

# Taboo topic

NNU sponsors a series of talks about pornography

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## Mark Lowry concert cancelled due to financial concerns

by RACHAEL FINCH

The NNU Mark Lowry concert scheduled for Nov. 20 has been cancelled, said Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier.

"It appeared to be too high of a financial risk with student money," said Tim Milburn, campus life director. The estimated total cost was \$25,406 dollars said Napier. \$13,500 of that would be for Lowry; the rest would go to lighting, tickets, publicity, gym rental, and unexpected expenses, according to Napier's financial projection sheet.

"It's such a big production, and we were counting



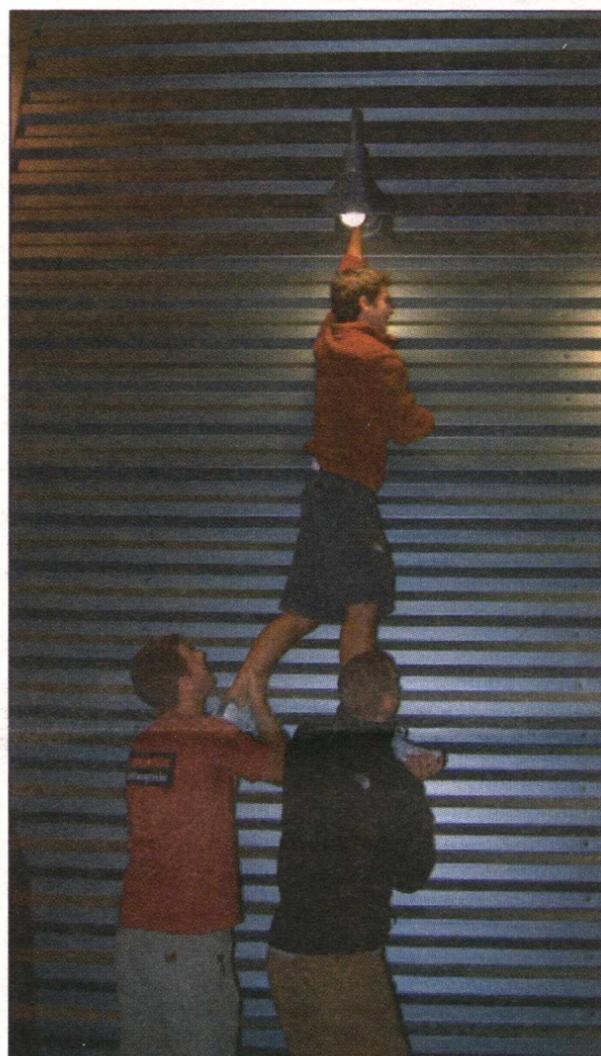
Mark Lowry is a renowned Christian speaker and singer (photo from www.marklowry.com).

on all the seats selling out in order to have money to go to charity. However, if we didn't sell at least half of the tickets, basically the repercussion would be that we lost \$8,000, and that's a lot of money to lose," said Lacey Smith, SGA president.

"If tickets had sold out, we would have made a potential profit of \$32,000," said Napier.

The proceeds would have gone either to

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Sophomore David Reimer is supported by seniors Ryan Hunt, left, and John Gregory, right, as he covers a light in front of Boise's REI on Friday night (photo by Aimee Niles).

## Staff and students explore the art of urban camping

by AIMEE NILES

On Friday night, NNU staff and students lined the streets of Boise, sleeping bags out and tents pitched for the annual fall Recreational Equipment Incorporated (REI) Members Only Garage Sale.

Committed sale-hunters camped on the sidewalk outside the store on Friday night in order to take advantage of the extremely well priced outdoor equipment, shoes and clothing.

People arrived all day on Friday, some as early as nine o'clock a.m. to secure a good place in line. I arrived at 11, said senior John Gregory, but people like Bill Abell

got here way ahead of me and were at the very front of the line.

Resident Directors Bill Abell and Mark and Julie Baas have a long-standing tradition of attending most of the seasonal Garage Sales. "It's not really about the stuff," said Abell "it's about the friends and the camaraderie." However, Abell was pleased with his purchases, including a down jacket for just eight dollars.

As night fell and the die-hard REI fans camped out on the sidewalk, the glaring

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## Friesen Gallery brings big city art to Nampa

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

The Friesen Galleries is NNU's displays the work of NNU's own artists and those with international acclaim.

As the Director of the Friesen Galleries Art Professor Amanda Hamilton, describes, "We have the opportunity to use the Friesen Galleries both as an excellent teaching tool for the NNU community and a resource to all of southern Idaho."

The galleries, situated on the second floor of the Brandt Center, contains in its Permanent Collection museum quality pieces that have made, says Hamilton, our campus a destination for drawing artists and interested people. The Friesen Galleries Permanent

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## Clubs recruit students during "Club Rush"

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Without the Ministry Club chapel this year, questions of how to get the information to the student body have been a concern. The chapel was cancelled due to scheduling difficulties and confusion, said Social Work President Shay Seimears.

According to Seimears, the chapel allowed students to mark what clubs they might be interested in, so this year it was up to the clubs to find a way to get the information out to the campus themselves.

Club Rush, which occurred on Monday in the Student Center, allowed for just that. Ministry clubs, along with other campus involvement opportunities, set up informational tables that students could visit.

P.A.L.S President Alea Meza said it was a

convenient way to get the information about her club to students, especially for freshmen and transfers.

Society for a Change, led by junior Joelle Friesen, is a club aimed toward raising awareness on foreign issues such as genocide and the Invisible Children movement. The club hopes to include the campus on such events, like the idea of each department sponsoring a World Vision child, according to Friesen. Society for a Change is currently setting up an initial meeting place and time.

Social Work Club is another ministry students can participate in. Students will get to help with various compassionate ministry opportunities, such as Refugee

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**Student soldiers**  
NNU has a large corps of ROTC cadets. Learn about what they must do in order to serve.



**Campus Life**

### Congressional Letter

Idaho Congressman Bill Sali writes a letter addressed to the campus.



**OPINION**

### New Coen Brothers film is a wild ride

Read the full review on this spy-thriller-esque film starring Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Francis McDormand



**A&E**

### Weather

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 86° | Low: 54°

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 84° | Low: 48°

**SATURDAY**  
Partly cloudy.  
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**SUNDAY**  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 82° | Low: 47°

**MONDAY**  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 72° | Low: 43°

**TUESDAY**  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 70° | Low: 44°

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## Sex talks are designed to help students deal with sexual addictions

by ALLISON HAWN

The NNU sponsored "Hooked on Sex" lecture series is designed to provide help with one of the toughest challenges students face today: pornography and sexual addictions.

The idea for the lecture series was first thought up by Mike Kipp, professor of youth and family ministry, and Mark Maddix, dean of the school of theology and Christian ministries. They

noticed the growing threat of internet pornography in the student population.

Kipp and Maddix brought their concerns to Joanne Rittmueller, director of counseling. They met with Michael T. Spengler, campus ministries director, and a series of talks was put together. "Our basic purpose is to open up the discussion so people can get the help they need," said Rittmueller.

The two speakers for the

series are Marnie Ferree and Mark Laaser. Ferree, who led community chapel on Monday and also spoke at the female only talk on Monday evening, is a licensed marriage and family therapist who specializes in female sexual addiction.

The men of NNU's campus met on Tuesday evening in Culver lobby, led by Laaser.

Laaser, the leader for the men's focus group, is an internationally known author

and orator who has spoken to thousands of people struggling with sexual addiction. Small groups will also be held with Kevin Rhinehart presiding, to allow discussion of the topic. These groups will be held for the next three weeks on Wednesday evenings.

Resident directors, resident assistants and other student leaders are all taking part in the series. "We are requiring student leaders to be there so that

people might open up," said Rittmueller.

Ariel Glover, a sophomore RA in Dooley Hall, spoke about the way she hopes to help girls around her, "I think it's good because most girls will say, 'I won't deal with this,' but they never know about friends and family in the future."

The overall reaction to this project has been positive. "Sex is such a taboo subject for such a huge issue within the church. I think

it's about time we recognize that so we can conquer it together," said junior Megan Lauri.

The talks will continue throughout the week. Information on when and where they will be can be found on posters around campus. Rittmueller said, "It will impact everyone's life in some way."

## Community forum series aims to connect with NNU students and the Nampa community

by ANDREA SCHILLING

With the November election hot on the nation's heels, a discussion of current issues has been organized to better educate our neighborhoods. The Nampa Community Dialogue Series hopes to achieve this goal: that Nampa citizens can learn from each other on various political issues as Election Day quickly approaches.

A Brighter Future Campaign, locally working to elect Sunny Freeman to the Idaho House of

Representatives, sponsors the series. However, the goal of this series is not to promote Freeman, but to encourage community involvement on current issues. "The series isn't about what I have to say, but what our community has to say," said Freeman, "It's a dialogue—by listening to each other, we learn from each other."

Freeman hopes to have college students and young adults present at the forums, allowing for different perspectives. He said, "Our young people have new ideas and visions. This

upcoming generation is so creative, and we want to hear from it."

Community members and students are strongly encouraged to participate in the dialogue series, which takes place every other Tuesday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Nampa Flying M. Immigration will be discussed on Sept. 23, Health Care on Oct. 7 and Education on Oct. 21. "This series is so important to our community. By working together, we can create a solution," said Freeman.

## Freshmen elections are coming

by HANNAH BEERS

The freshmen class election are coming up and speeches will be held during the normal chapel hour on Sept. 24.

Freshman will meet in the Brandt Center and all other classes should check with their representative class members to see where they will be meeting for class chapel, says Executive Vice President Grant Miller.

Each position on council is important to the overall success of the council. There are 11 positions available to students.

Miller said the president is responsible for facilitating the class council

meeting, acting as the head of the council and following up with all the responsibilities of the council.

Vice president helps run the meeting if the president is absent and helps plan events.

The secretary is in charge of keeping records of all the proceedings of the council; the treasurer is responsible for the money keeping on council. The chaplain is in charge of leading class chapels and being a spiritual representative on council.

Publicity director helps the council create announcements about upcoming events. Social board members represent two different positions on

council and help the social vice president plan campus events.

Senators are members who represent their class at Senate; there are three senators per class council. Senate is a representative body that meets weekly to discuss student life matters.

After speeches on Sept. 24, Black Board will be open for students to log on and vote for the candidates. The polls will be open from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Miller, says, "There are a lot of solid people signed up and I am looking forward to working with whomever is elected."

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## Disabled students are not as successful as able-bodied students in seeking degrees

by **TREVAN HAUCK** and **ANDREA SCHILLING**

*Editor's Note: This is a follow up story to last week's "Improvements are being made to meet ADA standards."*

Recent studies are showing those seeking higher education with disabilities in America are facing challenges toward achieving a degree.

The National Center for Education Statistics recently ran a study on students with disabilities seeking higher education. Statistics revealed the disabled are not earning degrees in proportion to the non-disabled population. Furthermore, the correlation between the disabled and unfinished degrees is growing stronger.

The American Disabilities

Act of 1991 was created to give those with impairments equal opportunity to their peers through a set of guidelines. As listed on the ADA's website, these guidelines range from building requirements such as ramps and rails to providing availability to students who need special learning care.

Northwest Nazarene University's Director of the Academic Support Center Barbara Howard, said schools must comply with these guidelines; though rarely are these facilities audited on their compliance unless a complaint is filed.

Despite the ADA being in effect for 17 years, statistics have shown a troubling trend in disabled students seeking degrees.

According to the NCES, "those with disabilities

proved just as likely to enroll in postsecondary education" as the non-disabled population. However, those with disabilities were 10% less likely to graduate from a college or university.

Furthermore, the persistence level between handicapped students and non-handicapped students varied. According to the study, 11% more non-disabled students compared to disabled students were meeting goals toward attaining a degree.

These discrepancies show that even though the ADA was put into place several years prior to this study being executed; those with disabilities have yet to obtain the same success rate in postsecondary education as those without.

The reasoning behind

these inconsistencies is because the ADA does not have set standards, but only case-by-case guidelines, according to Howard.

At NNU, those with learning disabilities receive optimum treatment from Howard and her department. However, according to Howard, providing for those with physical handicaps still needs work.

Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, Eric Forseth, agreed that compared to helping with learning disabilities, providing for the physically handicapped has a long way to go.

## AP NEWS

**Financial meltdown**  
NEW YORK

As the Federal Reserve meets to consider cutting interest rates to soothe a rattled economy, investors worry that American International Group, the world's largest insurer, will be undone by a shortage of cash and touch off even more financial turmoil.

**Bank deposits safety**  
WASHINGTON

The fund that insures American bank deposits is below the legal minimum established by Congress at a time when it may be needed most. Banks soon will pay more to replenish the fund, but if Washington Mutual or another rival fails, U.S. taxpayers could be on the hook.

**Pakistan**  
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan's army says its forces have orders to open fire if U.S. troops launch another raid from across the Afghan border. The instructions dramatically raise the stakes in a dispute over how to tackle Taliban and al-Qaida militants nested in Pakistan's wild border zone.

**Train collision**  
LOS ANGELES

One colleague called him an excellent train engineer. Rail enthusiasts posted tributes to him on YouTube. Others blamed him for the crash that killed him and 24 others. Investigators are poring over medical and personnel records to find out more about Robert Sanchez in hopes of figuring out what happened in the last minutes of Metrolink 111.

**Offshore drilling**  
WASHINGTON

The House votes on allowing oil drilling off the nation's Atlantic and Pacific coastlines — but it's all 50 or more miles out, well beyond where most of the oil actually is. Republicans call it a ruse to provide political cover to Democrats feeling pressure to support more drilling in a time of high gas prices.

**Afghanistan**  
US-AFGHANISTAN

Even after an extra U.S. Army brigade joins the

fight against in Afghanistan next January, three times that many reinforcements will quickly be needed, a top U.S. general warns.

**Candidates on the economy**  
GOLDEN, Colo.

The nation's financial woes are suddenly dominating the presidential campaign, with lipstick on pigs and other issues all but gone — at least for the moment. John McCain calls for a high-level commission to study the crisis, while Barack Obama argues his rival can't fix the economy because he doesn't understand it's broken.

**Terrorism law suit**  
CHICAGO

David Boim was standing at a bus stop in a West Bank town near Jerusalem 12 years ago when terrorists opened fire, fatally shooting the 17-year-old American teenager. A lawsuit filed by his parents has been dragging through the courts for eight years as attorneys argue the central issue: who must pay damages.

**Massachusetts primary**  
BOSTON

Four years after losing his party's bid to unseat President Bush, John Kerry is asking Democratic voters to back him for another term in the Senate.

**Baby formula recall**  
BEIJING

A dairy that sold milk powder linked to kidney stones in infants and one death knew in August it was tainted with a banned chemical, weeks before it ordered a recall, the Health Ministry says. Meanwhile, the reported number of ill babies rose to 140, the official China Daily newspaper reports

**Pope in France**  
LOURDES, France

Pope Benedict XVI makes a pilgrimage to the shrine of Lourdes, a craggy grotto that draws millions each year seeking strength and miraculous cures from its spring water. Earlier, at a mass in France's chic capital, the pope decried the modern world's passion for power, possessions and money.

## Elizabeth Edwards says health care is failing

by **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Elizabeth Edwards said Tuesday she is discouraged that health care is falling on the nation's list of priorities and critiqued the plans of both leading presidential candidates.

In her first public talk since her husband, two-time Democratic presidential candidate and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, publicly admitted to an extramarital affair, Elizabeth Edwards confined her remarks to health coverage — an issue that forced itself into her own top priorities after a 2004 cancer diagnosis.

She said the financial crisis that has shaken Wall

Street may demand national attention and money that would otherwise be invested in fixing the health care system.

"I'm more discouraged than I was before," she said during a talk at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. "Shame on us if we don't take the momentum — even with all the other things that are happening — and translate it into a policy."

Edwards said she sparred with Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama over his health care policy, which mandates insurance for children but doesn't require coverage for adults.

And she had almost

nothing good to say about the health care plan of Republican hopeful John McCain, charging that it would simply lower costs by forcing bare-bones policies.

Audience members asked no questions about her private life. Edwards did not mention the affair.

Through her public bout with breast cancer, which disappeared after a long round of treatments but resurfaced in early 2007 in an incurable form, Edwards has become a respected speaker on health care policy.

But she's been quiet about her latest hardship, only discussing the infidelity in a brief statement last month in which she pleaded for privacy and said that

her husband had disclosed the liaison in 2006.

That statement set off a round of criticism aimed at her, as Democrats said she was too willing to keep the affair a secret to help her husband's political ambitions, as well as her own.

John Edwards has canceled all of his public events until after the election, saying in a statement through his publicist he doesn't want to be a distraction to his party's ticket.

He admitted in early August that he had an affair with a woman hired to produce videos of him in 2006. She remained on the campaign trail during the opening days of his presidential bid at the end of that year.

## Napier announces a campus sponsorship of Daniel

by **AIMEE NILES**

SGA Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier has announced the child sponsorship of four-year-old Daniel Herrera from Honduras through Compassion International.

Napier says the community relations coordinator is supposed to support a child every year, but it hasn't been done for the past few years. Napier has started the practice again because "it's an advantageous goal for the community relations coordinator to involve the

campus."

Also, sponsoring a child is a constitutional requirement for the position, and Napier says he's always tried to keep to the code.

Daniel Arturo Castellanos Herrera lives in Comayagua, Honduras with his mother; his father is in prison. Herrera is four years old and loves playing with cars, balls and marbles. He's too young to go to school but he helps his mother by running errands.

"I went online and looked at the kids that needed adopting," said Napier,

"Daniel was one of the first kids on the list." Napier encourages students to support Herrera by writing him letters, donating money and sending gifts.

Letters, money and gifts should be directed to Napier's office. "We're only allowed to donate so much each year to Daniel," so Napier will put the money into the Community Relations budget and allot the money properly.

"It costs 384 dollars every year to sponsor a child," Napier said, "if we can raise the money, I would love to

sponsor as many children as we can." However, child sponsorship is a long term commitment and Napier does not want to create a burden for future community relations coordinators.

Rev. Everett Swanson founded Compassion International in 1952. Initially, Compassion helped Korean War orphans by providing them not only with food and shelter, but also with education and Christian training. Today, Compassion sponsors over a million kids in 24 countries, said Napier.

## Give me literature or give me death



GUEST OPINION

by

ALLI SCHISLER

When I was fourteen, I brought Gustave Flaubert's "Madame Bovary" home from the public library. My Dad, a give-me-the-Bible-and-the-sports-section-only kind of guy, asked "Are you sure that's something you should be polluting your mind with?" Sure, I answered sarcastically, why not?

Locally, the Nampa public library just returned "The Joy of Gay Sex" and "The New Joy of Sex" to its shelves, after (semi) permanently removing the books in June.

My discussion with my dad — and acts of public censorship like in the Nampa library — made me wonder: What should

a Christian be reading? If we are living holy lives, attempting to love God and others, must we avoid literature with all reference to sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll?

In an attempt to discover good literature, I turned to some good old-fashioned Christian Romance Fiction (something I like to call CRF) and was let down. I found a disappointing mixture of unoriginal metaphors, traditional gender roles, and archaic references to sex ("...And he lay with her").

Is this what Christians settle for, I wondered?

I moved to Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird." While the CRF had inspired a retch-reaction, Lee moved me. I felt sympathy and indignation over the injustice present. I began to

think and feel for others, as I hadn't before.

I thought about Micah 6:8, which says that God has showed us what is right and good. We are to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly" with God.

I began to think that reading books with unjust and unmerciful content teach us how to act justly and love mercy. Maybe this is one of the ways God shows us what is good, by showing us what is ugly and unjust.

The dirty stuff — abuse, promiscuity, incest and rape — can teach about consequences and how to be a voice for the helpless.

Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and Frederick Douglass' "The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," books about slavery, with graphic violence and slave-rape, added fire to the abolitionist

movement. They incited change.

"Madame Bovary" and Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter," both about affairs, can teach us about women's rights and gender equality. Kate Chopin's works fueled the women's suffrage movement.

The frequently banned "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," by Maya Angelou contains racism, rape and homosexuality and reminds us of those on the fringes of society.

The list goes on and on of books that have been banned or sworn off by Christians. But why should we avoid such works when they can remind us to act justly and love mercy?

Delve into such books and spend time with some seedy characters. I think Jesus did.

## Being friendly adds to NNU's community

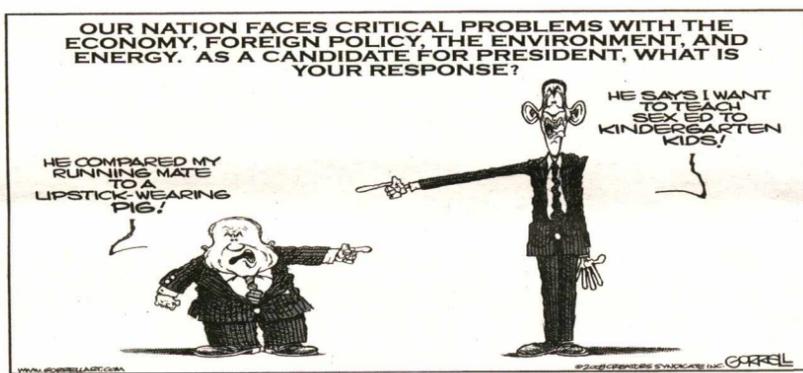
Ah, yes, the comfort zone: we stay in our pack and move from location to location as a tribe of fearful warriors. This is the life, right? No change, no stress, no problem...just make sure we don't get paired up with that weird kid for the group presentation. We sit perfectly content with the friends we have made and put the peers we make no effort toward knowing on the backburner.

Popular consensus students make about their favorite part of NNU is its community, but how can a community atmosphere truly be established if we only spend time with those in our comfort zone? Is a community truly a series of tightly knit circles with barbed wire fence boundaries? Perhaps we should take a break and invest in others' lives besides the one we share a room with. Perhaps it's about time we start kicking those fences down.

What if that girl who sits behind you in Intro to Theology loves Hannah Montana as much as you do? (Perhaps she won't make fun of you like your housemates enjoy taking part in.) How would you ever know if you don't make that effort? Thankfully, students here tend to be rather nice, so fear of embarrassment need not halt your pursuit.

Meeting new people is scary. We all recall that first week of freshman year asking the people to our left and right about their hometown and major, praying we don't mix up the information with others we have met. However, college is about becoming, not just being. Expand your horizons over your college experience not just academically, but socially!

Here's a challenge to our fellow students: sit with someone else in the Dex this week. Sleep during chapel in your unassigned clique section. Study at the Flying M with the kid who always picks up your pencil in that one class you both secretly despise. Take a step, or maybe even a tiny leap, out of your cozy bubble—chances are you won't regret the small gesture.



## Obama isn't Muslim, but who cares if he were?



EDITOR'S NOTE

by

AIMEE NILES

I've received some interesting forwards this election cycle, and one that keeps popping into my inbox is the "Barack Obama is a Muslim" email.

Every time I see this, my immediate reaction is to not only delete it, but email back the truth to whoever sent it to me. And while the truth of the matter is Obama is not a Muslim—the Rev. Jeremiah Wright scandal should prove this—I wonder why it would matter if he were?

Who cares if a candidate is a Muslim? What does it matter that they practice Islam instead of Christianity? The arguments aiming to

keep Muslims out of public office are not only religiously intolerant but ignorant and bigoted as well.

The fear of the ignorant voting population when they see "Muslim" stems from recent radical Islamic movements; "Osama bin Laden is not the face of true Islam," says Heba Hosni, a 23 year old Egyptian woman and a devout Muslim. "He doesn't represent the Prophet (Muhammad) or what Muslims are truly supposed to be."

Would Christians appreciate being compared to radicals that blow-up abortion clinics, in Christ's name? Is that the true face of Christianity? I think most would agree with me that those "Christians" defame the name of Jesus Christ, not defend it. The argument holds true for Muslims as well.

Many of the propagators of both the Obama forward and the general distrust of Muslims in office are

among the most conservative Christians in the country. Pat Robertson has said Muslims entering politics want to take over America and institute Sharia law—a system based on the Muslim holy book, the Qu'ran.

I'm not a fan of Sharia law; it is horribly oppressive to both democracy and women and I don't think it should be instituted anywhere, especially not the United States. However, while Sharia law may not be good, the conservative politics of Muslims should interest the conservative people like Robertson.

Conservative Christians don't like abortion—neither do Muslims. Gay marriage? Not if a Muslim had anything to say about it. Traditional families, alcohol consumption, keeping God at the forefront of life—devout, conservative Christians and Muslims agree and have the same goals.

To say that a Muslim cannot run for office is ignorant

the very foundation of America. The United States is supposed to be a place for religious freedom and tolerance—where people can practice their chosen religion and be in public life without fear of being discriminated against.

There is only one Muslim politician in national politics—Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota. So far, no sign of Ellison overthrowing the House of Representatives and forcibly instituting Sharia law; he is serving his constituents just like every other politician is supposed to be doing.

It does not matter if a person is a Muslim. Personally, I am more reassured of the character and moral standing of a Muslim candidate than of the many that claim to be "Christians." Ignorance leads to both religious and racial intolerances. By studying the facts and actually knowing and meeting Muslims, we can avoid these intolerances.

The Crusader is starting a new feature called "Ask Emerson."

If you have questions for any of our administrators, please forward them to [crusader@nnu.edu](mailto:crusader@nnu.edu).

Put "Ask Emerson" in the subject line

Each week, an administrator working in Emerson will answer the questions submitted by students.

So if you've ever wondered why school costs so much, or why we water the grass so often, send it in the The Crusader at [crusader@nnu.edu](mailto:crusader@nnu.edu)

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# Everything I needed to know about life I learned from a pop band



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
RACHAEL FINCH

One week ago today I was psyched about the prospect of writing an opinion piece slamming late 90's pop band Hanson for trying to make a come back. In my ever cynical fashion I had simply assumed that the band was making a classic attempt to regain the fame of their teen years. As it turns out, my hasty judge of character was wrong, and I again learned not to be too quick to judge.

As soon as I began researching Hanson's recent career I felt an immediate pang of guilt. This band that I was so ready to condemn as a pop culture travesty is a living testament to social activism. They do more good for the world around them in a day than most people will do in a lifetime, and certainly more than I've done.

Brothers Isaac, Taylor, and Zac have raised money for various charitable causes in Africa including poverty relief and medical help for AIDS patients. They have

also mobilized their fans for the cause by sponsoring a walkathon at each stop on the tour. The band donates a dollar per mile per fan, according to hanson.net.

Needless to say, after learning all this I was put in my place. Here I sit, receiving a liberal arts education, fancying myself open minded and compassionate, yet I'm willing to judge a group of people that I have never met, as if I knew them, just like millions of other entertainment consumers. I am no better than anyone else; I'm worse.

It's easy from where we sit, in classrooms analyzing

everything we put our hands on, to become cynical. It is easy to judge others by our perceived notions of what they are like, but it takes a lot more to believe the best of others, and reflect on our own shortcomings.

This experience may seem like a silly example. Who cares if you make false assumptions about some celebrity? However, if I am willing to make unfair assumptions about them, I'll probably do the same thing with the people in my life that I don't know well or don't understand. As open minded, compassionate, educated people it's our job



Zac and Isaac Hanson lead a rally before a concert in St. Louis (photo from wikicommons).

to try to get to know people, to see what makes them tick, and to love them. Right now the Hanson brother's are showing me up at living the compassionate

Christian life. I want to change that, and if you've fallen into a cynical apathetic trend, I encourage you to change it too.

## A Congressional appeal to students

Our country's future is decided, every year, on Election Day. College students like you are very important to the future of our country. How you engage -- in your home, your community, your church -- will decide whether our country continues to be free, strong and prosperous.

Lessons from Scripture are important in every day practice whether you're a teacher or doctor, a carpenter or a congressman. This is especially important to remember in the days ahead. This is an election year. No matter what your major is, regardless of what your desired career may be, you have the right to be involved in your nation's political process. Claim that right -- learn about the candidates, vote for the

ones you believe will best represent you and honor your values. And remember, the Bible teaches us to pray for our leaders. I encourage you to take the time to pray for all of the candidates and officeholders and their families, and that regardless of political persuasion, that they will make the decisions that He would find pleasing.

I believe in the philosophy of limited-government envisioned by the Founding Fathers. I believe that you should be left to live your own life, free from the intrusive federal government. I believe that you and your peers should be given the freedom to live your lives and follow the path God has chosen for you. You, ultimately, make that choice to keep or lose that freedom, by choosing whether

to engage or stay silent.

Don't ever think that the government should be left to others. Take an active role in local, state and national politics. Vote your beliefs. This is an election year, and it's your chance to take part in something great. There will be candidates on the ballot for every office in November, from State Representative, to Congress, to President. Do your homework, and choose the candidate who represents your beliefs.

I believe our country's best days are still ahead -- and you decide our country's future. Don't let anybody else decide it for you. It's your future, and your right.

Sincerely,  
Bill Sali  
Idaho Congressman

## Why ruin something beautiful?



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
ALLISON HAWN

Facebook, the wonderful and delightfully distracting social network has decided to change their format for personal pages. If you haven't noticed the giant announcement at the top of your screen when you log in go check it out. Outlined in a blue that reminds one of the fatal crashing of a computer, the announcement informs all of us that Facebook will be permanently changing over to the new format at an undisclosed date.

I have personally looked up this "new and improved format" and I am not impressed. Gone are the times when you can easily

scroll down and find out what people

wrote on "the wall" or see your happy little "Pieces of Flair" or "Bumper Stickers" applications that have afforded you and I countless moments of blissful procrastination. No, instead the wall and updates have been mashed together in a confusing little group and our fun little applications are hidden from easy view.

I also wonder exactly why the Facebook creators are insisting on this new format? Were people complaining about the old one or were the programmers just so bored that they had to redesign a perfectly functional setup? If they offered a choice between the old and new formats this would

make sense; it would give people the opportunity to use whichever they prefer. Insisting on the new one without any logical explanation is a tad infuriating though. I also find it interesting that they won't tell us when they will be making this permanent. One random day we will log on and have no clue what we're doing, splendid.

If you feel as I do about this please sign one of the many petitions that are floating around in the Facebook groups. Help me save the Facebook that we all know and love. Do it soon however, before you log on and can't find the Facebook groups without a GPS unit.

## NNU VOICES

### We need moderate opinions too

I would like to respond to several things included in the September 10, 2008 issue of the Crusader. It seems to me that there are some issues in the production of the Crusader this year. In the article concerning Crusader Choir's trip to the British Isles, it includes a story about a town that is spelled "Eden Burrow" in the paper, when in fact the correct spelling is Edinburgh. There is also another article that starts off with the statement that "Professor Lynn Russel" headed up a trip to Southeast Asia,

when in fact it was Professor Bill Russell that led the trip. Lynn is his daughter, and is a student here. These mistakes could have been avoided by minimal amounts of research, and the fact that this research was not done hurts the credibility of the paper.

The other thing I would like to respond to is the reactions of students to political issues. While it is good to hear the different sides of the platforms of the candidates and how students on campus respond to them, there is very little information on the real policies and procedures that the candidates stand for. While the stories are entertaining, it

is not the declared Democrats and Republicans that win elections, it is the moderates. There is very little information in the articles written that includes something that might be helpful for a moderate to make an informed decision on which candidate to vote for.

I guess my feeling is that the newspaper is portraying more popular bias than information. Isn't the function of the Crusader supposed to be to inform the campus on the factual events of students and politics among other things?

Catherine Becker  
Senior

### The pro-Palin article was misleading

I am writing in response to Messrs. Napier and Johnson, both of whom, as it would appear from their commentary last week, are frightfully unaware of Gov. Sarah Palin's gross incompetency as it applies to her governing.

Messrs. Napier and Johnson used a lot of blanket phrases in their article, such phrases as "biggest state in the union." Clearly, the authors intended this to sound as if Ms. Palin currently is the executive of the most populous of the 50 states,

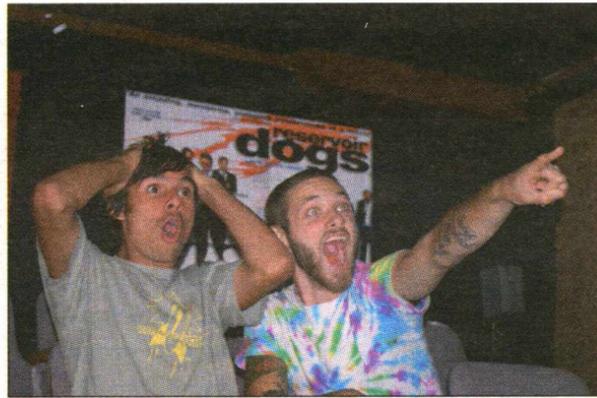
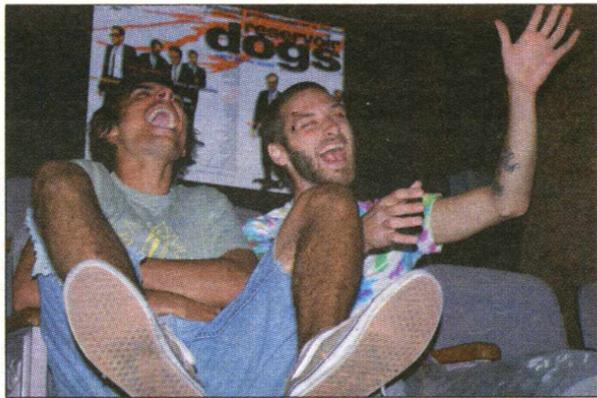
but they are, most definitely, wrong. Alaska, the state which Ms. Palin resides, has approximately the same population as Austin, Texas. According to the logic provided by the authors, the current mayor of Austin has as much executive experience as the GOP candidate for Vice President, which is, again according to the authors, more than sufficient experience to be "a heartbeat away from the Presidency."

As to her "fighting corruption" I would like to point to dozens of allegations now surfacing surrounding Ms. and Mr. Palin's use of her governorship. Reports are

flooding in alleging that, while governor (which is now) Ms. Palin held personal vendettas against officials who hired her enemies. She is most infamous for firing a state trooper who had just divorced her sister, but other stories of slashing the budgets of enemies are now coming to life.

Voter beware. Do not be swayed by such blanket statements that cannot be supported by evidence. Research both candidates to make an educated statement for our nation.

Dax Wandling  
Senior.



Joey Miller and Phil Westlund watch a movie in the new theatre of the Brick House (photo by Andrea Schilling).

## The Boys hope to deliver a bigger and better year

by ANDREW McCULLEY

This year's Brick House Boys hope to deliver bigger and better.

For those who are uninitiated, the Brick House is a complete domestic scene maintained by four students selected to live and work there by faculty and fellow students.

This year the four Brick House Boys are juniors Jared May, Joey Miller,

Phil Westlund and Nate Berrian.

The Brick House is home away from home. Jared May said, "We all just want to be able to interact with those around the campus. We want people to feel like they can come here to get away."

May said, "We hope to have a positive influence on everyone who seeks to use the house." And the Brick House does just that with amenities such as cable,

its own wireless internet, a full kitchen, a monumental theater room and space where any and all students can meet and maybe study. The demeanor of the Brick House Boys themselves is further evidence of the intended hospitality.

Renovations mark this year's Brick House. The work done includes expansion to the theater room, brand new stove and counter tops for the kitchen, a

fresh paint job throughout the House and many household repairs such as electrical work and improvements on the facilities.

Beyond the Thursday night Underground, the Brick House Boys say to expect major parties and events at least a couple of times a semester.

"We have some great ideas for this year," said the Brick House Boys, "Expect a lot."

## Continued from page 1: Mark Lowry concert profits were to benefit local charities

student mission trips or to a charitable organization like Love, Inc, said Napier. The decision to cancel the concert came from above SGA, said Smith, "Anytime there's a chance of losing \$8,000 somebody has to step in."

"Tony had done a lot of research and had worked really well with trying to line everything up, but the bottom line was that there was a lot of money at risk and the track record for concerts here at NNU and in the Treasure Valley is really poor," said Milburn.

Milburn said he spoke with Joel Pearsall, vice

president of financial affairs and university advancement, Bryce Quarve from conferences and events, and Rich Sanders, athletic director, and they all felt the risk was too high.

An event like this can cost tens of thousands of dollars, said Quarve.

"I think that we could have pulled it off. I think that the seats would have been filled, but at the same time you have to see where everyone else is coming from," said Smith.

## Continued from page 1: The REI "Garage Sale" happens four times a year

some shoppers. Sophomore David Reimer decided to take matters into his own hands to dim the lights. With Gregory and senior Ryan Hunt assisting, Reimer climbed the side of the building and covered two of the brightest lights with some bags. "It really helped," said Hunt.

Everyone anxiously waits for 6 a.m. to roll around and the final tickets to be handed out. After REI employees give tickets, most of the tired line makes a mass



Senior Daniel Reimer catches some shut eye on Friday while camping on the sidewalk outside of REI in Boise (photo by Aimee Niles).

exodus to IHOP just down the street for breakfast.

"Then comes my favorite part," says Gregory, "I scope out what the employees are putting out. I make my plan and in my mind it's perfect." Once the sale actually starts at 9, however, perfection is placed on hold as reality hits and a lot of what I wanted is snatched by other people, said Gregory.

Sophomore Preston O'Malley experienced his very first Garage Sale this weekend. "I went because

everyone was doing it," said O'Malley, "But I will definitely be participating many times in the future." Junior Stacey Lee agreed, saying "It was a lot of fun. I can't wait for the next one."

REI is an outdoor recreational co-op. While anyone can shop in the store, the Garage Sale is reserved for members only. Members pay an annual fee and one of the perks is the Garage Sale four times a year.

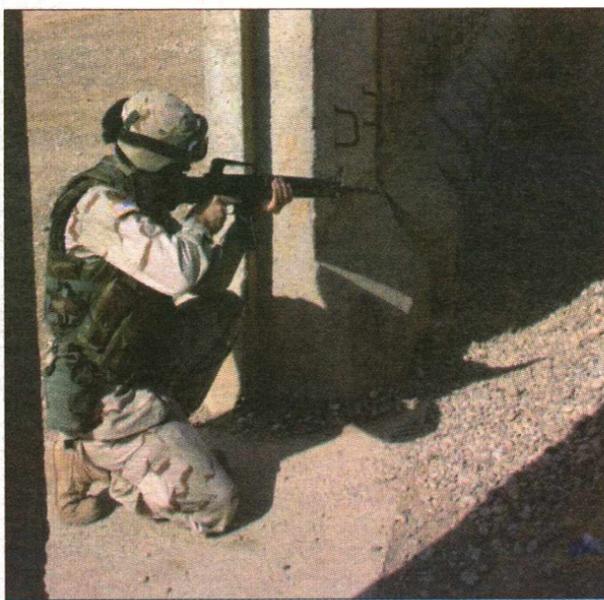
## Students prepare for careers in the U.S. Army while attending NNU

by KATIE THOMPSON

The life of an army volunteer is no longer restricted to simply signing up and shipping out. Northwest Nazarene University offers prospective Cadets the option of ROTC, Reserved Officers' Training Corps. This four year program prepares students between the ages of 18 to 26 with the needed skills for active duty. The course is comprised of two sections: a basic and advanced course, divided between the four college years. For those seeking to serve their country, ROTC is beneficial in a variety of ways. Students not only receive scholarships, but also earn their bachelor's degree while completing a training course.

The first two years of

ROTC are called Basic Course. Classroom stud-



ROTC Cadet Captain John Gregory lines up a shot during his tour in Iraq. Gregory was in Iraq for 11 months (photo courtesy of John Gregory).

ies, which take the place of one elective course, include

such subjects as military history, leadership develop-

ment and national defense. The freshman year emphasis is placed on the role of the Army, while sophomores learn the role of an officer. Such courses teach students the basics of military skills and fundamentals of a leadership position. A variety of activities, such as rappelling, hiking and community service are made available to the students.

After the completion of Basic Course, students are given the option between ending the ROTC program or furthering their training. The advantage of the beginning course is that students can take part in two years of training, without the requirement of impending military obligation, as long as they have not been given a scholarship for ROTC. If future involvement is desired after Basic Course completion, students

may begin the Advanced Course.

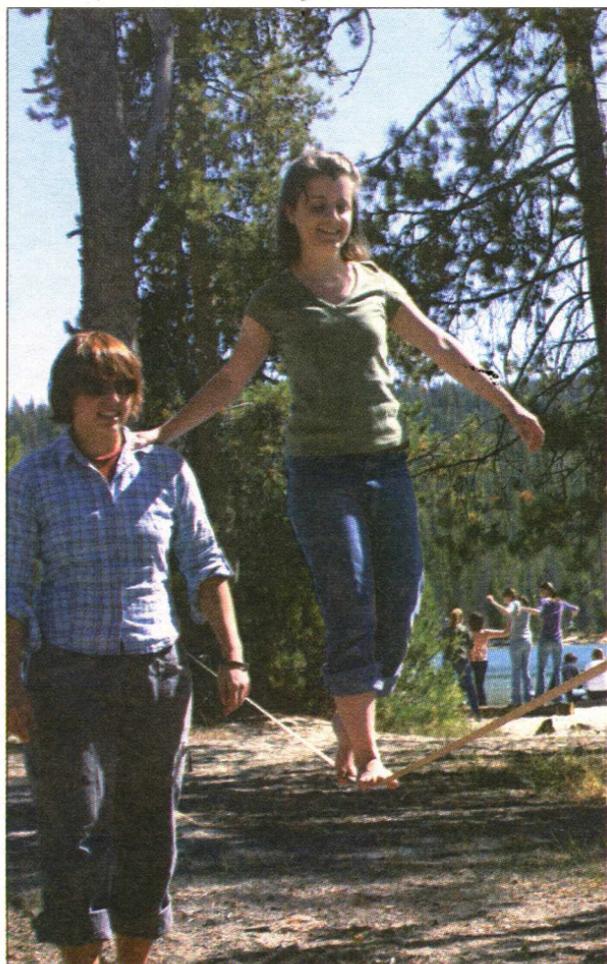
During the later section of ROTC, students learn in greater depth advanced military tactics, team organization, planning and decision making, and transition to becoming an officer. After completing the fourth year, students should be fully prepared to venture out as commissioned officers of the U.S. Army.

Four of NNU's ROTC members individuals stand out for involvement this summer. Sophomore Isaac Burke attended the Army's Air Assault school at Fort Knox Kentucky. Also, attendees to the thirty day Leadership Development and Assessment Course included John Gregory, Becky Schifferer and Daniel Reimer. For three weeks Cadet

Schifferer also attended a Nurse Training Program at Fort Sam Houston, which permitted her the chance to work alongside a second-Lieutenant in an Army Hospital. Schifferer said of her experience, "Being a summer nurse intern gave me a good inside look to how life will work after NNU. ROTC itself has developed my confidence and leadership skills, both of which are valuable in future experiences."

With such experience to be had and seasoned instructors such as Major Nelson and Sergeant Major Beers teaching classes, ROTC students should feel prepared for active duty. From the Crusader, we wish ROTC students the best of luck in their future endeavors.

# Fall retreats allow students to experience a diverse Idaho



Above: Senior Brittan Aebischer and freshman Joshua "Ponch" Ponczoch rinse off the art department's cyanotype. The sheet is first treated with chemicals in a darkroom, then the UV rays from the sun develop the chemicals around items placed on the sheet. The sheet is then rinsed and the parts exposed to the sun become blue. The art department placed items like watches, sunglasses and junior Brittney Roggenkamp on their sheet (photo by Jaimee Haaland). Left: Junior Krysta Jacobson walks a thin line while Jaimee Haaland, junior, assists. The Art Department stopped at Red Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains during their retreat (photo by Jamie Tucker).

by KATIE THOMPSON

Northwest Nazarene University makes community a priority among student life. One way it does this is through the planning and execution of departmental retreats. Students in either the Religion or Art Departments will be given the opportunity in the next month to take part in such an event.

The second retreat of the fall semester took place over Sept. 12 and 13 for the Art Department's second annual retreat. Twenty students and

nine faculty members, along with their spouses, traveled to Camp Perkins near Alturas Lake in the Sawtooth Mountains for this weekend of community.

The purpose of such a weekend is to create a sense of community among both students and faculty. This time of relaxation and rejuvenation was also intended to bond students of all years. Junior Aubrey Webb said, "The retreat gave me the opportunity to meet new students that share my passion for art."

By scheduling a retreat

in the earlier weeks of fall, freshmen and sophomore students are given better opportunity to feel welcomed into the ever-growing department. Professor Jamie Tucker said, "One of my personal purposes for the retreat is to see other areas of Idaho. We live in such a diverse state, and many students do not have the chance to explore."

With plenty of chances to explore the surrounding area of the Sawtooth Mountains, students are given the needed inspiration to create a masterpiece in the coming

year. Expectations of the weekend not only included relaxation, but also a sense of renewal mentally, spiritually and relationally. The Art Department's goal of a close-knit community was met on such a relational-minded trip, said Tucker.

The next trip to take place is the third annual PT 125 Christian Ministry Retreat hosted for School of Theology and Christian Ministries students. The weekend will take place Sept. 26-28 at Bethel Park Camp near McCall, Idaho. This year's numbers of

attending faculty, spouses and students ranges from 90 to 100 participants.

The trip is intended to form closer relational ties between students and faculty, and also break any barriers which might exist between upper and lower division students.

Unlike the expected class approach, students and faculty are given the chance to share personal stories on a deeper and more intimate level. Faculty and students alike share with each other the history of their calling and faith based experiences,

with the hopes of urging student to explore at a deeper level what it means to have a calling into ministry.

Professor Jay Akkerman said, "Personally, I have found our retreats to be invaluable in establishing and deepening my relationships with our students. Many of our students have told me they now see it as one highlight of their years here."

## Continued from page 1: Clubs discussed missions and goals for the year with interested students

Social Work Club is geared toward powering students to identify needs in the community and us-

Another ministry club is Angels which serves the elderly of our community. Angels visits homes for the

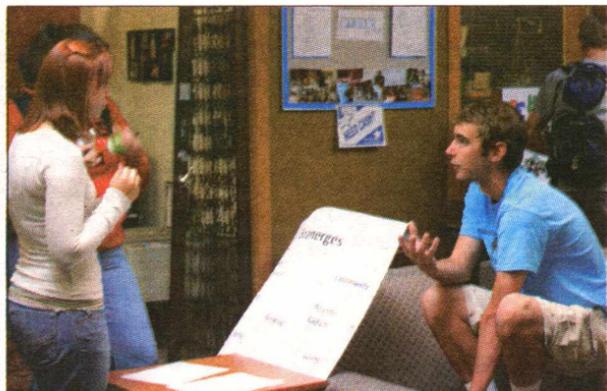
give an hour of myself," said Daryl Gonzalez. Gonzalez serves as the president of the Angels ministry. Angels meets on Mondays from 6-7 p.m.

Hope House is another club students have an opportunity to get involved with. Hope House serves as a ministry to children of the community from battered homes. The club teaches the children about God through a youth group-type atmosphere including worship, a lesson and games.

"This year we're hoping to step out of our set weekly schedule to plan events such as girls' and guys' nights," said Hope House President, junior Michelle Pounds. The Hope House ministry meets Saturday mornings.

P.A.L.S (People Always Loving Someone) is an opportunity directed toward compassionate ministry and planning events for the developmentally disabled, such as bowling and pizza parties, said Allea Meza. P.A.L.S meets Saturday afternoons.

Boanerges, led by senior Matt Dayton, returns. The name comes from what Jesus called James and John for their passion for the Kingdom. Dayton said the club wants to encourage "extreme kindness." The club's main focus will be toward random acts of kindness for people in the community, such as paying for someone's fast food order. Boanerges meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m.



Senior Matt Dayton explains Boanerges to prospective members (photo by Andrea Schilling).

ing their skills to help meet those needs, said Seimears. The first meeting will be held next Thursday at 9 p.m. in Wiley 112.

elderly disabled, where for an hour each week students play bingo with its residents.

"It's an opportunity to

## Student Life Events

**Wednesday, September 17**

- 10:20 a.m. Chapel (Brandt Center)
- 8:00 p.m. Senate (Wordsworth)
- 9:00 p.m. Time Out with Robert Poe (Baseball Field)

**Thursday, September 18**

- 9:00-11:00 p.m. Underground (Brick House)

**Friday, September 19**

- 10:20 a.m. Chapel (Brandt Center)

**Saturday, September 20**

- 10:00 a.m. SGA Community Outreach

**Monday, September 22**

- 10:20 a.m. Community Chapel (Brandt Center)

**Tuesday, September 23**

- Last day to withdraw from a Quad 1 class with a "W"

**Wednesday, September 24**

- 10:20 a.m. Class Chapels (various locations)
- Freshmen Class Council Speeches
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sex Talk (Harter 122)
- 8:00 p.m. Senate (Wordsworth)
- 9:00 p.m. Time Out

## Men's soccer keeps up the winning streak while sporting new hair styles

by JAEH HENTHORN and LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Watching the boys' soccer practice seemed to be a flashback to the '90s. There are 6 team members who are sporting their new bleached blonde hairdos. According to senior team captain, Theron Fereday, two more team members will bleach their hair soon.

Fereday added that there was no real reason behind the hair change. Some of the team members were

bored one day and "we just wanted something unique to do that wouldn't be out of control."

Fereday said that freshman Jose Oregon was the godfather of the movement. Oregon's hair looks the best, said Fereday. So far they would give the worst hair award to freshman Alexander Engemann, who they say looks like a golden retriever.

On Thursday, they won 2-0 against Pacific University. Another freshman

standout, Chris Voth, scored both goals. Vereday said that the team played well together and controlled the game.

Saturday's game against University of Mary ended in another victory. The Crusaders put pressure on their opponent's defense, drawing a foul in the box. They scored on a penalty kick.

Senior Dane Manley says of the season, "The truth is we don't have anything inspirational to say... we just get it done."



The bleach blondes of the men's soccer team proudly pose (photo by Jael Henthorn).

## Women's soccer is still looking for their first win

by JAEH HENTHORN

The women's soccer team played Carroll College on Thursday losing 1-0. Coach Jamie Lindvall said that it was a game that they should have won. But, Lindvall said, the team played well.

The team played to its strengths but continued to struggle with finishing, said Lindvall. Without finishing and making the net move, the other work becomes void, said Lindvall.

But, he said, the team attacks well.

Senior midfielder Angela Duryea said that the team has the best individual skills that she has seen in her four years at NNU. The members communicate well and have great team dynamics.

Duryea says that the team is doing well keeping possession, as well as with positioning. The team is working on finishing at practice, said Duryea.

Injuries have been affecting the team. Midfielder McKenzie Bailey is on the D.L. with a stress fracture to her hip. Lysie Powers is still out from a major concussion. Coach Lindvall sees McKenzie as a huge loss. She was a major contributor and had good field presence last year and early this season while still able to practice, said Lindvall.

Lindvall said that although these players are a

huge loss, the team has been filling in well. He specifically pointed out Pip Herman, who is doing great in goal. Duryea said that these injuries take away from some of the team's depth. They have fewer "fresh feet" to put on the field.

While the season record doesn't reflect positively on the soccer team, these early games are just preparation for conference games. Coach Lindvall said that

the soccer conference may be the best conference in the country.

It is important for the team to work out the kinks now so that they can go in strong to conference play, said Lindvall. Everyone has a role to play and anyone can score so everyone needs to step it up a notch, said Lindvall.

## PLAYER PROFILE



**Name:** Eki Punimata  
**Major:** Liberal Studies  
**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Year:** Junior

**What is your best volleyball moment?**

Game point of league last year. Knowing we were undefeated 14-0. It was the best feeling going out as a sophomore and into playoffs.

**If you could be any cartoon character who would you be and why?**

Without a doubt Bugs (Bunny). He's hilarious, cunning, and super witty. Total boss.

**Favorite Dex meal:**

Chocolate milk, fries with fry sauce... JOKING!! Sandwiches, they're delicious.

**Who's your favorite professional athlete?**

The rugby player, Sonny Bill Williams, GOOGLE him.

**Who inspires you?**

"My Baby Sister, Samalaulu."

**Favorite quote:**

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?  
—anonymous

**Plain or Peanut M&M's?**

The new dark chocolate with peanuts! Yum.

## Intramural rivalries are renewed as the fall season begins early

by JAEH HENTHORN

Intramurals are kicking off early this year under Rachel Lindvall, the intramural director. In her second year as director, she has added ultimate frisbee to the early fall line-up.

Student Intramural Director Josh Heidegger is excited to introduce frisbee because of its growing popularity on the NNU campus. Volleyball, flag and powderpuff football round

out the schedule.

Intramural athletics provide an opportunity to get involved in campus life. Former Student Intramural Director Tyler McCarty encourages students to get involved. He says, "Intramurals are great because you get to know people whom you otherwise would not have met." This year McCarty will be returning to the reigning flag football champions, The Dynasty, who continue their tradition of

excellence by winning their first game of the season Saturday against Chip 'n Dip.

The powderpuff rivalries have shifted this year. The previous champions, The Marmots, have disbanded due to the realities of graduation. This has ended the three year rivalry between Blood Bath and The Marmots.

New rivals, The Bruisers, lost to Blood Bath in the Sept. 6 opening powderpuff game.



Senior Jessie Monroe of Blood Bath chases alumna Amy Sevier of the Marmots during last year's powderpuff championship game. The Marmots won, but graduated most of their players. Blood Bath is the favorite to win the championship this year (photo by Robin McConkey).

## Volleyball continues their win streak on the road

First home game comes September 27

by JAEH HENTHORN

The volleyball team continues on its long road trip. The Crusaders have begun their season with a 6-2 record. The team won't play at home until Sept. 25 in a conference game against Western Oregon University.

The team's latest victory came in the form of a sweep against Concordia University. Junior All-American Cammy Dranginis led the team's

offensive pursuits with 15 kills. Senior Amanda Boschma has 9 kills and 18 digs.

Cammy Dranginis and Lindsay Forseth are leading the team offensively, Dranginis with 90 kills and Forseth with 77. Defensive sophomore Haley Hevern leads with 135 digs.

The team's only losses come from 27<sup>th</sup> ranked Chico State and also Sonoma State.



Alumnus Jeff Shaw runs toward the end zone in last year's flag football championship game. The Dynasty won that game and hope to repeat (photo by Robin McConkey).

## Cross Country looks to a young team for success

by AIMEE NILES

After missing qualifying for nationals by one place last year, women's cross-country is looking to make the Crusader's first ever team trip to nationals, said Ben Gall, assistant cross country coach.

All-American Ashley Puga leads the women after finishing 19<sup>th</sup> at last year's national meet. Freshman Megan Oberst—from Nampa Christian—also looks to be in the mix with the other girls, said Gall.

The women debuted at number five in the NCAA Division II West Regional Poll—their highest debut to date. The women finished third at the Roger Curran Invitational, with Puga finishing first among the NNU women and seventh place overall for the meet.

On the men's side, the Crusaders are running a young team, with no se-



Junior Josh Wageman leads graduate Kevin Lambert during the Roger Curran Invitational (photo by Aimee Niles).

niors and three juniors, said Gall. Three runners are redshirting this season. Seth Clark, Kyle Gray and

Matt Stark will be practicing with the team but they will not compete, in order

to lengthen their eligibility. According to the NCAA, players have four seasons of eligibility to compete in

college. By redshirting, they take a break from competition and will compete again next year.

The leadership falls to juniors Josh Wageman, Greg DeSimone and Hank Hetrick, said Gall. The team finished in fifth place at the Roger Curran Invitational, and the men are also hoping to snag a place in the national meet.

Freshmen runners Neil Easter, Alex Crystal, Luke Hetrick, Jason Towery and Josh Merioles will "battle it out for the top freshmen each week," said Gall, "It is exciting to have a class of guys like that for us."

Gall said, "Even with redshirting some of our older guys we are looking at finishing better at conference and regionals than we did last year."

## Hockey moms and YouTube make 2008 the "sportiest" election cycle ever

We saw it coming, no doubt about that. YouTube videos of pick-up games and congressional hearings on steroid use in the MLB hinted and nagged at us for months. We even have a "hockey mom" to root for now.

With the presidential nominations on record, I think it's fair to dub the 2008 election the most athletic in history.

But which President-to-be is best for sports?

Will McCain's prospective tax cuts pave the way for even richer athletes?



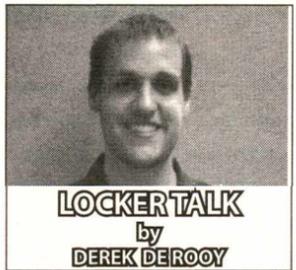
Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, Joe Biden (photo from wikicommons).

Will Obama's ethnic background inspire minorities around the country to strive for something other than a full ride scholarship?

I first heard of McCain during the BALCO investigation, as he worked in court with former players

Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco, among others.

It was clear even then how much McCain cares about



the integrity of sports, and he gained many admirers through such work. McCain's popularity got an immeasurable boost from his participation, while other senators performed their more normal duties.

So many of us share McCain's view that sports should be "clean" but as BALCO investigations endured, I wondered what else McCain might be doing -- that is, what work might McCain have been neglecting?

Obama, meanwhile, is still young and fit enough to display athletic ability. Videos of him playing pick-up basketball and shooting 3-pointers have been viewed hundreds of thousands of times on YouTube. And while Obama surely enjoys the game (he played basketball for his high school), it's not hard to see why Obama might use sports as a PR stunt.

Obama, who hasn't spent much time investigating steroid use in professional sports, is someone for the American youth to look to. This especially applies to athletic black schoolchildren. He isn't a millionaire with his own jersey, doesn't have his own shoe or the sex appeal of a football player in really, really tight pants. He is a shining example that anyone with uncommon ethnic and religious backgrounds can still make something—or everything—of himself or herself.

The media hasn't focused on the candidates' connections with sports: McCain's senatorial work, Obama's youthful body, Palin's hockey-mom lifestyle. In fact, Joe Biden is the only one who doesn't have much of an athletic connection, or at least one that's been publicized.

But if the Democrats lose, and we can confidently point to Biden's lack of a favorite sport or team as the reason, we will have finally proved what I've feared for so long.

That sports, in today's world, are just too important.

## National Football League transactions and suspensions

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL

Suspended Tampa Bay CB Elbert Mack one game for a flagrant violation of player safety rules in a Sept. 14 game against Atlanta.

ATLANTA FALCONS Waived TE Martrez Milner.

CAROLINA PANTHERS

Activated WR Steve Smith from the reserve-suspended list. Released LB Donte Curry.

CINCINNATI BENGALS Signed CB Geoffrey Pope. Waived G Frank Davis.

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Placed DE Robaire Smith on injured reserve. Signed DE Antonio Thomas.

DENVER BRONCOS Traded WR Keary Colbert to Seattle for a 2009 conditional draft pick.

NEW YORK JETS Waived P Ben Graham. Released WR Paul Raymond from the practice squad.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS Signed WR Koren Robinson to a one-year contract.

## A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial is caught with contradictory testimonies

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A key witness in the O.J. Simpson robbery trial was confronted with contradictions in his testimony Tuesday, including his claim that he didn't try to profit from the casino hotel room confrontation that led to charges against the former football star.

Memorabilia dealer Bruce Fromong, who returned to the stand after becoming ill Monday, told defense attorney Gabriel Grasso he didn't have money on his mind while allegedly being robbed of sports collectibles by Simpson and a group of other men.

"You were not trying to profit off this?" asked Grasso.

"I was not trying to profit from it," said Fromong.

The attorney played a tape recording of the 2007 incident in which Fromong said, "It's not (expletive) over. I'll have 'Inside Edition' down here for us tomorrow. I told them I want big money."

Fromong acknowledged it was his voice and he conceded that he later advertised memorabilia on eBay with the statement, "The same ones stolen by O.J. in Las Vegas."

On redirect questioning, District Attorney David Roger asked to play more of the tape excerpt in which Fromong raged against Simpson.

"Nobody puts a (expletive) gun in" my face. I stood up for this (expletive) when he was in jail. I stood up for him when he was on trial. I set up his offshore accounts," he yelled.

Testimony came on the first anniversary of Simpson's Las Vegas arrest. He and co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart are charged with 12 counts of robbery, kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and coercion. They have pleaded not guilty.

Tempers in the case boiled as Roger referred to the confrontation as "the robbery." The defense, which claims Simpson was

trying to recover stolen personal items, objected on grounds that was a legal conclusion.

"He can call it alleged. I'm calling it a robbery," snapped Roger.

The judge admonished Roger to say "at the time of the incident" or "at the time of the event." She told jurors to disregard his remark and then yelled at objecting lawyers: "Sit down!"

"Listen folks," she said. "The last thing you want me to do as the judge is to start losing my temper in front of the fine ladies and gentlemen of the jury and having to deal with all of you. You've been warned, folks."

Fromong's contradictions continued. He acknowledged that he said previously, "I felt my life was being threatened."

But moments later, under inquiry by Stewart's lawyer Robert Lucherini, Fromong said, "I was not scared."

He insisted the memorabilia Simpson sought was not stolen but said he didn't know where some of it came from.

"I believe those items belong to Mr. Simpson's kids. They should go back to him," he said, claiming that if he and Simpson had discussed it, they could have reached "an arrangement" by which he would trade the items for Simpson's signature on photos he could sell.

Jurors Tuesday also saw surveillance video from the Palace Station casino hotel which showed the comings and goings of Simpson, Stewart and seven other men on the night of the alleged robbery. The tapes showed men walking about and eventually leaving with boxes.

## A book can change your life

*'There were questions concerning evil, the Trinity, love, sacrifice, and judgment.'*



REVIEW

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

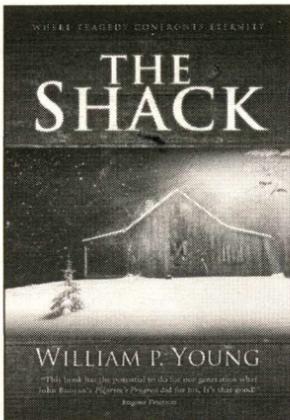
As an English major and a passionate lover of literature, I must confess I feel an unusual, yet instinctual cynicism toward this statement. This is especially felt in regards to "Christian" self-help or spiritual aid books.

It's not that I do not believe Christ can change lives, I just have a hard time relating to the cheesy, unrealistic characters often presented in such books.

So, hearing about, "The Shack," by William P. Young, and how it theoretically transforms and changes lives brought forth immediate skepticism. Yet I was drawn to the book and forced myself to pick it up for this review.

"The Shack" is a story about a man, Mackenzie Allen Phillips, and his struggle with understanding God

and how God 'allows' evil to exist in the world. Phillips' daughter, Missy, is abducted from a state park



during a family vacation and after many, many hours of searching, authorities find evidence that Missy has been murdered in a shack deep in the wilderness. This obviously destroys the Phillips family and Mackenzie emotionally isolates himself.

The book picks up four years later when Mackenzie (Mack) receives an invitation from God to come back to the shack for the weekend. Mack is so

desperate for answers and after much debating returns to the shack alone in hope of finding some resolution to *the great sadness* that has settled upon his life. Here, he meets God represented by some rather strange characters, one of whom is an African-American woman named Papa.

Mack's experiences raise many questions about evil in the world. But more importantly, for me, the novel brought forth queries about communication with God. Can interactions with God really take place through having a face-to-face conversation with Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

Theologically speaking, the concepts were not revolutionary. There were questions concerning evil, the Trinity, love, sacrifice, and judgment. And even though I had heard some of these arguments before, they didn't seem cliché. The conversational manner in which Young chose to present these dilemmas helped

with understanding.

I spent much of the book wondering if the author was really trying to convince me that these events actually took place. I found it extremely hard to believe, mostly because it all seemed like a fantastical tale. I felt guilty questioning whether or not God could, or would, actually work that way.

### THE SHACK

by William P. Young  
248 pages  
Windblown Media  
\$14.99



Ultimately, though, the book touched me. My life has not been drastically altered, but I could easily relate with Mack and the pain and confusion he felt about life. I cried with him as tried to understand the pain in life—as we all are. Read it. It's worth it.

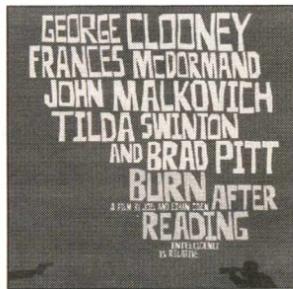
## 'Burn After Reading' is delightfully confusing



REVIEW

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

The latest film from the Coen Brothers, "Burn after



Reading", is a jigsaw puzzle of coincidence and deceit acted out by ordinary people saturated by too much bad television. The movie, is the Coen Brother's follow up to last year's acclaimed "No Country for Old Men."

The cast of "Burn" is incredible; watching John Malkovich, Frances McDormand, Brad Pitt, Tilda Swinton, and George Clooney interact on screen under the Oscar winning direction of Joel and Ethan Coen is almost reason enough to watch the movie. And to augment the exceptional

acting talent the plot is a satisfying puzzle, both highly realistic and inundated with detail.

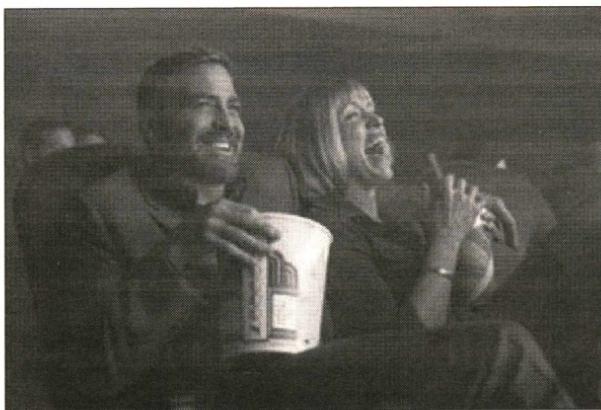
However, "Burn" is not entirely recommendable. Violence, sex, and strong language give this movie a deserved R rating. Those with a weak stomach and a strong sensitivity to the F-word should consider skipping this one; this is nothing I would go to with my mother.

That being said, the movie is a comedy, if not because it's funny then because laughter is the only healthy reaction to what the Coen Brothers have put together. The R rated elements of this film should not be taken at face value. The presence of irony here cannot be understated.

The plot is presented as a would-be spy-thriller, except that no espionage ever occurs. Ex-CIA spook, Osborne Cox (Malkovich), has the working notes for his late career, fall into the hands of Chad and Linda (Pitt and McDormand), employees at a local gym. The two, who Malkovich's

character later describes as part of a "league of morons," think they've found classified documents and attempt blackmail and even treason in an attempt to

wife and Clooney as a US Federal Marshall are mixed in, along with a dating service, the Russians, adultery, and a fitness center, presenting an utter yet satisfying



Harry (George Clooney) and Linda (Francis McDormand) enjoy a movie (photo from [www.burnafterreading.com](http://www.burnafterreading.com)).

### BURN AFTER READING

Directed by: Joel and Ethan Coen  
Starring: John Malkovich, Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Francis McDormand  
Rated: R for violence, language and sexual content  
Running time: 96 mins



cash in on their find.

Swinton as Osborne's icy

mess.

Conclusions are difficult to draw from this movie, which may or may not be the Coen Brother's intent. The viewer is left baffled at the end, wondering if there was a point, and if there was, was it poignant satire or just dark comedy. I recommend watching "Burn after Reading" and sticking to it 'til the end, so that you can come back and tell me what it meant.

## Creative Corner

### dear husband,

By Laurie Burgemeister

**Do you remember the time when I was moving into the blue duplex? You were helping me. Boxes in the bedroom, rented furniture in the doorway. We only had a few more**

Not the kind when you fall in love and then he breaks your heart and you cry, eat ice cream, burn the pictures, and move on. It is the ache of knowing I do not belong. I walk among You like a clown in a white costume with no makeup.



**days to be with each other. Sweaty and sticky from the new heat, you pulled me aside at the top of the stairs out of sight, alone. And you kissed me. Freely. Fiercely. Holding me to you the front door open, curtains shifting from the breeze. I didn't love you. Didn't know I would.**

**You had power in your eyes. Such strength. It drew me in and held me there.**

**And then we went back to moving, packing, as if we were not lost in a moment.**

We live in bliss. In a world of peace and happiness. There is no pain and no sorrow permeating our lives and as you walk to your car, suitcase in hand, I wave with our baby on my hip. And we are perfect.

And the party where I made you wear the green and orange cone hat? Everyone loved it not you, but you humored me. There's the picture of us standing under the mistletoe in February. I'm hugging you. You in your cone hat.

Today I have heartache.

No mask to hide behind. I am naked.

She changed. She was never the same. Is that what you are afraid to hear?

**and you must know when you winked at me for the first time at the Halloween party watching The Birds. I was dressed as a cat Black-eared headband and a clip-on tail. You with no costume sitting aloof and quiet in a corner chair. We made eyes in the dark unknowing of our intentions. Just a wink from you and I smile. I lost it. You are stoic. And it begins.**

Can you take me from here? I want to come home. I won't play anymore. And I will do the dishes and sing for you when you are sad. I won't be sick and I will care for you and our children. I can be beautiful in my cocktail dress at a dinner party. I can be normal, greeting you when you come home. Keeping appearances, I can be your wife again.

She will never change. She will never be the sane. Is that what you tell them?

## The White Pine offers eco-friendly clothing at college friendly prices



REVIEW

by KATIE THOMPSON

I walked into the spacious area that is now known as White Pine Boutique and was pleasantly surprised. This once vacant space now resembles high-end eco friendly genius, and seems like it belongs in a metropolitan area, rather than

area I can't help but commend Diana on her use of the high rafters, cement floors, unfinished walls and use of a hand crafted tree as the store's focal point.

These characteristics add to the unified impression of industry-meets-nature. With seeming impeccable taste in art and fashion, Diana resembles her new creation with a natural simplicity.

Nampa's newest boutique offers college student af-

as Alternative, Down East Basics, and Tom's Shoes.

A unique feature to the already innovative boutique is the emphasis on male and female apparel.

Emphasis is also placed on supporting charity-based lines, said Shafer. Shafer said, "Our goal for the store is that it will eventually function well enough to sustain itself. We plan to then give some of the proceeds to charity. We are also excited to offer lines that are both ethical and charitable."

The store name itself is meant not only to symbolize the Shafer's appreciation for spirituality and life, but also their commitment to local artists.

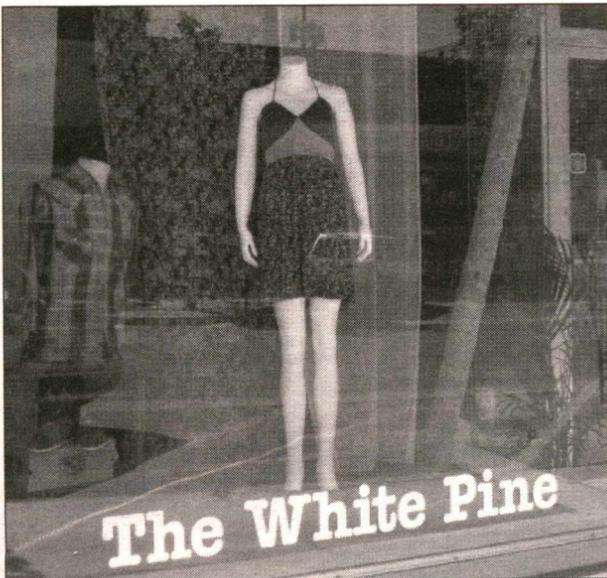
Future plans are in the process for a "farmers' market" type showcase to support local designers, crafters and artists.

The store's current merchandise can be seen in the stores Grand Opening on September 18th. Specials offers will run throughout the day on both men and women's apparel, said Shafer. White Pines is located right across from Urban Shed and the Market, at 115 13th Ave. S.

A fashion show will take place at 7 p.m. Make sure to stop by to take notice of this innovative and eclectic assortment of goods and to meet the Shafers.

fordable apparel, footwear, accessories, children's clothing, and handpicked classic literature.

The vision for White Pine is to provide eco-friendly basics so shoppers can create their own unique style, said Shafer. Diana's passion for sustainability is apparent in the diverse merchandise, which includes brands such



The White Pine's grand opening is September 18. They are located at 115 13th Ave. S. (photo courtesy of The White Pine).

Nampa.

The effortlessly chic Diana Shafer, co-owner of White Pines, warmly welcomes me. Shafer's husband Joe Shafer is the other co-owner. We make our way through the extensive space to the simple yet comfortable lounge area created for the shopper's tag-along.

As I survey the spacious

## Friesen Gallery is a space for student art as well

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can be found in places such as the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles.

The Permanent Collection is always open from nine to five Monday through Friday, and supplies comfortable chairs and literature to read on each artist and work found there.

Also in the Galleries there is space for rotating exhibitions, where artists are flown to campus to discuss and showcase their art. Open receptions and lectures by the

artists are given. In the last year, the Friesen Galleries have showcased artists from New York, LA, Seattle and Rhode Island.

"The galleries are a site for beauty, investigation, questions, and aesthetic pleasure," said Hamilton.

She continues, "My greatest hope is that students, faculty and staff at NNU as well as people from the community would spend time reflecting on the works shown in our galleries and be exposed to the unique ways artists can promote beauty,

grace, and reflection."

Look for events in the Friesen Galleries in the 2008-2009 Art and Music calendar that will be published later this month. One event to watch for this Spring Semester is a student juried exhibition that will be judged by BSU's Visual Arts Center Director, Kirsten Furlong.

Hamilton describes this event as a great way to showcase the work of NNU's Department of Art and Design.

## The Weepies are the soundtrack of life



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Indie, folk band The Weepies, of Topanga, California, deliver sweet, honest music, complete with the adorable couple gimmick. They are the soundtrack of everyday living, with all its ups and downs.

Fans of Belle and Sebastian, Lisa Loeb, Eisley, and Beth Orton will probably enjoy this group. Their tunes can be heard on several TV shows and movies including 'Because I Said So' starring Mandy Moore and Diane Keaton.

The group collaborated with Moore on her 2007 CD release, 'Wild Hope'.

The band has three albums; 'Happiness', 'Say I Am You' and 'Hideaway'; and one EP, 'Live Sessions EP', released in 2003, 2006, 2008, and 2006

respectively.

'Say I Am You' was the group's first major label release ('Happiness' was an



The duo Deb Talan and Steve Tannen announced on their website that a new 14-track album, *Hideaway*, had been recorded at home, with the aid of fellow musicians and friends (photo from [myspace.com](http://myspace.com))

independent release), and it was very well received. After its release The

Weepies were invited to open for the Indigo Girls and to go on the Hotel Café tour, and they played at the Oxegen Festival in Ireland, the Hurricane Festival in Germany, and T in the Park in Scotland, according to [theweepies.com](http://theweepies.com).

'Hideaway' is decidedly more polished than 'Say I Am You', but, while it is by no means a dark album, it almost has a darker that the previous album.

The duo Deb Talan and Steve Tannen got married in 2007, after the tour for their second album and now have a little boy, according to [theweepies.com](http://theweepies.com).

Talan and Tannen both have solo albums from before they began recording together.

## The Beatles inspired Stables and Chairs will perform in the Perk

The band shares some fun facts before their concert

by HANNAH BEERS

"Where words fail, Music speaks," says Student Center Director Mike Hoyt.

The music will be speaking for several weeks to come and Hoyt is bringing in some new bands for our Wednesday Night Live concerts.

Next week, Hoyt is preparing for The Table and Chairs. The band is from Portland, Oregon. Members include Jay and Nina Lee, and Alex Hisota.

The feel of the music is a mix between the Beatles with a Bob Marley twist. You might say they have an Indie-Rock feel with classical roots, says Hoyt.

The group has known each other since high school and has been together as a group for 4 years. Much of their inspiration can be attributed to Abbey Road and Miles Davis, says Hoyt.

Jay Lee is most excited about coming to NNU to see friends and to show the school what they are capable of with their music style. "The style moves us, cause it has soul," he said.

Jay Lee has been playing guitar for six years and

looks forward to more. His favorite food is a Big Mac with an added layer of Pepper-jack cheese, guacamole, 4 strips of bacon, a fried egg, and other assorted items.

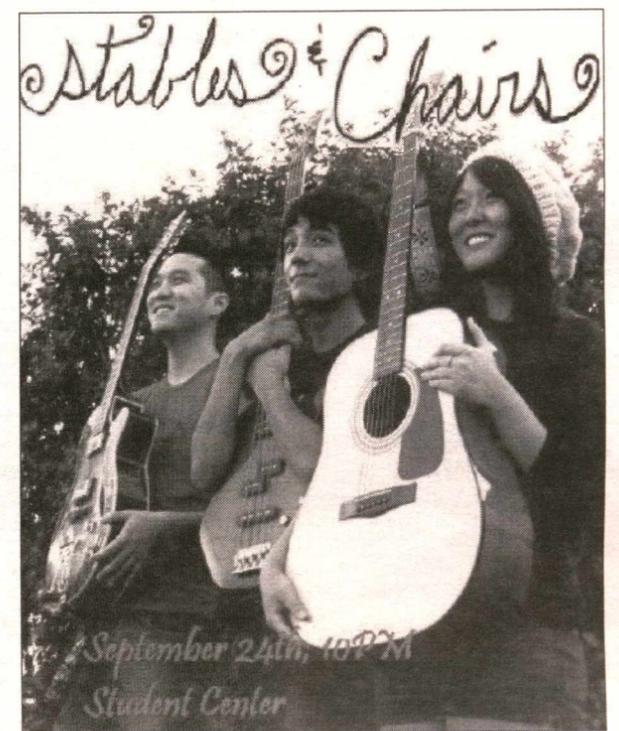
Hisota is the bass player who has been with the band for a year. He is a little nervous for the drive down to NNU but excited to play here. His favorite quote is "Believe in the rainbow."

Nina Lee is most excited

to play a tribute to the Portugal and The Beatles. She enjoys playing the style of music that they do because of the way the music has soul.

Her favorite food is cheesecake. Her favorite quote is "Take your broken wings and learn to fly."

The band will be at NNU on September 24th, at 10:00 pm in the Perk.



The Stables and Chairs featuring Jay Lee on guitar, Alex Hisota on bass and Nina Lee on guitar. They will perform on September 24, in the Perk (photo from Mike Hoyt).

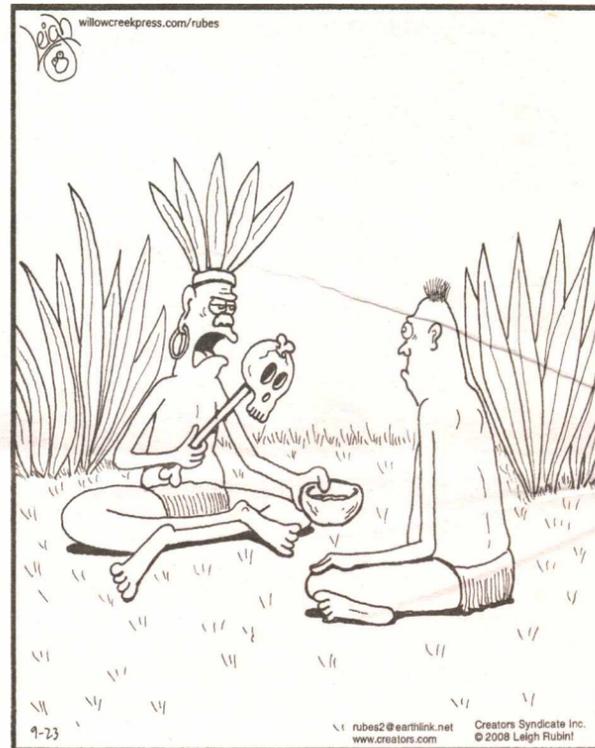
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"Enough with all the spiritual mumbo jumbo, pal. ... What I'm seeking is real inner change."



"Here, pal, once you take a swig of this magic potion while I shake this enchanted rattle, your superstition will be completely cured."

## Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Daniel R. Stark Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

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