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Political vandals strike out at students

by AIMEE NILES

During the last week, several students displaying political messages have had their vehicle or apartment vandalized.

"Someone put McCain stickers over my Obama bumper sticker," said senior Joe Seiders. "My roommate, (senior Dax Wandling) removed the stickers before I saw them, because he knew I'd be upset."

I wasn't surprised, said Seiders. I'm the Obama poster-boy on campus, so if anyone was going to get hit, it would be me.

Seiders wasn't pleased with the vandalism, but was happy no permanent damage was caused, "They just put the stickers on top of mine, so no harm was done," said Seiders.

Junior Daryl Gonzales' apartment was also vandalized. Gonzales was sitting in her living room, when she noticed someone had painted on her window. "Not here, not now," was written across the window containing an Obama sign. "It wasn't window paint, and it was difficult to cleanup," said Gonzales.

Resident Director Danna Hammer displays pictures of both McCain and Obama in her window. Gonzales said Obama had horns and a pitchfork drawn on the window over his picture.

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Obama visits a battleground state



Presidential candidate Barak Obama visited Elko, Nev. last Wednesday. Students made the five hour drive to the neighboring state in order to volunteer to work the rally. "We were hoping to meet him," said junior Lynsey Smith. Smith works with the Obama campaign in Boise and heard about the need for volunteers at the Elko event. She was one of the students that drove to the rally and provided her support for the candidate (photo by Andrea Schilling).

Wednesday nights rock

by HANNAH BEERS

Wednesday nights will continue to excite the student body as Mike Hoyt, student center director, brings in two new bands in the next two weeks. On the Last Day will be opening for Upon Beauty Rests on Oct. 1 at 10 p.m. in the Perk.

Richie Bradshaw, Jonny Braddock, June McMurry, Jacob Ashley and Skyler are Upon Beauty Rests. The band has been together for three years and most of the band members are

not in school but hope to return to school after their music career.

God is truly shaping this band and bringing it through several different tours, said Hoyt. Bradshaw said, "God has made us what we are today, and he's taken us where we are so far. God's given each of us the gifts that we have, and without him we wouldn't have any of these amazing tour experiences."

"The only reason why we're >>See "Bands" on page 10

Women's soccer wins big against C of I

by JAELE HENTHORN

Sophomore goal keeper, Pip Herman, earns a shut-out against College of Idaho leading her team to its first victory of the season. She tallied three saves in the 2-0 victory.

Sophomores Kim Bowen and Stacey Beckman found the net to ensure the win against their cross-town rivals. Beckman's goal opportunity came on

a corner kick from senior Jenna Johnson. It was a picture perfect finish as senior Hannah Mohs headed the ball which squirted out to Beckman who executed the finish.

The Crusaders out shot the 'Yotes 15-13.

The Crusaders played on Saturday in Arizona against Grand Canyon University.

>>See "Women's Soccer" on page 8

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Campus Life

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A&E

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Mostly sunny.
Hi: 77° | Low: 46°

FRIDAY
Mostly sunny.
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SATURDAY
Partly cloudy.
Hi: 77° | Low: 46°

SUNDAY
Mostly sunny.
Hi: 78° | Low: 44°

MONDAY
Mostly sunny.
Hi: 77° | Low: 47°

TUESDAY
Mostly sunny.
Hi: 77° | Low: 46°

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Surf Control filters websites that are deemed inappropriate

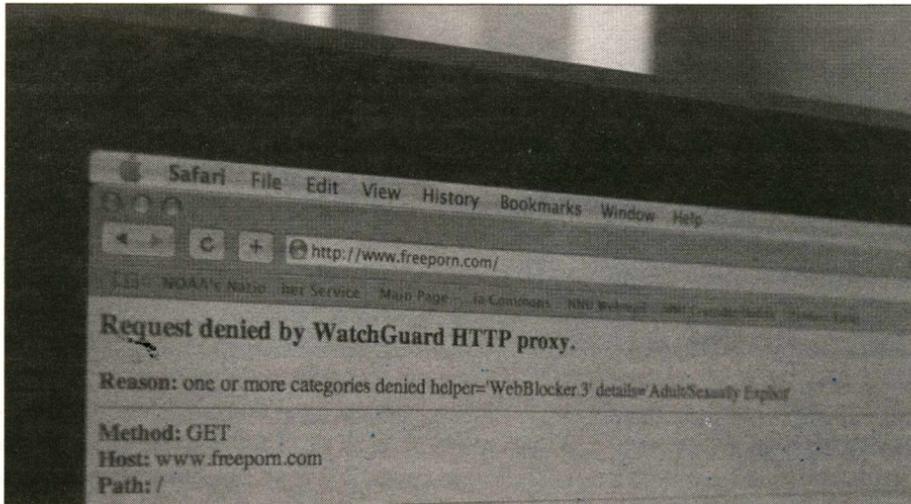
Firewall upholds the Internet Usage Policy that is part of the Student Handbook

by IAN BAUDER and AIMEE NILES

To most NNU internet users, a message reading "request denied by WatchGuard HTTP proxy" is annoying or confusing.

To Karen Pearson, director of residential life, it is an indication of attempt to view illicit websites.

The Student Handbook of NNU lists the Computer Usage Policy. This policy states, "The accessing, downloading or distributing of offensive material



This screen pops up and stops students from viewing sites deemed inappropriate (photo by Aimee Niles).

software called "Surf Control" that filters out websites that are deemed inappropriate.

Sites falling into the categories of adult or sexually explicit material, gambling, remote proxy, violence and hate speech are all blocked.

The decision of what categories to block comes from a collaborative decision-making process between Student Development, the University Chaplain and the IT department.

Control over running the web filter and actually configuring the software to block certain site categories falls under the Information Technology department.

Until the middle of last

semester, sites dealing with violence and hate speech were not blocked.

Eric Kellerer, the Executive Director of Information Technology, said a social work class asked for these sites to be allowed for research, and the categories violence and hate speech were temporarily unfiltered by the "Surf Control" software.

After the class was over, the sites continued to be unchecked due to an oversight in the IT department.

Attempting to access these sites, along with other blocked sites, results in the "request denied message;" the software then logs the attempt and every two

weeks Pearson receives a list of the suspicious hits.

She combs through the list, and based on criteria set down by Residential Life, decides which students violated the policies.

While the viewings of sites relating to violence, gambling and hate speech are worrisome, the main target of the web filtering software is internet pornography.

As illustrated by the recent sex talk series, the issue of pornography is a growing concern on campus.

The NNU computer usage agreement includes a portion directly related to pornography: "The viewing of pornographic sites on the internet will be monitored.

Consequences may include loss of internet privileges."

The consequences outlined in the agreement are not for the casual or accidental attempt to view porn. "That isn't what worries us," says Pearson, "it's the thirty hits in a row, every minute in a given time period."

Nor is loss of internet privileges the immediate consequence for violating the computer usage agreement.

The first step in the process of dealing with the violation of the computer usage agreement is a letter sent out from Student Development. Included in this letter is the notice the school knows your account has attempted to view inappropriate websites, a warning that this behavior, if continued, could result in loss of internet privileges and the offer of counseling.

Pearson acknowledges the system is imperfect and sometimes innocent students are sent a letter. That is why the initial letter is not viewed as a punishment, but more of a deterrent.

If students are truly worried about receiving the letter, Pearson is available to discuss what particular online behavior resulted in the

initial letter.

However, if the letter is not sufficient enough warning and students continue to attempt to view pornographic materials, there are more definite punishments available to Student Development. According to the NNU Computer Usage Agreement, violators' in-

"Porn is handled differently than other rule breaking,"

ternet may be shut off for a semester.

"Porn is handled differently than other rule breaking," Pearson said, "at this point; we have no other sanctions other than loss of internet privileges."

Counseling for pornography has not been made a mandatory part of the process. The letter gives several resources that are available to students struggling with online porn addictions, but the resources are suggestions.

"adult/sexually explicit material, gambling, remote proxy, violence and hate speech are all blocked,"

violates the Lifestyle Agreement of NNU."

In order to monitor this, NNU has a web filtering

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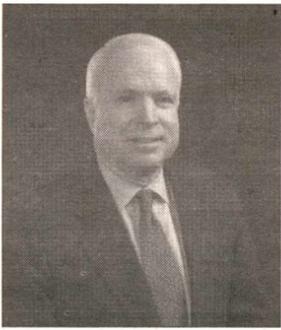


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Presidential Spotlight

Editor's Note: This is the first



of a three part series designed to accurately portray the major political candidate's positions.

Candidate: John McCain
Party: Republican
Current Political Position: Arizona Senator

-Pro-life; says abortion is OK in rape and incest cases

-Supports one-man-one-woman marriage ideology; believes gay marriage should be left to the states

-Recognizes global warming as a problem; supports stricter regulations on emission requirements

-Believes in creating more jobs by America producing its own energy

-Supports death penalty, also believes in stricter sentencing

-Believes in higher pay for teachers

-Wants to end the halt on offshore oil drilling

-Says the Pakistan situation is serious; also says it is naive to exclude attacking Pakistan.

-Believes US troop removal from Iraq would result in failure; does not support a withdrawal timetable

-Supports immigration reform after securing borders, a type of reform that would include a temporary worker program

-Does not believe in a mandated universal health-care system

-Believes both Clinton and Bush had missed opportunities to catch Osama Bin Laden, and says improved human intelligence will be necessary to find him

Information courtesy of www.ontheissues.org

10 people killed in a shooting at a Finnish vocational school

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A chilling YouTube video with a young man firing a pistol and warning "You will die next" caught the eye of police, who questioned him but then let him go, saying they didn't have enough evidence to take away his weapon.

On Tuesday, he walked into a vocational college, the School of Hospitality, and opened fire, killing 10 people and burning their bodies with firebombs before shooting himself fatally in the head. At least two other people were wounded.

The rampage bore eerie similarities to another school massacre in Finland last year in which an 18-year-old gunman killed eight people and himself. Both gunmen posted violent clips on YouTube prior to the shootings, both were fascinated by the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado, both attacked their own schools and both died after shooting themselves in the head.



Police say the gunman were inspired by Columbine (photo from wikicommons).

Finnish media identified the gunman as Matti Juhani Saari, a 22-year-old student at the school, which offers courses in catering, tourism, nursing and home economics. Police declined to identify him, saying he did not have a previous criminal record.

Witnesses said panic erupted as the masked gunman, dressed in black and carrying a large bag, entered the school just before 11 a.m., and started firing in a classroom where students were taking an exam.

"I heard several dozen rounds of shots, in other words it was an automatic pistol," school janitor

Jukka Forsberg told broadcaster YLE. "I saw some female students who were wailing and moaning and one managed to escape out the back door."

About 150 students were inside the school, 180 miles northwest of Helsinki, when the shooting began. Students and teachers were evacuated — some reportedly fleeing down a nearby river in row boats — as police arrived.

The gunman left two handwritten messages at the dormitory saying he had planned the attack since 2002 and that he hated the human race, Neulaniemi said

Convicted cop-killer's execution stayed

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Supreme Court gave a reprieve to a Georgia inmate less than two hours before his scheduled execution Tuesday for the 1989 slaying of an off-duty police officer.

Davis' family and advocates of 39-year-old Troy Davis have long urged he deserves a new trial as seven of the nine witnesses who helped put him on death row have recanted their testimony. His supporters erupted into cheers and tears when the stay was announced at about 5:20 p.m. EDT.

"This is not over yet," said Davis, who sounded upbeat and optimistic speaking to the crowd by phone. "This is the beginning of my blessing."

Protesters had arrived by the busload to protest the execution, waving blue signs and wearing blue shirts that proclaimed "I am Troy Davis." The Rev. Al Sharpton, who

accompanied the Davis family to the protest, led the crowd in a Gospel hymn after the news was announced.

"One week doesn't seem like a long time," Sharp-ton said of the decision by the court, which is set to discuss the case Monday. "But if you have two hours to live, it's a lifetime."

The stay will remain in effect while the court considers Davis' appeal. Davis wants the high court to order a judge to hear from the witnesses who recanted their testimony and others who say another man confessed to the crime.

A divided Georgia Supreme Court has twice rejected his request for a new trial, and had rejected his appeal to delay the execution Monday afternoon. The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles also turned down his bid for clemency.

Davis was convicted of the murder of 27-year-old officer Mark MacPhail.

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Vandals hit Obama signs

"The whole thing of political vandalism is inappropriate and childish," said Gonzales.

During Wednesday's senate meeting, Wandering—also a senior class senator—asked College Republican's President, Loren Pounds, if the club had anything to do with the incident with Seider's car.

Pounds denied the accusation.

Pounds has no comment because, "the College Republicans isn't a club yet. We're in the process of building, and any questions about the club cannot be answered because of our unofficial status."

However, Pounds said the rash of politically motivated vandalisms is "absolutely ridiculous. I don't support it. We need to be civil in our differing opinions."

AP NEWS

United Nations
 NEW YORK

Iran's leader sits in the audience, smiling and waving to people, as President Bush declares in his farewell address to the United Nations that the threat of terrorism has not receded. Humbled by economic turmoil in the meantime, Bush assures anxious world leaders the United States will approve a massive bailout plan to stabilize tottering financial markets.

Tax Breaks
 WASHINGTON

The Senate votes on a massive tax bill to prevent 20 million taxpayers from falling victim to an average \$2,000 higher tax bills each year because of the alternative minimum tax. The bill would also extend or create \$85 billion in tax breaks for solar and wind power, plug-in hybrid cars, flood and other disaster victims and a variety of businesses.

Economy
 WASHINGTON

Democrat Barack Obama says he probably would have to delay his proposed spending programs because of the massive government bailout of the nation's financial industry. The turmoil on Wall Street is certain to hamstring the next president, whether Obama or John McCain, who have laid out ambitious first-term plans for tax cuts and various other initiatives.

School Shooting
 KAUHAJOKI, Finland

A masked man dressed in black opens fire on classmates at the School of Hospitality, killing 10 and burning some of their bodies before fatally turning the gun on himself. Violent YouTube postings led police to bring him in a day before the attack, but he was let go.

Steven's trial
 WASHINGTON

Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, in the midst of a tough re-election fight at home, begins another fight with legal and political implications as his trial on corruption charges begins only steps from the Capitol.

Bus Dumps Child
 NEW YORK

Woman wants to know why first-grade son was left to wander NYC streets alone after being dropped off by a school bus driver at the end of the line.

Pakistan
 PAKISTAN

Pakistani security forces kill more than 60 suspected militants near the Afghan border.

Babar Exhibit
 NEW YORK

Once upon a time, a woman who belonged to an illustrious French publishing family was trying to get her two young sons to sleep. She told them about a baby elephant named Babar. Now, the nearly four dozen children's books her story spawned are the subject of a charming exhibit at New York's Morgan Library & Museum.

Palin
 WASHINGTON

Sarah Palin, meeting world leaders to build up her foreign policy credentials, wanted TV cameras to record the handshakes — but no reporters to listen in. When it looked like she might end up with no cameras either, her campaign gave in.

Baby formula
 BEIJING

The urgent note posted in July to the Web site of China's food safety inspection agency came from a doctor: Six infants had turned up with kidney stones after drinking formula. The warning, which called for an inquiry, went unheeded. In the two weeks since China began piecemeal reporting about contamination of the milk supply, a picture has emerged of official indifference, greed and government dysfunction.

Evangelist, Child Porn
 FOUKE, Ark.

State and federal authorities are investigating the possible sexual abuse of minors at a 15-acre compound run by a convicted tax evader who is running what critics describe as a cult.

Within feet of the next president

Roughly five hours from campus is the small town of Elko, Nevada.

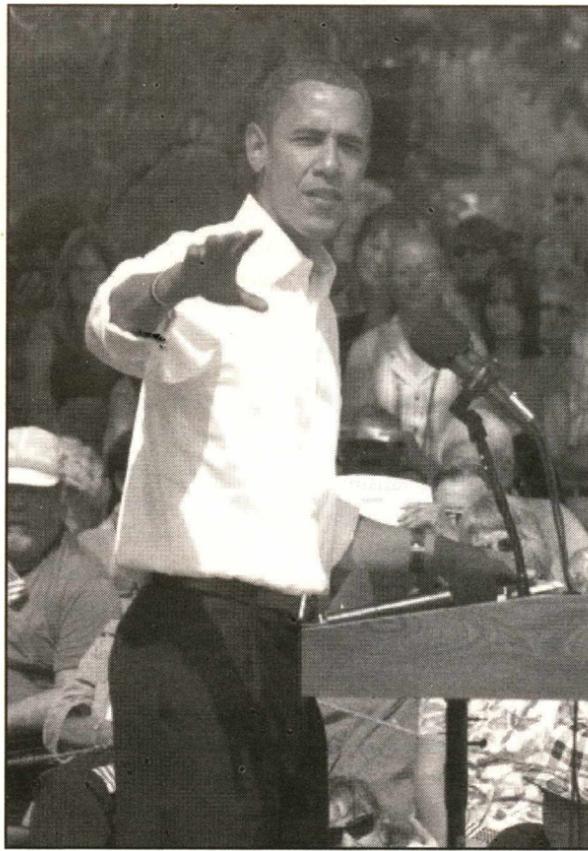


GUEST OPINION
by
ANDREA SCHILLING

There's nothing too interesting about this town, which sits in the middle of the desert, besides flashy casino signs and \$5 less-than-mediocre vanilla lattes. However, Elko witnessed something rather interesting this past week, as Senator Barack Obama spoke at the town's city park. Fellow Obama supporter and NNU student Lynsey Smith and myself had the pleasure of attending the event along with 1,500 others.

I was greatly inspired by Obama's visit to Boise this past January prior to him clinching the democratic nomination. But seeing him in Nevada a week ago was even better as I was continually reminded that I was standing within feet of quite possibly the next president of the United States.

Lynsey and I represented the Boise Obama



Senator Barack Obama delivers his message on change for the country last Wednesday in a city park located in Elko, Nevada (photo by Andrea Schilling).

For America Office at the event, which enabled us to serve as staff members for a day. Both of us were assigned to work with the press through the duration of the senator's speech. It was our job to make sure all photographers stayed in their designated area, and the public did the same. I got the chance to stand next to journalists from zz-publications such as CNN,

which made the experience just that much more exciting, especially since I'm studying journalism here at NNU.

Obama spoke mainly on the economy, criticizing his opponent and stating that the economy is nowhere near what it needs to be. He talked about the need for change, the infamous word of his campaign. What motivates me about this

presidential candidate is his optimism for the future. To see people of all ages look to this man with such hope makes me forget the dirty politics that arise during election season. It was very encouraging to see children adorned in "change we can believe in" buttons; they won't even be able to vote in the election, but they share the same excitement for Obama as I do.

In the matter of 28 hours, I helped in my small way to make an event possible for something I truly believe in, and those 28 hours will always stick with me whether Obama wins the election or not.

I hope whether students are for Obama, John McCain, Ron Paul or Ralph Nader this November, they can find their place toward making a difference in this historical election.

Even if it is as simple as getting your roommate registered to vote or handing out bumper stickers, you are showing this nation that our age group is not apathetic. For many of us, this is our first presidential election to participate in, so why not make the most of it?

McCain's health is reason for concern

In the U.S. the average life expectancy for men is 72 years old. Men that haven't spent 5 and a half years in



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

a Vietnamese prison camp. Men who haven't had every type of skin cancer known to medicine.

I think you suspect what I'm getting at; John McCain is old, and if elected president, he will probably die in office.

I don't mean to be macabre, but I'm just looking at the facts.

Fact: John McCain is 72 years old. He is meeting the average life expectancy.

Eight stressful years in office has aged George Bush far beyond his 62 years. McCain is already 10 years older than Bush at the beginning of his potential administration.

Fact: he has spent 5 and a half years as a prisoner of war. It is an extraordinary feat for any person to accomplish; surviving five years of torture and ill-treatment. As any McCain supporter will quickly remind you, it's proof of his patriotism. True, it does take a loyal American to not give up after that. However, as I understand torture, it also wrecks havoc with one's health.

Fact: John McCain has fought skin cancer four times. Not just any skin cancer, but the most serious skin cancer—malignant melanoma. Three of the melanomas were

removed—in 1993, 2000 and 2002—with little or no concern about long-term effects. However the fourth, also removed in 2000, was classified as Stage II melanoma.

According to the American Cancer Society, Stage II melanoma is associated with a five-year survival rate of about 78 percent and a 10-year survival rate of about 66 percent. McCain has made it past the five-year mark, but the ten-year mark looms.

Doctors have assured the voters that McCain is in perfect health. However, journalists have only been given four hours to review the thousands of pages of McCain's health record. No pictures, or photocopies were allowed to be taken of the record.

I understand the need for privacy, but when you

are asking to be elected leader of the free world, the voters must be given all the facts when electing you. It borders upon negligent to hide important facts dealing with the candidate's health from the voting public. When you're running a campaign, you forfeit privacy. That's just the way it works.

Perhaps I'm wrong. Perhaps I'm totally off base and McCain will be alive and kicking in his 90s like his mother.

But without a full picture, McCain's known history leaves too little to chance. If a person has fought off cancer four times, what are the chances he can fight off a fifth? And what are the long-term effects of his POW time?

Give me the facts, McCain. The voters need to know.

Let's play nice this election season

STAFF EDITORIAL

For many of us, this is our first time voting in the presidential election. This is an exciting event taking place, an event we will remember for the rest of our lives. We've been encouraged by our peers and our professors to participate in this monumental event, and so we choose our stance.

As exciting as the upcoming weeks may be concerning the political realm, clouds have covered campus as vandalism has been done toward others based on the stance they have chosen. There is no justifiable reason for such deeds, especially when the victims did nothing to spark the action.

Though the pranks did not cause extensive damage, antagonistic feelings between two parties have been surfaced. If we want to encourage our peers to vote, this most certainly isn't the correct means of doing so.

If anything, we are hindering those who are undecided, and creating even more of a divide among those on the opposite side.

What's great about America is that 1) we can vote and 2) we are not forced to vote a certain way. We should appreciate the fact that voting is a right we as American citizens have.

The way we exercise this right is up to us, and we shouldn't feel the repercussions of that. Putting each other down based on political ideals doesn't influence opinions or change minds, but rather creates hostility.

As Election Day grows near, "dirty politics" will surely erupt over the media's waves, but that doesn't mean we need to welcome the same here on campus.

Even if we don't agree with each other, even if we think the other side is completely outrageous, there is a necessity for courtesy. At a place we call home nine months out of the year, we all deserve this amount of respect.

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.

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

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How can I be a senior?

As I face the last year of my college career at NNU, I feel slightly lost. I'm not the only one—many seniors



GUEST OPINION
by
LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

have told me that they feel out of place, confused. It doesn't feel like the NNU we've known before. There are so many new people, and so many missing familiar faces.

I must admit that when I look around in chapel I hardly know anyone. And a trip to the student center elicits feelings of unfamiliarity. I'm sure one could say that this is my own fault seeing as how I chose to live off campus this year, or didn't

make enough underclassmen friends over the past few years. True. That probably is playing a part. But I think there's more to it than just not knowing everyone.

Coming back to school this year felt like such a final step, like I'm already saying goodbye to the life I've become so accustomed to. I hardly see old friends anymore simply because everyone is so busy getting ready to leave—we can't slow down. There is student teaching, internships, work and senior projects and all of a sudden, everything got really serious.

There is the mindset that by the time you're a senior you should know where your life is headed and have a plan. Although, if you ask many of the seniors what we have planned, we have no idea. As a freshman, I had plans—I had a map, an idea of what to do: get a degree,

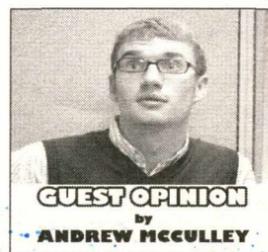
teach, marry someone, and live happily ever after. It didn't work out that way, and I'm glad that I wasn't restricted to my lackluster future. But as I get older, I feel that without my plan, I'm disoriented.

As I started to panic and began to think I wanted my plan back, or just some guidance, I had to question whether I need the plan or not. My time here at NNU has been amazing—even without following the plan. So, forgive me for sounding morose, and I'm not saying goodbye—just giving some advice: freshmen: embrace the no-plan lifestyle.

Sophomores: tough it out. Juniors: you don't want to be seniors, relish the fact that you're not. Seniors: plan or no, let's finish it, and if you feel lost, you're not the only one.

Lord, protect us from protection

Conservatism is a lost cause. Now, I do say that with some qualifiers. First, I claim this not as a "dirty



GUEST OPINION
by
ANDREW MCCULLEY

liberal" blindly hating McCain. And, secondly, I claim this with fair certainty that I value conservatism over liberalism; we know who we are because of our past, and that past is a tradition of independence and freedom: socially, economically, politically and religiously.

I say it as a preface to my soapbox on politics, specifically on the loss of civil liberties in the name of conservatism. I am sure that our government generally behaves with our

best interests in mind. After all, we are actual people and we are all born with an equal vote.

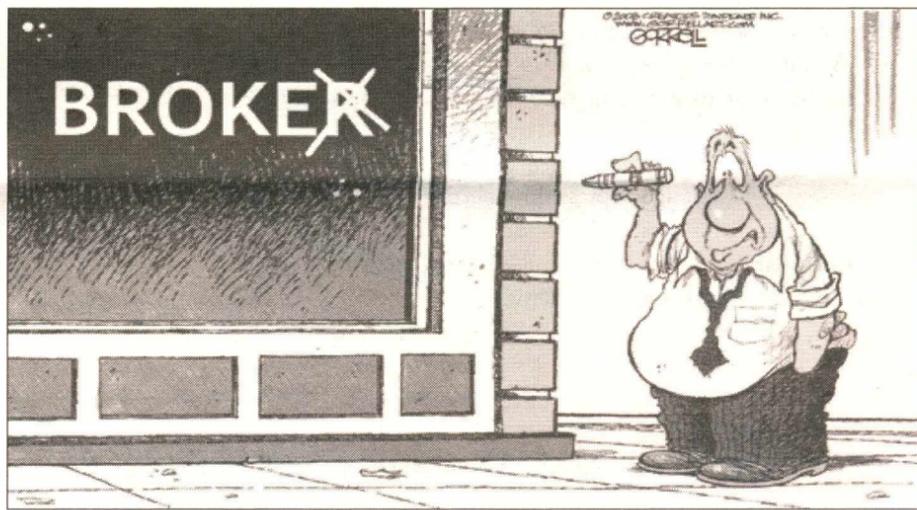
However, this freedom and value is becoming more and more difficult to see as a pattern reveals itself in our politics. It seems that laws are being enacted that defy basic civility, and treat us not as intelligent equals, but as children. Entailed in the government's role is the overseeing of our protection: protection from each other, yes, and from foreign threats; I love the idea of a democratic government holding a monopoly on violence.

Yet there is a pattern growing, involving the transfer of power from the hands of the people into the hands of the governmental occupants, all in the name of conservatism, to protect us. And we now endure the most absurd

things in the name of that protection: wars are run on credit so that taxes can be lowered to win our favor; torture is acceptable.

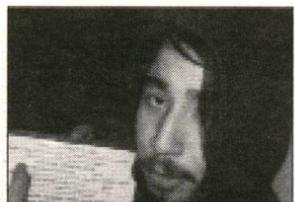
These things should shock us because, unfortunately, people act independently, stupidly and sometimes self-destructively, using their own self-restraint and common sense. If we accept this degradation of spirit and one day have only this institution to provide for us right and wrong, we will, in effect, willfully abandon what makes us American.

There is no hope of a resurrection of conservatism. The most that conservatism can hope to be is a framework, a noble one, yes, but it can provide no animation. This is a downfall: subsisting on past glory. There is only the next generation; prepare, and feed on them.



Chapel needs to be about honestly worshiping God

In order to break down this idea of worship, let me first limit it to music. A short analysis of worship could in



GUEST OPINION
by
MIKE HOYT

no way cover all the ways in which one worships, for, as Rumi once said, "There are a million ways to kiss the ground." Even this small analysis of worship music is, at best, brief.

Christ said, in John 4:23, "the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."

Well, what then is truth? For the sake of space, I'll reduce that immense dialogue to say that it is that which is real and honest. In fact, let

me reduce it further: while I do believe seeking the truth of God is important, even to the point of being an aspect of worship in the broader sense, it is not the point for which I write. Instead, my focus is upon truth within the songs we sing as worship, and to what degree do we come before God in the honesty he calls for.

For me, the songs we sing in chapel simply do not always contain the honesty I seek. Admittedly, I am a critical man (boy?), who finds myself in many diverse situations in relationship with God, most notably, that of questioning.

However, it has been my experience that doubt is something everyone goes through, and in many cases, consistently throughout life. Now then, where are the songs that say this?

If we turn back to the

passage of John 4, Christ says to the woman, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

This seems to say that doubt happens. Just because one drinks from the water once, does not mean they never need another drink, but rather, they drank from the source, and have that source within them, through the grace of God. The problem is not doubt, but how we respond to it. Do we let it control us? In this instance of worship, it can happen in two ways: In keeping us from worshipping at all, and in keeping us from worshipping God in honesty.

So again, I ask, where are the songs that call out to God much like the psalms?

They exist, but it seems that they don't in chapel. Instead, I often turn to mewithoutYou, As Cities Burn, David Bazan, underOATH, and countless more that are willing to say things such as:

"Oh, my heaven, why do you have doors to close?

Do you have clouds to stop his voice on the way down?

God, this can't be.

God, this can't be,

God, could it be that all we see is it?

God, does grace reach to this side of madness?

'Cause I know this can't be,

The great peace we all seek."—As Cities Burn

I understand that the tangible reality of something like this appearing in chapel is difficult at best, and most likely simply not going to happen. But that is exactly

my concern.

Where are the songs that show the vitality of our life? The ups and the downs? Worship becomes one more wedge that pushes us from God when we are filled with doubt.

When in difficult situations, we need to come together, much like mewithoutYou sang,

"Oh, doubters, let's go down - won't you come on down to the river to pray? 'But I'm so small I can barely be seen - How can this great love be inside of me?' Look at your eyes - they're small in size, but they see enormous things."

Again, I admit that I am hard to please. It is a lot to ask for such a diverse range of songs, that reflect both the ecstatic joy of mystic union with God, like a bride who has been kissed by her beloved, and on the other

side, the desperate longing that causes one to cry out to God when one feels Him too distant.

And yet, relationships are diverse, so shouldn't our songs reflect that?

Forgive me, brothers and sisters, if I have offended you with what I have said. If these songs work for you, then I am happy for you, and in many cases they speak to me as well.

My request is not that we do away with these songs, but that we expand the type of songs we sing-- let's add songs that reflect all human emotions that we experience.

Let me end by saying this. "The truth belongs to God, the mistakes were mine." —mewithoutYou

Play the game of

TWIRP

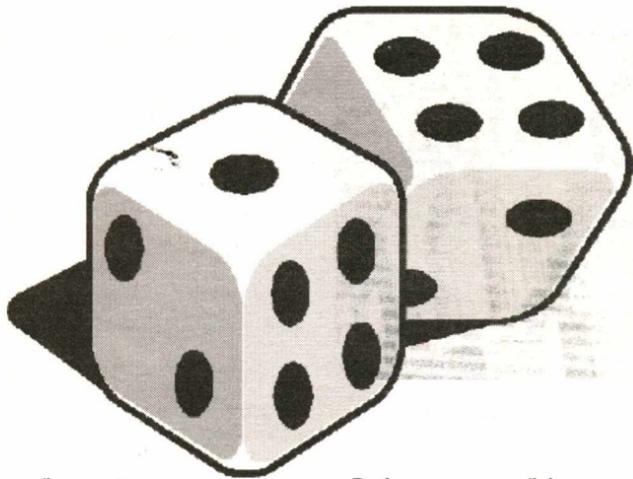
by RACHAEL FINCH

Mrs. Peacock killed Mr. Monopoly in the dining room with the revolver, or at least she could at TWIRP.

TWIRP, NNU's women ask the men event, is coming up Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, and the theme is board games.

Activities for the first night will include a ride on the haunted train at Horseshoe Bend and possibly trick-or-canning, said Brandon Haskins, social VP. The couple who collects the most cans will get their TWIRP money back, said Haskins.

"I really want to do



of give things back to the community," said Haskins, referring to trick-or-canning.

The

Park, a game of human Clue, and the movie theater, said Haskins. Hopefully, the corn maze, haunted world, or something akin to them will also be included, said Haskins, but it's not for sure that we'll do that.

Tickets will go on sale at 9 pm on Oct. 14 in the

student center.

"I'm trying to make sure cost is low enough, but it looks like their probably going to be about \$60 [per couple]," said Haskins. "But with SLAP cards and being the first 100 people in line, the cost can be cut down to \$35."

A bill has been brought before senate to provide transportation the first night, alleviating the cost of gas for students, said Haskins.

Lacey Smith, SGA president, had a few suggestions about TWIRP for freshmen.

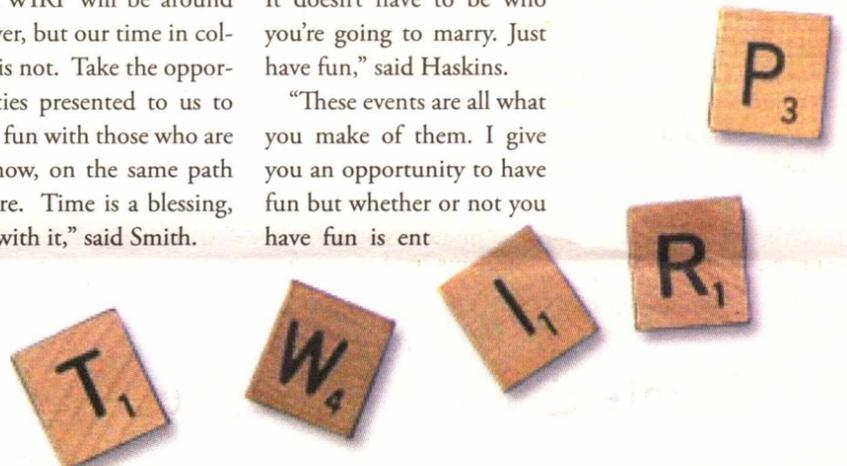
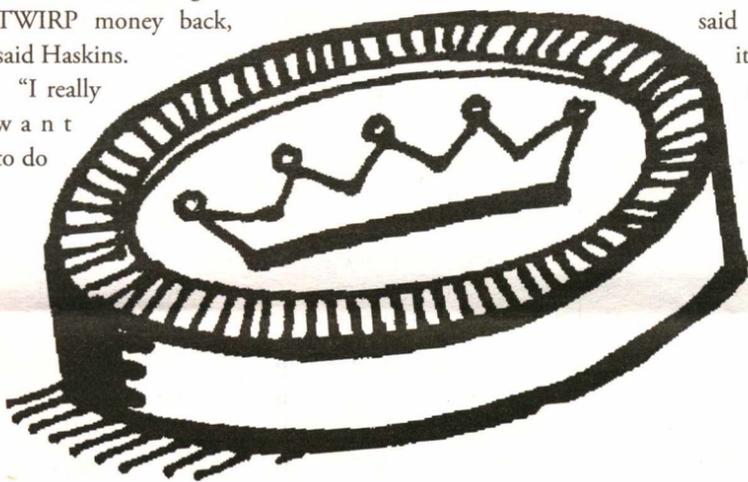
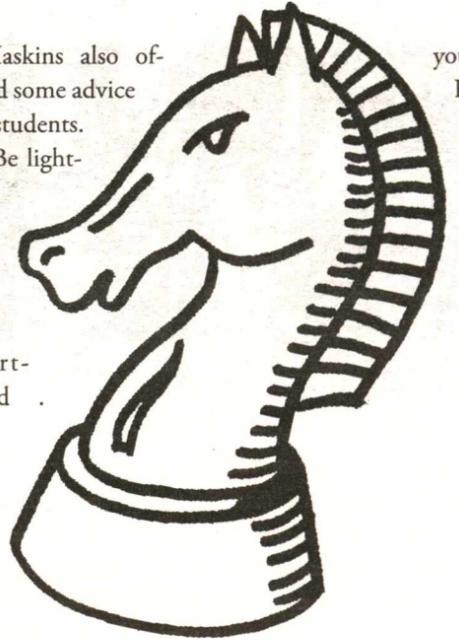
"TWIRP will be around forever, but our time in college is not. Take the opportunities presented to us to have fun with those who are for now, on the same path we are. Time is a blessing, run with it," said Smith.

Haskins also offered some advice for students.

"Be light-

heart-

you," said Haskins.



Higdon earns research grant

by KATIE THOMPSON

Northwest Nazarene University's newest student to enter the realm of scientific professionalism is Johanna Higdon.

Recently headlining the pages of the NNU's Messenger, Higdon's current research in the scientific field is not going unnoticed.

The study includes a broad examination of alcohol's effect on the human metabolism and which specific enzymes are in turn also affected.

Present NNU research pertaining to this study varies between the specific areas of investigation.

Higdon's work specializes in the cell's reaction to alcohol absorption.

"For my research I have plates of cells that I then introduce to ethanol, alcohol, and vitamin A. I then wait to see how the metabolism reacts," said Higdon.

The overall study was established to research detrimental illnesses such as fetal alcohol syndrome and alcohol generated cancer.

Higdon's interest in this field began at an early age.

As a child she frequently fed her investigative mind with medical-type procedures on local wildlife, such as dead salamanders found near a pond.

"I would spend time gathering and labeling items while pretending to be a real scientist," said Higdon, concerning her early interest in research.

As Higdon's interest grew more serious, she was given educational opportunities.

These learning opportunities allowed herself to explore what she wanted to do as an occupation dealing in the field of science.

During her junior year of high school, Higdon was given the chance to shadow OB/GYN doctors at

Oregon Health & Science University.

Since being a part of NNU's science program throughout her college career, Higdon has heavily involved herself in a variety of research opportunities.

For the past two summers and both 2007 and 2008 school years, Higdon has worked with Dr. Jennifer Chase in lab research.

Such involvement, along with scientific conference attendance, led to two grants being given to her.

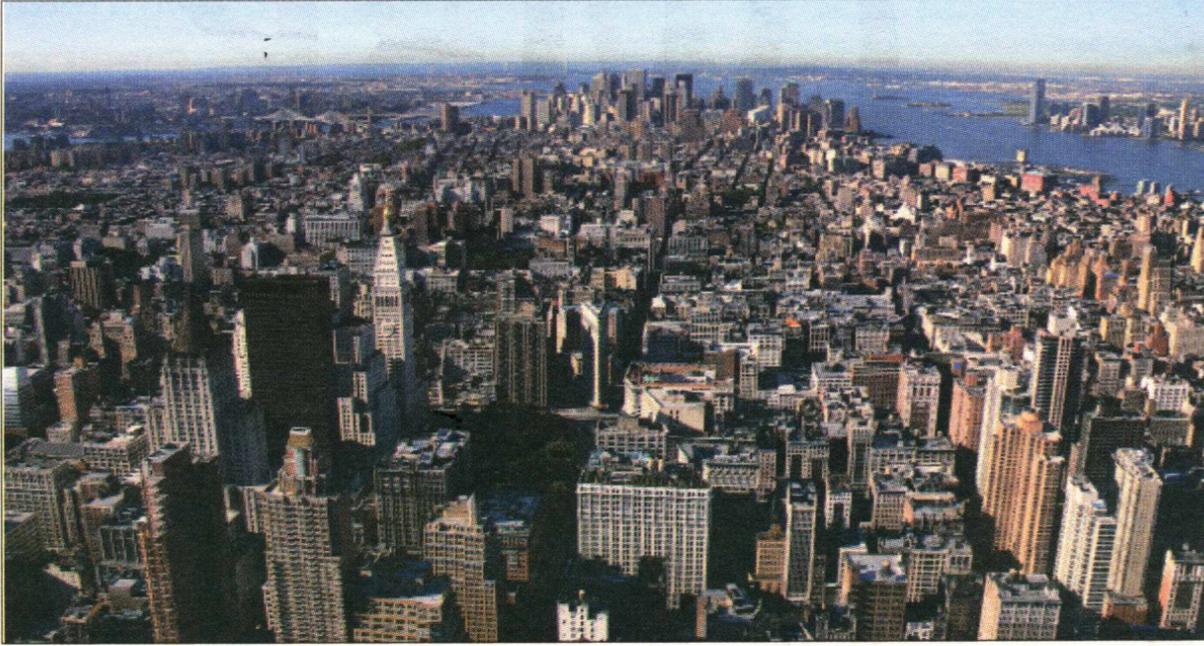
Higdon has found her research valuable, as it will be useful as she continues toward her future occupation in the medical field.

"Though I have no plans to become a researcher in my future, it has been good preparation for my goal as a physician," said Higdon. "My studies have given me a larger variety of research opportunities in either medical school or clinical trials."



Joanna Higdon prepares to examine a slide in the science lab (photo by Brad Elsborg).

NNU plans big adventures for the year



by ALLISON HAWN

If you've been in chapel over the past couple of weeks you've probably heard the advertisements for the upcoming NNU missions trips. These trips are an exciting opportunity, not only to provide students with a chance to see the world, but to provide for the multi-cultural requirement that everyone must meet to graduate.

This year there are several trips that will be available for students. A trip to New York, lead by Michael

Spengler, will be held over spring break. Students who go will stay at Inner-City Church in Brooklyn, help the poor, see historic sights like Ground Zero and even see the Broadway musical "Wicked."

Cherie Richards will be heading a trip during the summer to Cuzco, Peru. This trip is mainly for students who are pre-med or nursing majors as most of the work involves giving free healthcare to the underprivileged of the city. While there, students will gain useful experience

treating a wide variety of as well, tentatively set for

May 13 through June 3 a group, led by Dan Lawrence, will be going to Volgograd, Russia and helping to construct a fence around a women's shelter, and of course doing a bit of touring. Michael Spengler will also be taking another group of students to Peru in August to do some construction work on a new evangelism center for American and Peruvian missionaries. Our campus chaplain, Gene Schandorff, will be leading a trip to Venezuela

as well, tentatively set for Christmas break.

All of these trips not only offer a chance for students to help others in the name of Christ, but to experience a whole other culture outside of their own. As Chaplain Gene Schandorff said, "I think it's an experience every student needs to have." If you are interested in any of these trips please contact Michael Spengler in the Student Development Office.

Senate deals with big decisions and money

by KATIE THOMPSON

As students may know, SGA has been up and running since the first week of school.

All parties play a vital part in the making of a productive and engaging school year.

Of the many areas of student involvement, senate representatives have already tackled many issues concerning student affairs.

As a whole, senate's

legislative purpose is to directly manage student funds.

Members must decide whether funds are being allotted to the appropriate members or functions, mainly student clubs and social events. As a rule, strict protocol must be kept while policies are approved or vetoed.

As a branch of the student body, three representatives from each class attend a weekly meeting concerning

the allotment of the aforementioned funds.

One fact that some students may not realize is the senate body is not only responsible for the passing of financial bills, but also the voting of non-financial bills and resolutions.

SGA Vice President Grant Miller is the overseer of all senate affairs. Miller's position is to maintain order and help officers abide by official mandate.

Thus far from Miller's

perspective, the essential information for students to know is that senate will soon deliberate over last year's ratified constitution and code. This change states that student fees will rise from \$85 to \$100 per semester.

The student body will be given the opportunity within the next week to examine the constitution and code before it is voted upon by the entire student body via Blackboard.

All the President's men, and women

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

With the President's Dinner occurring this Friday, upperclassmen share advice to new students on the annual event.

"The dinner is an opportunity for scholarship donors to meet and get to know their scholarship recipients," said Hannah Taylor, a senior nursing major and President's Scholarship recipient.

Taylor said that students who are invited receive a formal invitation.

Haline Freitas, a senior International Studies major, said that students have the opportunity to sit with other scholarship recipients and their donors, as well.

Freitas said that it's significant to show your donors how thankful you are for their support.

"Really introduce yourself and show genuine interest in your donors. Ask how they are connected with NNU—get to know them," said Freitas.

President's Scholarship recipient, senior Religion and Philosophy major Seth Waltemyer, said the dinner is important because it helps students see where their money is coming from.

Waltemyer said, "Talking with the donors helps students see that the donors are more than just

a monetary source in the students' lives. The donors want to be personally involved."

Waltemyer, Freitas, and Taylor all said that the dress attire is semi-formal.

Taylor advised women to be aware of shirt necklines and skirt lengths.

"By dressing appropriately, we honor those people for giving us scholarships," Taylor said.

Waltemyer advised men to wear nice slacks, a long-sleeved shirt and tie.

All three students agree that the donors are excited to meet their recipients and love getting to know them.

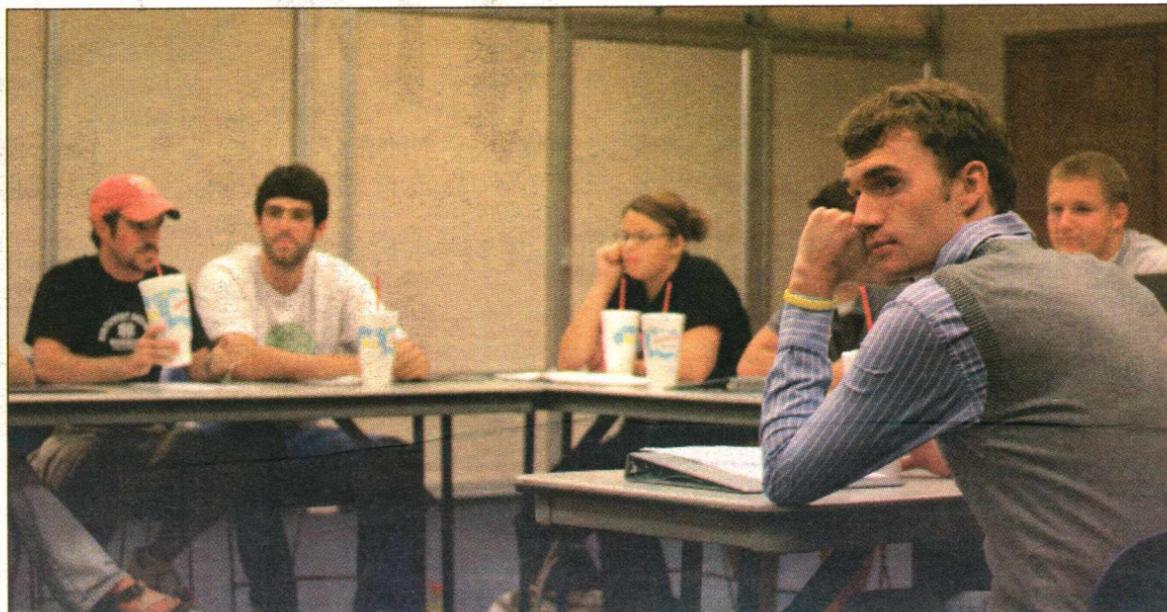
"You are different on paper," said Taylor. "And the donors like to know that. Plus, you also learn some history of the school and the families who are connected to NNU."

"Ask your donors about their personal interests and what they enjoy doing," said Freitas.

Waltemyer said that the short message from the president each year is a great introduction for new and transfer students.

"Have fun! Smile. Don't be uptight. It's an informal, formal event," said Waltemyer.

The Office for University Advancement is responsible for planning and organizing the event. The office declined to comment.



Student Life Events

Wednesday, September 24
 5:30-7:30 p.m.: Sex Talk (Harter 122)
 8:00 p.m.: Senate (Wordsworth)
 9:00 p.m.: Timeout with Jimmy Van Beek (Baseball Field)
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Night Live with Stables & Chairs

Thursday, September 25
 7:00 p.m.: Volleyball vs Western Oregon (Tailgate party beforehand)
 9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

Friday, September 26
 7:00 p.m.: President's Dinner
 Theology Retreat (Return on Sunday)

Saturday, September 27
 7:00 p.m.: Volleyball vs Western Washington

Women's soccer finds improvement as they look to WWU

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Her team battled hard in a scoreless game. Sophomores Whitney Teague and Stacey Beckman led their team with two shots on goal each. The Crusaders out-shot their opponents by ten. The game ended with a score of 0-0, through double overtime.

The team looks like they are playing better. They are finishing shots, and are playing smart soccer. They may have found their groove just in time for conference play.

The team plays Thursday, September 25 in Bellingham, Washington against Western Washington.



Whitney Teague keeps the ball in Crusader possession (photo by Jennifer Hush).

PLAYER PROFILE Phillipa Herman



Name: Phillipa Herman
Sport: Women's Soccer
Year: Sophomore
Major: History

What is your best soccer moment:

-At the ACI game when I came out past the 18 for a tackle, and then continued on up to the half-way line.

Who inspires you:

-Captain Jack Sparrow haha, my sister. She has always been there for me through everything that has happened in my life.

Favorite quote:

-“Let all that you do be done with love”

Favorite Dex meal:

- Cheese Wrap

Who is your favorite professional athlete and why?

-Ryan Giggs, he's amazing he plays for the best premiership team, (Manchester United). He's an amazing athlete and is one of the best outside midfielders I've ever seen.

If you could be any cartoon character who would you be?

-Bubbles from the Powder-Puff Girls

What are your hobbies?

-Soccer, reading, playing with my puppy

Who is your celebrity crush and why?

-Johnny Depp, because he is an amazing pirate!

Shout out to a friend or to your team:

-I love you guys!!!

The Seahawks may be 1-2 but don't count them out just yet



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEROOY

1-2. Still in the hunt.

That must have been on every fan's mind as they left Qwest field, following an unsurprising blowout over the lifeless St. Louis Rams.

With a predictable victory over one of the worst teams in the league, the Seahawks showed that there's a little life left in Hasselbeck's arm, that the line can still block for anyone who vows not to turn around and sit down. And, along with Arizona's 24-17 loss at the hands of the Washington Redskins, the division looks wide open again.

Only one game out of the lead now, Seattle is hoping to hold things together until wide receivers Deion Branch, Bobby Engram, and Nate Burleson get back on the field. Meanwhile,



The Seattle Seahawks practice during train week (photo courtesy of wikicommons).

Arizona will struggle along (as they do every year) to keep atop the division standings. San Francisco is a dangerous team, and could even make a play-off run. And St. Louis is a foregone conclusion: 4-12, Top-5 pick in next year's NFL draft.

Seattle showed promise on the ground, with the

team rushing for an impressive 245 yards, the most in over two years. Seattle may have to rely on the running game a while longer, however; Branch, Engram, and backup running back Maurice Morris are all questionable for the Seahawks next game. With a fortunate Week 4 bye, Seattle doesn't have to play until October

5, when they travel to New York.

Julius Jones, in rushing for 140 yards on Sunday, became Seattle's first 100-yard rusher since Week 3 of last season. Jones showed great ability in bouncing off would-be tacklers. Meanwhile, third-down back T.J. Duckett ran for 79 yards and two touchdowns,

showing us how tough he is to stop in short-yardage situations.

It looks like the Cardinals will have to wait a while longer until they can celebrate. Seattle's renewed health and confidence is enough for one more NFC West title.

Volleyball looks for victory at home against Western Oregon

by Jael Henthorn

Women's volleyball opened up their conference schedule with a 3-1 loss against University of Alaska Anchorage. The Seawolves served 11 aces against the Crusaders.

Crusaders lost set one 25-19. NNU came back

in set two to tie the match 1-1. The Seawolves picked up the next two sets and the match win.

Juniors Cammy Dranginis and Lindsay Forseth combined for 17 kills.

Junior Amy Higginson had 26 assists in the match.

Defensive senior Amanda Boschma led with 22

digs. Sophomore Hayley Hevern added 18 more.

Crusaders came back with a sweep over Alaska Fairbanks. They played clean volleyball, committing only five errors.

Dranginis and Boschma lead the team in kills.

Dranginis posted 15 while Boschma posted 11. Eki

Punimata posted great numbers as setter for the 2nd and 3rd match. She had 23 assists and ten digs. Amy Higginson had nine assists, and Haley Hevern added 13 digs.

Crusaders ended their week with a 1-1 conference record.

Women's volleyball plays

their first home game on tomorrow against Western Oregon University. The game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. There will be a tailgate party before the game for students.

The team returns home again on Saturday as they battle Western Washington

University at 7 p.m.

Crusaders whip the BSU Bronco club team in a pre-season matchup

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Baseball came together for their first game yesterday as they battled Boise State University's club team, in which they beat the Broncos 13-6.

The scrimmage enabled the Crusaders to see how they'd work together this season, according to Ryan Brown, freshman pitcher.

"So far we're gellin' pretty well," said Brown. Brown also said the playing time is serving as a good practice opportunity.

The Crusaders were able to lock in a win against BSU by answering back to the opponent's home run in the fourth inning, making five runs of their own.

For more experience on the field, the team will be back to scrimmaging this Saturday as they play against BSU again.

"It's pretty early in the fall, so we're still getting to know each other," said Brown.



Senior pitcher Andy Pottenger winds up against the Broncos last night. The Crusaders came away with the win (photo by Andrea Schilling).

High school football team faces hazing charges

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was shocking enough when six high school football players were accused of sodomizing six younger teammates with a broomstick during training camp. But the scandal was raised to a whole new level when the coaches were accused of turning a blind eye to the hazing.

Since then, Robertson High's head football coach and all five assistants have resigned, and prosecutors are considering charges against adults and youngsters alike.

The incident has turned student against student in the town of 14,000, and subjected some of the school's athletes to lewd taunts from spectators.

"I'm very sad, so very sad for these young men," said Veronica Sanchez, a retiree who knows one of the victims and one of the accused. Her friends and family, she said, are split "kind of 50-50" on whether to blame the coaching staff or the older players.

The scandal unfolded at a four-day, mid-August preseason training camp in

the mountains west of Las Vegas.

According to state police reports, a group of juniors assaulted several younger teammates over two days, holding the victims down while a broomstick was forced into their rectums over their athletic shorts.

Police did not find out about it from school officials; instead, a state police officer whose son is on the team learned of the allegations through his wife, a camp volunteer.

The alleged ringleader was expelled from school. The others — some of them veteran members of the highly successful team — were suspended through the end of the school year. The six victims returned to the team.

On the field, the Cardinals — who played in the state championship game in each of the past three years, winning the title in 2005 and 2006 — have struggled, losing their first three contests by lopsided scores of 51-7, 34-6 and 35-13.

"These are young kids in a difficult, difficult environment," said Bob Rothstein,

an attorney for several victims' families. "They have to go to school every day and they're still trying to play football on the team. They certainly didn't want to be exposed in this way."

School Superintendent Rick Romero said spectators at some opposing schools have taunted the Robertson girls' soccer team and a middle school girls' volleyball team with "references to broomsticks and other very inappropriate sexual innuendoes."

According to a state police report, an assistant coach told the other coaches during training camp "that some sort of hazing incident involving broomsticks was happening."

Another coach walked into a cabin to see "a player on his stomach on the ground, with his legs spread open," while a teammate held a broomstick, the police report said. The coach told the players to "cut it out" and the group broke up.

Romero said the coaches believed they had intervened in time to stop a hazing incident. But "as our investigation has unfolded,

we learned that it had already happened," the superintendent said.

That afternoon, according to the police report, head coach Ray Woods called the players together and told them that if any hazing was going on, it needed to stop.

When Woods asked if anyone had been violated, one 15-year-old player raised his hand. But before the boy could elaborate, other players began making jokes, the report said. Several coaches told investigators that because of the laughter from the players, they didn't believe the allegations were serious and took no further action.

In an interview, Romero said school officials did not immediately notify authorities because they were not sure exactly what had happened.

"We were doing things based on the best information we had," he said. "At that time, neither I nor the athletic director, nor, I believe, the head coach knew the degree of the severity of the actions."

SportsBlurbs

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Spring Training
Spring training is expanding by nearly a week next year because of the World Baseball Classic.

Players will start reporting to training camps on Feb. 14, under an agreement between the players' association and the commissioner's office. Exhibition games will start about Feb. 25.

In most years, pitchers and catchers open workouts 45 days before opening day followed by position players five days later. Under that schedule, workouts would not have begun until Feb. 20.

Under the new schedule, all players on WBC rosters of China, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan and pitchers and catchers from other WBC teams must report to their major league clubs on Feb. 14, which will be the voluntary report date for all other pitchers, catchers and injured players.

Remaining WBC position players must report by Feb. 17, which will be the voluntary report date for all other major league position players.

The mandatory reporting date for non-WBC players was moved up to Feb. 22 from March 5.

Japan won the inaugural WBC in 2006, defeating Cuba 10-6 in the final. The United States was eliminated in the second round.

The second edition of the 16-nation tournament begins March 5, and first-round games are scheduled for Mexico City; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Tokyo; and Toronto. Second-round games will be in Miami (March 14-18) and San Diego (March 15-19). Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles will host the semifinals (March 21-22) and championship (March 23).

AFC tossup

With Tom Brady-less New England stunned by Miami, and Indianapolis, San Diego and Jacksonville stumbling, the balance of power has changed in the AFC if not the entire NFL. After three weeks, teams like Tennessee, Buffalo and Denver can dare to have Super Bowl thoughts.

Joe Gibbs Racing used the first 26 races this season to establish itself as NASCAR's top organization. It took just two races to undo all that work. The wheels are falling off at the absolute worst possible part of the year, taking Kyle Busch and Denny Hamlin out of title contention. By Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer.

Nike swimwear

Nike is leaving the elite swimwear market. The company will continue to provide swimwear for colleges and sell to traditional retail customers, but it won't compete against the likes of Speedo to get the swoosh on the world's top swimmers. By Business Writer Sarah Skidmore. **MOVED.**

Yankee Stadium's last hurrah

After 85 years as one of the grandest stages in sports, Yankee Stadium turns out the lights. A ballpark that spanned the generations — from Ruth to Rizzuto to Rivera — makes its long goodbye as a new stadium arises next door. On this final day, fans stroll the warning tracks in the afternoon, with baseball greats from the past on hand for a game awash in memories.

PGA Golf

U.S. captain Paul Azinger had a message for Anthony Kim before the Ryder Cup singles matches: "You have a lot of game, so just go out there and let the world see it." At a time when the PGA Tour is desperate for more stars, the Ryder Cup provided a good stage to introduce them.

Sliding Sun Devils

Another big game, another small performance by Arizona State. That's the way it's been for years. And it didn't change in a decisive 27-10 loss to third-ranked Georgia on Saturday night, which left Arizona State 3-26 against The Associated Press Top 25 since 2000.

Damien Rice is a musical storyteller

The Irish singer has classical influences with his folk sound



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Nothing's more in vogue these days than an Irishman who can play guitar and sing, but Dublin's Damien Rice was recording long before Gerard Butler ever hit the screen in "P.S. I Love You," setting the trend.

Since Rice's 2003 U.S. release "O" (2002 in Ireland and the U.K.), his music has been a subtle presence in the movie and music industry.

His songs have appeared on several movies and TV shows including "Closer," "Dear Frankie," "In Good Company," "The O.C.," "Alias," "Lost," "House M.D.," "Bones," "CSI: New York" and "Grey's Anatomy."

Lisa Hannigan (vocals), Vyvienne Long (cello), Tom

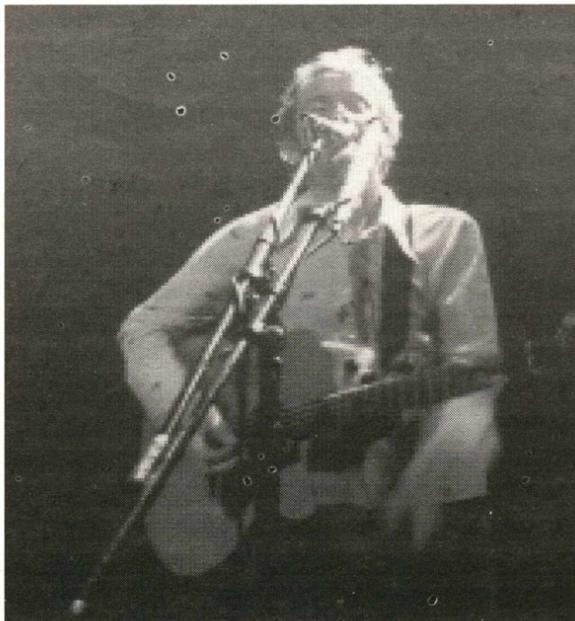
Osander (drums, percussion) and Shane Fitzsimons (bass) are Rice's four main band members, according to damienrice.com.

However, both his full-length albums list seven or more contributing musicians.

In addition to the debut album "O," Rice released a b-sides collection in Ireland and the U.K. in 2004, and his second album "9" was released world wide in 2007.

He also has several singles and a live album, "Live at Union Chapel," which is a limit promotion with Be Music, but has never been commercially released, according to damienrice.com.

Rice's style is folk with moments of classical influence. Each song is a storytelling experience, often with beautiful and poetic lyrics; however, potential listeners should be warned, some songs include explicit content.



Damien Rice at The Troubadour (photo from wikicommons.com).

In addition to traditional guitar, bass, percussion and vocals, Rice's music incorporates cello, violin and viola, piano, clarinet, singing bowl and wine glasses. Rice even has guest opera vocals on "Eskimo," off of "O."

One of the most attractive elements of Rice's music is his duets with Hannigan.

Both have soft voices, but Hannigan's delicate tone is held in contrast to Rice's almost harsh tone quality at emotionally climactic points in the music.

Hannigan released her first solo album Sep. 12.

Scott Riggan draws crowds to 'Clouds and Fire' album concert



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

Local artist Scott Riggan held a concert at Eagle Christian Church about thirty minutes away from NNU. The concert, attended by several hundred, kept the crowds happy. They wanted more even after nearly two and a half hours of music. A mix of Scott Riggan's newest works and some of his fans' favorites were put on display with excellent quality.

Scott Riggan, who has performed on campus before, is an internationally known recording artist whose songs like "I Love You Lord" and "Show Them Jesus" have kept Christian music fans interested in his albums. Riggan has toured with many other well-known Christian

artists such as Rebecca St. James, Nicole Nordeman, Toby Mac, Casting Crowns, Avalon and Phillips, Craig and Dean.

The concert held this past week was to preview and bring awareness to his new album "Clouds and Fire" which was just recently released. "I've been telling people that this project sounds like Carole King and Paul McCartney writing songs for Steely Dan, with the BeeGees dropping by to help produce, but we don't let them sing," said Riggan about his new project. The crowd seemed to respond positively toward Riggan's newest works, even though he's stepped outside of his normal musical box. As Scott Riggan said, "I just make music I love without regard for what's current or hip. Hopefully people will dig it, but that wasn't my main concern." From the response at the concert people are digging it.

Continued from page 1: Bands love to perform at NNU



Upon Beauty Rest (photo from myspace.com)

for God, period. We want to show as many kids to God as possible, and hopefully inspire as many as possible," Braddock said.

Bradshaw said, "We're super stoked to come, you guys have been so good to us every time we've played here." Jon agrees with him by saying, "We're not nervous at all. Honestly, it's one of our favorite places to play!" So, NNU, be ready for Upon Beauty Rests. The boys are returners to NNU.

Coming back with them are fresh new t-shirts and the hope of a bigger and better crowd.

On the Last Day is a band comprised of Carson Allen (vocals), Drew Dowell (drums), Frank Gross (guitar), Aaron Johnson (bass guitar) and Justin Johnson (guitar). The band has been together for the past four years. The boys come to us after touring through Montana with some close encounters along the way. "We

rolled our van and trailer during a snow storm," said Carson.

The band members are excited because they have a CD going out everywhere on Oct. 28. "We are a rock band that plays rock music, music with meaning, music with heart, performed with passion," said Carson.

Don't forget to come out and see On the Last Day and Upon Beauty Rests on Wednesday, Oct. 1.



CREATIVE CORNER

by RACHAEL FINCH

"The lawn is dead." She stared blankly out the window and the let the words fall out of her mouth as if by accident.

"What?"

She continued to stare until he had passed her by.

"The back lawn is dead. Hadn't you noticed?"

He backtracked to where she stood

staring at the bleached yellow lawn.

"So it is."

His gaze was now locked as tight as hers, as if the dead grass possessed a hypnotic quality. She broke the trance.

"How did it get like that, do you think?"

He stared unblinkingly, without looking at her.

"I guess we just forgot about it."

"How long has it been like this?"

Days? Weeks? Months? Years?

I can't remember the last time we set foot out there. He looked at her for the first time.

"It's time for me to go."

She continued to stare at the dead and dying blades of grass.

He turned toward the door, picked up his suitcases, and made his exit.

'Provisions of Grace' shares God's love with boutiquers



REVIEW

by KATIE THOMPSON

As a local to the Treasure Valley, I found myself, this past summer, searching for that perfect bargain or innovative shop to fill my creative needs: In my search for a hidden treasure I was blessed with the discovery of Provisions of Grace. Enter this quaint sewing shop and you are instantly invited in by the welcoming presence of Tammy Adams. As the store owner, she not only offers an endless knowledge of sewing know-hows, but also a rather uncommon frankness amongst store owners. This frankness is in regards to the Christian foundation that Provisions of Grace was built upon. Adams said, "I fully believe that God gave me a passion for this business. This place is His and

not mine. It truly was an inspiration from Jesus."

Not only does this store offer Christian students a place to escape from the stress and business that can easily become routine, but Provisions of Grace offers the means to restoration and creation. Adams' vision for restored beauty truly does inspire that one-of-a-kind creation. With increasing popularity in vintage fashion, the idea of reconstructing that once unappreciated piece has become quite accessible. Such suppliers as Provisions of Grace offer the creative merchandise to transform a 1970's thrift store find into an Anthropology-esque garment. Tammy's assortment includes such items as vintage threads, buttons, tools, fabric, and patters. Along with the needed tools, the owner's knowledge in sewing technique and vintage tools can truly revolutionize your sewing approach. No longer does designing a

garment have to be discouraging or nearly impossible. With simple instruction, such projects can become a beginner's task.

As a destination, and not just a shop, Provisions of Grace has created an engaging space in its simplistic beauty. Shoppers will feel received and appreciated at any level of creativity. If a vision can be made, the creation can be realized. Perhaps one can even strive for a professional approach to garment construction. Concerning her passion for quality products Adams said, "God has given me a love for old things. I appreciate longevity and the thought of constructing clothes with quality, beauty, style and modesty. We are a microwavable, disposable society where even relationships are tossed out. I truly love things that last." With such a goal, this reporter certainly wishes God's best for Provisions of Grace and its future success.



Provisions of Grace is founded by, and on, the abundant grace God has provided us as believers in Him. They are a Christian family owned and operated business. A business that has a deep seeded mission and God given desire to provide, to every one, a place to find and create abundant, beautiful provision for your home, your family and your life (photos courtesy of Tam Adams).



Magnetic pull from Metallica's new album



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

Heavy metal fans said that "Master of Puppets" could not be topped, then came the double hit of "Load" and "Reload." Again these two powerful albums were topped by "St. Anger" in 2003. Now one of the longest surviving heavy metal groups has released a powerful new album. Metallica's newest addition, "Death Magnetic," is a remarkable work that pulls in a whole new twist to their spell-casting sound.

One thing that Metallica has long taken condemnation for is the lack of a strong bass sound backing

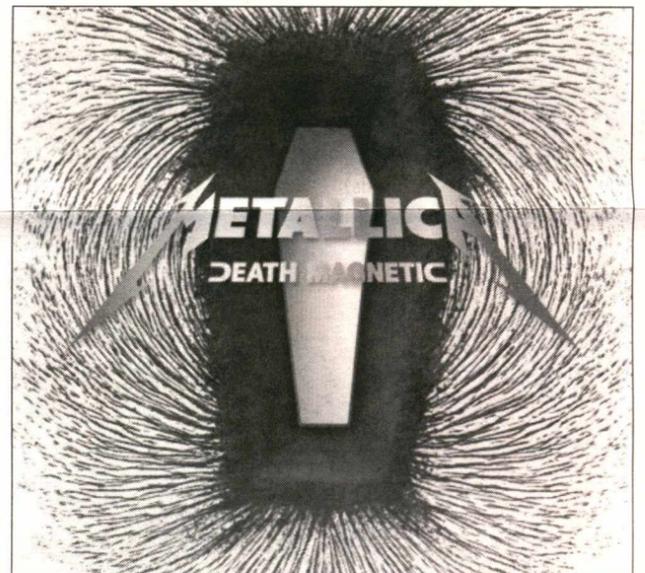
up their roaring guitars. They've fixed that problem with their new bass player Rob Trujillo. This entire album has amazing bass work that only adds to the fantastic guitar solos and perfect drumming. James Hetfield, Kirk Hammet and Lars Ulrich are all back again for this album as well. Kirk Hammet on Metallica's website said, "We're bristling with new energy, new respect, new vibes and a huge appetite for what Metallica is."

Metallica has branched out a bit on this album; "Unforgiven III" begins with a rolling piano solo backed up by a soft violin melody that leads into a song led by power chords. "All Nightmare Long" is literally the next "Master of Puppets." It is a heavy metal rock opera, with

incredible guitar solos that string the piece together. The album is held together by innovative songs like, "The Day That Never Comes" and "My Apocalypse" that blend out of the ordinary lyrics with a gigantic sound. If it's power chord overload that you're looking for then "Cyanide" is what you need.

This album is a wonderful companion for Metallica's other works and is definitely worth listening to. If you are new to the heavy metal scene, but interested, I would add this to your list of essential "must hear" albums. Already a heavy metal fan? This album will make you happy. Overall, "Death Magnetic" is the perfect album for feeling motivated and powerful.

Death Magnetic is a tribute to the fallen rockers of the past, and the name refers to how death pulls some of us in, while others are pushed away (photo from wikipedia.com).



CONCERT BOX

David Allan Coe	9.24.2008	Knitting Factory
George Lopez	9.28.2008	Morrison Center
Mindless Self Indulgence	9.28.2008	Knitting Factory
Cold War Kids	10.1.2008	Neurolux



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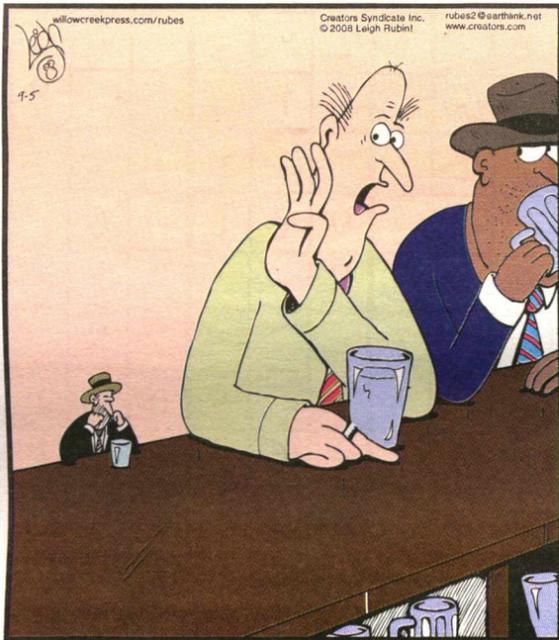
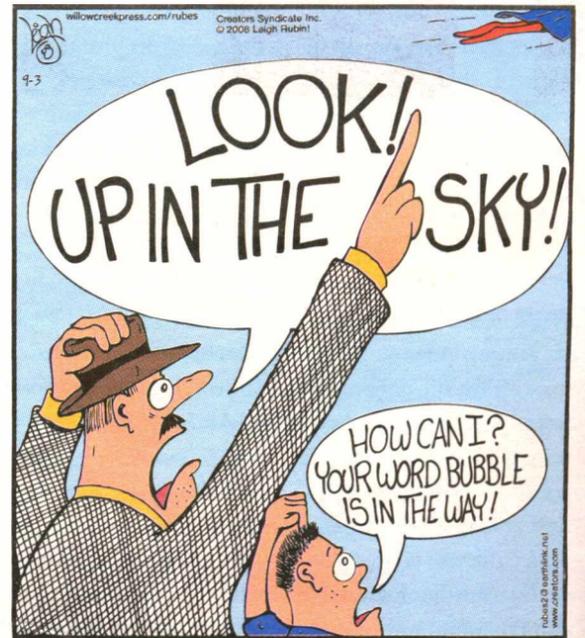
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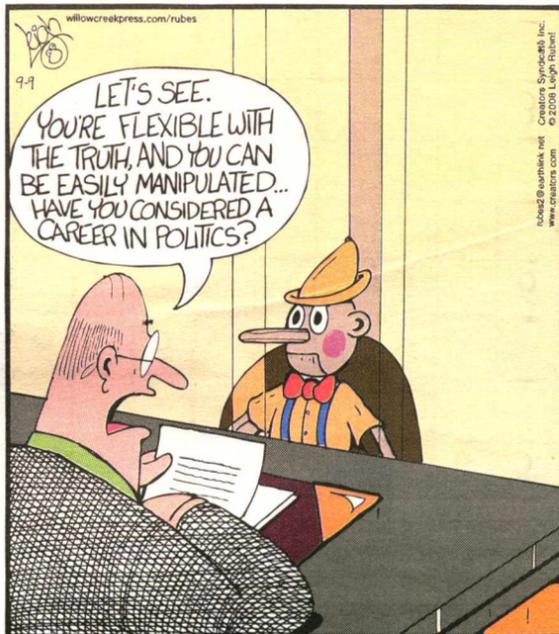
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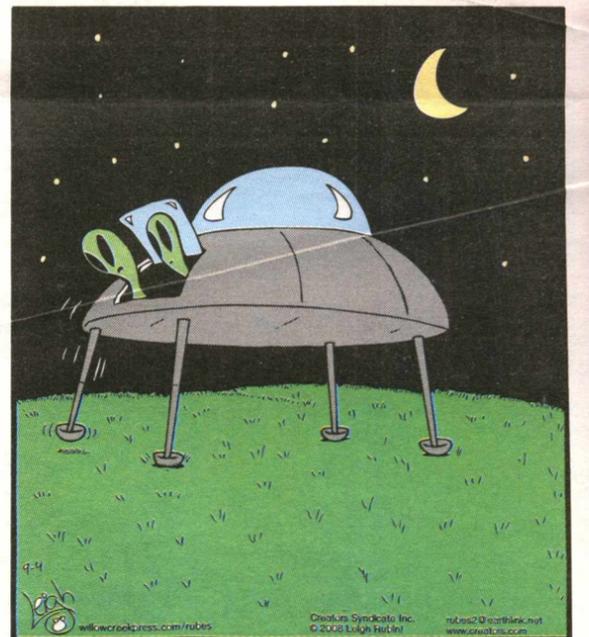
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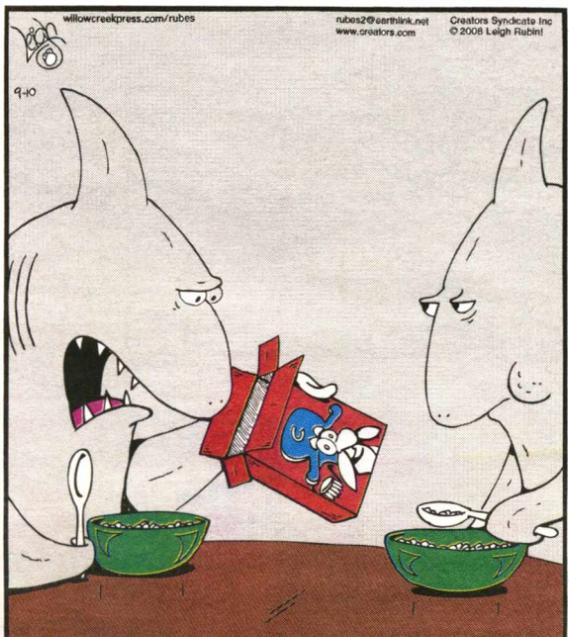
"Poor guy. ... Another casualty of downsizing."



Pinocchio visits a job counselor



"Let's face it. We're never going to impress anyone with our superior technology if we have to ask for a matchbook on every planet we land."



"This is totally bogus! There's no naval officer in here, crunchy or otherwise."

Answer to previous puzzle

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The major drawback of being stationed at the Redwoods Fire Department