Tuesday, topping Boston ace Josh Beckett and two other contenders by a comfortable margin to become the first Cleveland Indians pitcher in 35 years to earn the honor.

Sabathia received 19 of 28 first-place votes and finished with 119 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America. Beckett was second with eight first-place votes and 86 points.

Voting took place before the postseason, when Sabathia struggled as Beckett put together a string of dominant outings to help Boston win the World Series.

Beckett trounced Sabathia twice in the AL championship series and went 4-0 with a 1.20 ERA in four postseason starts, striking out 35 and walking two. Sabathia was 1-2 with an 8.80 ERA and 13 walks in three playoff outings.

John Lackey of the Los Angeles Angels came in third, and Cleveland’s Fausto Carmona was fourth.

Sabathia went 19-7 with a 3.21 ERA and 209 strikeouts, pitching a major league-high 241 innings. He is the first black pitcher to win a Cy Young Award since Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets in 1985 -- and the first in the AL since Oakland’s Vida Blue in 1971.

The 27-year-old Sabathia also walked only 37 batters, giving him a remarkable strikeout-to-walk ratio that took pressure off his defense all season.

“I think just keeping down the walks,” Sabathia said, “being able to go deep in the games, I think was the biggest deal in helping me win this.”

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New England	9	0	0	1.000	355	147
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	143	166
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	159	228
Miami	0	9	0	.000	176	257

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778	265	149
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	183	164
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	178	152
Houston	4	5	0	.444	203	226

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	253	126
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556	255	264
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	138	178
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	219	251

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	212	185
Denver	4	5	0	.444	153	238
Kansas City	4	5	0	.444	135	173
Oakland	2	7	0	.222	152	177

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	1	0	.889	296	195
N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	220	190
Washington	5	4	0	.556	177	193
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	189	180

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	5	4	0	.556	164	144
Carolina	4	5	0	.444	150	181
New Orleans	4	5	0	.444	202	223
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	135	182

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	1	0	.889	228	142
Detroit	6	3	0	.667	221	216
Chicago	4	5	0	.444	161	187
Minnesota	3	6	0	.333	166	188

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	4	0	.556	191	141
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	188	195
San Francisco	2	7	0	.222	104	210
St. Louis	1	8	0	.111	136	248



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'American Gangster' could rank among cult classic films

Movie Review

by AMBER FORD

Director Ridley Scott (*Kingdom of Heaven*, *Black Hawk Down*) has put together another brilliant drama with *American Gangster*, a poignant story about the rise and fall of crime boss Frank Lucas, starring Academy Award winner Denzel Washington.

American Gangster tells the true story of Lucas (played by Washington), a Harlem crime boss that was responsible for bringing in thousands of kilos of heroin during the Vietnam War, smuggling it via the United States military. Richie Roberts (Russell Crowe) is the narcotics officer given the task to bring down the heroin breakout in N.J. and catch Lucas in the act.

As Lucas rises to power, he also has to contend with a

pre-established Italian mafia presence in N.Y. We see a rags-to-riches story where Lucas backstabs and kills the competition in order to get ahead. Washington does a phenomenal job and shows how well he can handle

the bad guy role, which seems similar to his character in *Training Day*. I wouldn't be surprised if he pulls off another nomination for *American Gangster*.

Throughout the movie, Roberts is forced to contend with

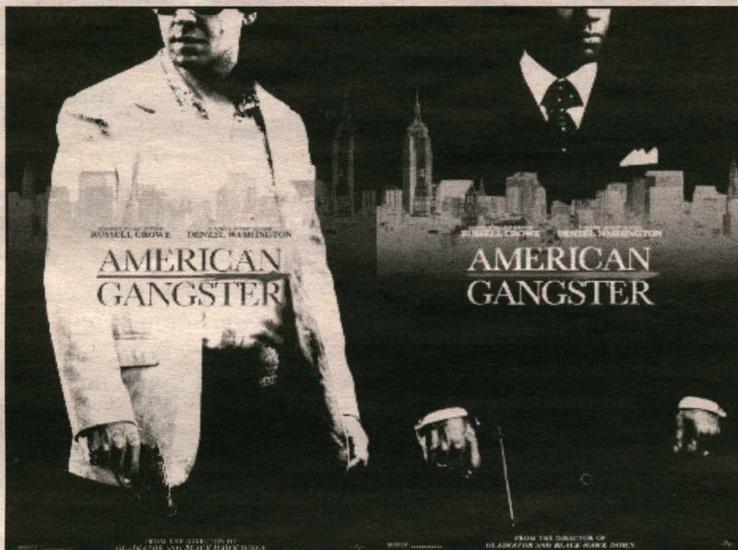
his own personal demons and a ring of corrupt police officers determined to keep Lucas in business. Crowe does an amazing job portraying the character and is a fairly believable cop. He could easily get another nomination in addition to his win for *Gladiator*. Josh Brolin also gives another notable performance for his role as crooked-cop Detective Trupo.

In addition to the acting, the setting of the story adds another element. Set with the Vietnam War as the backdrop, you can follow the plot by the historical events they coincide with. It was unbelievable to those at the time that an African-American man could become more powerful than the already established Italian mob since this came at the tail-end of the Civil Rights Movement.

This film has a lot of fabulous

points, but it also holds some caution for viewers. Its R rating is based on violence, pervasive drug content and language, nudity and sexuality. Certain scenes show graphic violence and full female nudity. Other less desirable points of the movie include heroine injections and vulgar language. Even though it adds authenticity to the situation and to the time period being shown in the film, anyone who feels strongly against these things should not go and see *American Gangster*.

Despite these points of contention, *American Gangster* was a great film that I would recommend to anyone who is a fan of mafia dramas such as *The Godfather* or *Scarface*. It could easily find itself in the ranks of these cult classics in the future.



American Gangster stars Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington (picture by www.empirecinemas.co.uk).



Top ten classic games for NES

by T.J. BARR

There are certain games that bring a sparkle to the gamer's eye, games that can only be described as classic. They stick in the player's mind, forever bringing feelings of nostalgia. For older gamers it's Pong and Space Invaders, for the young crowd it's Twisted Metal and Spyro the Dragon, but those

born in the eighties generation remember the true greats. Heroes like Link, Mario, Samus and Megaman will always remind players of the best times, when the games were about the fun and the gameplay rather than the graphics and the violence. These games hold a special place in our hearts and our thumbs. So dust off the old NES and plug one of the classics in. In case you've forgotten them, here are the games that put a smile on many a young face:

1. *Donkey Kong*: The first appearance of Mario, that hero among plumbers. Run, jump, and climb to save Mario's girlfriend, all while an ape tries to squash him with barrels.

2. *Super Mario Bros*: Save the princess, save the world and do it all by dropping a giant lizard into lava.

3. *The Legend of Zelda*: Again with the saving of a princess,

but this time it's accomplished by poking the Prince of Darkness, Ganon, with a sword.

4. *Megaman*: Lead the little blue robot to victory against the evil Doctor Wily and his mess of mechanical henchmen. Kill a boss, gain his power. Weapon collection at its finest.

5. *Battletoads*: One of the first 3-D brawlers. Punch, kick and wrestle through hordes of rat people, angry birds, and killer robots. Plus, it's a chance to play as a giant anthropomorphic toad.

6. *Metroid*: Hunt aliens as the ruthless bounty hunter Samus Aran, one of the best female protagonists in any game in history. Two words sum up her cool factor: arm cannon.

7. *Final Fantasy*: This is the game that birthed a legend. Father of one of the most loved series in gaming history, this is what RPG's should strive to be.

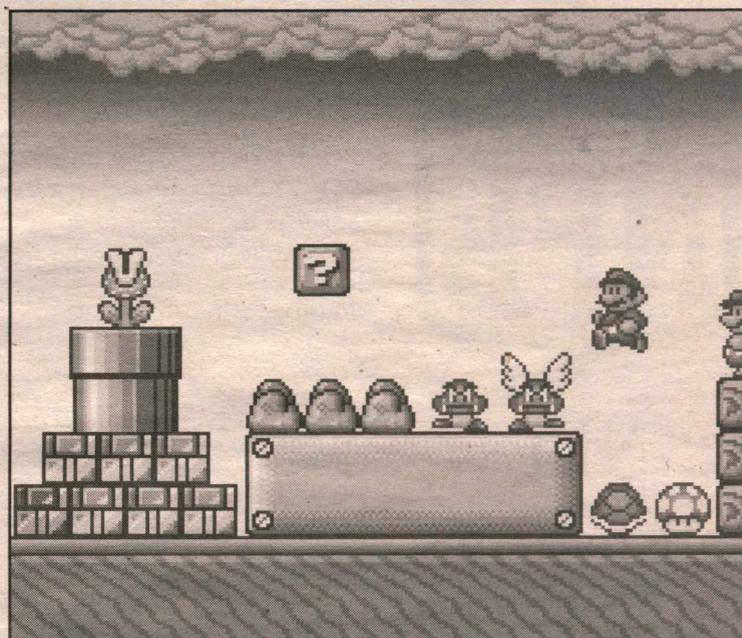
8. *Castlevania*: Vampire hunting at its finest. Wield the

Belmont family whip in a vengeance driven quest to slay Dracula.

9. *Duck Hunt*: An early hunting game featuring a flock of ducks, a light gun (who hunts

ducks with a pistol?), and a sarcastic dog.

10. *Ninja Gaiden*: One word, ninja. That's all that needs to be said.



Super Mario Brothers is a gamer's favorite for N.E.S. (picture from www.rfgd.com).

'Dog' suspended for use of racial slur

by DEREK DE ROOY

Duane "Dog" Chapman, star of the hit reality show "Dog the Bounty Hunter," has been put under the microscope for using a racial slur in a phone conversation with his son.

A&E, who airs Dog's show, has suspended production of season five. A&E has also pulled reruns of the show that play during its primetime programming schedule.

Chapman's son, Tucker, recorded a March phone conversation between the two, and released the tape to the National Enquirer for a reported \$15,000. The younger Chapman had been released on paroll after serving four years of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

The slur in subject was used in reference to Tucker's girlfriend, one Monique Shinnery. According to the phone conversation, Dog would not allow his son to hold a job with the show if his son did not break up with Shinnery. The elder Chapman, reacting to his suspension in an interview with Larry King, had only words of apology regarding the circumstances.

"I heard this girl was maybe not being the best for Tucker



A&E has suspended production of Duane "Dog" Chapman's show (photo by www.msnbc.msn.com).

-- and I'll leave it like that -- so I tried to interfere. I don't care if she is black at all. He's on parole for a 20 year sentence and if he messes up he goes back.

"All I want him to know is that I love him very much."

In an interview with Hannity & Colmes, Dog also explained why he had used the word for so long.

"There's a special connection that I thought I had between me and black America. And I used to say, 'I'm black, too.' In other words, my whole life I've been called a half-breed, a convict, king of the trailer trash, this and that... so when I stood there and said, 'I kind of know what you

feel like, because I've been there, too,' that I felt that I could embrace and like, as brothers... say the word. I now learned I'm not black at all, and I never did it out of hate. This sounds so stupid. I always did it out of love. Other white guys would be like, 'Boy, who does Dog think he is? Dog can say that.' And black guys would be with me and walk with me and respect me. So, I went too far with that."

To fix his vocabulary problem, Chapman has enrolled in classes that help individuals lose urges to spout terms so commonly frowned upon. Chapman has also expanded his interaction with the African-American

community, learning some of their history and culture.

Upon visiting a historic burial ground in Mount Vernon for slaves, Chapman decided he wanted to be laid there himself. "I want to be buried right where they're at, because I will never be forgiven as I'm alive. And you and I know that... Children will come to [the burial ground] saying, 'Why is Dog buried there? Why is that white man laid there?' And [they're parents will] be able to say, 'Because that white man made a terrible mistake and he requested that.'"

"That sounds like, you know, a crazy thing to say," he continued. "But to myself I'm doing that so that everyone will know, even after I'm dead and gone, I am sorry."

"I know the story, and I know America's story. But I never realized that [using the N-word is] like stabbing a black person in the heart," said Chapman. "I would never do that to any kind of person. I've always taken pride to be the white guy that can talk to the black people, that can refer to them truly as a brother from a different mother. But this is America and this is entertainment, and that doesn't fly there."

Band Profile

by RACHAEL FINCH

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Iron and Wine

Genre:
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Members:

Sam Beam

Hometown:

Texas

Available recordings:

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Influences:

Tom Waits

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Sam Beam is Iron and Wine (picture by <http://www.myspace.com/ironandwine>).

Classic romance film review: where have all the chick flicks gone?

by RACHAEL FINCH

Boy meets girl; boy falls in love with girl; conflict arises; conflict is resolved, and they live happily ever after. This is the chick flick formula that fans know and love. However, as of late Hollywood has been deviating from this formula, creating the mutant child of chick flicks; movies like *Georgia Rule*, starring Lindsay Lohan.

This is the only movie genre that requires no innovation whatsoever. Fans do not expect, desire, or enjoy these twists. They do not make life more interesting; they pollute a pure and timeless story line. Thus,

the following list contains ten classic chick flicks, for fans like myself, who simply miss the good old days of romantic films.

1. *Casablanca*: Representing the days when movies had social and political awareness as well as romance.

2. *Roman Holiday*: Audrey Hepburn is, as usual, marvelous in this movie.

3. *Say Anything*: Lloyd Dobler (John Cusack) making girls swoon and making guys miserable. Thanks for raising the bar Lloyd.

4. *Love Story*: Prepare for a good cry.

5. *Pretty in Pink*: Molly Ringwald, the Audrey Hepburn of the 80's.

6. *Sleepless in Seattle*: Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks long before *You've Got Mail*.

7. *While You Were Sleeping*: Don't just fall in love with the man, fall in love with his entire family.

8. *Where the Heart Is*: If you think your life is rough, try having a baby in Wal-Mart.

9. *A Walk to Remember*: Another tear jerker. Nicholas Sparks is good at that.

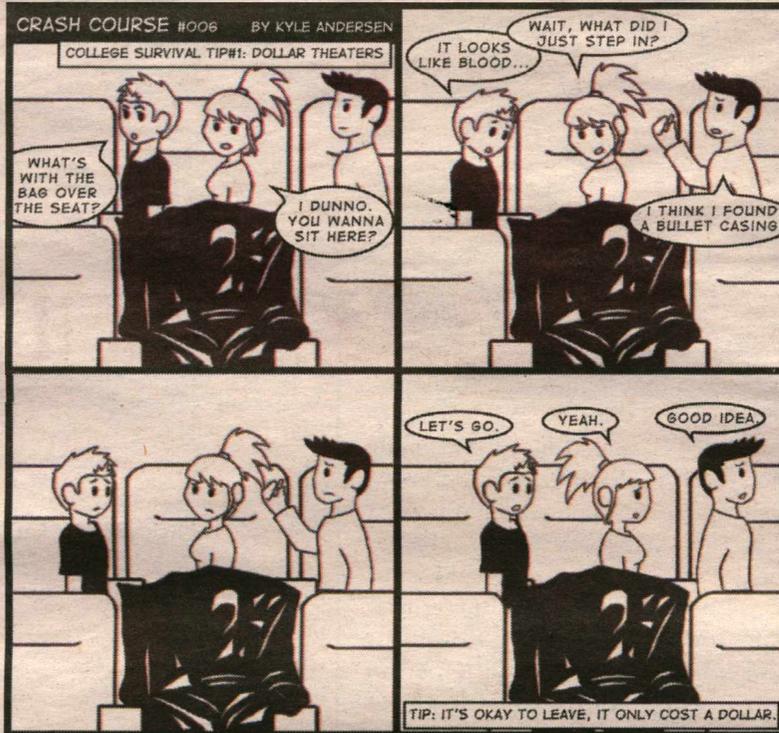
10. *Ever After*: What better premise than a Cinderella reprise?

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