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“Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety.”

-Charles Wesley

Study abroad students return with stories and new perspectives

by ANDREA HALL

It has been said that one's time in college is the best time to travel the world. Though funds may be difficult to obtain while struggling as a penny-pinching undergrad,

some people get the best of both worlds by signing up for a study-abroad program. Many students have described their study abroad experiences as

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Junior Kari Penrod in front of a waterfall in Uganda (photo courtesy of Kari Penrod).

'Pride and Prejudice' will be hosted by the junior class

by ALLI SCHISLER

Hannah Beers, the director of the junior class play "Pride and Prejudice," is eager to see the first performance. The play, which will be performed March 27, 28, 29, 31 in the science

lecture hall, is based on the novel by 18th century author Jane Austen.

"Pride and Prejudice" is one of the best-loved Victorian novels. Of Jane Austen's novels, "Pride and

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Ladies tear it up



NNU guard Janee Olds goes up for a rebound during the Crusaders' 73-62 victory over the MSU Billings yellow jackets. Olds and Williams scored a game high 18 points (photo by Jenn Hush).

Olds and Williams lead the pack in the victory over MSU Billings

by RACHAEL FINCH

Last week was a big week for NNU women's basketball. The lady Crusaders won two Great Northwest Athletic Conference games,

toppling Seattle University, 73 to 62, on Thursday and beating Montana State University Billings, 90 to 71, on Saturday. Both teams are good, so these were big wins, says head

coach Kelli Lindley.

NNU shot ahead in the first half of Saturday's game against MSU Billings, shooting 64 percent

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Forensics team places at WWU

NNU competitors place second overall in region

by ANDREA HALL

The Forensics team is at it again. NNU's best speakers, debaters and storytellers have long been award-winners, and last weekend was no different.

Last weekend, the Forensics (Speech and Debate) team took nine competitors to Western Washington University for a tournament against about twenty different schools in the Northwest. NNU's team took away numerous awards from the tournament, including the Northwest Forensics Conference Division II Second Place Sweepstakes Award for the 2007-08 competitive year.

Forensics is often confused with criminal forensics. Also categorized with speech

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Quote of the week

"When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it."

(Bernard Bailey)

Weather

From the National Weather Service

THURSDAY

70% chance of snow.

Hi: 33° | Low: 25°

FRIDAY

30% chance of snow.

Hi: 37° | Low: 24°

SATURDAY

30% chance of snow.

Hi: 34° | Low: 23°

SUNDAY

20% chance of snow.

Hi: 34° | Low: 24°

MONDAY

20% chance of snow.

Hi: 37° | Low: 25°

NNU News Briefs

Three NNU athletes named as GNAC players of the week

NNU athletes Janee Olds (Women's basketball), Jaclyn Puga (Track) and Mitch Ward (Track) have all been named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Athletes-of-the-Week in their respective

sports.

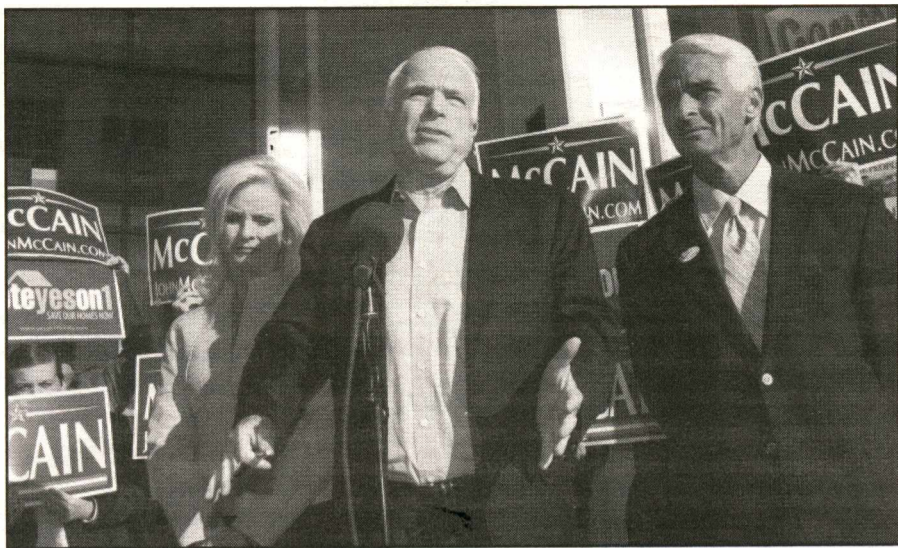
Dr. Gary Skaggs travels to Phoenix for treatment

Vice President Gary Skaggs has been admitted to the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix. Pre-operative consultation and testing will oc-

cur on Thursday, February 7 with the surgical procedure scheduled for the next day, February 8. Please keep Dr. Skaggs in your prayers!

Winter Awakening

Come and listen to John and Guy Earle speak this week!



Republican presidential hopeful, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., center, speaks to reporters as Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, right, and his wife Cindy McCain look on during a visit to a polling station in St. Petersburg, Fla., the morning of Florida's Republican presidential primary election, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2008 (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak).

McCain takes Florida for Republicans

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

John McCain and Mitt Romney clashed in a hard-fought Florida primary on Tuesday, seeking campaign momentum before the race for the Republican presidential nomination turns into a nationwide delegate struggle on Feb. 5.

Rudy Giuliani and Mike Huckabee struggled

for survival in a race that threatened to leave them behind — or out.

The winner stood to gain all 57 national convention delegates at stake, the biggest prize so far in an early round of primaries and caucuses.

A survey of voters as they left their polling places showed the economy was the top issue for nearly half

the Republican electorate. Terrorism, the war in Iraq and immigration followed in importance. Not surprisingly in a state that is a magnet for retirees, more than one-third of the voters were 65 or older.

The poll was conducted by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International for the Associated Press and the networks.

Idaho State Legislature reconvenes for winter

by ALLI SCHISLER

The Idaho State Legislature reconvened January 15, 2008. In the opening week of the 2008 legislature, congressmen and women discussed early education programs, tax-credit, and misuse of public money.

Senate Bill 1275, sponsored by Sen. Kate Kelly, D-Boise, regarding the misuse of public funds by government employees was introduced and read to the Senate January 24. Passage of the bill would make the misuse-of-public-funds law apply to all government officials and would make it a felony to embezzle more than \$300, says Heath Druzin of the "Idaho Statesman."

For elected officials, any amount pilfered could result in a felony. Currently, only some officials can be punished under the —misuses-of-public-funds-law. Sen. Kelley says, "We need to hold our public officers to a high standard." A

similar bill was introduced last year but did pass.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, will introduce a bill that would increase preschool opportunities in certain school districts. Sen. Schroeder has sponsored similar bills for about ten years, but none have come close to being passed.

"We've passed bills out of the Senate on more than one occasion, and we had one to the floor of the House one time," said Schroeder to the "Idaho Statesman."

Sen. Mike Burkett, D-Boise, shares similar goals. Anne Wallace Allen says "Burkett has imported experts who say Idaho is trailing the rest of the nation in its support for early education and has introduced bills in the House Education Committee for several years."

One recurring issue is the grocery tax credit. Last year Governor Butch Otter emphasized grocery tax credit reform, and the

legislature came up with its own House bill 85 concerning the grocery tax, says Deanna Darr. Since the bill little resembled the governor's plan, he vetoed it.

"Last year, [we were] very disappointed that the bill the Legislature sent was vetoed," Sen. Davis, R-Idaho Falls, says. "We will work hard to find a proposal that can pass this year." Governor Otter said he will reintroduce his grocery tax bill in the same form as last year's bill, says Darr.

This year, the legislature is meeting in the old Ada County Courthouse across from the Capitol, as the Capitol is renovated. So, while legislators discuss issues of early education programs, tax-credit, and misuse of public money, they will also face issues of less space and different location. For more info log onto legislature.idaho.gov

War on Terror attempts to redirect its focus

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a shift with profound implications, the Bush administration is attempting to re-energize its terrorism-fighting war efforts in Afghanistan, the original target of a post-Sept. 11 offensive. The U.S. also is re-focusing on Pakistan, where

safe havens in the border area," Gates said. "I think it would be unrealistic to assume that all of the planning that they're doing is focused strictly on Pakistan. So I think that that is a continuing threat to Europe as well as to us."

The Pentagon says it has

country opposes any foreign forces on its soil. "The man in the street will not allow this — he will come out and agitate," he said. Musharraf said the U.S. instead should bolster its combat forces in Afghanistan.

The top two U.S. intelligence officials made a



A soldier of the Afghan National Army stands guard during a patrol in Musa Qala, Afghanistan - formerly a Taliban stronghold - in this Dec 15, 2007 file photo. In a subtle shift with profound implications for U.S. security, the Bush administration has begun refocusing its terrorism-fighting efforts to Afghanistan - the original target of the post-Sept. 11 military offensive - and neighboring Pakistan, where a sheltered al-Qaida is posing new threats (AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool, Pool, File).

a regenerating al-Qaida is posing fresh threats.

There is growing recognition that the United States risks further setbacks, if not deepening conflict or even defeat, in Afghanistan, and that success in that country hinges on stopping Pakistan from descending into disorder.

Privately, some senior U.S. military commanders say Pakistan's tribal areas are at the center of the fight against Islamic extremism; more so than Iraq, or even Afghanistan. These areas border on eastern Afghanistan and provide haven for al-Qaida and Taliban fighters to regroup, rearm and reorganize.

At a Pentagon news conference last week, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that while the U.S. respects the Pakistani government's right to decide what actions are needed to defeat extremists on its soil, there are reasons to worry that al-Qaida poses more than an internal threat to Pakistan.

"I think we are all concerned about the re-establishment of al-Qaida

fewer than 100 troops in Pakistan, including personnel who are training Pakistan's paramilitary Frontier Corps in the western tribal region along the Afghanistan border.

The U.S. military has used other means, including aerial surveillance by drones, to hunt Osama bin Laden and other senior al-Qaida leaders believed to be hiding near the Afghan border. Ground troops on the Afghan side sometimes fire artillery across the border at known Taliban or al-Qaida targets, and U.S. officials have said special operations forces are poised to strike across the border under certain circumstances.

In recent days, administration officials have said they would send more U.S. forces, including small numbers of combat troops, if the Pakistani government decided it wanted to collaborate more closely.

It is far from certain that U.S. combat troops will set foot in Pakistan in any substantial numbers. On Friday, Pakistan's president, Pervez Musharraf, said his

secret visit to Pakistan in early January to seek Musharraf's permission for greater involvement of American forces in trying to ferret out al-Qaida and other militant groups active in the tribal regions, a senior U.S. official said Saturday. Musharraf was said to have rebuffed an expansion of an American presence in Pakistan at the meeting, either through covert CIA missions or by joint operations with Pakistani security forces.

The number of U.S. troops in Afghanistan has grown over the past two years from 20,000 to the current total of 28,000. That is the highest number of the war, which began in October 2001. The total is to jump by 3,200 this spring with a new influx of Marine reinforcements,

"There is strong pressure now from the international community to find some solution to Afghanistan because of the fear that this could quickly go south," said Ashley J. Tellis, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.



Middle Eastern Affairs Club meeting last Thursday. From left to right Trevan Hauck, Mandy Hacker, Cally Bekkedahl, Aimee Niles and Tony Napier (photo by Robin McConkey).

Presidential debates Wednesday and Thursday will be screened by MEAC

by AIMEE NILES

The Middle Eastern Affairs Club will be hosting two debate parties this week. The first will be happening tonight starting at 5 p.m. with the Republican debate pre-show.

The second will be tomorrow night, also at 5 p.m., with the Democratic debate pre-show. Both debates will take place in the Perk.

The Middle Eastern

Affairs Club decided to host the debates after the success of last semester's Republican debate party. "A lot of people showed up and it went a lot better than we first expected," organizer Tony Napier said "it is really encouraging to see students getting involved in the political process."

There are several differences between these parties and last semester's party. First, the Democratic

debate will be hosted as well. Second, professors will be available after the debates to field questions from the audience. Third, the Middle East Affairs Club will be hosting a voter registration drive. "We're trying to get a campus that is otherwise apathetic towards politics engaged in the process. The more students we get excited about the leadership and politics of the US, the bigger impact we can

have," Club member Trevan Hauck says. Students who are not registered to vote in their home state—or wish to vote in Idaho—may register in Idaho. College students are allowed to register, vote and caucus in the state which they attend school.

With the promise of stimulating discussion and debate, and free pizza, the Middle East Affairs Club anticipates a large crowd.

Counseling center offers light therapy for Seasonal Affective Disorder

by ANDREA HALL

During these dark and dreary winter months, some people have trouble staying alert or in a good mood. Those "winter blues" now have another name: Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD.

SAD is thought to be caused by the body's inability to properly adjust to the earth's constantly changing day/night cycles. The typical cloudiness and grayness of winter days does not help, and the feelings of depression sink in deeper when the sun doesn't shine. SAD is an actual type of depression, but its effects can increase dramatically in the winter months.

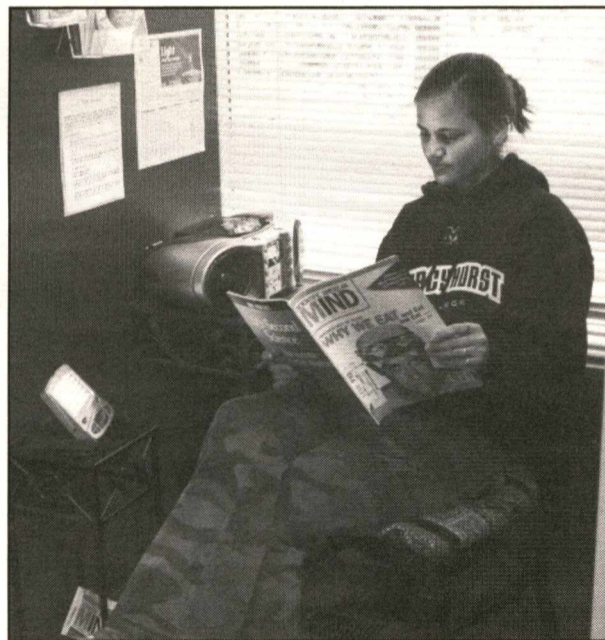
Light therapy is not a new fad—it has been used to treat symptoms of SAD since the 1980s, according to the Mayo Clinic website. It has yet to be approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) because there is a lack of hard evidence of its effectiveness.

Light therapy comes in several different colors: depending on the type of

light wave emission, light has been used to combat SAD, treat acne (violet light reduces the bacteria in the skin's pores), and other symptoms. The most common color of light used, however, remains in the blue and violet ranges of the spectrum.

No, it's not like going to the tanning salon and lying down in a cramped tube with hot ultraviolet lamps in it. This light therapy is brief and painless. The counseling center has set up a corner of their office with a small chair, magazine stand and the light source. This little corner might be even more cozy if the chair did not face the offices of Joanne Rittmueller and her staff, making one feel somewhat exposed and in the way of the daily business.

The light itself is an unsuspecting thing that resembles a large light-up alarm clock. Its timer turns on a bank of bright blue LEDs for twenty minutes at a time. Literature posted near the device advises users to sit twenty to thirty inches away from the light and to



One student tries out the light therapy offered by NNU's counseling center (photo by Robin McConkey).

let it shine on their faces at a slight angle. One need not look directly into the light to receive its benefits, "a glance" every so often will suffice. The literature states that most of the benefits of the blue light are received through the retinas of the eyes, and not by the skin.

I stopped by and tried this new light therapy for myself, and despite the slight blue retinal imprint (like a large camera flash) from

"glancing" at the light a little too long, I did feel more alert and awake the rest of the day, but I did not notice any significant change in my sleep habits. According to the Mayo Clinic, some of the side effects of light therapy include insomnia, eyestrain and headaches, but these and other side effects are uncommon and can be avoided by adjusting the brightness and time of exposure.

AP News Blurbs:

Around the world in five stories

New home sales dropped in by a record amount

WASHINGTON

New home sales plunged in 2007 by the largest amount on record while home prices tumbled sharply in December. Analysts forecast more trouble in 2008 as housing tries to emerge from its worst slump in more than two decades.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that sales of new homes dropped by 26.4 percent last year to 774,000. That marked the biggest decline on record, surpassing the old mark of a 23.1 percent plunge in 1980.

The government reported that the median price of a new home barely budged last year, edging up a slight 0.2 percent to \$246,900, the poorest showing since prices fell by 2.4 percent during the 1991 housing downturn.

New research may change how flu vaccinations are given

WASHINGTON

Relief may be on the way for all those youngsters trembling at the thought of another needle jab. One day the flu vaccine may simply be placed under the tongue.

Korean researchers say the new vaccine worked in mice, avoiding not only the painful prick but also the discomfort some people feel from the inhaled vaccine.

The team led by Dr. Mi-Na Kweon of the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul reported their findings in Monday's online edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Better ways of delivering vaccine have long been under study, ranging from orally to inhaled, but all seem to have drawbacks.

Bond revoked for indicted businessman who raised cash for Obama

CHICAGO

A judge revoked the \$2 million bond Monday for indicted businessman Antoin "Tony" Rezko, who has raised thousands of dollars for Barack Obama and Illinois politicians.

U.S. District Judge Amy J. St. Eve said she grew concerned after learning Rezko received \$3.5 million from a company in Lebanon; he had claimed that he had no income. St. Eve said she feared Rezko could be a flight risk.

The real estate developer and fast food magnate was arrested Monday morning at his home in suburban Wilmette. At an afternoon hearing, the judge ordered him into custody and scheduled a Tuesday hearing where Rezko's attorneys will attempt to get bond reinstated.

Indonesians mourn dictator Suharto despite his tarnished rights record

SOLO, Indonesia

Tens of thousands of Indonesians mourned former dictator Suharto during his state funeral Monday, a striking display of affection for the U.S. Cold War ally whose brutal military regime killed hundreds of thousands of left-wing political opponents.

As mourners watched a motorcade carry the former dictator's body to the Suharto family mausoleum, many sobbed and called out the name of the man whose rule, though harsh, brought economic growth and stability to Indonesia.

"He was a great man," said Sumartini, a 65-year-old woman.

Asian markets take plunge

HONG KONG

Global market turmoil continued into a second week as Asian markets tumbled Monday in the wake of Wall Street's sell-off Friday amid persistent worries about a possible U.S. — and worldwide — economic slowdown.

China's benchmark index plummeted 7.2 percent to its lowest point in six months on concerns that a recession in the U.S. would mean less demand for Chinese-made products. Hong Kong's market sank 4.3 percent while India's Sensex dropped 3.5 percent in afternoon trading.

Honesty is the best policy

The United States needs to be more forthcoming with the rest of the world about their foreign relations

When will the United States be honest with its citizens and the rest of the world?

In 2005, President Bush said, "Freedom from torture is an inalienable human right" and the United

States ignores human rights violations, totalitar-

ring hollow. A more accurate description would be—we're spreading democracy to our "enemies". Our allies don't need it. Which is why the United States ignores human rights violations, totalitar-

world leaders are widely loved enough to garner 98 percent of the vote. And most candidates running against an incumbent "take vacations".

Are you sensing the sarcasm? The Bush administration is too busy going after the real "bad guys" to worry about small fish like Mubarak. Nevermind he single-handedly changed the Egyptian constitution last year to grant his son, Gamel, power upon his death.

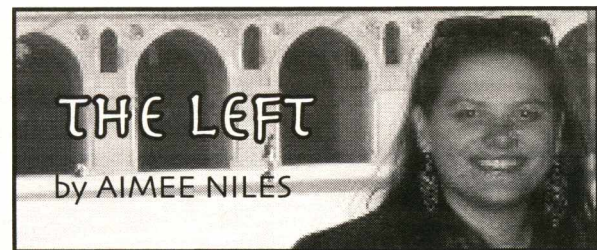
Nevermind Amnesty International reports, "torture and ill-treatment in detention continued to be systematic." As long as we're friends--right?

And our greatest friend in the Middle East--the ever-justified State of Israel--goes constantly unchallenged with the human rights violations in the Palestinian territories.

ianism and torture among our "friends".

The example that most clearly comes to mind with this is in Egypt. Few people look past the pyramids and camels to realize the gross misconduct of the Mubarak government.

Egypt has not held free elections since the assassination of President Sadat in 1981. Oh sure, President Hosni Mubarak holds "elections" every few years—and really, most



States "is committed to building a world where human rights are respected and protected by the rule of law." In the same address, President Bush added that the United States is working to expand democracy worldwide and "will help others find their own voice, attain their own freedom, and make their own way."

These are all wonderful sentiments, yet in the face of the War on Terror they

Handicap accessibility at NNU

Facilities at NNU should be up to ADA standards to accommodate all students

STAFF EDITORIAL

Most people do not give a second-thought to opening a door, going upstairs, or walking across campus. Many people do these things twenty or thirty times a day. For some, however, opening a door is something that they do think about everyday because they either cannot do it or it is very difficult for them. At NNU, we have several students with disabilities that are here to obtain a higher education like the rest of us, but may find themselves hindered by the campus' less than accessible facilities.

While strides have certainly been made at NNU—for example last year the addition of automatic doors in the Student Center, Williams Hall, and the Wiley Learning Center and the Social Work department's addition of a ramp to their offices—the campus still has a long way to go. There are still several buildings that lack the proper equipment and



Two of the handicap accessible buildings on campus: the Math and Science building and the Library (photo by Robin McConkey).

technology to adequately aid those with disabilities like the Fine Arts Building, Administration Building, and the Riley Library.

The elevator in the library is now functional after being out of commission for several semesters. Sharon Bull, Director of Library Services says the elevator is now available students with disabilities and all further building improvements will be up to the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Even with the addition of handicap buttons on school buildings, it is still a struggle, as they often do not work or require a hard push to work successfully. When asked if she thought if NNU was accessible enough for her, Kara

Gibson, a senior education major who uses an electric wheelchair, had this to say: "For the most part the campus is not user friendly but I make the best of it. It's also hard to take tests in the Perk; I can't really use the academic support center." As for using the elevator in the library Gibson said "I haven't used it yet, when I went there they said I should have someone wait upstairs in case it got stuck."

Barbara Howard, director of the academic support center, oversees all students with disabilities, learning or otherwise. However, those with physical disabilities will find it difficult to visit her office as the only way to get there is to go downstairs.

When humans destroy God's beauty

Searching for God in the middle of the Kenyan election crisis

Eight months ago, I traveled to the most beautiful place in the world. Three weeks was far too short to experience everything Kenya had to offer, but I was able to get a taste of their culture. And

I came back to the states aching for the place I was falling in love with.

Presently, there is an ethnic war brewing in the country that has erupted over a dispute in the December presidential

election results. Over 800 people have died since then. All of the major cities are struggling to keep order between the Laos and Kikuyu tribes, two of the most dominate ethnic groups residing in Kenya.

There are over 40 ethnic groups living in the country—a very small area for so many different people. From what I learned before leaving the states, Kenya has been a fairly peaceful place—especially in comparison to neighbors like Rwanda.

We had been told about the coming elections from some of the students and professors we met at Africa Nazarene University. In fact, some of the Kenyans I met knew more about OUR elections than most people in our country. They knew Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and John McCain better than the average American. And to be honest, in May, I didn't know much about the potential presidential candidates either.

The people in Kenya are joyful. There isn't another

word I could use to describe them. The whole time, I could see a difference between Kenyans and people in the states. Here, we are lacking the ability to live contently and simply—in Kenya they have mastered that art.

the natural beauty I saw everyday in the landscape and the people will be lost amidst all of the fighting. This conflict is just another example of people killing people, just because they are different. I worry that if this isn't stopped, we may be looking at another endless war, started over something so small.

Right now, all I can really hold onto is the hope that God hears prayers—because I pray that this conflict is stopped before it escalates. When war breaks out, I begin to wonder where God is and why he allows such things to happen. A God of love cannot condone these acts, and if he does, and I have a hard time believing that he is the same one I have professed to follow. I want the God that protects his people and the places he created.



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"The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it be accurate, it follows that it is fair."

--Herbert Bayard Swope

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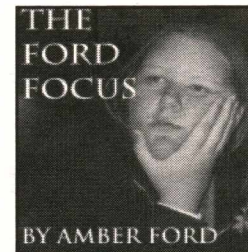
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Chick flicks create unrealistic expectations of love

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Chick flicks are all the same. Through a series of mishaps, chance meetings, noble gestures and wooing, two un-suspecting people fall in love. There's always a new chick flick coming out because that's what women, and let's admit-- some guys, want to see. They want to believe that there is someone perfect out there for them. They want to believe that not all guys are in it for the benefits; that a guy truly loves them and is willing to commit to just her.

We all need love, but the media is putting forth a skewed view of what true love is. In the world view, love is equivalent to sex. It is also assumed that to be normal, you have to be dating someone.

Even in the Christian world, a young woman who doesn't date is weird. And if she meets a man and falls in love, marrying the first guy she ever dated, people make remarks like, "she only married him because he was the first guy to pay attention to her."

But one has to question the point of dating. Why is

it that kids date in elementary school and junior high? Of course from a worldly perspective it would be because of the "benefits" of having a significant other.

But what about Christians? It has been said that dating is to prepare for marriage, try people out so that you know what you want in a marriage partner. I tend to agree with what I once read: dating is more practice for divorce than marriage.

What is dating: intimacy without commitment? You give your heart to a person, share your time and energy, only to break up when things don't work out. Wouldn't it be better to wait to seriously and singly date until you're ready for marriage? Then when you meet someone and fall in love, you're ready to make the commitment and get married.

This false view on what a young person ought to be doing or how a relationship should look is all portrayed in the countless chick flicks seen today. It leaves a young person feeling unsatisfied either of their lack of a "special person" or that their

boyfriend doesn't hold up to the perfect man in the film.

I am not saying you should be satisfied with less than you deserve. However, actors on screen aren't real. How is it healthy to watch a movie that makes you feel depressed and wanting more than you have?

Chick flicks leave women feeling lonely and sad. In fact, a woman might be prone to do something she regrets like call up an ex or go downtown to the bar. I'm not saying these movies are all together bad. I, like the rest, enjoy a good romance movie. If you are perfectly content with your relationships and these movies do not affect you in this way then by all means continue.

But for the majority, cutting back on the mushy unrealistic garbage they feed you in chick flicks might not be such a bad idea. Why watch someone else pretending to live and have adventures when you could be living your own life and experiencing new things for real? God made you perfect and you don't need a partner to be whole.

and tribes. If someone was to break another's arm, the attacker could not be punished with two broken arms. The original law itself went against norms in that society. Therefore, Jesus' reinterpretation in Matthew simply goes further in showing more love to someone who has wronged you-- not that you should allow people to trample over you with no consequences.

With that in mind, I would argue that Jesus was not a pacifist in the sense Mr. Napier suggested. On the contrary, I would label Jesus as a revolutionist. Now, he did not start a coup to overthrow the Roman government as many Jewish people expected the Messiah to do (including Jesus' own disciples). However, as stated before, his re-interpretation of an old law completely changed people's understanding of how to treat one another. Moreover, Jesus' actions such as spending time with prostitutes and tax collectors

went against society's norm. Jesus did not back down and roll over to accusations made by his opponents. He stood firm.

Overall, Jesus' concepts and explanations of the law truly did blow people away. His level of commitment to the will of God and his love and compassion for the poor and needy certainly revolutionized how his society and our own society should operate. His entire ministry, death on the cross, and resurrection revolutionized the lives of his followers and still do in the lives of people today.

There is a difference between peace and justice, and in order to obtain justice, peace may not occur immediately. However, to follow along with the words of Reverend Lawson, violence does not solve violence. Violence does not bring peace. Therefore, the actions within the civil right's movement such as the bus boycott and the countless number of people who continued to walk

Jesus doesn't teach hate

Last week, acclaimed actor Heath Ledger died from an apparent drug overdose. Ledger had recently completed work on the next installment of the remade Batman series as the Joker.

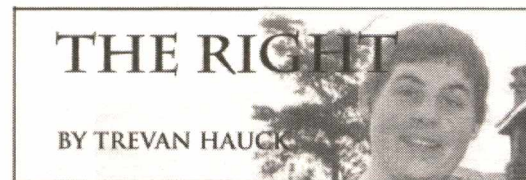
While it is certainly a tragedy, death is something that happens everyday. What does not happen everyday, however, is a church picketing a funeral and claiming that an individual is now serving an eternal sentence in hell. A Kansas church, Westboro Baptist Church, is doing just that to Ledger.

The basis for this, according to a press conference the church held, is due to Ledger's role in the 2005 movie, "Brokeback Mountain." Most are familiar with the movie's

plotline -- a couple of male sheepherders discovering love in the mountains of Wyoming.

This protest is an abhorrent display of evil and bigotry that dishonors God. It is inconceivable to think that there are people out there doing things like

events can be accessed on this website as well as a list of why God hates America, why He hates gays, and what scripture supports this. There is also a list of upcoming pickets for the funerals of Iraq war casualties across the country in protest of the war.

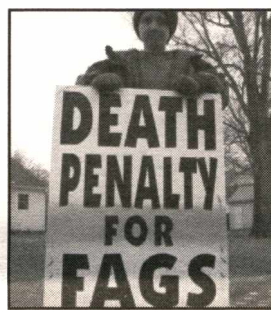


this in the name of Jesus. Whether or not you agree with homosexuality, the tactics that Westboro Baptist employs are way off the mark when it comes Jesus' message. Jesus says in Matthew 7:1-2 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Ledger himself was not even a homosexual, yet according to a press release on the groups website www.godhatesfags.com, "Ledger is in hell because he defied the word of God, and taught others to do so." All of their activities and

All of the scripture that is cited in their press release comes from the Old Testament. How can you ignore Jesus' message of love and forgiveness in the New Testament, teach your children that it is OK to excommunicate someone for something they have done, and claim that only your church is going to heaven because all other Christian churches are "fag supporters"? Not only this, but they are showing that it is OK to barge in on a grieving family and spit in their faces.

With groups like this, it is not hard to see why so many people avoid Christianity and Jesus.



A boy of Westboro Baptist holding a protest sign at an Iraqi soldier's funeral (photo by www.godhatesfags.com).

silently as others yelled obscenities at them show how to bring about justice in a nonviolent manner--actions I feel that Jesus certainly lived out.

-Cassie Lara
Senior

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to an article that appeared in the paper last Wednesday, January 23 written by Mr. Tony Napier. Mr. Napier proposed that the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s used tactics that were "unbiblical". The ideas in question refer to the art of civil disobedience, as put forth in Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter From a Birmingham Jail. In the letter, Dr. King states that in order for true justice to be served, one must be willing to break unjust laws; this would, in fact, show a higher level of respect for justice than one who simply follows blindly what one was told. Mr. Napier supposes that these ideas are unbiblical and un-

Christ-like. He even uses references to the Sermon on the Mount found in the Gospel of Matthew to support his obviously flawed thesis.

First, let us review the idea that civil disobedience is not taught by Jesus. True, Jesus does not directly refer to the act of civil disobedience, but the idea of justice for the oppressed is one that He made abundantly clear. If Mr. Napier would have turned the pages of his Bible a little more, he would have read Jesus quoting the prophet Isaiah in Luke 4:18, where Jesus gives his mission statement: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom...[and] to release the oppressed".

Jesus' main purpose in coming to earth was to free those who are oppressed. Thus, if we are to have the mindset of Christ, we should attempt to free the oppressed.

Secondly, I wonder

where Mr. Napier gets the idea that the early church didn't practice civil disobedience? If my sense of world history serves me correctly, Christianity did not become legal in the Roman Empire until centuries after the death of Jesus. Therefore, it is logical that in order for the Church to survive, it was necessary for the early leaders to break the law, and thankfully they did, for if they had not, it is conceivable that none of us would be at this institution. What will the legacy of the civil disobedient of our time be?

-Dax Wandling
Junior

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Dear Editor:

I would like to make some comments in reference to an article written in your last distribution entitled "Jesus didn't teach civil disobedience." Mr. Napier was fairly bold in stating that Jesus was a pacifist and that the actions of civil right leaders did not follow in accordance to Jesus' teachings. I would have to disagree strongly on both counts.

In his article, Tony Napier wrote, "It seems that Jesus is a pacifist and that our charge as Christians is to be meek and humble and bold in all that we say and do in spite of persecution." Of course, we should not take some attack against our neighbor, but the passage referenced in Matthew 5 follows in with Jesus' interpretation of older Jewish law. In Leviticus 20, there is the original statement of an "eye for an eye." This law was not written in order to allow vengeful acts; rather it was placed to limit vengeance between families

Study Abroad programs change students' lives

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life-changing.

"I think every college student should spend at least a semester abroad!" Said Cally Bekkedahl.

"It was probably the best semester of my eight undergraduate ones," said senior Brenna Blair, who has recently returned from the Best Semester Latin America Studies Program in Costa Rica.

"On a scale of 1 to 10, this program will rock your world at a level 17," said Katelin Westfall. Westfall also participated with Blair in the Latin America Studies Program.

Dr. Mark Gismondi has been the coordinator for NNU's Study-Abroad SA program for seven years. He knows how life-altering the experience can be; "We have had countless students who have described their SA experience in those terms," he said. "A number of students have found themselves so taken with a culture or country that they have decided to pursue graduate study or careers that would allow them to spend time there."

The SA program also has practical benefits. First of all, it looks great on a resumé. Studying in a foreign country, overcoming language barriers and totally immersing oneself in the surrounding culture will show potential employers valuable abilities. Additionally, Gismondi states: "There are few experiences as liberal-arts oriented as spending time abroad and learning to respect those who see the world differently than we do."

For those considering a semester abroad, be forewarned: it is a lot more work than one might think. Not only do students have to keep up with a moderate to heavy work load at the university, they also must work hard to even interact on the most basic level with those around them.

"We had less homework in a traditional sense, but much more hands-on work, i.e. living with families, learning the language, etc," said Westfall. When asked

if the schools they attended were on a level or more difficult than NNU's academic program, Westfall and sophomore Janelle Dirks both stated that the school learning was probably the easiest. Learning the language and new social behaviors were harder to get used to.

"Having to speak [Spanish] all the time made me learn really quickly," Dirks said. However, she added, "A few days or weeks are not long enough to get a true sense of the culture, people, and differences between that country and the US."

For many of the students who traveled last year, language barriers did not present any problems. Most of the student's new acquaintances had a strong English background, and were very understanding as the Americans acclimated to a new language.

Even in Norway, said Bekkedahl, "[everyone]

but "it took awhile to get used to asking for the toilet instead of a restroom."

Curiosity about different cultures ran the opposite way, as well, for these students. The native students were just as curious about the new Americans as the Americans were about their new surroundings.

"I attended Uganda Christian University in Uganda, Africa," said junior Kari Penrod. "For the first time in my life, I was the minority, and it took me a long time to get used to the stares...eventually I came to the realization that they were...just interested in what a *mzungu* (white person) would be doing in Africa."

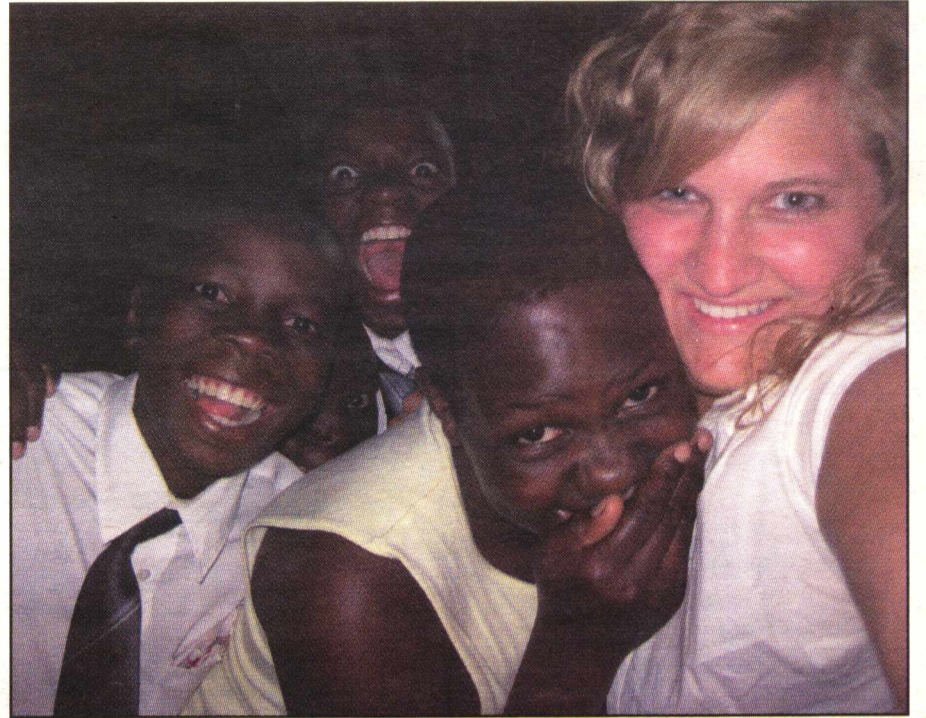
Penrod said that the most difficult part of her experience in Uganda (despite the "squatty potties") was the limited access to the internet and the confusing libraries that made "a simple thing such as writing a paper...much more challenging."

Bekkedahl traveled to Oslo, Norway, to the University of Oslo. The school has no true campus, but is spread out throughout the city, making social interactions difficult. It "isn't set up to be very communal," and most

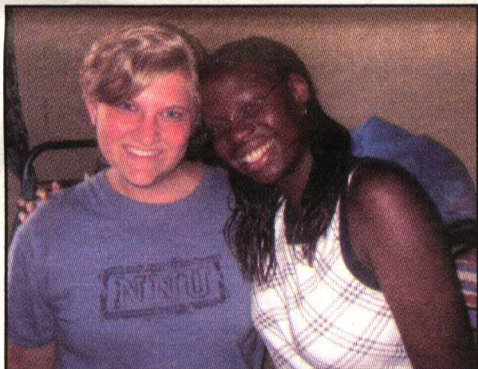
of the student interaction is defined by the student housing villages that are grouped all over the city. However, that did not deter Bekkedahl, who said she had a great time.

Semesters abroad also offer lots of travel opportunities, from African safaris to whitewater rafting and ziplining near one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Many of the students interviewed traveled with their host families, or with a group of friends from their universities. In addition, as Westfall said, students gain a "bigger worldview and [meet] some of the most unconditionally loving people in the world."

"Words really can't describe how life changing [studying abroad] was," said Penrod.



Good times (clockwise from top): Kari Penrod in Uganda with her host family's children; Kate Westfall with one foot in Nicaragua and the other in Costa Rica; Westfall with some new friends; Mandy Hacker with a snake in Cairns, Australia; and a shrine to the dead on Dia de los Muertos in Mexico City (Photos courtesy of Janelle Dirks, Mandy Hacker, Kari Penrod and Kate Westfall).



International relations: Kari Penrod poses with a friend from Uganda Christian University (Photo courtesy of Kari Penrod).

would prefer to speak English instead of listening to someone stumble through Norwegian. Even the 7-11 workers were fluent in English."

Junior Mandy Hacker traveled to Bond University, the only private college in Australia. Surprisingly, she ran into her share of mishaps with the local language.

"Aussies may speak English, but it is certainly a whole other version than we use," said Hacker. "Most of the misunderstandings were simply comical, and I was surprised by how much of the Australian slang I picked up while I was there."

Stephanie Ott also traveled to an English-speaking country, the home of Queen Elizabeth herself. Ott attended the University of Brighton, and said there was no language problem,

Forensics holds up NNU's reputation at tournament

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and debate events, forensics is a speech competition. Individuals compete in several oratorical categories, many of which the NNU team dominated.

"Every competitor from NNU received recognition for their hard work and dedication during this season," said senior Brenna Blair. "It was a very competitive tournament, but one that was made excellent by the performances of our students!"

Blair competed in the Junior Division Speaker and Junior Prose categories, placing sixth and tenth, respectively. She is also the secretary for the SGA and Senate.

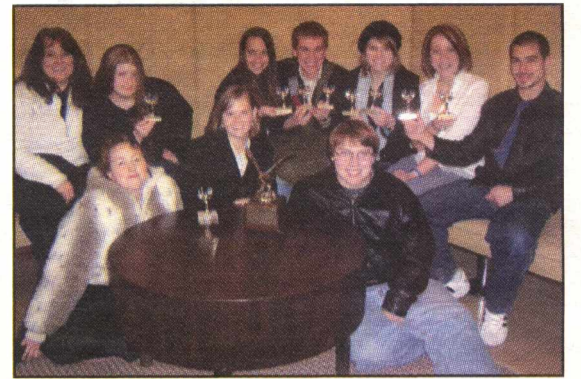
The forensics team has three new freshman members who are already accomplishing much. Allison Hawn took first place in the Junior After-Dinner Speaking category, as well as sixth place in the Senior After-Dinner speeches.

Freshman Rachel Allen took second place in Novice Dramatic Interpretation, sixth place in the Senior Division Dramatic Finals and eleventh place in Junior Prose.

The third new member of the team, freshman John Crabill, helped teammate Heather Begin in three victories in Novice Debates. Begin also placed fourth place in both the Senior Storytelling and Junior Poetry categories.

Sophomore Jason Montgomery won the Junior Impromptu award, and junior Julia Fitch won the award for Junior Programmed Oral Interpretation.

Hannah Beers, the SGA Vice President, and junior Nick Jacobson placed high in their own events. Forensics events are mainly individual, but teammates sometimes unite to compete in special teamwork-oriented events.



The forensics team poses with their numerous awards. Pictured from left to right are forensics advisor Professor Quinn, Allison Hawn, Heather Begin, Brenna Blair, Rachel Allen, Jason Montgomery, John Crabill, Julia Fitch, Hannah Beers and Nick Jacobson (Photo courtesy of Brooke Adamson).

Summer mission trips: Spengler needs more students to sign up

by ANDREA HALL

Michael T. Spengler, the campus ministries director for NNU, is busy these days. Spengler is finalizing details on a mission trip to Brooklyn, NY in the spring, as well as making preliminary plans and garnering interest for several trips to take place during the summer.

Spengler is mainly in charge of planning the Brooklyn trip, but he is also working with chaplain Gene Schandorff as well as the science department's Dr. Dan Lawrence in the planning of the summer trips. Lawrence has been taking teams of students to the Ukraine for several years. Chris Kapicka, of the biology department, takes a team to Mexico City over spring break every year to do medical work for disadvantaged and needy people. Schandorff liaisons with Spengler, Lawrence and Kapicka on all the mission trips, and is one of the main planners of the trip to Venezuela this summer.

"I've got New York on my mind," said Spengler in a recent interview. He seems very excited about the Brooklyn ministry and has been working so the trip will go smoothly.

The team that goes to Brooklyn will be an inner city ministry group, working with a local church and doing activities with people from the area. Activities will include art therapy with "people in transition" around Times Square, afternoon tutoring and mentorships with street kids at the church, and a gospel concert.

Spengler's group will also volunteer at the Yorkville food pantry in Spanish Harlem. The pantry differs from normal soup kitchens in that it is set up like a small grocery store, and people can "shop" for their food. Payment is based on a point system: however many points one has dictates how much food one can buy. Being in Spanish Harlem, most of the people

also get valuable experience for jobs, as Kapicka brings along several doctors for supervision and expert help.

This summer, three major trips to Taiwan, Venezuela and the Ukraine are being planned. The latter two are concentrated on construction ministry, in

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-Michael T. Spengler

City, where they help locals with medical needs. It is a "get-your-feet-wet sort of experience," according to Spengler. He mentioned that Kapicka's supplies are bought for very little or donated by larger companies, allowing somewhere around \$25,000 worth of medical supplies and medicines to be purchased for the people in Mexico City for about \$1,000. The students

the Ukraine of a substance abuse clinic, and in Venezuela in the local church and *conchas*, or parks.

According to Spengler, the Nazarene Church in the Ukraine that Lawrence and his teams of students work with operates substance abuse clinics that have a success rate of over 90%, and the Ukrainian government has shown interest in how they manage such

a high rate. (The government's clinics typically only have a 5% success rate.)

The Taiwan ministry will be focused on junior high students in the area, who are studying almost constantly, said Spengler. In a country where university selection is "very competitive" and determined by students' high school exit exams, he works with Taiwanese Nazarene churches to hold English camps and workshops to give students extra practical experience in speaking English. Spengler also said that since the camps are run by the church, the ministry teams can be very open about the Gospel, exposing the students, who are mostly devout Buddhists, to the teachings of Jesus.

"They are a little less receptive [to the Gospel],"

said Spengler, "They have a god for everything... They'll pray to the homework god, they'll pray to the god of dating... They don't understand what it is to have freedom in their hearts and souls. To them our God is like Santa Claus, a magician." By helping these students perform better on exams, the ministry teams can also show them a different lifestyle and maybe expand their world views.

"The summer trips are in flux," said Spengler, mainly due to a lack of interest in the trips. A planning meeting is to be held for the Venezuela and Ukraine trips tomorrow (January 31) at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmore hall Living Room. Anyone who is even remotely interested is encouraged to come for more information.

Skiing and snowboarding no longer mean big bucks for poor college students

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

Who would have thought that advancing down a steep, mountainous slope, at lightning speeds, with your feet strapped to two long pieces of plastic would become such a hit? But we can never be surprised at what becomes popular these days. Here at NNU we have a small population of students who frequent the slopes of the Bogus Basin every weekend.

Snow skiing and snowboarding used to mean big

bucks and one might wonder how all these poor college students can go up every week. This, however, is a common misconception. Night skiing at Bogus, from 4pm-10pm, is \$20 for the lift pass or \$10 with a receipt from a Chevron station. Ski and snowboard rentals run another \$10. There are eight participating Chevron locations in Nampa and countless others in the area. No minimum purchase is necessary; just present the gas receipt to the cashier at time of purchase to receive a voucher. This voucher is

good for four people at the discounted price.

Bogus also has the Pepsi Gold Rush Tubing Hill, open Fri-Sat. in 2 hour sessions which requires pre-registration. The cost is \$9 per person and includes the tube rental.

Recent temperatures at Bogus have been ranging between 1-25 degrees Fahrenheit with a usual five-degree difference between the base and summit of the runs. It is reasonable to think temperatures may be lower, based on NNU's low temperatures of 1 degree in

the last few nights. Runs are groomed and great, according to Bogus' website.

Buses are available to and from the mountain leaving a various times. In Nampa the bus leaves from Jackson's Shell on Franklin Rd. The first bus to leave departs at 7:15am, but bus schedules do not accommodate night skiing, so driving a personal vehicle is a better option. Snow tires or chains are strongly advised on Bogus Basin Rd., as is carpooling due to parking limitations.

Night skiing is slightly limited because only certain

Student Life Events

Wednesday, January 30
 10:20 a.m.: Winter Awakening Chapel
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with John and Guy Earle
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Night Live

Thursday, January 31
 11:00 a.m.: Winter Awakening Chapel

Friday, February 1
 10:20 a.m.: Winter Awakening Chapel
 5:00 p.m.: Student Phonathon begins
 7:30 p.m.: The Send concert in the Dex (free) with John and Guy Earle

Wednesday, February 6
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Men's basketball stomps on WOU Wolves 84-58

by DEREK DE ROOY

The NNU Men's Basketball Team routed the visiting Wolves from Western Oregon University on Saturday afternoon with a final score of 84-58.

The Crusaders led 38-37 at halftime, and started the second half with an 18-0 run that effectively ended the game. Ahead by as much as 29, the both teams gave starters a rest for the last 10 minutes. For NNU, it was a welcome reward for having played so well. For the Wolves, it was merely a whimper of defeat.

Along the way, the Crusaders made all 20 of their free throw attempts. They didn't shoot especially well from the field throughout the game, only 38 percent for the day, but they did manage to make 8 of 12 three-point attempts in the 2nd half. Perhaps most importantly, NNU

committed only 11 turnovers during the game.

Meanwhile, the Western Wolves only made 11 trips to the foul line, and were a bit sloppy with the ball, committing 20 turnovers. They did shoot a slightly better percentage on the night, at 40 percent, but only made 31 percent of their three-point attempts.

Justin Parnell led the Crusaders in scoring, with 14 points, and tying a team-high 6 assists. Kendall Gielow added 13 points and 7 rebounds. Joel Ryman provided a spark off the bench, chipping in with 10. Louie Beech also scored 10, including a huge fast-break dunk. Scott Helpenstell and Jason Simmons did a superb job of guarding the Western big-men, collecting 9 and 8 rebounds, respectively.

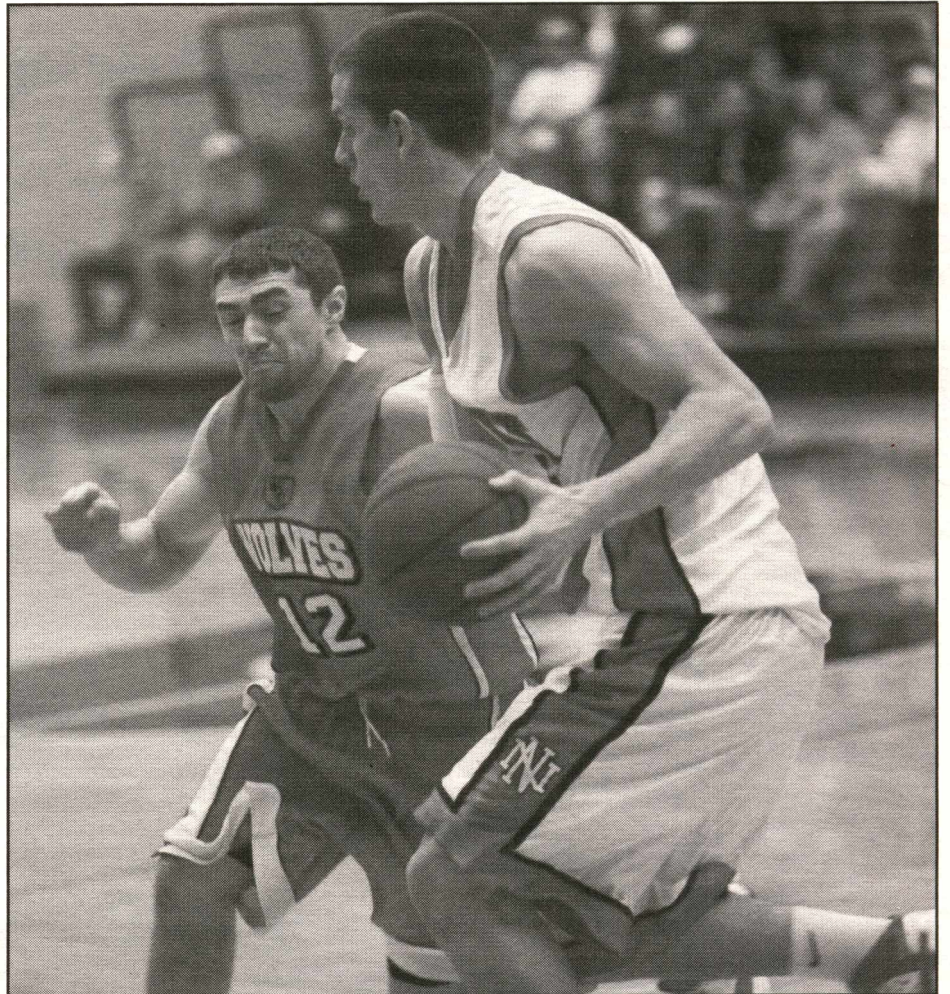
Travis Kuhns was the

lone Wolf to score in double figures, with 12. Kuhns also had 6 of the team's turnovers, however. He didn't get much help, as Sam Kelly had the second-most points, at 8.

The only other bright spot for Western Oregon was the mid-game return of post Liam Hughes, a 7'3" giant.

The game was quite even until NNU's second-half run started coming to a close. Clearly frustrated, the Wolves made a lot of bad choices and let NNU's crowd get in their head. Krichevsky drew a technical foul while complaining about the officiating, and after he sat, things calmed down for the night.

The Crusaders hit the road this week, with matches against both University of Alaska-Fairbanks and conference-leading University of Alaska-Anchorage.



NNU forward Kendall Gielow dribbles around WOU guard Brad Krichevsky in their match-up on Saturday night. NNU won the game, 84-58 (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

NHL All-Star game breaks records

by ROBIN MCCONKEY

The Eastern Conference defeated the Western Conference 8-7 at the NHL All-Star Game in Atlanta, Ga. on Sunday.

Rick Nash broke an All-Star record by scoring the West's first point only 12 seconds into the first period. The previous record, held by Ted Lindsay, dates back to 1950.

The West would not score for the rest of the period, and the East took a 5-1 lead with goals from Eric Staal, Evgeni Markov, Brian Campbell, and two from Alex Ovechkin, who signed a 13-year contract extension with the Washington Capitals earlier this month.

In the second period, the West fought back with a goal each from Nash and Scott Niedermeyer to make it 5-3 in favor of the East.

Goaltender Evgeni Nabokov kept the West alive, stopping all 8 shots, including two from home-team favorite Ilya Kovalchuk of the Atlanta Thrashers. As All-Star goalies only play one period each, Nabokov became the first goalie to record a shutout period in some time; Nikolai Khabibulin, in 2002, was the last.

The final period featured seven goals and three changes in the lead. Ryan Getzlaf scored his first goal and Nash

his third for a hat trick as the Western Conference tied the game 5-5 early in the third period. Just minutes later, the crowd cheered enthusiastically when Thrasher Marian Hossa gave the Eastern Conference a 6-5 lead. Dion Phaneuf and Marian Gaborik put in goals for the West, but Staal tied the game 7-7.

With 21 seconds remaining, former Thrasher Marc Savard scored the game-

winner for the East, making the final score 8-7. The goal set a new All-Star record as the latest goal scored in regulation, though three games have reached overtime, and the 2004 All-Star Game ended in a shootout.

Staal was awarded the game's most valuable player award. He finished with two goals, including the game-tying goal, and an assist on the game-winner.



Daniel Alfredsson of the Ottawa Senators in the NHL All-Star Game. The East won the game, 8-7 (photo courtesy of the AP).

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(16-25), making 5-of-10 three point attempts and converting 11-of-12 free throws. NNU ended the first half leading 48 to 31.

The Yellowjackets stepped up their shooting in the second half from 40 to 48.5 percent. However, NNU hit 12-of-12 second-half free throws and 2-of-7 three pointers, while the

Jackets hit 7-of-13 free throws and 1-of-11 three pointers.

Janece Olds and Jennifer Williams led NNU with 18 points apiece, while Lindsay Brady and Nichole Schutte scored 12 and 10 points, respectively. The Jackets were led by Alira Carpenter, with 19 points.

The team's strengths last week were their solid defense

and scoring in transition, says Lindley, but they still need to work on being consistent in offense and defense.

The wins against MSU Billings and Seattle University put NNU in a good conference position, and NNU will next host conference leader Seattle Pacific University on Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Recent Scores:

Women's Basketball, vs. Seattle University, 1/24, W 73-62

Men's Basketball, vs. Saint Martin's, 1/24, W 74-57

Men's Basketball, vs. WOU, 1/26, W 84-58

Women's Basketball, vs. MSU Billings, 1/26, W 90-71

Upcoming Schedule:

Men's Basketball, at University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1/31, 7 p.m.

Softball, at Dixie State College, 2/1, TBA

Track & Field, at United Heritage Invitational, 2/2, 9 a.m.

Softball, at California Baptist University, 2/2, TBA

Men's Basketball, at University of Alaska Anchorage, 2/2, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball, vs. Seattle Pacific University, 2/2, 7 p.m.

Super Bowl preview: Patriots will finish the job

First and foremost, I'd like to share my anger with you over this year's upcoming Super Bowl. While none of the four teams played well in their respective conference championship game, everyone in the

The New York Giants have played better football than I thought they could, and have done it all on the road. Their trio of running backs flatten opposing defenses. Plaxico Burress has played on a bad ankle all season, and nowhere did he play better than in Green Bay two Sundays ago.

And perhaps most importantly, Eli Manning has let the running game carry the offense. He's been content to focus on not making mistakes.

Folks, you shouldn't be able to win 3 road games in the playoffs by playing it safe. The playoffs feature the best teams, and no one mails in anything. You should be taking chances, the way the Giants did in Week 17--the *other* game against the Patriots.

New York almost won that game in Week 17. They busted their butts all game, and caught a sleepy team that thought they'd breeze right into the playoffs. They definitely looked like they could win.

Until Bill Belichick realized the Giants weren't just rolling over. Belichick told the defense to blitz Eli in the fourth quarter, and the Giants couldn't get anything going. Did you see the final touchdown from

Brady to Moss? The nearest Giant was five yards away. Was a gazelle going to catch Moss on that play?

I used to cheer for the underdog in any situation where I was deep-down indifferent. And why not? The U.S. started as a nation of underdogs!

But when last year's Super Bowl came up, I started to reflect on things. Peyton Manning and the Boston Red Sox were very special to us because of their apparent hopelessness. We cheered for them, and when they finally won, there were parades in the streets.

But everything that had made them so special to us was gone forever. No matter how many more times Peyton Manning fails to win the Super Bowl, we can no longer imagine "what might have been."

I believe the Patriots are the better team. I believe they have more talent, more chemistry, and they certainly have more experience. I believe they will win the Super Bowl, though not by a blowout.

And to all you who hate the Patriots for running up the score, start telling Tiger to take it easy on the competition, will ya?

Official Prediction: Patriots 28, Giants 17.

Gomez, and pitchers Phil Humber, Deolis Guerra and Kevin Mulvey, a person familiar with the deal said.

The next step is for the Mets to negotiate a contract extension with Santana, who is eligible for free agency after this season. Santana is owed \$13.25 million this year and

likely will seek an extension of at least five years worth \$20 million annually.

Teams are given 72-hour windows to reach agreements on contracts in tentative trades. If the Mets and Santana reach an agreement, players would have to pass physicals.

AP Sports Bytes

Jason Kidd asks to be traded

NEW JERSEY

Jason Kidd says he wants to be traded from the slumping New Jersey Nets.

"We tried to make this work. We've found out it doesn't," Kidd said on Monday. "It's time for us all to move on."

Trade speculation has followed Kidd since last February when the Nets reportedly were close to making a deal that would have sent him to the Los Angeles Lakers.

Last month, Kidd sat out a game against the New York Knicks with a migraine, a move suspected by some to be a one-day walkout to try and force a trade or new contract.

Kidd is under contract through the end of next season and will make \$19.7 million this year and \$21.3 million next year.

Chris Webber set to return to Warriors

OAKLAND

More than 13 years after Chris Webber demanded to leave the Golden State

Warriors, the free-agent forward is all set to return.

Webber confirmed he will rejoin the Warriors and coach Don Nelson, who won a power struggle with the former No. 1 draft pick in their messy first stint with the franchise.

Nelson apparently masterminded the Warriors' decision to re-sign Webber as a backup big man and offensive playmaker, convincing Golden State's top executive, former teammate of Webber's, Chris Mullin, to take a chance on Webber.

"I'm afraid if we don't get him here, our team is not strong enough to be a play-off team," said Nelson, whose club is seventh in the conference at 27-18 after two months of largely outstanding play. "I think he has a chance to make some of our players better and make our team better. I'll get along with anybody who can help our team."

The second-winningest coach in NBA history claims the Warriors desperately need Webber's passing abilities and bulk to compete with the Western Conference's best centers and power forwards.

Webber's arrival could mean less playing time for Al Harrington and Andris Biedrins, while also increasing the likelihood Golden State will make a move near the trade deadline.

Webber was acquired by the Warriors in 1993. He won the Rookie of the Year award and made the playoffs in his only season in Golden State.

But Webber repeatedly clashed with Nelson, demanding a trade before his second season.

The battle turned out to be a serious setback for both men and the Golden State franchise. Webber toiled in Washington for four years before enjoying his best NBA seasons with Sacramento, while Nelson was fired by Golden State just a few months after Webber left -- and the Warriors missed the playoffs for the first of 12 straight losing seasons.

Nelson returned to the club last season, installing a fast-paced offense. The rejuvenated roster snapped the Warriors' playoff drought, and the eighth-seeded club upset the league-leading Dallas Mavericks in the first round before losing to Utah.

Blue and Orange Classic comes to Nampa

by DEREK DE ROOY

The Blue and Orange Classic, a west U.S. track and field event, came to Northwest Nazarene University this past Saturday. Athletes traveled from Stanford University, University of California, Utah Valley State, the University of Nevada, Whitworth College, Boise State University, and the University of Arizona, as well as other schools, to participate.

Considering the high level of competition, Crusader athletes did very well.

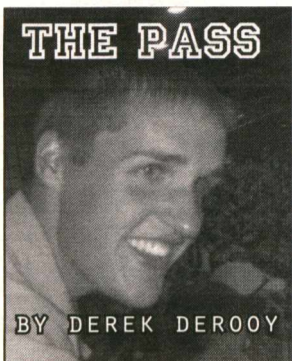
They did not win a single event, but put in many high performances against the stars of big schools, some of which may even become Olympians.

The best NNU finish of the day was junior Ashley Puga's second place finish in the women's 1 mile run. Jaclyn Puga (third place) and Elisa Decker (sixth place) both placed well in the 800 meter run, and one of NNU's 4x400 meter relay teams finished fifth.

The best men's performance was turned in by Zach Barclay, as he finished

fourth in the men's weight throw. Mitch Ward and Dallas Beaty finished fifth and eighth, respectively, in the men's 400 meter dash. Kevin Lambert (fifth place) and Seth Clark (eighth place) held up NNU's reputation in the 3000 meter run.

Other notable performances include Lynsie Powers' fourth place in the triple jump and Amy Carroll's fifth place in the weight throw. The men's 4x400 relay team finished sixth, and Grant Miller finished eighth in the men's weight throw.



THE PASS

BY DEREK DE ROOY

country understood that the game was to be Packers/Patriots. Each team too poorly to earn a trip to the Super Bowl, but the Packers played particularly poorly.

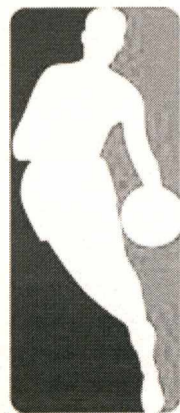
And to those of you who blame Brett Favre for losing the game, I think you're wrong. Yeah, he threw a horrible pass on that last play. But if you're trying to tell me that the offensive line cleared good holes for Ryan Grant, and Al Harris did a fine job of covering gimpy Plaxico Burress, you're dead wrong. The team failed on its biggest night on its favorite stage.

On to the Super Bowl.

Mets win Santana sweepstakes

(AP)--The Minnesota Twins reached a tentative agreement Tuesday to trade Johan Santana to the New York Mets.

After months of deliberation, the Twins agreed to send the two-time Cy Young Award winner to the Mets for outfielder Carlos



NBA

Standings

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WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
<i>Northwest</i>						
Utah	27	18	.600	-	W5	9-1
Portland	26	18	.591	.5	W1	5-5
Denver	26	18	.591	.5	L2	5-5
Seattle	9	35	.205	17.5	L14	0-14
Minnesota	8	35	.186	18	W1	4-6
<i>Pacific</i>						
Phoenix	32	13	.711	-	W2	7-3
LA Lakers	27	15	.643	3.5	L3	6-4
Golden State	27	18	.600	5	W2	7-3
Sacramento	19	24	.442	12	W1	6-4
LA Clippers	13	28	.317	17	L3	3-7
<i>Midwest</i>						
New Orleans	32	12	.727	-	W9	9-1
Dallas	31	13	.705	1	W4	8-2
San Antonio	28	15	.651	3.5	L2	5-5
Houston	24	20	.545	8	L1	7-3
Memphis	13	32	.289	19.5	L1	3-7

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
<i>Atlantic</i>						
Boston	34	8	.809	-	L1	5-5
Toronto	24	19	.558	10.5	W2	7-3
New Jersey	18	26	.409	17	L9	1-9
Philadelphia	17	28	.378	18.5	W1	3-7
New York	14	29	.326	20.5	L1	5-5
<i>Central</i>						
Detroit	31	13	.705	-	W2	5-5
Cleveland	24	19	.558	6.5	W1	8-2
Indiana	19	26	.422	12.5	L3	3-7
Milwaukee	18	27	.400	13.5	W1	3-7
Chicago	17	26	.395	13.5	L2	4-6
<i>Southeast</i>						
Orlando	28	18	.609	-	W1	6-4
Washington	23	19	.548	3	L1	6-4
Atlanta	18	22	.450	7	L1	4-6
Charlotte	18	27	.400	9.5	W1	5-5
Miami	9	33	.214	17	W1	1-9

'Las Artes de Mexico' is both colorful and inspiring

by ALLI SCHISLER

"Las Artes de Mexico" is well worth the \$3 it costs.

The Boise Art Museum exhibition features Mexican art ranging from 3,500 years ago to the 21st century. The exhibit displays art from Mayan, Aztec, Mixtec, Olmec, Nayarit, and Zapotec cultures.

The varied exhibit blends traditional art forms such as watercolor and photography with earthenware, religious icons, masks, etc.

Especially interesting is the Mexican religious art. Christian icons abound in the form of wooden portraits of Christ and statues of the Virgin Mary and are contrasted with a traditional Aztec altar and tributes to human sacrifice. An earthenware Last Supper statue shows Jesus and the twelve disciples eating watermelon.

The religious work of the Huichol Indians from the Sierra Madre Mountains is especially vibrant and colorful. The exhibit features

a large Huichol weaving of yarn and beeswax.

The Mexican masks, used in various feasts and rites, range from muted and human-like to bright and devilish.

Modern-day back strap looms, which are worn around the hips or waist with the other end tied to a tree, showed beautiful patterned works, many in a traditional Mexican red dye called cochineal.

The exhibition also has Mayan and Aztec earthenware from A.D.300-900 covered in violent and imaginative glyphs, which are symbolic drawings in small pictograms or groups which represent everyday aspects of life.

Perhaps most impressive is the art of Diego Rivera. The exhibit features three of Rivera's works including a watercolor on paper "Building in the Desert" (1937), the lively water on laid paper entitled "Woman with Red Bouquets" (1957) and the more solemn oil on

canvas entitled "Cabaza de Indio."

Rivera's work is surprising in its simplicity. Some of his portraits are muted earth tones, while others are warmer and more energetic, yet all feature deep and moving subjects.

The exhibit also shows the oils and paintings of Miriana Paredes, Jose Chavez Morado, and Guillermo Meza.

Political art used as social commentary during the Mexican revolution is epitomized by Leopold Mendez in his emotional collection of black and white block prints with names like "Fascism," "Prisoner," "Landowner," and "Sweat and Blood."

Not only is the exhibit culturally and historically teaching, but aesthetically pleasing as well.

The exhibit is open through February 24. Entrance to the Boise Art Museum is \$3 for students and is free the first Thursday of every month.

'There Will Be Blood' is well done but not an easy view

by IAN BAUDER

Sometimes you watch a movie that completely eludes you. You want to try and quantify it for people, but you can't, for the simple reason that the movie is beyond your experience. Such was my reaction to "There Will Be Blood," the new film by Paul Thomas Anderson (Boogie Nights, Magnolia), which is now playing at the Edwards 21 in Boise.



"There Will Be Blood" is directed by Paul Thomas Anderson (picture from commons.wikimedia.org).

The movie, which is based on the novel "Oil!" by Upton Sinclair, stars Daniel Day-Lewis as Daniel Plainview, an oilman trying to manage a new property that promises to make his fortune. Helping Lewis in his quest for fame and fortune is his young son "H.W." played by newcomer Dillon Freasier.

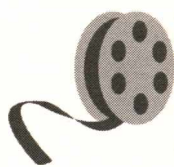
Lewis's only real opposition in developing the piece of land is a young "prophet" named Eli Sunday, played by Paul Dano. The battle between these two forces is like watching a dry ice bomb explode. The pressure builds and builds until it finally explodes.

Anderson uses a very minimalist technique for this film. The paced storyline and sparse dialogue work together to form an ominous atmosphere. The simple, strings-only score is almost terrifying at times, giving tension to scenes and images that, on their own, would be mundane. Even the scenery is minimal;

the story plays against the backdrop of the California desert.

I don't want to be disingenuous, while I consider this to be one of finest movies of 2007 (Lewis certainly deserves a best actor Oscar), it is not a particularly enjoyable experience. It is dark and serious throughout the entire film, and on occasion it is downright brutal. I can't think of a single time that I laughed during the film.

It's hard to recommend this movie to the general NNU public. As a work of art, this film stands as a triumph, a deeply cynical comment on the origins of an industry that has consumed modern culture. But as standard Saturday night entertainment, "There Will Be Blood" is probably not be the best choice.



'Austen'

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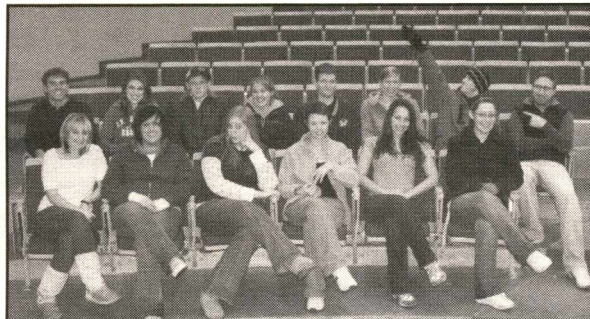
Prejudice" has been most recreated on stage, in film, and books.

"Pride and Prejudice" is the love story of the proud Elizabeth Bennet and the prejudiced Fitzwilliam Darcy, and also a humorous social commentary on love and marriage.

The play does differ from the novel and numerous movie and television productions. Beers says, "I love originality." Especially interesting, this version will not feature British accents.

Beers does not think this will hinder the quality or realism of the play, though. She says, "I do not feel that the use of a British accent would add to or affect negatively the production of this show."

The eighteen-member cast includes Toni Bestul as Elizabeth Bennet, Thomas Derbesy as Fitzwilliam Darcy, Rachel Allen as Jane Bennet, Vanessa Evans as Lydia Bennet, Ryan Harter as Charles Bingley, Laurie Burgemeister as Mrs. Bennet, Chris Spicer as Mr. Bennet, Aimee Niles as Lady Catherine de Bourgh,



The cast of "Pride and Prejudice" (from top row): Rob Carlson, Katie Howard, Ryan Harter, Lindsay Greb, Ty Law, Toni Bestul, Dax Wandling, and Tommy Derbesy; Bottom row: Katie Thompson, Steffie Wilkes, Laurie Burgemeister, Vanessa Evans, Rachel Allen, and Brooke Thomas (photo by Robin McConkey).

and Rob Carlson as George Wickham.

Evans, who plays Lydia Bennet, says her challenge will be to keep from laughing. Jane Austen herself was a humorist and each individual character inserts his or her own humor and interpretation into the characters. Allen, who is playing Jane Bennet, adds that the show features humor, romance, and scandal.

"Pride and Prejudice" roles will stretch those involved. Allen says, "Having to understand my character and accurately portray her will be a challenge." And Harter, who is playing Charles Bingley, says "I

really just look forward to the challenge of completely changing how I think and act in order to be my character."

The play will feature period costumes and a setting similar to the novel, though on a smaller scale.

Burgemeister, who plays Mrs. Bennet, hopes the cast will not only live up to the expectations of the audience members, but also "add innovative and imaginative wit of their own."

The play is the weekend following spring break. Stay tuned for ticket prices and availability.

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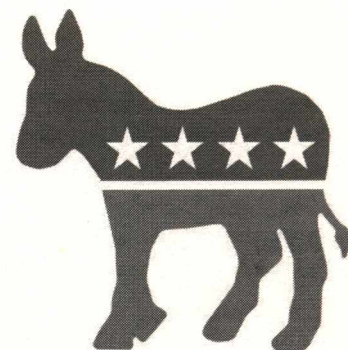
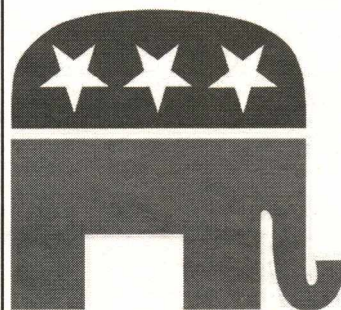
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The reality television resurgence: is it overloading Americans?

by ANDREA HALL

Fans of reality television shows have been getting treated to all the reality TV they can handle lately, thanks mostly to the Writers Guild of America strike. The strike recently hit its 13th consecutive week.

Reality shows have been taking advantage of the lack of programming, scheduling shows in time slots they have never been able to snag before. For example, "Big Brother" is debuting this April. "Big Brother" and other former summer shows have moved their schedules up to fill some prime spots left by popular shows like "Lost", "Grey's Anatomy" and "CSI".

Viewers seem to be turning to reality TV because they are discouraged by the thought of watching reruns of their favorite shows. Several networks are quickly running out of their stockpiles of new, pre-strike episodes and may have to turn to airing repeats to fill their

schedules. It is unknown how the networks will fare once they do run out of that pre-strike material.

However, the networks are trying to keep their heads above water as best they can, by making transitions into new shows. ABC has taken on a new show called "Pushing Daisies", and is heavily promoting the season premiere of "Lost" for the end of January. NBC has been doing well thanks to "American Gladiators" and new episodes of "Law and Order". These networks, as well as others, have launched many new shows in attempts to find super hits to replace the shows affected by the strike, just in case.

But despite 27 new shows, none of the networks have found a hit to distract viewers from the writer's strike. Instead, they have found and ordered slews of new reality shows. "American Idol" continues its popular streak, and new names, if not new ideas can be seen in shows like

"Crowned: the Mother of All Pageants" and "My Dad is Better than Your Dad", which, respectively, follow contestants in a beauty pageant and judge good old family values through contests.

More dance shows and Broadway audition competitions are also in the works as TV networks recycle ideas that have worked well for them in previous seasons.

But what will happen if this strike continues? Americans may not destroy their TV sets in violent protest, but they may find other interests to occupy their time. One Texas parent sent a postcard to the Writers Guild of America, asking them to stay on strike because her daughter's grades had improved so much during the lag, according to a recent LA Times article. "Strike for the sake of the children!" the parent wrote. Evidently, her daughter isn't as addicted to "The Biggest Loser" as NBC would hope.

New season of TV shows: Which prime-time favorites will survive the writers guild strike?

by IAN BAUDER

With the writers strike still in full effect, television viewers have been forced to live with a sense of insecurity. Some shows have been postponed, some shows have been cancelled, and some have been created just to fill up space (e.g. "American Gladiators"). So what do television watchers have to look forward to this season?

"LOST":

The "Lost" season premier is this Thursday at 9/8 central. With only forty-eight episodes left in the series, fans can look forward to less filler episodes, and more a steady progression towards the conclusion. NBC has released a trailer for season four which indicates that some characters may leave the island, and some characters are in for an untimely demise. Unfortunately for fans, only

eight episodes had been written before the writers strike. It may be a short season for "LOST" fans.

"Knight Rider":

NBC will be airing a "Knight Rider" made-for-television-movie on February 17. The movie will be a continuation of the classic 80's show about a crime fighting modern day knight who drove a super powered muscle car, which starred the ever-popular David Hasselhoff. Probably the most exciting part of the show will be the all-new KITT (the super powered muscle car). The new KITT is a modified Mustang Shelby.

The Oscars:

The next biggest advertising space after the Super Bowl, the Academy Awards are being aired by ABC on February 24, despite the fact that the writer's strike is showing no signs of stopping. The

Golden Globes, the first of the big award shows, was reduced to a press conference by the strike, but ABC isn't worried. They sold commercial spaces for \$1.6 million each. Never the less, with out writers, the show will certainly have a different feel. John Stewart of Comedy Central's The Daily Show will host.

"Battlestar Galactica":

The sci-fi show that Rolling Stone has called "the best show on TV." will return on April 4 on the Sci-Fi Channel. The show, which is a remake of the campy 70's show, has been on hiatus for nearly a year, so fans are more than ready for the program to resume. Those who are new to the politically charged show about humanity's battle against hyper-religious robots still have a chance to catch up before the next season airs.

Feature musician: Mirah

by RACHAEL FINCH

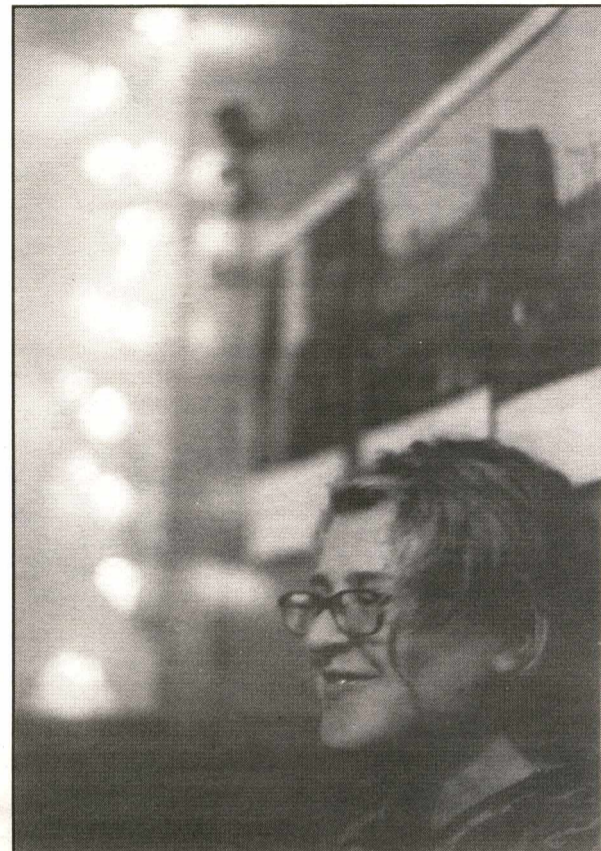
Mirah Yom Tov Zeitlyn is a unique voice from the indie rock world. She brings honest lyrics with a serene voice and an ever developing style. Her solo work and collaboration have had a subtle but powerful influence on the music world.

Mirah first appeared on the scene in 2000 with her debut album, "You Think it's Like This, but Really it's Like This". The album contains 4-track recordings and collaborations with Phil Elverum. Her second album, "Advisory Committee", followed in 2001. Both albums were well received by the alternative music scene.

With a continued quick speed of recording and release, "Cold Cold Water" came out in 2002. However, it was released on the label, International Pop Underground, while all her other solo albums, released before and after, were on K Records.

Mirah saw a change of pace with her 2003 release, "Songs from the Black Mountain Music Project". This album came from yet another creative collaboration, this time with musician Ginger Brooks Takahashi.

Also in 2003, Mirah collaborated with Lori Goldston and Kyle Hanson of Seattle's Black Cat Orchestra to create "To All We



Mirah brings a unique sound to the indie rock movement (picture from www.myspace.com/coldcoldwater).

Stretch the Open Arm" an anti-war covers album. This offers a different sound and purpose than her solo work.

In 2004 Mirah released her third album, "C'mon Miracle". Then in 2006 "Joyride: Remixes" was released. This features dance remixes of songs from Mirah's solo albums. The sound is very different from that of the original songs, but it is not the average club dance mix either. Fans of Mirah may struggle with the sound, as it is so different.

Mirah hasn't released

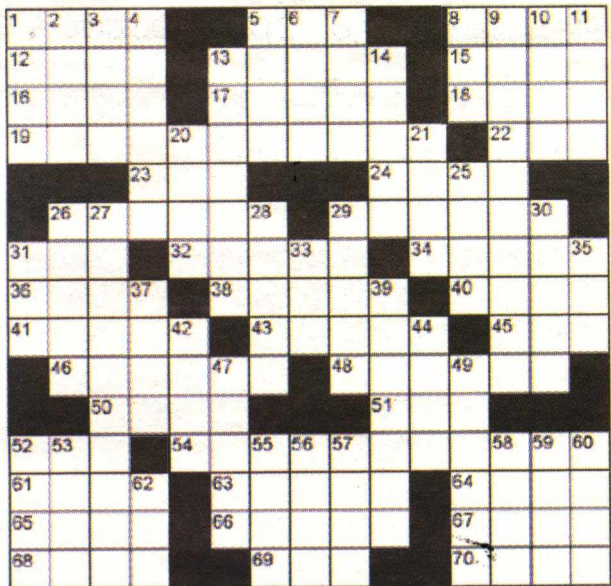
anything in the last year, but there is plenty of her music available to keep new listeners occupied until she releases more.

Fans of Lisa Loeb, Imogen Heap, Liz Phair, Ani DiFranco, and Tori Amos will appreciate the honesty of Mirah's lyrics and the subtle power of her sound. Also, the guitar work and tranquil tone on "You Think It's Like This But Really It's Like This", resembles that of Elliott Smith.

Information from www.krecs.com

CONCERT BOX

Feb. 7	Morrison Center	Jeff Dunham
Feb. 8	Civic Center	Boise Baroque Orchestra
Feb. 8,9,15,16	Civic Center	Brigadoon
Feb. 16	Morrison Center	Rachael Price
Feb. 17	Morrison Center	Lisa Lampanelli
Feb. 23	Civic Center	Barrage



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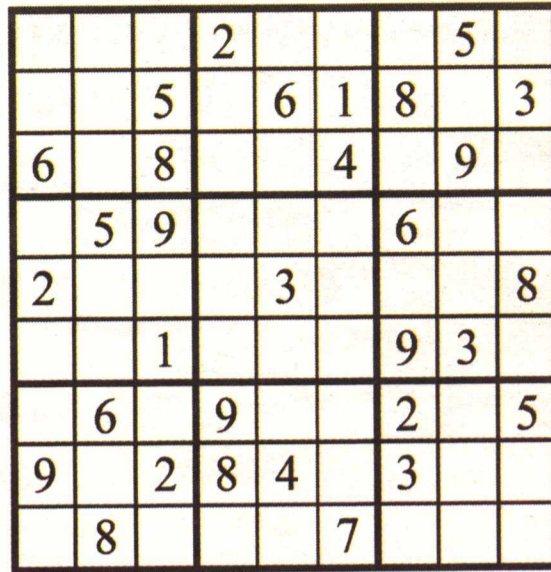
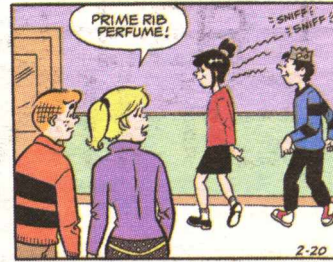
- 1 Sense organs
- 5 Vascular anomaly (abbr)
- 8 When repeated, a Polynesian island
- 12 Native of SE Africa
- 13 Thoughts
- 15 Top of the lung
- 16 Cat and dog environment?
- 17 Louis Armstrong, familiarly
- 18 Suit to ____ (2 wds)
- 19 Connections people make in the OR
- 22 Specialists in plague and SARS
- 23 Consume
- 24 Description of someone who is 27-Down (abbr)
- 26 Not walked upon
- 29 "___ Song" (movie title)
- 31 John Wayne Airport, in code
- 32 One of Wolfgang Puck's

restaurants

- 34 Derived from benzene (chemical prefix)
- 36 Home electronic devices (abbr)
- 38 Act, or overact
- 40 The heart of BUN
- 41 Mexican fast foods
- 43 German sub
- 45 ___ deferens
- 46 Raisable roof, as on a camper
- 48 Took some pictures, at the hospital
- 50 Not us
- 51 Gov't agency overseeing pharmaceutical development (abbr)
- 52 Serious cardiac event (abbr)
- 54 Eastern KP region
- 61 American musical style
- 63 The T in THC
- 64 Famed German bacteriologist, or NYC mayor

Archie

Colored by Tony Napier



- 65 Kitchen spread
- 66 Quit slouching (2 wds)
- 67 "Able was I ..." (2 wds)
- 68 Wait
- 69 Powerful alkali
- 70 Justification for mea

Down

- 1 Book of the Old Testament
- 2 Chinese currency
- 3 Film director Kazan
- 4 KP office name in Oregon (officially) or LA (unofficially)
- 5 The original lead-off man
- 6 Overrule, or prohibit

- 7 PC alternatives
- 8 Sheepish noise
- 9 #2 on a neurologist's Top 12 list
- 10 Musician Lou
- 11 Centers of rotation
- 13 Atomic variant
- 14 Type of force involved in sliding
- 20 Blackens the name of
- 21 Freudian ___
- 25 Far western KP location
- 26 Open a pill holder, perhaps
- 27 Heavily medicated, in a way

- 28 Keep from going with the flow (2 wds)
- 29 Fashionable wrinkle treatment
- 30 Famed golfer Sam
- 31 One form of racing, for cardiologists (abbr)
- 33 One of a lot
- 35 Western hemisphere org. founded in 1948 (abbr)
- 37 Former frosh
- 39 Winter hat feature, perhaps
- 42 Arise (from)
- 44 Song-like exclamation upon

- successful performance (hyph)
- 47 Fails to include
- 49 Perennial AL contender
- 52 ___ well done (2 wds)
- 53 African nation
- 55 Prepare to play bridge or poker
- 56 Perry Mason, for one (abbr)
- 57 T, not F
- 58 ___ meniscus
- 59 Executed, Tony Soprano-style
- 60 Greek letters
- 62 Actress Caldwell



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