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Crusaders take Thanksgiving matchups

by DEREK DEROOY

NNU's basketball teams undefeated went over Thanksgiving break, with the ladies winning two and the men winning one. Our girls beat Cal State Stanislaus on Friday night by a score of 72-61, and Humboldt State the next night with a final score of 95-87. The men won handily beat Pacific University on Saturday night, by a score of 75-69.

Janee Olds led NNU against Cal State with 18 points, including 16 in the second half. Olds shot 4-of-7 from beyond the arc in the second half. Kristin Hein added 14 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Assistant Coach Ryan McCarthy noted the team's defensive effort, saying, "I think we played pretty good defense. We were real aggressive and played real good on ball defense."

The following night, NNU (3-1) hosted the ladies' team from Humboldt State, who had lost an 82-80 nailbiter to Western Oregon the night before.

Crusader Jennifer Williams led the team with 24 points and 11 boards, and Hein added another double-double, chipping in 17 points and 11 boards of her own. Olds managed to keep up the hot

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Gas prices hit an all time high Consumers feel the crunch during the holiday season

by TONY NAPIER

Oil prices have reached historic highs this past month topping out at nearly \$100 a barrel. With the national average for a gallon of gas at nearly \$3.10 consumers do not seem to be having difficulty adjusting, except of course college students.

"It's the worse time of the year for something like this. Christmas is supposed to be a time of sharing and giving to those you love...not over paid oil executives" said social work major Joseph Seiders.

With the holidays beginning gas prices did not seem to be keeping shoppers and travelers at home. According to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which tracks sales at over 50,000 retail outlets, combined sales for Friday and

Saturday grew 7.2 percent to \$16.4 billion. According to National Retail Federation, or NRF, more than 147 million consumers hit the stores on Black Friday weekend, a 4.8 percent growth from last year.

"What can you do, really? There were such good deals that it would have been insane to stay at home. Despite the price of gas we still saved money" said Alicia Napier.

Experts have contributed the spiked oil prices to several different factors including turmoil in the Middle East, the demand from China and India, the sagging value of the dollar, and a shortage of oil engineers. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. On Wednesday, after Saudi Arabia's oil minister Ali Al-Naimi declared the world markets were well

cartel meeting scheduled next week, the price of oil dropped to \$94.42. Experts expect this trend to continue until

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Gas prices pinch the pocketbook (photo by Robin McConkey).

injection of 500,000 more barrels to the world market daily by OPEC.

supplied ahead of an OPEC the market stabilizes with oil

Plans announced for sculpture garden outside Brandt Center

Sunday

by ANDREA HALL

Friday

A new sculpture installation will soon adorn the lawn in front of the Brandt Center. Made possible by donations from a former faculty member and others, the installation has suffered some delays, but Vice President of Financial Affairs Joel Pearsall hopes that the project will soon be underway once more.

Hi: 35°, Low: 18°

Partly sunny.

"We at one point had hoped to have the work completed by Homecoming 2007, but that was not possible," said Pearsall of the delays. "It is now our objective to have the project completed by Commencement 2008 "

The installation will consist of a life-size bronze elk, sculpted by Idaho artist Danny Edwards, standing beside a water feature. NNU should be

Hi: 35°, Low: 21°

Mostly cloudy.

Saturday

familiar with Edwards' work; he sculpted both the large eagle and the stagecoach sculptures in the Brandt Center.

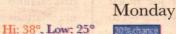
Funds for the sculpture and installation water fountain, which will cost around \$65,000, have come from many donors. One donor of note that the school was able to release is Mary Shaffer, the former director of the art department. She had a long

30% chance rain.

career at NNC/U and wants to give back to the university, according to Pearsall. Shaffer has done so in many ways, most recently by helping coordinate tenth anniversary the celebration and installation of a permanent collection in the Friesen Galleries, as well as the planned sculpture garden.

Currently, though, the area

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Hi: 41°, Low: 27° 30% chance snow.



Political Spotlight Part 7 in an 8 part series on presidential candidates by TREVAN HAUCK

Democratic Senator Joe Biden (Del.) has been a contender for the presidential nomination since January of this year.



Involved in congressional affairs, Senator Biden has been called by many as one of the nation's most

powerful and influential voices on foreign relations, terrorism, drug policy, and crime prevention" (Senate.gov).

Biden has been an underdog on the democratic race and some accusations have arisen that the media has been short time and avoiding publicity for him and other less popular candidates.

While energy resources and climate issues have been discussed by candidates on both sides of the line, Senator Biden has made these things top priorities in his campaign. His goals include establishing the U.S as a leader in resolving the climate change issues as well as allocating more government money on developing technology that utilizes renewable energy sources.

Senator Biden also purposes a unique plan for an Iraq that he promises will "bring our troops home without leaving chaos behind." His plan calls for creating a federal state in Iraq with a central government. This would work by connecting the shiites, sunnis, and kurds together who will have their own governing abilities over themselves in relation the central government not unlike our states do to our federal system.

For more information on Democratic Senator Joe Biden and his political views log on to www.joebiden.com

Republican YouTube debate results in a barrage of heated attacks



Florida's Gov. Charlie Crist, left, introduces the Republican candidates debate in St. Petersburg, Fla. Left to right: Former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Texas Rep. Ron Paul. and Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif (photo by Associated Press).

by ALLI SCHISLER

Eight Republican presidential hopefuls appeared Wednesday night for their party's first CNN/YouTube debate live in St. Petersburg, Florida. The Republican Party of Florida cosponsored the event.

Candidates Rudy Guiliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, Fred Thompson, and Duncan Hunter were involved in YouTube's live forum which featured questions submitted to YouTube which were broadcasted and answered by GOP candidates on CNN.

According to CNN, the network's political team viewed nearly 5,000 videos for the GOP debate, which were about 2,000 more than they saw for the Democrats' debate which took place in July.

Sam Feist, CNN's political director, says, "The issues that are important to YouTube voters were absolutely different than what we saw submitted for the Democratic debate." Questions ranged from poignant to mocking.

Anderson Cooper moderated. The debate began with questions about immigration and granting amnesty to illegal immigrants, "If you become president of the United States, will you continue to aid and abet illegal immigrants?"

discussed his success in eliminating crime by illegal immigrants. Romney responded, "If you're here illegally, you should not be here."

Giuliani attacked Romney's personal practices, saying Romney lives not only in a "sanctuary city," but also a "sanctuary mansion" referring to Romney's alleged hiring of illegal immigrants.

McCain did not answer the question directly, but turned the debate to religion with his response: "These [illegal immigrants] are God's children as well....they need some of our love and compassion."

Candidates were asked what three federal programs they would cut to decrease spending.

Ron Paul responded without hesitation citing the Departments of Education, Energy, and Homeland Security, calling the latter the "biggest bureaucracy we've ever had."

Thompson wavered, eventually citing the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Homeland Security.

Most candidates cited support of the war on terrorism. Paul, though, said, "The best commitment we can make to the Iraqi people is to give them their country back." McCain responded ambiguously, "We never lost a battle in Vietnam."

arguably received the most talk time, fumbled when responding to a question concerning the relevance of scripture.

When asked about the current military don't-ask-don'ttell policy, Romney said, "This isn't the time for gays and lesbians to serve openly." McCain said, "Almost unanimously they [military personnel] tell me this present policy is working."

Candidates were asked, if they would sign a ban on all abortion if Roe v. Wade was overturned. Giuliani said he would leave the decision to the states, while Thompson said citizens should first focus on overturning Roe v. Wade. Romney, who was at one time pro-choice, said, "I would be delighted to sign the bill ... but that is not where American is."

Grover Norquist, founder of Americans for Tax Reform asked, "Will you promise to oppose and veto any effort to raise tax as president." Each candidate responded affirmatively, though some added qualifications.

The debate was dominated by Giuliani, Romney, Thompson, and McCain. Duncan, Paul, Hunter, and Tancredo received significantly less talk time.

The CNN/YouTube debate was broadcast in the student center. The Middle Eastern Affairs Club sponsored the event.

Top leaders convene in Annapolis at Middle East Summit

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli and Palestinian leaders agreed Tuesday to immediately resume long-stalled peace talks toward creating an independent Palestinian state by the end of next year, using the U.S.-arranged Mideast peace conference to launch the first serious and substantive negotiations in seven years.

In a joint statement read by President Bush, Israeli

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert whether and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pledged:

"We express our determination to bring an end to bloodshed, suffering and decades of conflict between our peoples; to usher in a new era of peace, based on freedom, security, justice, dignity, respect and mutual recognition; to propagate a culture of peace and nonviolence; to confront terrorism and incitement,

committed by Palestinians or Israelis."

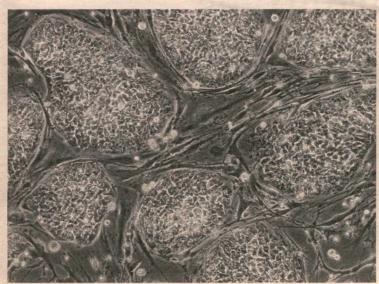
We agree to immediately launch good-faith bilateral negotiations in order to conclude a peace treaty resolving all outstanding issues, including all core issues without exception, as specified in previous agreements," it continued. "We agree to engage in vigorous, ongoing and continuous negotiations and shall make every effort to

conclude an agreement before the end of 2008."

It was not clear until Bush stepped to the podium in the majestic Memorial Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy, that the two sides would come together on how to move forward on the path toward peace.

The first peace talks are to be held Dec. 12, Bush said, and are to continue biweekly after that.

New research fuels embryonic stem cell controversy



Highly magnified image of human embryonic stem cells (photo by Wiki Commons).

by ALLI SCHISLER

On Tuesday, scientists and research teams from laboratories at the University of Wisconsin and at Kyoto University reported success turning human skin cells into embryonic stem cells.

James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin and Shinya Yamanaka, the leader of the Kyoto University research team, pioneered the scientific efforts, says Gina Kolata of The N.Y. Times.

Thompson's team was also was the first to isolate embryonic stem cells in 1998, says Kola. According to Maggie Fox, the scientists did not use cloning technology or any forms of human embryos.

Kolata says, "All they had to do, the scientists said, was add four genes. The genes reprogrammed the chromosomes of the skin cells, making the cells into blank slates that should be able to turn into any of the 220 cell types of the human body, be it heart, brain, blood or bone. Until now, the only way to get such human universal cells was to pluck them from a human embryo several days after fertilization, destroying the embryo in the process."

This destruction of the

Garden:

New project initiated to beautify campus

embryo has caused debate. Such a breakthrough could mean the end to a long political and ethical dispute concerning the use of embryonic stem cells. Some believe embryonic stem cells have potential to cure diseases like cancer and diabetes. Some conservatives, however, believe the usage of human embryos unethical and a destruction of human life, says Fox.

It is currently illegal in the United States to use embryonic stem cells for research, says Charles Babington of The Washington Post.

Fox says, "The development would eventually allow doctors to create stem cells using a patient's genetic code, eliminating the risk that the body would reject transplanted tissues or organs."

But, skin cells may actually be significantly different than embryonic stem cells, hindering their use. And, this new method is risky. During the process, a cancer gene is introduced, says Kolata.

According to William Brinkley, more research will be necessary to validate this new method. And, Brinkley says, while this is an exciting breakthrough, this new method "should not halt work in areas that are already established.

feature) was out of state work-

ing on another large project,"

the news with a water-foun-

tain-related prank on the Col-

lege of Idaho campus, concern

for similar pranks has risen for

the sculpture garden. When

asked about this, Pearsall stat-

ed that he did not anticipate

NNU students using the instal-

lation as such, and that "we will

do what we can to avoid having

the installation be the subject of

pranks by rivals." Only time will

tell if pranks can be thwarted.

Since NNU recently made

said Pearsall.

AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

Legal allegations filed against Blackwater

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A lawsuit against government contractor Blackwater Worldwide accuses its bodyguards of ignoring a direct order and abandoning their post shortly before taking part in a shooting in Baghdad that killed 17 Iraqi civilians.

Filed this week in U.S. District Court in Washington, the complaint also accuses North Carolina-based Blackwater of failing to give drug tests to its guards in Baghdad — even though an estimated one in four of them was using steroids or other "judgment altering substances."

A Blackwater spokeswoman said Tuesday its employees are banned from using steroids or other enhancement drugs.

Musharraf steps down from military command RAWALPINDI, Pakistan

A grim-faced Pervez Musharraf bid farewell to his fellow generals Tuesday, a day before quitting as army chief in a move that could ease Pakistan's political crisis.

Opponents welcomed Musharraf's belated conversion to civilian rule and appeared to pull back from a threat to boycott January's parliamentary elections.

Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister Musharraf ousted in a 1999 coup, said Musharraf's conversion to a civilian president would make "a lot of difference," and he would only refuse to participate in the vote if all opposition parties agreed to do so as well.

Musharraf faces increasingly adamant calls from critics at home and abroad to lift the emergency imposed on Nov. 3 and make good on a long-standing pledge to restore civilian rule.

Iran produces new midranged missile

TEHRAN, Iran

Iran's military said Tuesday it has manufactured a new missile with a range of 1,200 miles capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases across the Mideast, the official news agency IRNA reported.

The defense minister, Gen.

Mostafa Mohammad Najjar, did not say whether Iran had test fired the Ashoura or had plans to do so, according to the IRNA report. The name means "the tenth day" in Farsi, a sacred reference among Shiite Muslims to the martyrdom of Islam's third imam.

Rats wipe out birds; Scientists wipe out rats ANCHORAGE, Alaska

More than 200 years ago, rats jumped ship for Rat Island. The muscular Norway rat climbed ashore on the rugged, uninhabited island in far southwestern Alaska in 1780 after a rodent-infested Japanese ship ran aground. It was the first time rats had made it to Alaska.

Since then, Rat Island, as the piece of rock was dubbed by a sea captain in the 1800s, has gone eerily silent. The sounds of birds are missing.

That is because the rats feed on eggs, chicks and adult seabirds, which come to the mostly treeless island to nest on the ground or in crevices in the volcanic rock.

"As far as bird life, it is a dead zone," said Steve Ebbert, a biologist at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, whose 2,500 mostly uninhabited islands include the Aleutian chain, of which Rat Island is a part.

Wall Street on the rise NEW YORK, New York

Wall Street rebounded Tuesday after the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority said it will invest \$7.5 billion in Citigroup Inc. — a vote of confidence for the nation's largest bank, which has suffered severe losses amid the ongoing crisis in the mortgage market.

The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 200 points in yet another volatile session as investors were hopeful the financial sector can remain healthy despite the ongoing credit crisis. The banking industry has been battered in recent months as defaults on home loans have risen and rendered some mortgage-backed securities essentially worthless.



Eagle sculpture by Edwards (photo by Robin McConkey).

Continued from page 1 Set for the installation has been dug up and fenced for nearly a month. "Work has stalled a bit while the gentleman from Boise (who is assisting with the water

Holiday shopping rush drives many to look at online alternatives

by TREVAN HAUCK and ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last week on what has become known as "Black Friday", the busiest shopping day of the year, the beginning of the thirty-two day holiday shopping season. As retailers prepared to open their doors eight hours ealier then usual during the regular shopping season, lines of epic magnitude formed across the country's shopping centers, some arriving with blankets and chairs to fight the cold.

Retailers are hoping last week's strong start to the holiday shopping season at malls and stores translates into a busy buying season online, which officially begins Monday. With the etxreme crowding in stores during the holidays, online shopping has become an increasingly attractive alternative.

The Monday after Thanksgiving, tagged "Cyber Monday" by the National Retail Federation, marks the first big online shopping surge for many merchants as consumers return to their work computers.

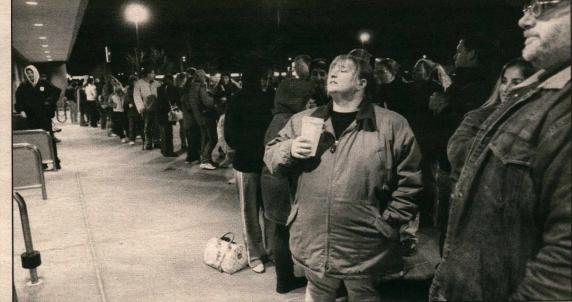
A number of retailers are hosting one-day sales or special offers for the occasion. Internet research firm comScore, Inc. estimated online sales may exceed \$700 million online on Monday.

The biggest draw was electronics, benefiting chains like Best Buy Co. and discounters such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. Popularpriced department stores including J.C. Penney Co. and Kohl's Corp. drew in crowds with good deals.

Toy stores like Toys "R" Us, Inc. fared well too. Still, apparel sales appeared to be mixed at mall-based clothing stores, though a cold weather snap helped spur sales of outerwear and other winter-related items.

'This was a really good start," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak. "There seemed to be a lot of pent-up demand."

Now the attention moves online. Toys "R" Us Inc. will hold



Katherine Lewis, of Spokane Valley, Wash., waits for Target to open its doors as she stands near the front of a long line last Friday morning. Target and many stores opened their doors at 6:00 a.m. or earlier on the day after Thanksgiving, the biggest shopping day of the year (photo by AP).

a one-day online sale. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. will begin five days of online sales.

"The online community is getting more competitive as the amount of new customers slows," according to Scott Silverman, executive director the National Retail Federation. "Add to that the concerns about the economy, and promotions and sales provide a great way to get people excited."

Though this surge in online shopping has given much hope

of Shop.org, an online arm of to internet retailers, traditional store shopping is in no danger of being replaced. The National Retail Reveiw predicts holiday shopping sales to exceed \$400 billion dollars nationwide between the months of November and December.

Staying healthy amidst the holiday season

by JOHANNA HIGDON

Amongst the excitement and anticipation of the holidays, there is often that nagging question of how to stay healthy amidst the Christmas cookies, pies, and turkey. Here are a few tips (paraphrased from www.CDC.gov/nccdphp/dnpa/ spotlights-/holiday_tips.htm) to help you have a healthy and guilt-free holiday while still enjoying the season's goodies.

Remember that exercise is still important! Try to keep to your current exercise schedule of at least 30 minutes of exercise per day, if possible. Make working out a priority, and keep your schedule as you would an appointment. Exercise can be a fun event for the whole family, too! Instead of watching too *********



(photo by Wiki Commons).

much television, play a group game of football, or take a walk around the neighborhood. As a bonus, exercising helps relieve and prevent holiday stress.

Eating moderately is just as important as proper exercise. This does not mean that you should deprive yourself of all

holiday foods; after all, the holidays only come once a year! The secret, though, is to make smart choices. Make an effort to avoid overeating. It may be tempting, but you will feel better if you don't. To do this, regulate your portion sizes, and try to choose your favorite foods instead of sampling all of the options. Also, make an effort to avoid the dishes that are extra high in calories. Help yourself by snacking on fresh fruit instead of cookies or holiday candies.

The most important thing to remember when eating during the holidays is moderation. Do not deprive yourself, but be smart about your choices. Remember that one day of indulgence will not cause you to gain weight, so do not feel guilty about enjoying what the season

has to offer. Trying to follow these tips and enjoying the time with your friends and family instead of focusing on food will help you to have a great holiday

season whether it be on New Years or Christmas!

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Advent is a season of preparation

STAFE EDITORIAL

is the season for presents, lights, trees and little elves; however, it is the season for more important things as well. It is the season of Advent, the time in which we prepare for the coming of Christ.

Christians have been celebrating advent since the fourth century. It is a time for celebrating the coming of Christ. This year, advent starts on Sunday. For the next four Sundays, churches around the world will be observing this time.

Traditionally, Advent has been a time of penitencemuch in the same way Lent is before Easter. Unfortunately. in our commercially driven society, the solemnity of Advent has been lost among chocolate calendars and elaborate wreaths.

According americancatholic. org, the Advent wreath originated pre-Christian in times; the evergreen wreath and candles were used to ward off spirits. In the 16th century, German Christians began using the wreath as a symbol of the coming of Christ.

circular The wreath represents that God has no

The evergreen branches symbolize the everlasting nature of God. The central

fixture of the advent season is the five candles-three purple or blue, one pink and one white. On each of



A lit Advent wreath (photo by wikipedia commons).

a candle is lit, each having a different meaning. The

candles-lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays-represent penitence. The pink candle

is lit the third Sunday of advent. This is also day called Gaudete Sunday. In Latin, "gaudete" means, "rejoice". This is the time of joy and the heightens anticipation for the birth of our Savior.

The final candle is the Christ candle.

beginning and no ending. the four Sundays of advent Its place in the center of the wreath marks the importance of Christ and is lit in joy and celebration. The

Catholic Church observes advent in this fashion, but many Protestant churches have embraced the same or similar traditions.

The beginning of advent marks the time when we, as Christians, begin to contemplate the coming of the Messiah. The Jews of Jesus' time waited thousands of years for the Messiah-and some Jews are still waiting. As Christians, we know the joy of having the Savior of the Earth come; yet we dilute that with sweets, huge shopping sprees and an attitude of "me, me, me".

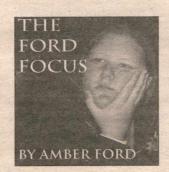
Let's use Advent this year as a time of remembering what God did for us.

"I'll sleep when I'm dead" and other school advice

Stress is a constant in the life of a college student whether it is over homework or relationships or something else that makes you tick. As a junior, I am still struggling with time management and stress coping skills. How are college students supposed to juggle the academic challenges expected of them and keep their sanity?

I know that the best way to handle stress is primarily sleep. Supposedly six to eight hours a night is ideal. But honestly, how many people do you know that go to sleep at 11 p.m.? If someone has a 7:30 a.m. class, then that is what time they should be going to bed to make it to class on time. And that doesn't even take into account how long girls take to get ready in the morning.

Think about your day for a little bit. Homework starts



around 10 or 11 on a good night and if you are looking at a pile that may take more than four hours, good luck. You are looking at a long night of coffee, reading, and attempting to type a coherent sounding paper.

This seems to be a normal occurrence in my life and in the lives of many I know. There is an emphasis in our society that college should also be about having fun, building relationships, and if you are at NNU, meeting your future spouse. But are the demands placed on us too strenuous? Do you find yourself doing busy work that does not appear to add to your academic growth at all?

I have a hard time motivating myself to do busy work when I have more important things to do. I understand that this is college and we are expected to work hard because we are earning a degree for our future careers. But at what time should we be taking time for ourselves? When are crossword worksheets and other assignments a

frivolous waste of time?

I have come up with a simple philosophy for myself, even if it is a little faulty: "I'll sleep when I'm dead." I have come to the conclusion that I spend a lot of money for my degree here, but that doesn't mean that I am going to give up having fun for it. I don't mind staying up late if it means I am going to have a fun, conversation meaningful with friends.

So my advice from this is to take some time for yourself to have fun. Watch a movie, knit, take a nap, work out-do something to relieve the stress of homework. Otherwise, you will never make it out of college alive.

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Guest Column The family suffers when biblical gender roles are ignored

by TONY NAPIER

America has largely given up its right to claim itself a Christian nation. Money and success is the object that we worship, so much so that we are willing to pass our Christian obligations on to private organization or the federal government. How do we ever expect to change the world for Christ when over 61 percent of our precious children spend a majority of their waking day in nonparental care with caregivers who may be Christian, but certainly don't hold, or exhibit all of the maternal traits that a mother does. As a whole, our parent's generation has bought, and is currently selling, the lie of the American dream as a "Christian" aspiration.

I am by no means a learned biblical scholar but I am pretty sure the Bible does not say that we are to strive in life to purchase the big house and white picket fence. This is, unfortunately, what the majority of "Christian" Americans do. In the process of obtaining these things mothers and fathers have repeatedly shirked their parental responsibilities of being the biggest part of their children's lives and have failed to pass the Christian way of life on to the next generation.

So who's to blame: big commercial business, a secular education system, liberals, or maybe even conservatives? No, the problem lies in the untruths that we have, as a Christian people, accepted about the family unit. Women

have long been pushing for equal rights in social economic matters and and rightly so. However, in the process, the Christian feminist movement has overstepped its bounds in redefining what and how a family works. The Bible is very clear about the wife's and husband's role

and not outsource his or her children's future. The second part of the scripture, the role of the husband, is also important. One of the problems when interpreting this scripture is that men tend to think it gives them the right to treat their wives any way they wish. That is not the case; husbands are



Gustave Dore's "The expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise" (image by wikipedia commons).

in the household: "Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord" (Col 3:18-20 NIV).

Women are to submit to their husbands as is fitting in the Lord. So, if the husband feels led to raise the children and the wife wants to work then so be it. However, someone must take on the responsibility to love their wives and are not to be harsh with them. For this reason a husband must take into account his wife's concerns and feelings in making any decision that affects her.

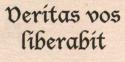
One argument that I often hear from so many faithful Nazarenes in regards to really doesn't stand up to this point of view when you consider what the Bible actually says in 1 Timothy 2:11-15 "A woman should learn in guietness and full submission. I do not permit political science major.

a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women will be saved through childbearing-if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety."

So it is not about culture but actually more about the order of creation and women's participation in the Fall. I know this ideal may seem strange and foreign maybe even wrong to many of the readers but there are many different examples of this principle throughout the Bible, it just takes some time and earnest seeking to find them.

I will conclude by saying that I believe that God has created women as purposefully and as perfectly as He has man. I am not a misogynist or even old fashioned in my mind, if anything I believe that men should exalt their women and treat them as a wonderful gift from God who must be cherished. I do believe, however, that God created us, each and everyone, for a purpose and that our role in the family is a very big part of that purpose which we have chosen to let our secular society define. Let's not be "of this world, but in it" and begin to reshape our families in accordance with what the Bible savs it should be.

Tony Napier is a junior





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Is global warming an urgent issue?

Global warming is a bigger problem than we like to admit

Nature has a lot to do with global warming--sure. Al Gore got some facts wrong in the Oscar winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*—I'm not denying it. Global special editions. Greenhouse gases, burning fossil fuels, cutting down the rainforests—yes, humanity is certainly doing our fair share in screwing over the environment.

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And as amazing as the human race is at adapting to our environment—we may not be able to survive this one. Societies have gone through droughts, floods, famine, tornados

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Scare tactics instead of solid science color global warming debate

Cleaning up the earth is a great idea, a noble cause, but let's make sure not to assign blame were it is not due. There is more

to global warming than man-madegreenhouse gases.

It's estimated that one third of the warming is due to volcanic activity, an uncontrollable aspect and climate may even cause a change in CO2 levels, rendering the argument that CO2 is solely to blame invalid.

There is no denying that



warming is a political issue—I'd be lying if I said it wasn't. Green house gas emissions are not an issue in the future of our world--dead wrong.

The fact of the matter is, our world is facing a potential catastrophe and no matter who or what is to blame we must act on it. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences, along with 10 other national academies of science, issued a statement that said there is enough scientific evidence of global warming that it is necessary to take immediate action. Our earth is hurting and the "politics" of the issue is stopping us from imposing the restrictions necessary to heal our world.

Some argue that it is too expensive to try and cut down green house gas emissions; that the American economy and the regular working man will have to pay a hefty price. Actually, companies that have already reduced heat-trapping emissions have found that reducing pollution has actually saved them money. Potentially, restrictions upon emissions could spur on developments and technologies that might actually create jobs.

The natural cycle of the world has previously made the Arctic warm up and caused other climate changes. However, unlike previous cycles, humans are adding our own

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Primary results of the CLIMAP project undertaken in the 1970s and 80s to measure the changes in sea surface temperatures (image by Robert A. Rohde).

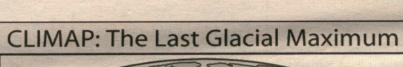
periods successfully but humanity has suffered for it. As the earth increasingly warms, ocean levels are rising and coastal and island nations—many of which are too poor to develop protective technologies—will pay the price for it.

Granted, it probably will not be our generation that pays for global warming. It may not even affect our children. But at a certain point our decendents will pay for the actions of today. Leaving a legacy of wise choices and a cleaner earth seems like an important goal to me. of nature. I agree with the majority of scientists in the right that we have had an impact on the environment through the production of greenhouse gasses, it would be foolish to argue otherwise, but it is also foolish to blame the entirety of the problem on humanity.

CO2 concentrations have increased, and there has been a correlation between a change in climate and CO2 levels, but ice core records have shown that a change in temperature sometimes predates a change in CO2 levels, sometimes by hundreds of years. A change in temperature humanity produces CO2, but the increase in our atmosphere cannot be solely attributed to humanity. CO2 has also been linked with decreases of temperature, making it just as likely that our CO2 emissions would lower the global average as they would be in increasing it.

But greenhouse gases aren't the only culprit it seems, even our neighboring planet of Mars has had an increase in temperature as of late, along with Jupiter, Pluto, and one of Neptune's moons. This is believed to have a relation with the temperature increase on Earth. While the solar constant has not risen, the increase of temperature on other orbiting bodies does lead the mind to think it might not be all the fault of humans.

This is not to say I am not in favor of cleaning the earth, by all means use cleaner fuel sources, plant a tree, and pick up trash. I'm in favor of a cleaner earth. What I am not in favor of is assigning blame where it is not due and scare tactics involving the planet being used for political purposes. Things are not as bad as they are portrayed and what damage has already been done can be rectified. Our world is not over yet.



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Q&A: Dating Perspectives What do girls think?

The Crusader seeks to find out what people on campus look for in their relationships

with the opposite sex.

By DARBY MONTGOMERY

What does a girl do when she likes a guy?

I've heard from many a guy that girls are hard to understand. This simply isn't true. Yes, we are different and may play a few games but only in self preservation or to get what we want. We're all just looking for that special someone who appreciates us for who we are and acts like man. But, for all you fellows out there who need some help in this department here are some responses from the ladies on campus.

What do you notice in a guy?

"The smile, the way he stands, his walk, and how approachable he is: open, nice face, his disposition, if he's happy or sulking in a corner."

-Sarah Martin, Soph.

"Teeth and eyes." For teeth I notice a "nice smile, smiles are great, amazing and captivating." For eyes, "intense, so much more behind them, wow, I really want to get to know them." *–Hannah Beers, Jr.*

"His hands, good strong hands; immediately height, not at all attracted to an eye level guy; smile and his mouth area."

-Rachelle Robbins, Sr.

"Well, it's always the physical features, the smile, because you don't know anything about the person at first."

- Katherine Langley, Sr.

"Eyes, I notice how they interact with other people." -Ariel Clover, Fresh.

"Smile, if it seems like he's fun. Has to be smart and focused on studies or dedicated to something."

-Alison Cavanaugh, Jr.

"When you like a guy you have a specific giggle to his stupid jokes. You can't go sit right next to him because then he'll figure it out. You stand up for him when his or your friends are making fun of him. You go over and hang out even though you have too much homework. I change what I'm wearing 15 times and over analyze and then I stop caring because I want to

be me and I want him to like who I am." -Olivia Meyer, Sr.

"Touch casually in conversa-

tion, stand closer [to him]; make an effort to communicate." *—Lisetta Cook, Jr.*

"Talk to him and get to know him. You show interest, make an effort to hang out, but not too much because they're supposed to do it."

-Janelle Caper, Soph.

"I don't know what I do. I go crazy and tell my friends, and then act like him and I are just friends, otherwise I'm awkward and quiet. I hate guys, I hate them all."

– Rachelle Robbins, Sr.

There seems to be a consensus about the eyes and smile and how men interact with other people. Girls are looking for good guys, nice guys, and fun guys. Even with the modern equality movements in workplaces and elsewhere, women still want protection and someone to give them affection. Simply caring and acting that out through lavish measures be it flowers, poems or serenades at midnight are all a man seems to need for success.

A big thanks goes out to those who were willing to give their opinions for this survey.

Angels in carpools: 'Showing the love of Christ' to the elderly

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

According to Brandon Haskins, president of the Angels ministry club, the purpose of Angels is "really just to show the love of Christ to some people who are less fortunate—to go where they are and bring some joy into their lives." The club ministers to a specific group of elderly people in Nampa who have mental handicaps.

Every Thursday at 7 p.m., the Angels club meets in the Perk and carpools to one of two houses in Nampa to play bingo with the group they minister to. According to former Angels club participant Stephanie Elliott, "The organization of the houses is similar to that of a nursing home. Each room in the house is used as a

bedroom except for the kitchen and dining area, where the residents eat their meals and have their weekly bingo game."

One of the club's goals is to take the residents out for an occasional activity away from the homes. "Next semester we hope to get the residents on campus for a campus bingo night, take the residents to a basketball game, and hopefully plan a couple other events," said Haskins.

This year there are two homes that the club visits. "Angels has been limited by numbers in the

past and this year has seemed to explode," said Haskins. "Normally Angels visits one of the two houses, but now because of our numbers, we are sometimes able to attend both houses weekly." The club intends to do this more regularly over the course of the next year.

Young disabled people interact, prepar

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

PALS is a club that reaches out to the disabled people by hanging out with them, one on one. They meet every Saturday to provide activities and outings.

Since the PALS ministry club is roughly ten years old, a list has been compiled of all disabled people in the community. Club leadership calls everyone on the list and lets them know about the

an integral part of the club, in-

cluding their president, phys-

ics major Erik Valenti. Valenti

next Saturday's activity. Once everything is planned, the buses load with PALS club members and they make their way around the community picking up everyone on the list. A majority of the people live in a group home off Sunny Ridge. Picking up and dropping off these jolly souls is no quick task; the trip usually takes one hour each way.

Activities include bowling, movies, parties, crafts, and games.

PALS does its best to be reward to its members. The "pals" are appreciative and joyful; they ca wait for the next week or the n call from President Hansen. T Christmas, PALS will be maing homemade Christmas ca and mailing them out. This is first year they've tried this activ Hansen is "really excited becar it will make so many of their falight up."

Hansen has been president

Hope House ministry plans for new le

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

to "keep the fire alive" after the seniors are gone. While the NNU club has only been around since the 80s,

only been around since the 80s, the Hope House itself has been established as a home for children since the 60s. The house is



The Hope House members in the Dex (photo courtesy Erik Valenti).

hopes that NNU will continue to "keep the fire alive" after the seniors are gone. While the NNU club has doptions.

> Every Saturday the club—a group of about 20 NNU students—carpools to Hope House to spend a few hours entertain-

> > ing the kids. According to Valenti, a typical day consists of playing a variety of fun and original games and ending with a Bible lesson and worship songs.

Once a semester the club has a "term event, where we do something

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> NNU ministry clubs are making a difference

> > Fr. Brittani Mars (photo by Eric Knape).

e for life with PALS friends

the past three years, sharing her title with Amy Mattei for two of those years. Since Hansen will be t graduating this spring PALS is looking for new leadership. Although participation in PALS has grown this year, the search is still on for a new president.

Participation in PALS has grown in part because of Prep Group. Prep group is a program, on campus, for disabled young r people to learn life skills and make

pus. You may have seen these individuals cleaning tables at the Dex or doing janitorial work in Wiley. PALS is a ministry club that makes a difference in so many lives. The events they plan are oftentimes the only activities these "pals" attend. The club hopes to continue its long lasting influence on the disabled members of our community.

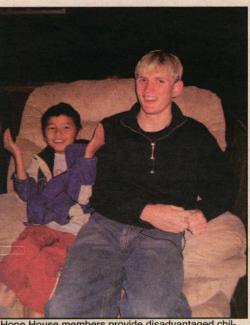
money through working on cam-

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cial for the kids," said Vali. That "something special" be a day at Boondocks Fam-Fun Center or a backpacktrip out to Jump Creek, or, the term event falls around holidays, Christmas carolaround the neighborhood. is semester, the term event is cavenger hunt.

The purpose of the club as an anization, according to Vali, is to minister to the chiln of the Hope House. Their l in their ministry is to "just e the time to truly enjoy kids, to develop a heart for m."

The club is open to anybody the members encourage Hope House members provide disadvantaged chilnd you'll make friends."



ers to join. "You can make dren an opportunity to get some special, individualh a difference," Valenti says. ized attention, even if it's just hanging out in a comfy chair (photo courtesy of Erik Valenti).

Social Work Club carrying out big plans for the year

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Social Work club, headed up by junior Joe Seiders, is full of fun this Christmas. Collection boxes are up all over campus to collect socks for world relief refugees in Boise. SWC is also adopting 2-3 local families and providing them with an all inclusive, all expense paid Christmas, complete with baked goods, presents and the like. What a difference this club is making on the families of our community.

The name of the club may be misleading: members do not have to be social work majors to be in the club. Social work club focuses on helping out needy families or groups in our community. It has "no affiliation with social work except to give a helping hand and have fun,"said Seiders.

Next semester SWC has big plans that Seiders hopes everyone is going to want to get in on. President Sieders has never had any trouble keeping members once they've experienced the joy of helping others and the difference it makes. Homeless Sleep Out is on again this year but its new and improved. Sleep out will include guest speakers with experience in the homeless department and Salvation Army representatives. It's going to be an educational experience.

The club will also be baking goods for the community and delivering them to the mayor's office, fire department, etc., expressing our appreciation for all they do.

Visits to local nursing homes are also planned. Members will go to the local animal shelter and take the pets around for the nursing home residents to see and play with.

Along with visiting the

nursing homes SWC also visits refugees in Boise. "Block Parties" with the refugees are planned to fellowship and help with adjustment to our culture and society. Members will be helping refugees with such tasks as shopping, bill paying, riding the bus and house keeping.

Advocacy Days is something that NNU and BSU trade off every year in leading. It's a time for churches, hospitals, social workers, etc. to work together to help the community. This year is NNU's turn to be in charge. It's a day of training so that we can most effectively aid

our community and the people within.

SWC is at a full run with all the activities and events they've got going on this year. President Seiders is leading SWC to a new level this year with his passion for Christ and people. The message he wants to get out to campus is that anyone can join this club, any ideas are workable. "Come to me and I'll make it happen." Talk to Seiders if you have ideas on who needs help, families going through a rough time, students on campus, anything. This club can do anything as long as it's helping people.

Junior Joe Seiders, president of the Social Work Club, plays with a refugee boy on the Community Outreach Day in Boise earlier this semester (photo by Eric Knape).

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Concert band provides a night of 'Joy'

by ANDREA HALL

Last Tuesday night, the concert band put on their fall concert. The theme of the evening was "Joy," with the band performing lively pieces from Bach, George Kenney and John Warrington, among others.

"Happy music comes from warm climates," said Dr. Casey Christopher, the band's director and the emcee of the evening. As he does every year, Christopher gives a short introduction speech before each piece, informing the audience of interesting facts about the next song or telling a story while the band prepares behind him. Making some light jokes about the contrast between this year's theme

with last year's "War" songs, he explained the provenance of most of the evening's music as being from warm climates, places where the pace of life is fast and the weather usually pleasant.

The exception to this statement came in the third song of the evening, "The Kerry Dance" by J.L. Molloy, an Irish composer. Though the climate of Ireland itself is not tropical, Christopher said there is "a kind of joy that we don't get in most places in Irish music." The "Kerry Dance" was conducted by senior music education major Karen Chase, who also plays clarinet in the band.

"The Teddy Bear's Picnic," a song typically heard on children's records, was an audience favorite. The percussion section served up some great sound effects for the song, from whistling wind tubes to deep bear growls uttered by Grant Pluntze. The song might be scary for toddlers, but the childlike rhythm provided nostalgic entertainment, and even a few laughs, for the audience.

Adding a wild kind of joy to the mix, Christopher selected a Latin piece by David Holsinger called "Festiva Jubiloso." This piece was a fun, toe-tapping addition to the concert, building almost frantically in energetic, recognizable south-of-the-border beats.

The final piece the concert band performed exhibited

"American joy," in Dixieland style. The predecessor of jazz, Dixieland music is lively and distinctly American. NNU's new Dixieland combo performed "Dixieland Jamboree," featuring Karen Chase, Derek Cole, Jeff Depew, Josiah Elsberg, Grady Harmon, Elijah Stroud and Devan Watt at the front of the stage, backed up by the rest of the band.

The fall concert was indeed a joyful event, and a great compliment to last year's concert theme of "War." Christopher and his students have put on another enjoyable evening, providing students and community with some culture and entertainment, all tied together by Christopher's distinct style



Senior education major and baritone player Anthony Haskett, warming up before the concert begins (photo by Robin McConkey).

of conducting and getting the audience involved through his speeches.

Mass Communications department films its annual 'Idaho Family Christmas' show for KTVB

By STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

This year NNU's mass communication department and United Heritage have changed their TV holiday special "An Idaho Family Christmas" from a musical variety show to an inspiring story about a 10-yearold boy's Christmas experience.

For the last five years, United Heritage has worked together with NNU mass comm department chair Arnie Ytreeide to put on an almost completely student-run television broadcast on KTVB around for a Christmas special. The last four years, musicians from across the state all gathered at the house chosen for the filming and put in one 18-hour day recording the entire show. But because of the Ytreeide's battle with lupus, the mass comm department decided to alter the show in order to spread the production of it over a the span of a few months instead of doing it all in one day.

While the show's actors were chosen by audition from all across the Treasure Valley, the show itself is completely run, produced and directed by NNU students with Ytreeide and Dee Sarton as the executive producers and overseers.

Adam McFarlane, senior TA for the mass comm department, wrote the story for the show and has been there "every moment," says Ytreeide. "He's given up everything to do this." McFarlane's leadership has been so marked, Ytreeide mentioned, that he has been made co-executive producer of the show. His



Junior Rodney Stryker helps direct the action for "An Idaho Family Christmas" (Photo by Robin McConkey).

participation is completely extracurricular and does not give him any school credit.

Students who take part in the production of this show have the advantage of putting this experience on their résumés. "The show is highly professional," Ytreeide says. "This year the show has a real shot at getting an Emmy Award." The professional quality of the show effectively gives them a push into the real world.

The set, located in the base- St. Luke's Hosment of the Wiley Learning pital and while

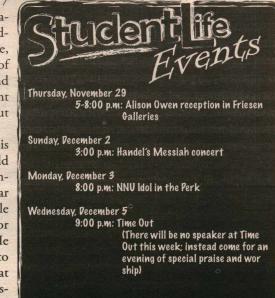
Center on campus, took two to three months to build, with students, faculty and staff helping out every day. "About 70 percent of the department helped out at some point," says Ytreeide.

The money to put on the show comes from United Heritage Insurance Company and Channel 7, who have backed the show up financially every year. The cameras and equipment were donated over the years

by Channel 7 and its sister stations. According to Ytreeide, the total value of the owned and leased equipment comes to about \$1 million.

The story is of a 10-year-old boy whose family gets into a car accident while driving home for Christmas. He is life-flighted to intensive care at St. Luke's Hospital and while he is unconscious, the nurse, played by the main anchor of KTVB news Dee Sarton, reads him a story of a magical world. The show is about the boy's subconscious journey through this magical world.

According to Professor Ytreeide, the show will be broadcast on KTVB 13-15 times throughout the Christmas season beginning December 17. It will also be broadcast on Christmas Day



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NNU basketball eats up Thanksgiving Tournament

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shooting streak, finishing with 16 points, and Nikki Schutte added 12 more.

NNU did a good job of getting Humboldt State into foul trouble, making 25-of-32 free throws. The Lady Lumberjacks, meanwhile, only shot 13-of-18 from the line.

The Crusaders scored an impressive 30 points off of 18 Humboldt turnovers. Assistant Coach McCarthy had this to say about the ladies' effort on Saturday night: "We made the game plan that as soon as we got the rebound the wings would spread out and run the floor. That's Crusader basketball, and that's exactly what they did."

The NNU women will play next on December 1, hosting Whitman College at 1:30 p.m.

In the men's game, Crusader Kendall Gielow scored a gamehigh 21 points, with Scott Helpenstell adding 17. Gielow and Helpenstell also grabbed 7 and 8 rebounds, respectively, Tyler Roberts led NNU with 4 assists and 3 steals.

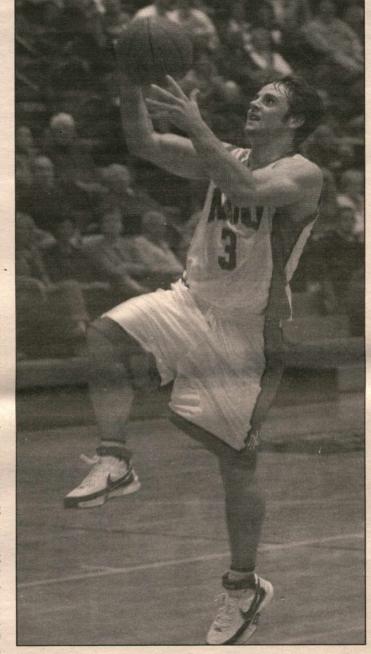
NNU (3-0) actually trailed 43-37 at halftime, but clawed their way back throughout the second half. With only three second-half turnovers, NNU managed to take the lead for good with just under two minutes to go on a Roberts three-pointer. NNU played good defense in the second half, allowing only 26 second-half points, and forced nine turnovers in the second half to maintain momentum throughout the half.

Pacific University shot 50 percent from the field for the game, bettering NNU's 46 percent, but only shot from the line 11 times. NNU, meanwhile, made 21 of 26 from the charity stripe, including 13-of-15 in the second half. Five different Boxers had three personal fouls.

Louie Beech, hampered earlier this season by wrist injuries, got his first significant action in the game. He didn't disappoint, chipping in with 12 points, including a perfect 4-of-4 from the line.

Pacific University did manage to force Adam Shildmeyer and Joel Ryman into poor shooting nights, with both managing only 1-of-7 nights. Shildmeyer did nab 5 boards for the game, however, as well as scoring some game-sealing free-throws.

NNU hosts the Shilo Inn & Suites Classic this coming weekend, matching up against Colorado Christian on Friday at 7 p.m. The Crusaders will also play the Colorado School of Mines on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. GNAC rival MSU Billings will be in town as well.



Crusader Joel Ryman sails in for an easy two points (photo by Jenn Hush).

Student Athlete Advisory Committee takes a role on campus

by IAN BAUDER

There is an organization on campus that you might not be familiar with. It isn't a club that students can freely participate in, but it does directly affect NNU athletics. It is called the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Every college is required to have a SAAC. Every NNU team has its own representative on the committee, which comes to about 25, in NNU's case. They vote on new rules and regulations for the NCAA, and they are also in charge of raising money for the Make-A-Wish foundation, which is the official charity sponsor for NCAA Division II. This year NNU voted Grant Miller as president and organized an "all athlete's night," at which Miller spoke to the athletes, and each individual team gave gifts to president Hagood.

Miller was also elected conference chair, and was nominated to be the national delegate. Earlier this year, Miller was sent to a leadership conference in Houston, Texas. Miller said that there were several controversial issues that SAAC voted on this year. One rule stated any male who practiced with a female team (e.g. a boys vs. girls scrimmage) would have to register with the NCAA, and be subject to all the rules that comes from being an official athlete. Miller said that the NNU SAAC voted it down.

Miller also said that, when the group in Houston heard about the rule, "everyone was pissed; nobody wanted it." Miller said that the idea came from girls who were concerned about safety and playing time. Miller shrugged off their concerns, saying, "this is college sports, don't be a baby."

Another issue was a rule involving the illegal use of "redshirt" players during an exhibition game. Currently, if a player who is a red-shirt plays in an exhibition game, they will lose their red-shirt year. If this rule is passed, coaches will be able to write a letter of apology to the NCAA, and the player won't lose his or her fifth year of eligibility.

NNU ladies receive national honors

by AMBER FORD

Northwest Nazarene volleyball player Cammy Dranginis and soccer player Katy McNutt were honored this week for their academic and athletic achievements in their respective sports.

Sophomore Dranginis was named to the twenty-seventh annual American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American team for NCAA Division II. She was one of only six players from the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) to earn all-American honors. Dranginis was also named to the AVCA Pacific Region All-Star Team and was a first-team selection for the second consecutive year to the GNAC Volleyball All-Star Team.

Dranginis finished the season with 374 kills, averaging a team-high 3.53 kills per game and also leading the team in blocking. Dranginis finished with 151 total blocks and a 1.42 blocks/gme average. She led the GNAC in blocking, finished fifth in the GNAC in hitting percentage (.290), and finished eighth in kills. She also had 19 service aces on the season, averaging .2/game.

Senior McNutt was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American women's soccer team. The elementary education major currently holds a 3.99 GPA. She is the first Crusader to be named to the Academic All-American team and was a third-team college division selection.

McNutt scored nine goals and had two assists, collected a team-leading 20 points, and led the team in shots (46). Mc-Nutt shot .196 on the seasson, ending with four game-winning goals.

McNutt ended her senior year with the all time Crusader career-scoring record with 39 goals and is fifth all-time in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in career scoring. She also holds career records at NNU for most career points (85) and career shots (159).

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Womens' Basketball, vs. Whitman College, 12/1, 1:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball, vs. Colorado School of Mines, 12/1, 5:30 p.m.

Indoor Track, @ Idaho Center, 12/1

NNU to participate in Taekwondo touranment

by TJ BARR

On December 1st, a handful of NNU students will participate in a statewide Taekwondo tournament.

The tournament consists of four events: board breaking, Forms (graded on the proper technique in a preset list of moves), Skits (prescripted fights judged on entertainment value), and free sparring.

Sparring scores half a point for any ground maneuver and a full point for any jumping maneuver that would damage the opponent in a real situation.

NNU has produced some of the top contenders for the last two years, and instructor Rick Holloway expects big things out of his class. His kids won't disappoint.

Manager La Russa pleads guilty to DUI

(AP) -- St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa pleaded guilty to driving under the influence Wednesday, eight months after police found him asleep inside his running sport utility vehicle at a stop light and smelling of alcohol.

La Russa said he had decided to plead guilty to the misdemeanor because it was in the best interest of all concerned.

"I accept full responsibility for my conduct, and assure everyone that I have learned a very valuable lesson and that this will never occur again," La Russa said in a statement released by his attorney, David Roth. La Russa did not appear in court to plead guilty.

As part of his plea agreement, La Russa will serve at least six months' probation, pay a \$678.50 fine, complete DUI school and any recommended treatment and complete 50 hours of community service, according to state prosecutors.

La Russa, 63, was arrested in March in Jupiter, where the Cardinals play spring training games.

He gave two breath samples and was determined to have a blood alcohol content of 0.093 percent, Jupiter police have said. Florida's legal driving limit is 0.08 percent.

La Russa was found asleep at the wheel. His SUV was in drive and running, with La Russa's foot on the brake, police said. When he eventually woke up, the officers asked him to get out of the SUV.

He was booked in the Palm Beach County jail.

Cowboys - Packers showdown features gunslingers both young and old

By DEREK DE ROOY

When tonight's Packers-Cowboys game kicks off, Tony Romo and Brett Favre will be leading the NFC's top two offenses against each other. Rarely have two teams met up so far along in such great seasons (both teams are 10-1). The game could very well decide home

Which quarterback will lead his team to victory? Romo has 29 touchdowns so far this season, and has com-

field advantage for the playoffs.

pleted 72 percent of his passes over his last five games, throwing 14 touchdowns over that time. Favre has completed 68 percent of his passes this season, and is on pace for 4,800 yards.

When Romo began his career, he was being called on to be the next Tom Brady- that is, the next crunch-time quarterback that thrives in the postseason. However, those comparisons have turned from Tom Brady to Brett Favre.

Why the change?

Spectators started seeing the impromptu, we'll-see-where-thisgoes side of Romo's game. They noticed his ability to jet the ball into holes that other players couldn't even spot. He would make dumb decisions at times, but often, they worked out just

demeanor, all these things reminded us of Brett Favre. Favre has taken notice, as

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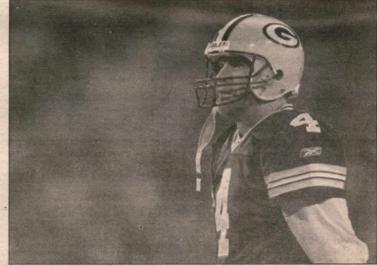
well. "When I see him play, it reminds me of myself. Making something out of nothing. He's much faster than I was. ... He has the same mentality I did. There's never a bad play.'

The gunslinging and spontaneous approach has confounded and even frustrated Romo's

In Dallas' Sept. 30 game against the St. Louis Rams, Cowboy center Andre Gurode snapped the ball high over Romo's head, 20 yards back from the line of scrimmage. Romo, attempting to scoop the ball up, tripped and kicked the ball back another 13 yards. Finally getting the ball in his hands, Romo ran for a 4-yard gain on a play where he should have simply fallen on the ball.

Cowboy tight-end Jason Witten, reflecting on the play, said, "As I'm watching this play, I'm like, Tony, just fall on the ball and let's punt. His mind's thinking, 'I'm picking this thing up, and I'm going to throw it for a touchdown."

When asked if a smart



Favre is back in the saddle this year. Photo by AP.

quarterback would fall on the ball in that situation, Romo laughed, saying, "Yeah. That's why us dumb ones, we pick it up and run around."

Favre, meanwhile, has been reborn this season. Donald Driver, Greg Jennings, and James Jones, Donald Lee, and Koren Robinson may be the best set of receivers Favre has ever had. And despite the lack of a respectable running game, the youngsters seem to understand that this is Favre's last shot, and perhaps their own best shot, to get to the Super Bowl.

Favre's still making the aggressive throws that he's always made, but this year it's working. Favre is having more fun than he has in years, and the team's loose playing style is winning games.

The confidence and ability of both Romo and Favre are hard to explain. There's a confidence to them both that never backs down (as Favre's 29 interceptions in 2005 testifies to). They don't think, they don't analyze. They just throw the ball.

Come tonight, that's what we'll be seeing a lot of.

Romo quarterbacks the no. 1 offense in the NFC Photo by AP.

teammates at times.

"Pass me D-Rock" - NFL MVP Predictions

of the ball. While the defense

is playing well and setting him

up for big success, Green Bay

has no Moss, no TO, no Ocho

Cinco. We didn't even see a real

running game until a few weeks

Adrian Peterson, RB, MIN

Dickerson's rookie rushing re-

cord before Al Harris hit him.

Peterson had been huge in the

games that Vikes had won up

until his injury, and he'll be

counted on to get them a wild

card spot in the playoffs when

he returns in the next couple

weeks. But Chester Taylor, last

year's Viking starter, has filled in

well, slowly shooting down Pe-

Randy Moss, WR, NWE

Already over 1,000 yards,

Moss has an impressive 16 TDs

through 11 games. That keeps

terson's chances for MVP.

He was ready to break Eric

By DEREK DE ROOY

Brett Favre, QB, GB

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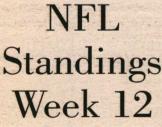
It's Week 13 now, which may seem premature. Don't worry; I didn't particularly want to mention these choices to you myself- we're not all that far from the playoffs, and things don't normally change that much between Week 13 and Week 17.

I've always hated the lack of attention and votes that defensive players receive, and in my perfect world, there would be an offensive MVP and a defensive MVP (this would remove the need for Offensive Player/Defensive Player of the Year). But this will never happe, so I'm giving no attention to Bob Sanders, DeMarcus Ware, Charles Woodson, or James Harrison. Sorry, fellas.

Tom Brady, QB, NWE

He's still on pace to shatter the TD record, still on pace for 5,000 yards, and has completed 72 percent of his passes this year. He's leading the league's best team, and nothing short of an overachieving Eagles team has made the team look beatable this season. Despite some "off" weeks when he threw a few INTs, I expect him to keep on cranking out big games. It's not a sure bet that he'll break records, though.





him on pace to break Jerry Rice's single season TD mark, though it probably won't hap-Favre found the Fountain of Youth, and is playing with loads pen. Moss has really bounced back this season, catching every of confidence. With the help long ball Brady throws his way. of his young teammates, this Packers team has been a Super Did I mention that the Patriots Bowl contender from Week 1. are undefeated? What stands out about Favre Terrell Owens, WR, DAL is that he has no big names to help him on the offensive side

> Owens has never had an "off" year, but with Dallas fielding the NFC's top offense, TO has shown what he still has left. He's also over 1,000 yards, and is averaging an impressive 17 yards/ reception. He is even a more important player than Moss, and hasn't dropped balls the way he did last year. With Dallas surely playing in the NFC Championship game, Owens has his hat in the ring.

> I am almost sure that Brady will win this award with his numbers, but I am inclined to only give him the Offensive Player of the Year award. More valuable? Right now, I say Brett Favre. Though his receivers may be significantly underrated, Favre has led this young team into the front of the race. He is making throws that no one can explain, every week. 'Course, being Favre, he'll probably implode with a 5-interception game tonight. You just wait.

Redskins' Sean Taylor dies

(AP) -- Washington Redskins owner Dan Snyder's eyes were red. His voice cracked and was barely audible. Next to him sat coach Joe Gibbs, barely more composed.

Taylor died early Tuesday of a gunshot wound from an intruder, a tragic end for a 24year-old man whose life was transformed by the birth of a daughter 18 months ago.

Family and friends arrived throughout the day, including his father, Florida City police chief Pedro Taylor, Some embraced outside: most came and went without speaking to a group of several dozen reporters.

Speaking of the killer, Taylor said: "I think one day he'll come to grips with himself and say, 'You know what, it was senseless' and he'll turn himself in."

Gibbs, Taylor's family and his teammates, past and present, did their best to describe a player very few got to know.

Taylor was extremely talented -- fast and powerful -and genuinely had a chance to become one of the best safeties ever to play in the NFL.

"What got cut short here was a career that was going to go to a lot of Pro Bowls and have a lot of fun," Gibbs said.

Taylor was having the best

season of his career on the field and had staved out of trouble off the field since the birth of his daughter, Jackie, in May 2006. He was becoming a leader, and his teammates had elected him to the players' committee that meets regularly with Gibbs.

"I saw a real maturing process," Gibbs said.

"He was kind of a wild child, like myself," said New York Giants tight end Jeremy Shockey, who played with Taylor at the University of Miami. "But life changed for Sean after he had his baby girl. He grew up and matured."

Private and slow to trust anyone, Taylor rarely granted interviews. During his last known full-length interview, he spoke of the joy he felt when he made his daughter laugh, how he wanted to give her life experiences different from his own.

This season, Taylor improved his diet and workout regimen and was given a new role. Instead of playing a hybrid safety position, he was a true free safety. He used speed and power to chase passes and intimidate receivers. His five interceptions had been tied for the NFC lead, even though he missed the last two games because of a sprained knee.

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Grease hits the Nampa Civic Center stage

by RACHAEL FINCH

Grease is the word, but it's like no word you've ever heard. Friday November 16, Starlight in the City presented its production of the musical Grease on the Nampa Civic Center stage. But this production was altered in ways that placed fans of Grease in a disappointed state of confusion.

The play starred Ben Pluim as Danny, and Dani Peterson as Sandi. However, these main characters were greatly overshadowed by their supporting actors. The performances of Beth Ewing as Rizzo, Skye

McClure as Kenicke, and Angie Carlson as Patty, made Pluim and Peterson's performances seem uninspired. These three young thespians acted with enthusiasm and heart. Pluim and Peterson lacked this vital energy, making the driving force of the production weak.

The performance included a slew of songs new and old. Some of the old favorites performed were "Summer Lovin" (Summer Nights), "Hopelessly Devoted to You", "Grease Lightnin'", and "Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee." It also incorporated songs exclusive to the play, not heard in the movie version of Grease. The songs were well prepared and well performed.

However, fans of the movie and the play received an unpleasant surprise with the altered ending of the production, which entirely excluded "You're the One that I Want." Sandi does indeed dress up as "bad Sandi", and Danny as "jock Danny", but that's as far as the role reversal goes. Danny tells Sandi that he wants the old Sandi, just the way she was, and the cast goes straight into the final number, "We go Together."

While the morality of the play's original ending has always been questionable, changing the ending now seems like a futile effort. Many people have been bothered by the ending, seeing that Sandi seemingly gives up her values for the sake a guy. However, this story has been long established on the stage and on screen. The ending is well-known by millions. Thus, changing the ending only makes people focus more on the change than the rest of the play. I, for one, was disappointed not to see "You're the One that I Want" preformed, specifically because it was not replaced with an equal finale. The play felt incomplete and anticlimactic.

Furthermore, the lyrics of

several songs, like "Look at Me I'm Sandra Dee" and "Grease Lightnin", were altered to eliminate sexual innuendo as well as alcohol and tobacco references. It is absurd to try to make this play family friendly. It centers on the battle between personal values and identity in a relationship; this includes struggles with sexuality, alcohol, and tobacco. Even with edited lyrics, the sexual nature of the play is clear. If the morality and message of the play was an issue, perhaps it would have been better to perform another play, rather than altering the preexisting play.

Gamer's Corner: 'Assassin's Creed' receives rave reviews

by T.J. BARR

Assassin's Creed is one of the best games I have ever played. Chock full of stealth action, mass swordfights, and an amazing free running mechanic (similar to the Prince of Persia series); the game, even at its most repetitive points, is still a joy to play. The immense cities even make just exploring a fun to do. While there are only three cities (four if including the training city) they are massive and incredibly well put together. The creative team behind the making of the game tried to remain as historically accurate to the map as they could, and the result is a Jerusalem, Acre, and Damascus that are so breathtaking it will make the player feel like they are truly in the Third Crusade.

The attention to minor details, like the presence of merchants and the almost painfully irritating beggars, makes the experience that much more real. Seeing all that a city has to offer is easy, as Altair, the hero of the story, can climb almost any surface in the game, make impressive long range jumps and enact



The hero of the game uses various methods to obtain information about his targets (picture by www.board.ign.com).

a balancing routine that would make any gymnast jealous. The free running mechanic is so easy to use, even a novice gamer will be jumping from roof to roof like a pro in just a few minutes. But the game, as its title implies, is not about exploration. It is about assassination.

Before each of the nine missions Altair is given a target's name and basic whereabouts and sent on to do his job. But one of the nine men that torture before any assassination can be completed, information must be gathered. By various means, such as contacting informants, pick-pocketing guards, and eavesdropping, Altair collects various facts about his target, from daily habits to personality traits. As these bits and pieces form into a solid plan, Altair can act upon his data and take out

the populace. Each of the nine men is an actual historical figure who truly died or disappeared in the year 1191. Though these men were not assassinated in real life, some of their fates are unknown, making the game's story fairly unique.

Speaking of story, Assassin's Creed's is incredible. To avoid spoiling anything, I'll just let

you know that it's something you need to experience. It's one of the few games released in the last few years that has a truly engrossing story.

The graphics and sound are also great. The music is well placed and never seems to get boring and the picture is beautiful, even when played on a regular, non-hi-definition television.

This is one of the best games of the year, and one of the best games on the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3. This is a game that has to be rented and almost any gamer should add it to their collection.



'Enchanted' captivates audiences

by AMBER FORD

Dust off those glass slippers for a fun romp through princess movie clichés in animation and real action. *Enchanted*, starring Amy Adams and Patrick Dempsey, proved to be humorous and heart warming in a number of ways.

Princess Giselle (Adams) lives in a fantasy world of Andalaysia where she is waiting for a Prince Charming, who is manifested in the form of Edward (James Marsden). After meeting and instantly wanting to marry, Edward's evil stepmother (Susan Sarandon) steps in to stop the marriage and keep Giselle from getting the crown. She sends Giselle to Big Apple where she meets Robert (Patrick Dempsey) and his daughter who change Giselle's outlook on love, all while Edward searches frantically throughout New York City for Giselle.

The coming together of the animated world of Andalaysia and the real world of New York City is pulled off quite well. The animation makes it seem even more cheesy, which seems to be the point of the whole movie. When Giselle is thrust into New York, the movie takes on a whole new feel.

Edward was absolutely hilarious, accompanied by Giselle's chipmunk companion Pip who helps him search near and far. From attacking city buses to learning about television, he was the most entertaining of all.

The movie couples some of the most absurd princess movie clichés with real life in the Big Apple. Robert and Giselle discuss dating (which her and Edward never did), the unreal expectations of fairy tales, and the most powerful thing in the world (true love's first kiss). One of the most memorable scenes in the movie involved cleaning, singing, and cockroaches, with a musical medley in Central Park coming in at a close second.

I was expecting this movie to be pretty lame and I only consented to see it because I went with my mother. But I was surprised by its wit, humor, and overall melding of the princess stories. You can get everything from *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* to *King Kong* in this film and it just adds to the humor.

If you are a fan of cheesy, romantic princess movies you will love the satire in the film. I found it enjoyable to watch the actors be completely ridiculous and wonder how they could keep a straight face. *Enchanted* is a must see romantic comedy for the holiday season that will make girls swoon over their one true love.

NNU choirs to perform 'Messiah'

by ALLI SCHISLER

In the spirit of Christmas, NNU choirs will be presenting Handel's "Messiah" on December 2 at 3 pm in the Brandt Center.

This year, "Messiah" is under the direction of Dr. Judy Marlett. This is the first year in many years that Dr. Marvin Stallcop is not directing "Messiah." "Messiah" has been a tradition at NNU for more than sixty years, says Dr. Marlett. NNU did not perform the oratorio last year.

Both Crusader choir and Bella Voce, previously called University Women's choir will perform "Messiah" with a full orchestra and organ.

Student Soloists include Krista Landaas (soprano), Hilary Johnson (alto), Josh Cremer (tenor), Scott King (tenor), and Matt Johnson (bass).

Dr. Marlett says, "This is my first year conducting Messiah and I am thrilled to continue a wonderful tradition at NNU. I would love to invite students to come and see their friends sing one of the most wonderful works ever written and start off their Holiday season being reminded of the most glorious gift ever given."

Messiah was composed by George Frideric Handel in the summer of 1741. Handel based the oratorio off of a libretto by Charles Jennens. Handel is often considered the most successful of baroque composers.

"Messiah" is based off of the King James Version of the Bible. The oratorio was first performed in 1742 in Dublin. Since then is has become a staple for choirs at Christmas.

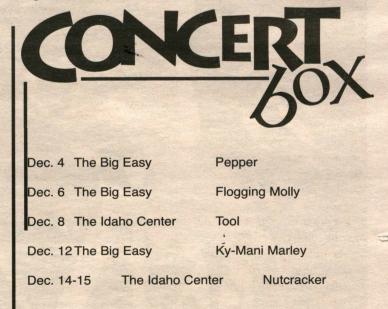
It was not originally envisioned as a Christmas tradition, however, and its content of Christian doctrine and faith was intended as a timely thought-provoker for Lent and Easter. The composition is a presentation of the life of Jesus Christ.

The piece is divided into three parts. The best known section is the Hallelujah chorus, which concluded the second part of the oratorio. Often, the Hallelujah chorus is performed by itself.

The NNU choirs will be performing selections from Parts I, II, and III.

Junior Crusader Choir member Laurie Burgemeister says, "This is a lot different from other music we sing. Performing 'Messiah' is a tradition I am glad we are bringing back...I was disappointed when we didn't perform it last year."

Tickets for *Messiah* are \$5.00, available through the NNU Music Department (467-8413) or at the door.



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Best 2007 books to give

by ALLI SCHISLER

Now that the Christmas season is here, it is time to find the perfect gifts for family and friends. Are you looking for the ideal gift for the readers in your family? Try these.

If you are looking for a classic, or rather, a classic revisited, try Jack Kerouac's On the Road: The Original Scroll. This read is ideal for the booklover who has already experienced On the Road and understands Kerouac's beat generation.

This is the original work as Kerouac penned in a three week period. It contains the actual names of Kerouac's characters, including Neal Cassady and Allen Ginsberg. It must be noted that though this is perfect for the older reader who experienced the 1950s beat era, this version contains sex scenes and drug references not contained on other versions. Couple this with New York Times reporter John Leland's Why Kerouac Matters, a refreshing look into the life and works of the beat generation icon.

Perhaps, someone you know is interested in biographies. Try Hermione Lee's Edith Wharton. This is for the reader who loves Wharton's classics about the Gilded Age in New York City such as The Age of Innocence, Ethan Frome, and The House of Mirth. Lee's masterly work upsets stereotypes and reveals Wharton as both brave and convicted. Looking for two books to give? Try pairing Lee's telling biography with one of Wharton's novels, The Age of Innocence.

If the above do not appeal to you, try the light-hearted fictional *Pontoon* by Garrison Keillor. Keillor, a brilliant poet, novelist, satirist, and radio personality, pens another novel surrounding his trademark character, Lake Wobegon. The gently hilarious novel tells the story of a Lutheran lady who leaves bizarre funeral instructions. This is perfect for anyone who appreciated humor. In the mood for somber nonfiction? Try A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah. Beah, now twenty-five, looks back on his experiences as a 12-year-old swept up in Sierra Leone's civil war. This autobiography exposes the thoughts of a child abducted into the atrocities of warfare. This is perfect for the reader concerned with child soldiering, and those familiar with the Invisible Children movement.

If you are simply looking for a laugh, try The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible by A.J. Jacobs. Jacobs, with a reputation as a stunt writer, writes about his experience living one year strictly following Biblical guidelines. The author keeps the Sabbath, grows facial hair, digests crickets, and stones adulterers, among other exploits. Jacob's work is surprisingly reverent and inspirational. This is just the book for the Christian with a sense of humor and irony.

New art exhibit to hit Friesen Galleries today

by ANDREA HALL

Alison Owen, an installation artist from Rhode Island, 'has completed a show today for the Friesen Galleries.

Owen, originally from California, is a painter who has recently been working almost exclusively in site-responsive installations. Such work involved spending time in the space for the show, observing lighting and other factors, and creating a work in response to what is observed. Owen began siteresponsive work in New York, installing pieces in her friends' apartments. She has now appeared in galleries all over the U.S, including Seattle, Portland and now Nampa.

"[My style] initially appears quite minimal but is really

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rich up close," said Owen. "It makes people spend more time in the space...kind of a treasure hunt."

Her work really does incorporate audience participationsome elements are almost invisible, small changes made to the color of the wall underneath an overhang, painted strips reflecting how shadows fall at various times of day, and accentuating shadows. Through her very minimalist materials of wood, paint and objects found in the space (including light switches and wall sockets), Owen alters the gallery space to how she relates with it.

"It's a way of relating to the world," she says. Viewers can choose how much time or attention is paid to the work, and the way they relate to it depends on how much they are willing to take away. "Sometimes there's a double-take," Owen says of those she has observed finding her hidden treasures. "It makes you question every element."

Prior to beginning the installation for the Friesen Galleries, Owen spent some quality time in the empty space, getting to know the gallery and getting her ideas together. "I came with some paintings I'd worked on at home," she said. "So I had something to work from." She added to these pieces during the past three days as she built her show around them.

Owen's show opens tonight with a reception from 5-8:00 p.m, upstairs in the south gallery in the Brandt Center.





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