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## 'Picturing Faith' exhibit captures Christian life in America

by ANDREA SCHILLING

The Friesen Gallery is currently hosting "Picturing Faith: Religious America in Government Photography."

The traveling collection displays actual photographs of Depression and World

War II-era American life from 1935-1943.

Professor of history Christian Esh said the photographs are especially intriguing because they capture various religious aspects and practices of

those photographed amidst the country's economic struggle.

For instance, photographs range from an African-American woman reading her Bible to Jewish children in class learning Hebrew.

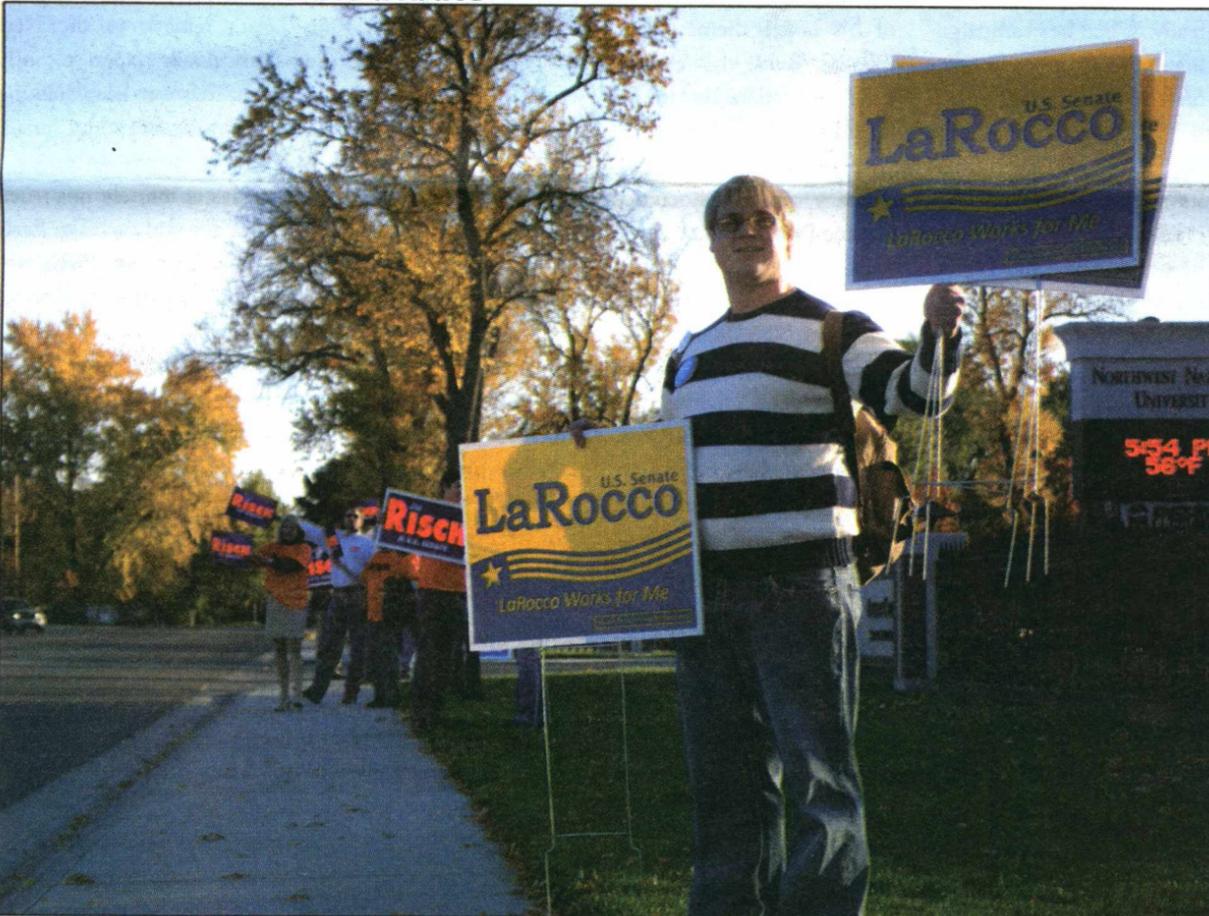
The collection also features the well-known 1936 Walker Evans photograph of a Nazarene Church.

Curator Colleen McDanell, professor of history at the University of Utah, brought the collection to

the NNU campus. The photographs were taken by federal workers of the time period.

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## NNU hosts U.S. Senate debate



Senior Joe Seiders stands outside the Brandt Center yesterday evening. Seiders was one of the few supporters of Larry LaRocco waving signs to passing cars. Supporters of Jim Risch, dressed in orange, also waved at cars. NNU hosted debates between LaRocco and Risch. They are battling for Larry Craig's vacated Senate seat. Bill Sali and Walt Minnick also debated last night. The Brandt Center is a Canyon County polling place (photo by Aimee Niles).

## Peer Mentor Senate bills spark controversy

by HANNAH BEERS

"The thing is, if you control the Senate meetings, you control the gavel. And the gavel is a very important instrument...an instrument of power. And instrument that establishes the agenda." Or so said former vice

president Dan Quayle.

The agenda for the NNU senate has been packed full. Bills and argumentation has flooded the senate for the past three weeks.

Vice President Grant Miller said, "The senate is going well and there has been good debate recently

on all the bills."

Controversy is however still present when it comes to certain bills.

Miller's hope is to allow the students to hear both sides of the bill before the bill is shut down. Any false information presented in previous weeks will

hopefully be clarified for the upcoming senate meeting.

Two of the most controversial bills to run through senate have been money bills for the Peer Mentor program. Senate bill 08-09-

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## Operation Christmas Child spreads joy

by HANNAH BEERS

The holiday season is right around the corner and NNU is preparing to make Christmas special for several boys and girls.

Operation Christmas Child is a project headed up by Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier, along with Haline Frietas. The program is designed to provide children around the world with a little bit of joy during the holiday season.

Samaritan's Purse President, Franklin Graham says, "Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need of hope."

Napier and Frietas have designed a little competition for NNU to try and raise 150 boxes. The competition will be going on until Nov. 7.

Ford/Sutherland will compete against Dooley/Culver to raise the most boxes. Each of the dorms will be competing for a pizza

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### A Christian president?

Can a Christian be president? Should a Christian be the president?

### Opinion



### Lincoln exhibit

NNU plays host to a collection of Lincoln artifacts.

### Campus Life



W. Josh Brolin is almost indistinguishable from the real George W. Bush in Oliver Stone's new film.

### A&E



### Weather

THURSDAY  
Sunny.  
Hi: 70° | Low: 39°

FRIDAY  
Sunny.  
Hi: 64° | Low: 37°

SATURDAY  
Sunny.  
Hi: 65° | Low: 37°

SUNDAY  
Sunny.  
Hi: 66° | Low: 38°

MONDAY  
Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 67° | Low: 37°

TUESDAY  
Partly cloudy.  
Hi: 65° | Low: 35°

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## National Science Foundation awards NNU a \$200,000 grant

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

The National Science Foundation awarded a \$209,823 grant to Northwest Nazarene University.

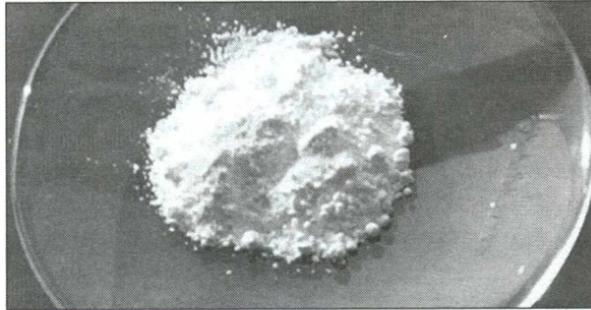
Jerry Harris, professor of chemistry, will be in charge of the three-year project that will incorporate students from NNU, Boise State University and Rochester Institute of Technology.

Harris has been co-writing the grant proposal since fall semester 2007 and is greatly looking forward to the new technology the grant will bring to the

science department.

"This new tool will be a great opportunity for students to get first-hand experience in the laboratory," said Harris. "Students will learn and use a variety of characterization techniques including thermo gravimetric analysis, differential scanning calorimetry, X-ray diffraction, photoelectron spectroscopy, transmission electron microscopy, atomic force microscopy, Hall-effect and magnetic measurements."

The project will provide summer jobs for two



Zinc oxide will be part of the study funded by the National Science Foundation grant (photo by wikicommons).

undergraduate science majors who will research the magnetic properties in context with zinc oxide.

Zinc oxide is used as a semi-conductor and more

research is needed concerning the electron properties that will allow data and information to be stored using smaller materials.

Harris will select

participating students in conjunction with the science department.

"The goal is to choose students who are just starting college and are hoping to pursue a career in science. This will help them with graduate studies and give them experience in science and technology," said Harris.

The studies will also be incorporated into three courses at NNU and the science laboratories will be available for local high school students to gain laboratory experience.

"It's about sharing resources and building a bridge between NNU and Boise State, as well as the Nampa community," said Harris.

Ultimately, the science department hopes to use the funding as a recruiting tool. Harris said local high school students will be involved in the research with the ultimate goal of the student attending NNU.

Altogether about 114 students will be involved each year, including students from other schools.

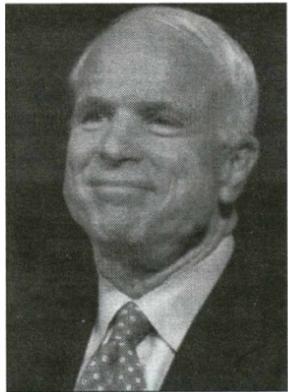
## The candidates use baseball as a backdrop for the economic crisis

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a region experiencing World Series fever, Republican John McCain questioned Democrat Barack Obama's character Tuesday after he expressed support for both teams playing in the upcoming baseball championship.

Standing just miles north of Philadelphia, whose Phillies will represent the National League starting Wednesday against the American League champion Tampa Bay Rays, the Republican presidential nominee noted Obama has identified himself with both teams while campaigning in their two politically important home states.

The Illinois senator said over the weekend in Philadelphia that while he was a Chicago fan, "Since the White Sox are out of it, I'll root for the Phillies now."



John McCain continues to call opponent Barack Obama inexperienced and unready to be president (photo from wikicommons).

On Monday in Tampa, Obama was introduced by a Rays pitcher and said, "I've said from the beginning that I am a unity candidate, bringing people together. So when you see a White Sox Fan showing love to the Rays ó and the Rays showing some love back ó you know we are on to

something right here."

McCain told several hundred people standing in a cavernous warehouse: "Now, I'm not dumb enough to get mixed up in a World Series between swing states. But I think I may have detected a little pattern with Sen. Obama. It's pretty simple really. When he's campaigning in Philadelphia, he roots for the Phillies, and when he's campaigning in Tampa Bay, he 'shows love' to the Rays."

As a chorus of boos built, he added: "It's kind of like the way he campaigns on tax cuts, but then votes for tax increases after he's elected. Or the way he says he backs the middle class and then goes and attacks Joe the Plumber after Sen. Obama's asked a tough question. What's that all about?"

In fact, Obama did not attack Joe the Plumber; rather he criticized McCain

for suggesting that the Ohio plumber who wants to purchase the plumbing business where he works is in the same economic shape as most working class voters.

McCain's reference to Obama's comments about the two baseball teams was meant to reinforce one of his larger themes: that Obama lacks the experience and character to be president.

McCain was spending Tuesday in Democratic-leaning Pennsylvania, worth 21 Electoral College votes, before heading Wednesday into New Hampshire, a formerly reliable GOP state which Obama has made competitive this year. Though it has only four of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the presidency, New Hampshire could swing the election under some voting models which predict a very close

Electoral College split.

Addressing employees at TC Millwork Inc., which makes cabinetry and other wooden goods, McCain sought to buttress his central theme by highlighting recent comments by Obama's running mate, Sen. Joseph Biden. The Delaware Democrat told two fundraising audiences in Seattle over the weekend that he expected world figures to test Obama with a "generated crisis" if he's elected president.

"He's gonna need you ó not financially to help him ó we're gonna need you to use your influence, your influence within the community, to stand with him," Biden said.

Biden predicted Obama would fare well because he's "got steel in his spine."

But McCain said: "We don't want a president who invites testing from the world at a time when our

economy is in crisis and Americans are already fighting in two wars."

Earlier in the day, McCain dismissed the idea that he can't win the presidency if the top issue is the flagging economy.

Obama has repeatedly cited a top McCain strategist's remark to the New York Daily News recently that "if we keep talking about the economic crisis, we're going to lose."

"It's absolutely not true," McCain said on "The Early Show" on CBS. "We're focusing on the economy," the Arizona senator added.

Polls show that voters have more confidence in Obama when it comes to economic issues. McCain has been using a remark by Obama that he wanted to "spread the wealth around" to argue the Democrat favors socialist economic policies.

## Continued from page 1: Senate will vote on the controversial bills tonight

(presented Sept. 24) requested the sum of 128 dollars for massages for students. Senate bill 08-09-06 (presented Sept. 24) requested the sum of \$500 for coffee dates.

As per the NNU constitution, Section 7--Budgeting Guidelines, statute 1, paragraph 1 (found on page 20) states that "these ASNNU organizations may budget for operating funds: Class A, Class M, Class councils, SGA positions, etc." Also, in Section 5--ASNNU Financial Procedure, Statute 4--Allotment Process for Distribution of ASNNU Funds to Campus Organizations, paragraph says,

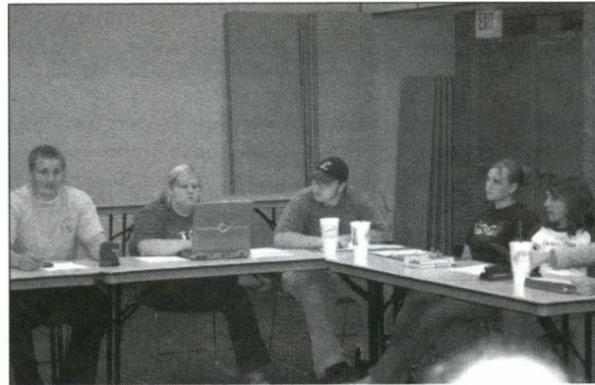
"The senate shall fund, at its discretion, as many Class A and Class M organizations with submitted budgets as ASNNU revenue will allow." The constitution is very specific about which clubs can budget or request funds for the SGA general account.

The two bills brought up the issue of funding for a program that is not directly associated with the ASNNU. Peer Mentors are not under the jurisdiction of the ASNNU. PMs report to the counseling office. Student senators were concerned about the allotment of funds for a specific group of individuals and not the

majority of campus.

The Peer Mentor program targets students only in the freshman and sophomore classes. The ASNNU general budget is designed to fund the overall campus needs for students as seen fit by the class senators.

Senior class Senator Kathryn Rickart said she is concerned about the effect the bill will have on the majority of the student body. She is a participant in the Big Sister, Little Sister program and she takes both of her little sisters out to coffee on her own dime. ASNNU funding is to advance the majority of the student body.



From left to right: Executive Vice President Grant Miller, SGA Secretary Amber Ford, Senator John Crabill, Senator Allison Dietz and Senator Miriam Reardon discuss Senate business (photo by Aimee Niles).

Some of the class senators suggested that the Peer Mentors and the counseling office do fundraising. Both bills failed to be passed by

senate on Oct. 8. Other bills discussed during the Oct. 8 meeting: Oasis Computer Purchasing Bill and Senior Class Budget Enhancement

Bill. Both bills passed.

After senate bill 08-09-06 failed, the bill was resubmitted on Oct. 15. Bill 08-10-02 will be discussed during tonight's meeting.

Clarifying information from the author of the bill has been presented on the way the monies allotted for "coffee dates" are spent. Miller will encourage the Senate to pass the bill.

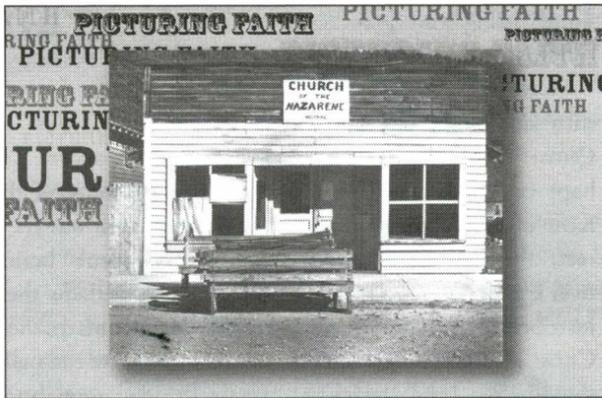
Also in tonight's meeting, bills for Young Life, Accounting Club and Homecoming will be discussed.

Senate is at 8 p.m. in Wordsworth, and all students are invited to attend.

## Continued from page 1: Photos were taken during the Great Depression as part of the New Deal

McDannell has also compiled a book entitled "Picturing Faith: Photography of the Great Depression," which contains the photographs seen in the Friesen Gallery. According to Esh, the book is available as an e-book in Riley Library.

Professor of Religion and Theology Jay Akkerman is responsible for making the event possible. Esh said the funding for the event came from the Idaho Humanities Council.



"Picturing Faith" runs until Nov. 8 (photo by Aubry Webb).

"We're really excited about it," said Esh. Tomorrow, a lecture will be held by McDannell in the

Brandt Center at 6:30 p.m. McDannell will be talking about the faith and stories of those photographed. Esh said professors from the art, religion and history departments will also lead the lecture, discussing the meaning of the photographs from the various departmental perspectives.

From now until Nov. 8, students, staff and community can visit the exhibit for free.

## Chinese officials call for arrests and extradition

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chinese police called Tuesday for the arrest and extradition to China of the alleged leader of an Islamic terrorist group and seven core members accused of plotting attacks against the Beijing Olympics.

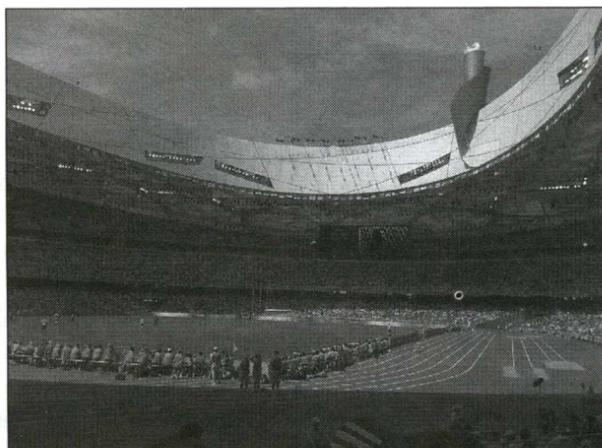
A Public Security Ministry spokesman said the eight men, all Chinese citizens, were believed to have financed, incited and organized attacks during and around the Aug. 8-24 games as part of an ongoing insurgency against Chinese rule in the traditionally Muslim west.

Wu Heping told reporters at a news briefing that the men were members of the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a murky collection of extremists believed to be based across the border in lawless areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The eight "seriously threatened the security of the Beijing Olympic Games and China's social stability," Wu said.

Wu did not say in what country the men were suspected of hiding.

After years of relative



An Islamic terror group is accused plotting an attack during the Beijing Olympics (photo from wikicommons).

quiet, the western region of Xinjiang was rocked in August by a series of guerrilla-style attacks and bombings that killed 33 people.

The violence was reportedly carried out by radicals among Xinjiang's native Uighur ethnic group, Muslims whose language, culture and religion is distinct from China's Han majority. Like Tibetans, many Uighurs complain of a colonial-style Chinese presence on their territory, chafing under tight religious and cultural strictures and complaining that economic development has disproportionately benefited Chinese migrants.

Beijing says police

stopped a number of other terrorist plots before they could be carried out, but it has provided little direct evidence.

Overseas Uighur activists say such accusations are politically motivated.

Dilxat Raxit, spokesman for the Germany-based World Uighur Congress, said Tuesday's announcement was part of an attempt to provide legal cover for a wide-ranging crackdown on Uighurs that followed the Olympics.

"I have never heard of these people and none of these accusations have been independently confirmed, but I'm sure they will use

them to ratchet up pressure further in Xinjiang," Raxit said in a telephone interview.

A news release issued at Wu's press conference identified one man, 37-year-old Memetiming Memeti, as the leader of the movement, saying he had joined the group in an unidentified South Asian country in 1998 and assumed the leadership after its former chief was killed in Pakistan in 2003.

Others accused include 33-year-old university graduate Tuersun Toheti, a bomb maker blamed for planning attacks on Chinese targets outside the country.

The release did not link the men to specific incidents, although one of them bore the alias "Saifula" that was also used by a man shown issuing threats against the Olympics on a videotaped message released in July. In the video, a masked man speaking Uighur claimed responsibility for a bus bombing in the Chinese city of Kunming and warned spectators and athletes, "particularly the Muslims," not to attend the Olympics.

## AP NEWS

**Absentee voting**  
BOISE, Idaho

In record numbers, voters across the state are casting their election ballots early, and county election officials say there are no signs of a slowdown. In Ada County, officials are predicting that 34 percent of registered voters will vote absentee, based on the number of requests for mail-in ballots. Winter heating

**Guantanamo charges dropped**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico

The U.S. military abruptly drops war crimes charges against five Guantanamo detainees after a prosecutor resigns and alleges the military was suppressing evidence. But the detainees — including an immigrant to Britain — remain in custody as the military decides whether to refile the charges.

**Palin travel charges**  
ANCHORAGE, Alaska

Gov. Sarah Palin charged the state for her children to travel with her, including to events where they weren't invited, and later amended expense reports that justified their presence as official business. The charges included reimbursement for mother and one daughter spending five days in New York and two daughters joining Palin at a gala "to draw two separate raffle tickets."

**Rich and poor**  
PARIS

Rich and poor are growing ever farther apart in the world's wealthy nations, particularly in the United States — and that is jeopardizing the American Dream of social mobility just as the world tilts toward recession, according to a study of the past two decades.

**Gas cartel**  
TEHRAN

Russia, Iran and Qatar take the first serious steps toward forming an OPEC-style cartel on natural gas, as the United States and Europe watch nervously. Such a cartel could boost Moscow's hold over energy markets at a time when critics fear both Russia and Iran view energy as a potential

weapon some may remember.

**Iraq**  
BAHGDAD

Iraq's Cabinet decides to ask the U.S. for changes in the draft agreement that would keep American troops here three more years, as key lawmakers warn the deal has little chance of approval as it stands. The decision raises doubt whether the agreement can win ratification by the year-end deadline, forcing hard decisions on the future of the U.S. mission.

**Refugees**  
BOISE, Idaho

Refugees in Idaho's capital city are struggling to find entry level jobs, becoming largely hidden victims of an economic slowdown that has hit hardest among the state's most-vulnerable.

**Financial meltdown**  
WASHINGTON

A little over a week after announcing the government would spend \$250 billion to buy stakes in U.S. banks, the Federal Reserve is now stepping in to help money market funds, and the Treasury has named accounting firms to audit the entire \$700 billion bailout package. There's still more action to come.

**Steven's trial**  
WASHINGTON

Prosecutors scoffed at Sen. Ted Stevens during closing arguments of his corruption trial Tuesday, repeatedly dismissing the Alaska senator's efforts to explain away hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts as "nonsense."

**Governor Dora?**  
OLYMPIA, Wash.

Washington state Gov. Chris Gregoire will be costumed as the popular children's character when she continues a tradition of greeting Halloween trick-or-treaters at the governor's mansion in Olympia.

Her husband, Mike, will join her as Dora's sidekick "Boots the monkey."

And even the family dog, Trooper, will be part of the partying, playing the part of the fox "Swiper."

## NNU alumna named interim director

by ALLISON HAWN

On Oct. 2, Hollie Lindner gave birth to a baby boy. Stepping into her place while she is away on maternity leave is Ashlee Jerome.

Jerome has previous experience in the NNU Marketing Office. She held an internship for the past two years while a student here at NNU. Last fall she was

hired as the interim director of marketing and public relations.

Stepping into Lindner's shoes, Jerome has her hands full with many different commitments.

Jerome is helping the Office of Alumni Relations with publicity for Homecoming.

She is also been working as a media liaison, which

means that she writes many of the press releases that are given to TV and radio stations in the area.

Jerome is also helping organize the "Meet the President Tour," in which NNU President Alexander will be touring select cities to promote NNU.

She has also been kept busy as she helped the web team who created a digital

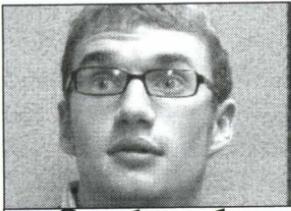
version of the NNU alumni magazine The Messenger. This new version can be found on the NNU website and is available to be e-mailed to those who want it.

Jerome's final task is maintaining community relations with the surrounding area.

## Can a Christian be the president?

Before you vote, reread Proverbs 14:15.

Although my Libertarian conscience would never



**Sweatervests**  
by  
**ANDREW McCULLEY**

allow it, I am tempted to vote for Barack just to spite the overwhelming stupidity that has been levied against him.

First of all, Barack is not Muslim. He is Christian (whatever that might mean to him) and simply trying to do what he thinks is best for his country. And what possible advantage could there be in him tricking us

to elect a Muslim anyway? Now that Barack HUSSEIN Obama is president, he has the power to destroy National Security from within, turn us into a Muslim-militant state and shove elderly women in front of traffic on their way to the potluck!

These claims must be the by-product of someone willingly misunderstanding how our government operates; we are a democracy, a democracy electing our next president, not dictator. In America, one man cannot wake up on Jan. 21, throw off his spangled lapel pin, and decree everyone must be Muslim. It turns out we have a Constitution.

Even still, does it matter if Barack is Christian? Is it law that only Christians can be elected into office? On that note, can a Christian even

be president? Arguably the position comes with some obligations that Jesus may have some qualms about. Regardless, this attitude flirts with discrimination. This fear is borne of the same ignorance that has enslaved, interned and degraded so many of our fellow brothers and sisters just in our own country.

Secondly, Barack is not the anti-Christ. Simply having to write that sentence sounds absurd, for how on God's green earth can any thinking person arrive at that conclusion? But it must be possible: guess how many hits Google turns up for the search "Obama Anti-Christ." (Hint: there are over a million.)

Regardless, Barack is a terrible choice for anti-Christ; at the very least we should shoot for someone who's already accomplished

something. I feel that the Pope and maybe even Hitler would make much more fitting and grander candidates.

However, if Barack did turn out to be the anti-Christ, wouldn't that perhaps be good news? If I have my eschatology correct, the anti-Christ's arrival is prophesied to occur just before the return of Christ. Faithful Christians should then heed Barack's eschatological personhood as the best news; and this should be his new campaign slogan: "A vote for Obama will expedite the Second Coming!"

But in any case, no matter how intelligently you do vote, you must not vote for John—obviously the Vietnamese turned him into a Manchurian Candidate.

## The 'Religious Right' has a martyr complex

In this atmosphere of constant information, I thrive off my email news updates. My favorites are from the far left and far right of the political spec-



**EDITOR'S NOTE**  
by  
**AIMEE NILES**

trum. Moveon.org and CitizenLink.org are my connections to the polarities of our system.

Recently, I noticed something about Focus on the Families' political action group—also known as Citizen Link: it has a martyr complex.

According to Citizen Link, Christians are

constantly being ostracized, mistreated and are the gum on the bottom of society's shoe.

Okay, on certain matters—fair enough. In high school, I had my fair share of teasing and mistreatment because of my faith. It's the "hot button" issues like gay marriage that affirm the martyr diagnosis. From Citizen Link, I'm getting the idea that the only reason gay people want to get married is to form a frontal attack on Christianity and "traditional values."

What James Dobson and the rest of Citizen Link seem to forget is that real people are involved with these situations that are "disintegrating" our society. I highly doubt that the people in Connecticut who worked to legalize gay marriage did so to uproot

traditional values.

I'm trying to see both sides of the issue here, but I really don't see how homosexual marriage is destroying our society or Christianity.

The religious right latches onto issues such as gay marriage and blames all societal woes on it to avoid responsibility.

They cling to the identity of the martyr because it is easier to play that part than to acknowledge personal responsibility for what is wrong with our society.

But what would happen if the religious right took all the time, energy and money it is putting into the Marriage Amendments in various states and put it into fighting poverty instead?

How many people could the Church feed and clothe?

Instead of Citizen Link wearing the mantle of the underdog and the downtrodden, what if they stood up for the truly downtrodden?

The kind of money that Citizen Link and the rest of the religious right has at its disposal is astounding. Let's use it to take care of the widows and orphans.

Jesus makes it pretty clear what his followers are supposed to do. I don't remember Christ ever saying anything about fighting gay marriage.

But hey, perhaps I need to reread the New Testament again more closely.

In fact, I'll make you a deal: if anyone can point out where Jesus says to donate money to political initiatives designed to protect traditional marriage, I will. And I'll wear a t-shirt proving that I did.

## Midterms are here, but take the grades with a grain of salt

STAFF EDITORIAL

The beginning of the semester's carefree assignment agenda has worn out its welcome as midterms are taking over many students' brains. We love and hate this time of the semester. Perhaps the 7:45 a.m. quad class is over, or maybe October marks the time that if we've survived the semester thus far we can make it to December. However, there are the dreaded exams and paper due dates which somehow decide to occur on the same day.

Regardless, it's midterm grade report time. Students use this point in the semester as a heads-up of their possible fate in their courses. However, it's frustrating to see how we're really doing when midterm grades are far too often separated from the truth.

Some professors use the "blanket grade" theory come midterm time. For example, giving every student in the class a C. This theory can make sense, as professors recognize this time in the semester doesn't deserve a serious grade due to the bigger assignments being due much later. However, this begs the question of the midterm grade report in general—what's the point? Furthermore, what if a student has a scholarship which counts midterm grades? The blanket C grade probably wouldn't be much appreciated.

What's even more frustrating is that midterms often account for minimal points. This means that even if your professor doesn't use the "blanket grade" method, your grade is still skewed. Your midterm grade is probably around 15% of your final grade, therefore you are plagued with an unneeded heart attack or even worse, the idea that you don't need to step up to keep the high grade. Again, what is truly the point of midterms? Midterm grades sound more like a false sense of security or failure.

It seems like we have been faced with the inevitable. Perhaps we should just continue to take midterm grades with a grain of salt.

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)

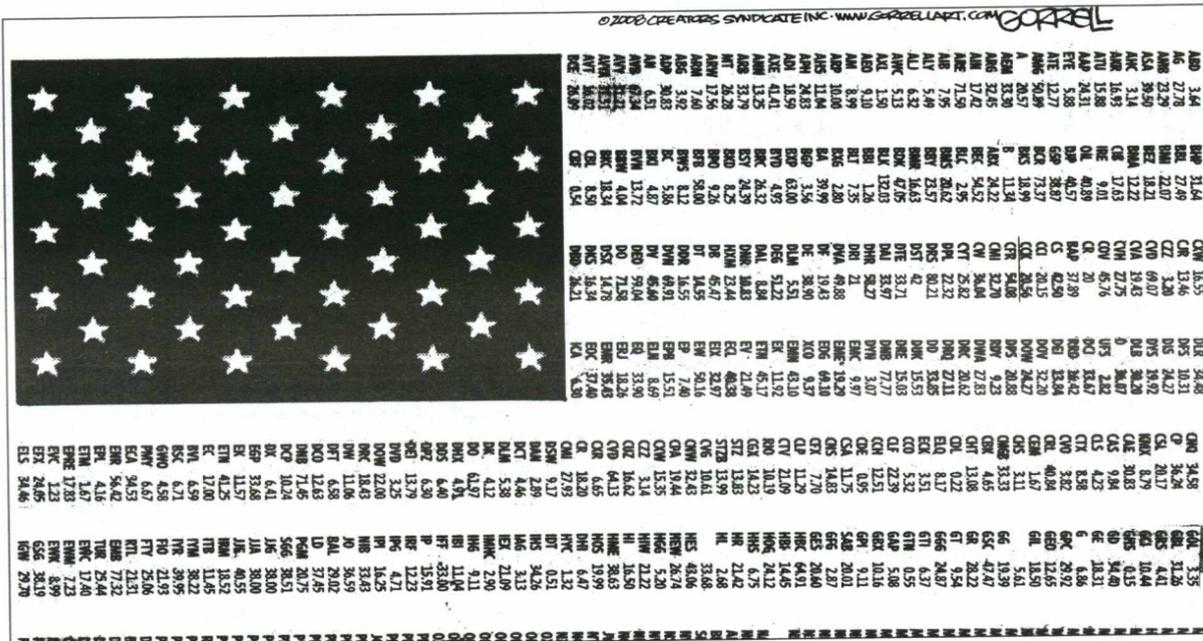
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# When life gets too stressful, make sure to do something for yourself

I have too much to do. I over-schedule and over-commit. I can't say no. I want to do it all.

There should be a therapy



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
**LAURIE BURGEHEISTER**

group on campus to help those of us who struggle

with this syndrome. Although we would probably be too busy to attend.

Homework, classes, clubs, jobs, sports, school activities, friends, chapel, etc... not to mention the eating, sometimes sleeping and daily showering (I hope) we have to cram into our lives.

How can I go to volleyball games and participate in school clubs if I'm so overwhelmed? But not doing these things is not an

option—everyone knows that it all looks great on a resume. And who wants to miss out on the college days the alumni look back on so nostalgically?

So, where do we draw the line? There are some students who are so dedicated to their schoolwork they are practically hermits, never coming out of their dorms except for the all-important classes.

Then again there are those who never seem to do any

work at all, and let's just say I doubt they'll stick around for long.

I get so overwhelmed that I can't breathe and I just want to quit everything. And seeing others rushing around the campus with distraught looks on their faces makes me think that I'm not the only one. Or it could simply be wishful thinking.

Okay, I want each person to make a promise to me right now—or at least

to the picture of me next to this article. Do something for yourself this weekend. Don't do your homework first! Don't feel guilty about not doing your homework first. Do something fun.

Go to the dollar theater by yourself—see "WALL-E" and laugh as loud as you want. Go on a walk. Sit and watch TV and do not have homework in you lap. Play some games with your friends—or make some friends and then play

games. Do something nice for someone who is just as stressed as you are. Sit outside and enjoy the nice weather while it's still here. Go to Brownstone coffeehouse and order some gooey butter cake—it will make your day heavenly. Go support our sports teams. Please just do something for yourself, and then something for someone else; stranger, friend, whatever. Promise?

## In the age of information overload, here are seven surefire news sites

Like many political hacks, policy wonks and electoral junkies, I have hit overload on the political info-hype of the 2008



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
**LUCAS ROEBUCK**

election. When it was just the media going bananas over Sen. Barack Obama, the volume was tolerable. But the political noise has become almost unbearable since Gov. Sarah Palin hit the scene, causing many heads in the leftwing media to explode and the political Web sites to melt like the Nazis towards in the end of "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

For my part, I have found seven online sources of

political milieu that constitute a heavy - but not overwhelming - diet of insight. You may even say they have become mustread sources - sort of the nice harmonies in all the political noise. And before I mix anymore dreadful metaphors, here are the nooks and crannies of the great World Wide Web where you can get a great daily political education.

1. Electoral-vote. com: This site, run overseas by an anonymous expatriate simply known as the Vote-master, has one of the best electoral maps out there. He has an interesting algorithm for predicting the current red-blue disposition of each state. He also provides Senate and House race analysis, and consistent pro-Obama opinions. Although Vote-master leans left, he calls the states pretty objectively. His fair-minded poll analysis is very useful, even to conservatives like me.

2. Slate. com: Slate has the best left-of-center analysis out there. Unlike the raving, frothing angry lefties found hanging out at places like DailyKos and Huffington Post, Slate is not about perpetuating party talking points. Instead, you have a collection of left-wingers who march to the beat of their inner drummer, providing a fresh and honest take into the real psyche of the progressive American man (and woman).

3. James Taranto's Best of the Web: The Wall Street Journal publishes Taranto's must-read commentary Monday through Friday. I get the missive of cutting satire and wit in my e-mail box every day, but you can find it online at opinionjournal. com. Taranto's near-instant analysis of the topics de jour are riots to read. He regularly excoriates the media with daily documentation of obvious bias bending "objective

"journalism."  
4. National Review's The Corner: National Review has long been the intellectual vanguard for the conservative movement, although social conservatives sometimes seem like second-class citizens behind those who espouse the pure discipline of fiscally conservative thought. The writers and various guests post to a blog called the Corner, which is the first-read, instant analysis of current political events. Want to know how conservatives are reacting to event X or issue B? The Corner is the best place to get the pulse of the intelligent conservative.  
5. The Evans-Novak Political Report: Not written by either of the two journalists whose names headline the report, ENPR is a weekly column now available online that does straight-up analysis on the presidential, congressional and gubernatorial races.

The report accurately bills itself, "What's happening... who's ahead... in politics today." The column benefits from the myriad of insider sources that Novak and Evans developed over the years. The column is hosted on HumanEvents. com.  
6. Politico. com: What happens when a bunch of ex-political reporters get together and launch a Web site? Probably the most influential and original political reporting in print or online. The Politico has become the gathering place for all political reporters, who are starting to follow stories that first get buzz on the Politico. In the same way that the New York Times used to lead the national dialogue on key issues of the day, the Politico may become a Web site that gives story cues to political reporters nationwide. The balanced reporting by Ben Smith and Jonathan Martin has made their names common reading for

those following the daily campaign trail.  
7. Realclearpolitics. com: My first and last stop of the day is Real Clear Politics. The site is a compilation of all the best newspaper columns, blogs, etc. on the major issues of the day. They link to people of all political dispositions - some of them are representative samples of what partisan opinionators are saying; others are truly novel ways of looking at daily events. Real Clear Politics also takes major polls and provides an aggregate result (or average) under the assumption that the polls mean more when considered together than when apart. If I could only visit one political site, Real Clear Politics would give me the widest variety and freshest takes.

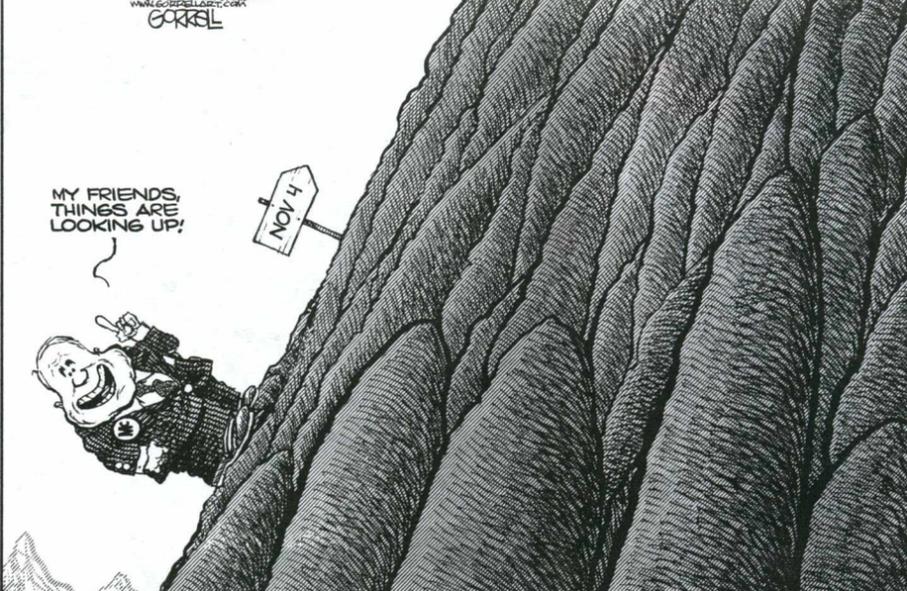
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## Saturday's CHAOS brings out the kid in the student body

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

In one corner—pumpkin painting—in another—a Sponge-Bob bounce house, and over 25 NNU students participating in CHAOS, a community outreach activity, this past Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Johnson Sports Center Field house.

Rylee Curtis, NNU campus ministries coordinator, planned and led the event that hosted 17 children from Hope House and the Nampa community at a day camp Saturday morning.

Curtis arranged for the day camp to consist of face painting, two air-inflated bounce houses and pumpkin painting, as well as basketball and volleyball activities.

SGA President Lacey Smith said, "Curtis did a great job of taking control of the situation and relating to the kids."

CHAOS stands for "Christ Honoring and Others Served" and happens once each semester.

This semester the activities included pumpkin painting, a sponge-bob bounce house, a slide bounce house, basketball, volleyball and face painting.

Working at a camp last summer really helped Curtis feel comfortable enough to help lead the event.

"The hardest part was the logistics—making the right calls, ensuring that the field-house was available and inviting the Hope House kids to come," said Curtis.

Curtis said Tony Napier, NNU community relations coordinator, helped to make this event successful.

"Tony had money left over in his budget and offered to use it for the bounce houses," said Curtis. "The pumpkins were also his idea."

SGA secretary Amber Ford said, "Chaos is a great way to help kids in the community, especially for kids at Hope House who need somebody around to love on them."

Ford led some of the group games the kids played,

and Napier told them a Bible story about the "world's largest man."

"I chose the story about David and Goliath because it's a good Bible story and easy to tell," said Napier.

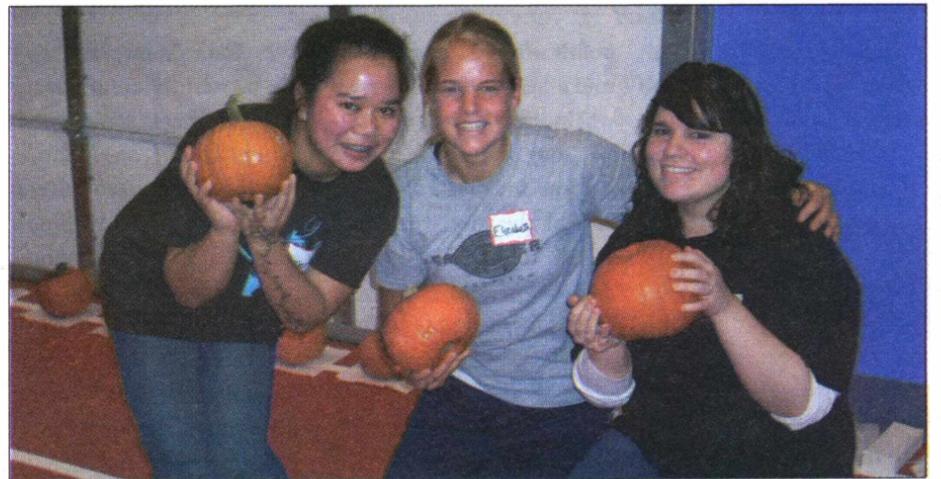
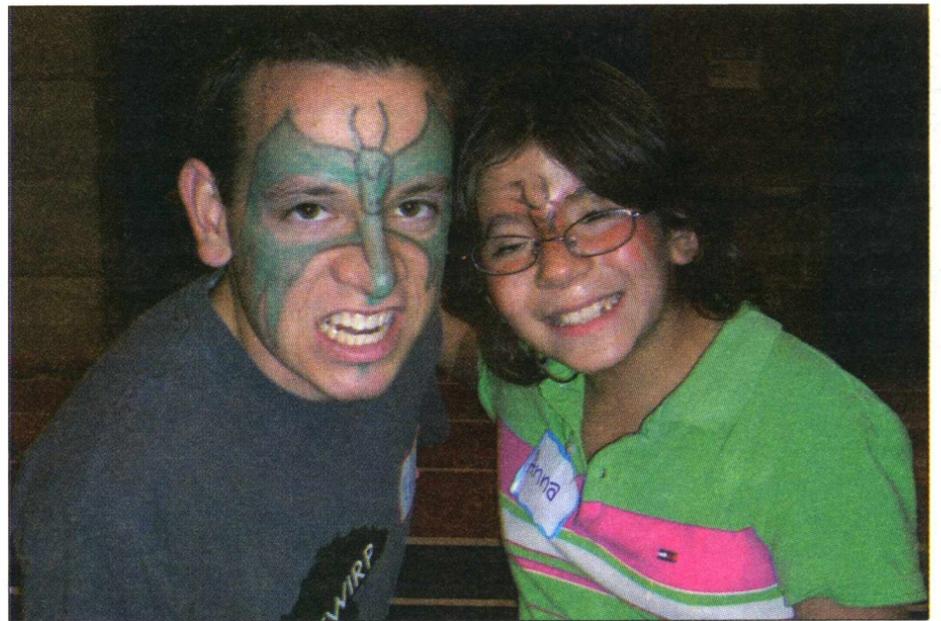
The children were also provided snacks of string cheese and juice drinks during the story time.

Freshman Joshua Ponczoch was one of the many NNU students volunteering for the event.

"I love hanging out with little kids! It's really fun and so easy to make them laugh," said Ponczoch.

Curtis said she's planning another CHAOS event for next semester and hopes to recruit more children from churches around Nampa and maybe even the Boys & Girls Club.

"I'm really, really excited! We want to recruit more and get more students involved. The event may be similar to this one with games, but I'm not sure yet," Curtis said.



Top: Erik Valenti displays his freshly painted face with a child from Hope House. Above: Valerie Banania, Elizabeth Beaty and Jessica Bobango get ready to paint pumpkins (photos by Laurie Burgemeister).

## Continued from page 1: Operation Christmas Child is easy for students to get involved in

night provided by Napier.

The winning wings will receive a gift of \$100 to do with as they please.

When asked why Napier felt this project was so important, he said, "After hearing Haline's story, there was

no way we could not help. I was really moved to how the boxes can be used to help so many children."

There are five easy steps to fulfill a child's Christmas wish: (1) pick up a shoe box from your RA, (2) choose

whether you would like to help a boy or a girl, (3) fill the box full of gifts, (4) include your \$7 donation for shipping, and (5) drop your box off in Napier's office upstairs in student development.

Students can obtain boxes from their RAs and fill them. More than one student can sponsor a child.

As many people as would like to get involved would be wonderful, commented Napier.

Need ideas for what to fill the boxes with? Go up to student development and pick up a pamphlet on the counter outside Rhonda Seward's office.

Napier said it isn't difficult to get involved, and it's

a great cause.

Those interested in participating in Operation Christmas Child can drop off boxes by Nov. 7. All questions can be directed to Napier or Frietas.



Operation Christmas Child provides children in third-world countries with a box of gifts from organization participants (photo from samaritanspurse.org).

## Lincoln Exhibit visits Helstrom through mid-November

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

The Lincoln and Idaho Traveling Exhibit, celebrating Lincoln's involvement with Idaho and his 200th Birthday, will be on display upstairs in the Helstrom Business Center.

NNU will host the traveling exhibit from Oct. 13 through Nov. 10.

The exhibit contains several Lincoln artifacts and a hallway of informative banners, all displaying timelines and facts about Lincoln.

The artifacts include Lincoln replicas, such as his classic stovepipe hat, and documents dating from his presidency.

One document is a replica of the Idaho Territorial Bill signed by Lincoln in 1863 which made Idaho into a territory.

"More than any other state, Idaho is related to Abraham Lincoln," said David H. Leroy, member of the Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Although Lincoln was

born in Kentucky, was raised and buried in Indiana, and spent much of his adult life and political career in Illinois, Leroy said those were places Lincoln was just passing through.

"He created this one," Leroy said, "and more than any other state Idaho is related to him. This exhibit is prepared to defend that claim."

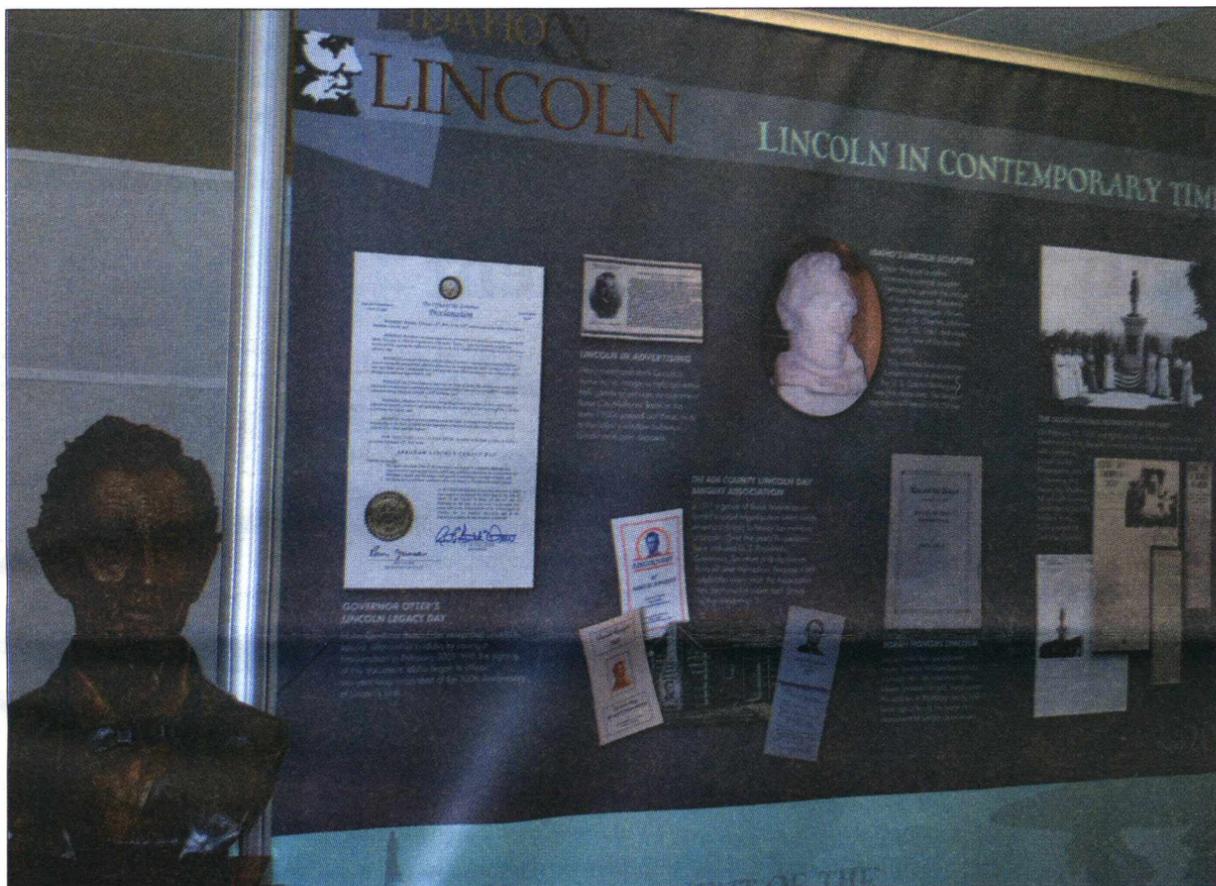
Junior Jaimee Haaland reported the event to be low-key and informative.

"I never knew Lincoln's

relevancy to Idaho," said Haaland. "I've always thought highly of the Emancipator, but this brings his greatness to sharper focus."

The Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibit is sponsored by the NNU departments of history, political science and business. The exhibit is free to students.

For more information, visit the exhibit's website, [lincolnbicentennial.idaho.gov](http://lincolnbicentennial.idaho.gov), or contact business professor Bill Russell.



The Lincoln Exhibit is being displayed now through November 15 (photo by Andrea Schilling).

## Students receive opportunity to raise funds for scholarships during Homecoming

by RACHAEL FINCH

The Homecoming Walk/Run will raise money for student scholarships and give money back to the community all in one event, said Linsey Strader, psychology club president.

The walk/run, put on by the psychology club, will be held Nov. 7 at 3:30 p.m. It will begin in front of the Johnson Sports Center and continue on campus.

There will be a one mile walk/run as well as a 5k competitive race. The first and second place winners of the competitive race will be awarded cash prizes, said Strader.

"This directly benefits students because it's pouring money back into

scholarships and in some cases creating new scholarships. So it's a way to give back, and it's a way to increase scholarship funds," said Strader.

Students, staff, alumni, friends and community members can all participate in the walk/run.

Participants find sponsors to donate either a flat rate, or a given amount per mile, but money is not due until the day of the race. There is also a \$6 entrance fee to pay for race expenses.

"We definitely want to keep alumni involved and then also extend this to the community," said Strader, "last year there were over 100 people walking or running."

Proceeds go to the NNU

scholarship of the participants' choosing, and one dollar per participant will go to Families Etc., said Strader. Families Etc. is a nonprofit organization that offers affordable counseling to the community and training to those interested in becoming counselors or mental health workers, said Strader.

"This is our way to give back to the community," said Strader.

"It's an event for families and people in the community to get together and do something active together, and something that can be beneficial to the community," said Stephanie Wilkes, vice president of the psychology club.

Local businesses donate

funds and prizes for the event.

"Two key sponsors outside of NNU last year were Shu's Idaho Running Co. and Idaho Sporting Goods," said Strader.

NNU's Marketing, Concurrent Credit and Continuing Studies departments also offered support last year, said Strader.

To register go to [www.nnu.edu/walk\\_run](http://www.nnu.edu/walk_run). Sponsor sheets are available online. Registration tables will also be set up outside the Dex.

There is no cut off for registration, but shirts are only guaranteed to people who register by Oct. 24. For more information contact Strader or Glenna Andrews, professor of psychology.

## Student studies journalism in D.C. this semester

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Among the students studying away from the NNU campus this semester is junior Ian Bauder.

Bauder is studying in Washington, D.C. with the Washington Journalism Center. This serves as Bauder's internship credit, which he needs to graduate with a degree in journalism.

Bauder said the internship is a part of the Best Semester Study Abroad Program, which is run by the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities.

Though the program helps fulfill Bauder's degree requirement, Bauder's other reasoning for participating included encouragement from his academic advisor, professor Lucas Roebuck, and from his parents. Bauder said the program sounded like fun, which also sparked interest toward applying.

Bauder is interning with the Washington Times while in the District, where he has been assigned as a reporter for its "Metro Section." Bauder has written stories on protests, education and the arts.

"It's fun and challenging," said Bauder. "It's a neat place to work. We have a huge newsroom in a big building that is right next to the National Arboretum, so our windows overlook a big forest. The people here are nice, and there are a bunch of other interns, so that's cool too."

Though Bauder has worked on The Crusader, working for the Washington

Times has been quite a new experience.

"You can't understand how bad of a writer you are until a newspaper editor goes through your story. You kind of just have to pick up the pieces and put them together again," said Bauder. "Fortunately my editors are nice about tearing my pieces to shreds, and they are really helping me in my learning process."

Aside from Bauder's internship with the Washington Times, he is in class Mondays and Fridays.

"Sometimes we talk about philosophical things, like integrating faith and vocation, and sometimes we talk about more practical/technical things," said Bauder.

This week Bauder said he and his fellow students are touring the Washington Times as well as the National Public Radio facility.

Bauder's semester is proving to be very beneficial.

"The thing I am enjoying the most is my work. It is very rewarding. I am learning how to write! Hopefully I will be quite a bit more proficient when I get home."

Despite the Monday through Friday work schedule, Bauder is soaking up every bit of D.C. as possible.

"I am just trying to enjoy the city as best I can. I go out almost every night, and I am always reading blogs and newspapers looking for fun things to do. I am never short of entertainment."

## Student Life Events

Wednesday, October 22  
9:00 p.m.: Timeout (Brandt Center)

Thursday, October 23  
7:00 p.m.: Volleyball vs. UA Fairbanks  
9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

Friday, October 24  
SGA Blood Drive  
3:00 p.m.: Art vs. Music Kickball Tournament (Brandt Center Lawn)

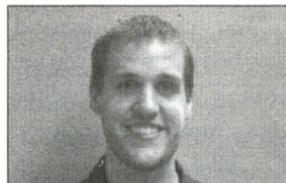
Saturday, October 25  
7:00 p.m.: Volleyball vs. UA Anchorage

Monday, October 27  
Last day to add a quad 2 class

Tuesday, October 28  
11:00 a.m.: RA in-Service

## BSU does not deserve Bowl Championship Series ranking

Don't get me wrong. I am impressed. Anytime you can recruit players

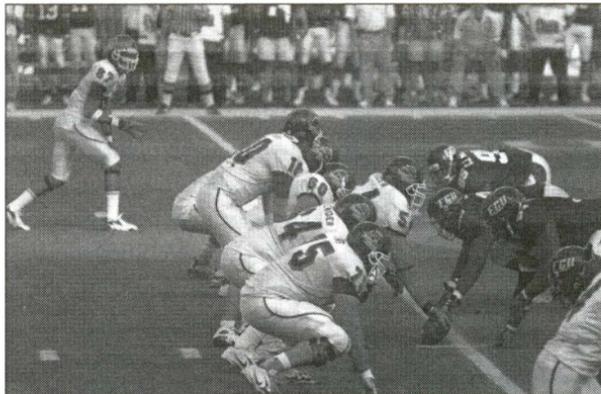


LOCKERTALK  
by  
DEREK DEEROO

from beautiful California to play in dirty, dusty Idaho, you're doing something right. It must be that Californians aren't that smart; there are more Californians than Idahoans (who know better than to spend their last formative years at a university in Boise) on the team.

BSU has impressed enough Americans to be a ranked team on a regular basis. The team played well enough to get the entire country on their side, and won a nationally televised game against Oklahoma after the 2006 season, running on morale and psyche more than talent. Don't we all like cheering for the "little man?" Isn't that what this country is all about?

They even beat Oregon earlier this season (which must've been a huge stomach punch to Duck fans). And while I am a huge advocate of the saying, "A win's a win," it must be noted that Oregon played the game with its third-string quarterback.



Hawaii Bowl BSU facing off against East Carolina University

But there is no way I can agree that Boise State University has the 12<sup>th</sup> best football team in the nation. No way. Not even close.

Those Californians who thought Boise might be a decent place to live? They must be the ones who couldn't cut it at UCLA,

Cal, USC, or even San Jose State University.

BSU can't recruit football players from within Idaho, as I mentioned; more than half the players on BSU's roster are from out-of-state, and there are more current Broncos from California than there are from Idaho.

Even the athletic department is scorn-worthy—it built a football field so blue, it deceives birds to their deaths.

The "little man" is a great thing, and has inspired so many. It's easy to cheer for. It even is admirable, considering the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.

But give me Washington State, who toughs it out every year against an entire conference of big schools and ranked or, at least, dangerous, ranked football teams. Give me the school that challenges itself.

## Annika heads quietly toward retirement

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The boisterous ovation she heard walking toward the 18th green was the kind typically reserved for the winner. But if that were the case, Annika Sorenstam would have won her 13th straight tournament last week.

Instead, she tied for 25th at the Kapalua LPGA Classic. It was the ninth time in her last 11 events she failed to record a top 10.

Then she boarded a plane to China, and the countdown to retirement continued.

This is not going the way Sorenstam would have liked, or most people would have imagined, when she announced May 13 that this season would be her last on the LPGA Tour.

At the time, the 38-year-old Swede had just won the Michelob Ultra Open for her second straight victory, third of the season, 72nd of her career. She had played eight tournaments and finished out of the top 10 only once. She was runner-up in the first major of the year.

Why stop?

"I have other priorities in my life. I have a lot of dreams that I want to follow," she said that day. "I think I've achieved more than I ever thought I could. I have given it all, and it's been fun."

The question now is why she didn't stop then.

No other sport is more

difficult to retire from than golf. Arnold Palmer was lured by the adoration of his army for so long that they quit posting his score at some tournaments. Jack Nicklaus fumed whenever someone congratulated him on making the cut, but was lucky to stumble into a graceful retirement at St.

she holed out with a 6-iron from 199 yards for eagle on the final hole of the U.S. Women's Open. That gave her a tie for 24th.

Some farewell tour.

"Yeah, it's been very different since I announced my stepping away," Sorenstam said in a conference call last week. "I have not

"I'm not really sure. But I've definitely not played as well."

Adding to the malaise is the economy. One reason Sorenstam announced her retirement early in the season — and in New York — was to build momentum for her business interests when she steps away, from her brand to her academy to her foundation to golf course design.

This is a tough time to be doing business.

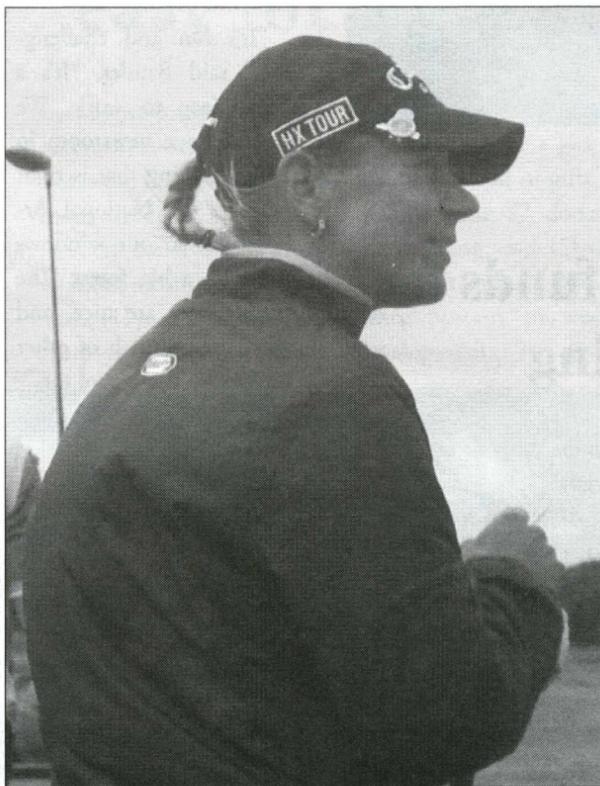
Meanwhile, the retirement tour drags on.

The overwhelming support she receives at every tournament comes with equal doses of distractions. She is reminded at every turn that she has only seven tournaments left, six tournaments left.

"It happens every week," she said. "Everybody asks me. I'm sure I keep track of it myself. You know, the countdown has started. In a way, I just want to focus on each week. But of course, you can't get away from it."

It shows in the statistics, which are alarming.

Sorenstam has fallen to 48th in distance with an average drive of 251.3 yards, down from 269.7 yards five years ago. She is tied for 54th in fairways hit, once her hallmark. She has finished in the top 10 only nine times in 19 starts on the LPGA Tour this year, her worst percentage since her rookie year in 1994.



Annika Sorenstam 14th tee Proam Women's British Open 2006 at Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club

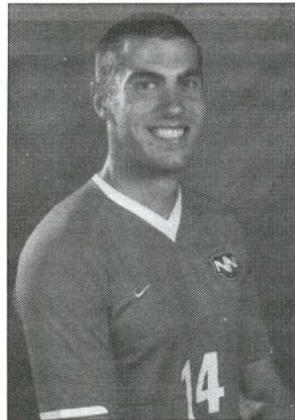
Andrews.

She has played eight times on the LPGA Tour. She has broken 70 only six times in 31 rounds. She has cracked the top 10 only once, a tie for sixth in the 54-hole Safeway Classic. About the only shot anyone remembers is when

played as well. I don't know if it's because I've been very busy just getting involved with tournaments and saying goodbye and engaging with fans and sponsors, or just maybe unconsciously knowing that I've made the decision and I'm having a hard time focusing.

## PLAYER PROFILE

DANE MANLEY



Name: Dane Steven Manley

Major: Intramural Sports

Sport: Soccer and Track

Year: Junior/Senior

**What is your best moment in your sport?**

In fourth grade I was the first kid to slide into a giant mud puddle after one of our games.

**Which dex worker always puts a smile on your face?**

Delane and Ohpie!

**What is your favorite quote?**

"Never lie, steal, cheat, or drink. But if you must lie, lie in the arms of the one you love. If you must steal, steal away from bad company. If you must cheat, cheat death. And if you must drink, drink in the moments that take your breath away."

**If you could give President Alexander (our new president) one piece of advice what would it be?**

"If they hate then let 'em hate and watch the money pile up" -Kayne West

**If you could be a part of any TV sitcom family which family would you choose?**

The Cosby family

**What are some random facts about you?**

I took ice skating lessons for two weeks then I cried and quit. I like the smell of skunks. One time I tried to be a nice guy and save three lives and donate blood and I passed out cold.

**Give a shout out to your team or the student body or something...**

"Mrs. Officer, Mrs. Officer," NOR KOR!!!! Dia, Dia...I am yo fada and you are coming with ME! Who that gonna beat that Billings? WHO THAT, WHO THAT SAY WHAT! To the rollaway... TO THE ROLLAWAY!!!!



# World Series 2008 Beloved Vs. Belittled



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Sports Blurbs

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Philadelphia Phillies got an early look at Tropicana Field, site of Wednesday night's World Series opener.

Instead of waiting until the day before, they worked out Monday evening at the quirky ballpark. By the time the first pitch is thrown, they will have been off for six days since winning the NL pennant.

"Once we kind of get back to that flow, it starts to come naturally," Ryan Howard said.

It will be a World Series of contrasts: North vs. South. Old vs. New. Rest vs. rust. Beloved vs. belittled.

Well, both have disparaged over the years.

The frustrated Phillies have been around since 1883 but the losingest team in the history of U.S. major leagues has had just one title to celebrate, back in 1980. The Rays? The franchise didn't start play until 1998, didn't have a winning season until this year and didn't even shed the Devil from its nickname until after completing play in 2007.

"People were happy when we got our 71st win. People were excited when we got our 81st win, saying you guys have cleared the .500 mark. We still kept going."

said Rays pitcher Matt Garza, the AL championship series MVP. "We've proved doubters wrong this entire time."

Philadelphia is famous for the Liberty Bell, cheesesteaks and booing Santa Claus. Tampa/St. Pete is known for the Gasparilla Festival and strip clubs. Until now, its most noted baseball team was the Yankees, who have held spring training there since 1996.

But baseball's

glam-ourpusses have all gone home, with the Yankees and Mets failing to make the postseason, and the Cubs, Dodgers and defending champion Red Sox all getting bounced out of the playoffs.

Tampa Bay was a 200-1 shot to win the Series when betting opened, ahead of only Kansas City and Washington (both 250-1). Philadelphia was 18-1.

"They're resilient. I think both clubs are similar in that way," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said. "We're not going to quit. I think this year they definitely learned that. They're

young and they're flying on a high. We're kind of settled."

After going from a major league-worst 66-96 last year to 97-65 this season, Tampa Bay has a bit of an aura. While the Phillies

who put together Toronto teams that won World Series titles in 1992 and 1993, Tampa Bay's executive vice president for baseball operations is 31-year-old Andrew Friedman, a former Bear Stearns analyst.

"Nobody expects us to win. Everybody expected us to lose 90 games this year," said 23-year-old

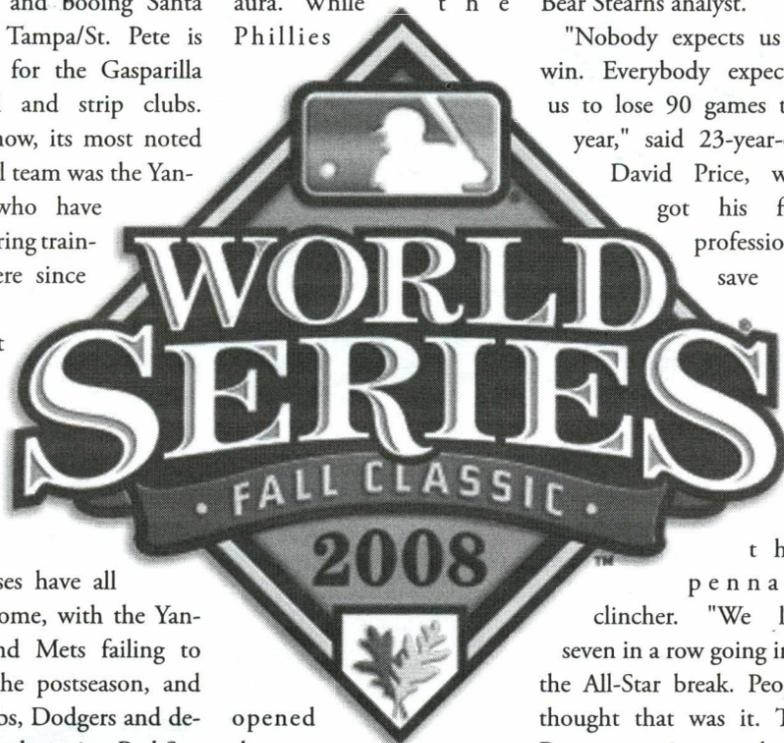
David Price, who got his first professional save in

the pennant clincher. "We lost seven in a row going into the All-Star break. People thought that was it. The Rays are going to slowly die out. But that's not the case."

Philadelphia bounced back in September to overcome the Mets for the second straight season. For so many years, the headlines read "Phillies Phold." Not this year, at least not yet.

"Philadelphians, they've been starving for a winner," Manuel said. "Let me put it like this, we're due. We're here. Why not get it?"

There's some history



opened the season with the 13th-highest payroll in the major leagues at \$98 million, the Rays were 29th at \$44 million, ahead of only Florida.

Philadelphia (42,254) had the fourth-highest attendance average in the NL; Tampa Bay (22,370) was 12th among the 14 AL teams.

Even the general managers are a contrast.

While the Phillies' GM is 71-year-old Pat Gillick,

## Men's soccer overtakes Yellow Jackets; falls to Falcons

by JAELE HENTHORN

On Oct. 17, the Crusaders out matched Montana State University -Billings. NNU won the game 3-2. It was a very physical match that may have set the foundations for what could be a fierce rivalry in GNAC men's soccer.

The Crusaders, who are now 2-3-1 in league play, have given the Yellow Jackets their only two losses in conference play.

The Jackets came to Nampa hoping to beat NNU after the Crusaders had beat MSU at home, on Sept. 20 with a score of 2-1. Emotions ran high as the Yellow Jackets had something to prove. The

game got very physical very fast.

There were 39 fouls accompanied by an array of yellow and red cards, of which NNU received its fair share. A MSU player was red carded followed by the MSU coach also being carded. According to Athletic Director Rich Sanders the carded coach and player will have to sit out their following game.

Kyle Gaedke scored a goal for the Crusaders. It was his first goal of the season. Freshman Alex Mangeac scored NNU's second and third goals of the game.

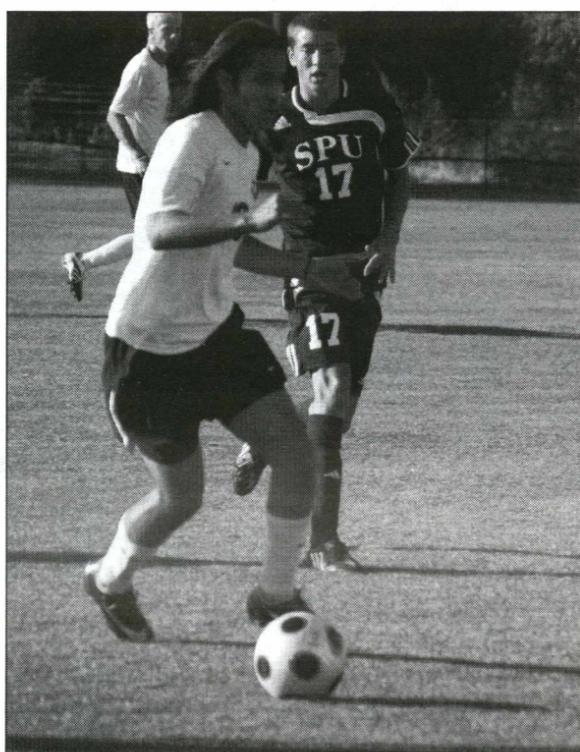
Oct. 20 brought Seattle Pacific University to Nampa to challenge the Crusaders. 'Saders lost in

overtime 3-2.

Alex Mangeac scored NNU's first goal of the game assisted by Ben Mangeac. Not long after the initial goal, Brock Ogami scored with the assist coming from Jeremy Mangeac.

NNU player Jose Oregon was given a red card for an intentional hand ball in the box. SPU netted the resulting penalty kick and then capitalized on their one-man advantage. Zander Engemann earned three saves in the game.

According to his quote in the article written by Craig Stensgaard, Coach Michelson is very proud of his young team. It is creating opportunities and capitalizing on them.



Junior Alonso Avila carries the ball up field. (Photo by Andrea Schilling).

**SANTA CLARA, Calif.** — Hall of Fame linebacker Mike Singletary awaits a daunting challenge. In his first head coaching job, he needs to salvage another down season for the San Francisco 49ers. Mike Nolan was fired Monday after four consecutive losses.

**UNDATED** — The boisterous ovation she hears walking toward the 18th green typically is reserved for the winner. But if that were the case, Annika Sorenstam would have won her 13th straight tournament last week. Instead, she tied for 25th at the Kapalua LPGA Classic.

**ARCADIA, Calif.** — Entries are set and post positions drawn for this weekend's 14 Breeders' Cup races, including the \$5 million Classic with reigning Horse of the Year Curlin, at Santa Anita.

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** — Jay Cutler clutched his hand after smacking it on a helmet on his first play of the game. That was just the start of a painful night for the Denver Broncos, who were routed 41-7 by the New England Patriots.

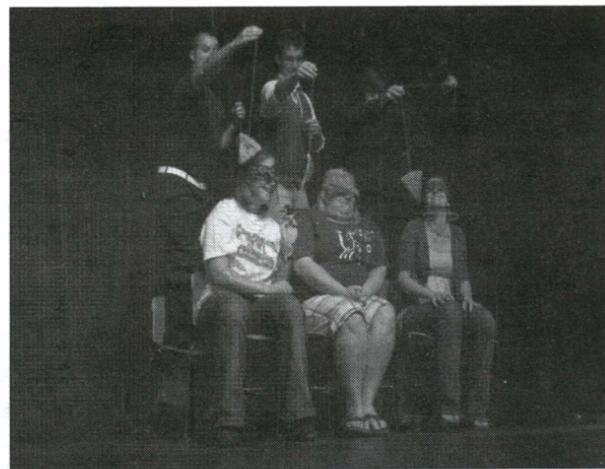
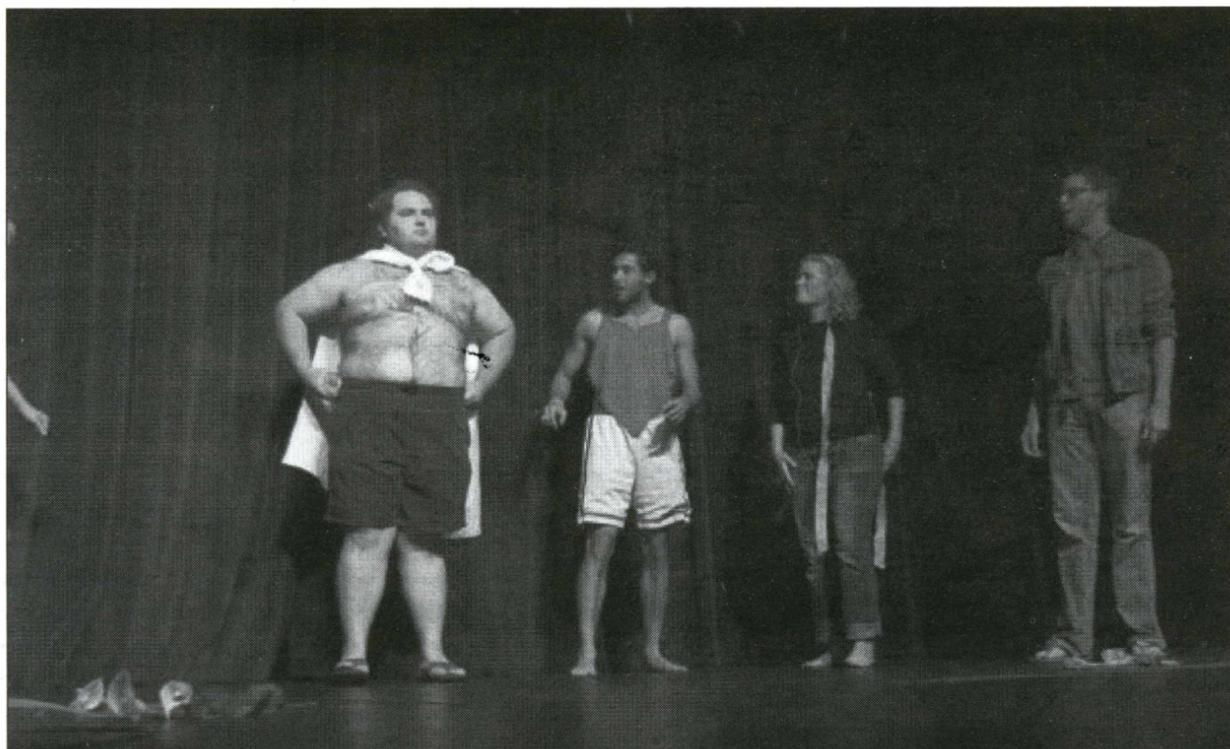
**NEW YORK** — Sean Avery resumed his familiar chirping on the ice at Madison Square Garden, only this time his barbs and jabs were directed at the hometown New York Rangers. Suddenly, it wasn't so funny or appreciated by the die-hard fans of the Broadway Blueshirts.

**AUSTIN, Texas** — Top-ranked Texas (6-0) and Colt McCoy host No. 11 Missouri (5-1) and Chase Daniel in a Big 12 battle of Heisman Trophy contending quarterbacks. The Longhorns are No. 1 in the regular season for the first time since 1984.

**HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYER SLAIN**

A standout high school football player and top collegiate recruit is dead of a gunshot wound and a community in Florida is in a state of shock and grief at a time they would normally be celebrating their team's success.

## Fresheree was full of great skits, great hosts and a great time



Left: Senior Tony Napier appears as Captain Planet along with sophomore Andrew Sneed as Heart, senior Lacey Smith as Wind and senior Ryan Harter as Fire in a skit about the later years of the Captain Planet gang. Above: Hosts Rowdy Hope, Nate Berrian and junior Adam Lyon swing pizza into the faces of seniors Courtney Little, Amber Ford and Lynelle Thompson. The blindfolded girls tried to guess what was hitting their faces (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

by RACHAEL FINCH



### REVIEW

Long live “White and Nerdy,” ring by spring jokes and the ever-growing popularity of Brittan Aebischer.

Fresheree 2008 on

Saturday night was a fabulous variety show with a little of the old and a little of the new. There were plenty of tributes to skits and students gone by. Fans of the ever famous Michael Wheatley dance routines can rest assured that the legacy lives on through the women’s cross country team, and Daryl Gonzalez of last year’s Peaches N’ Cream skits got to be on the receiving end of a “makeover” herself.

Some notable new

attractions included a dating “choose your own adventure” with Erik Valenti and Karissa Ellingson, a collection of “Human Skits” by Joel Ryman and company, and “Approaching Maturity” by Greg DeSimone, Jared Joffer and friends.

Valenti, as usual, kept the audience roaring with laughter in both his skits. “NNU Dating Scheme” with Ellingson was a hilarious skit that allowed the entire audience to join in, and

“Dr. Stefano Verano” was also a great dating based comedy that all NNU students can appreciate.

The ironically named “Approaching Maturity” video was proof positive of the effects of the Bam Margera revolution on the youth population. Apparently we can’t get enough of people recording themselves doing stupid, dangerous, painful and pointless stunts. Possible injury is the peak of humor.

This year’s hosts, Nathan Berrian, Brittan Aebischer and Rowdy Hope did a fabulous job of entertaining and creating interludes without taking too much time or stealing the show from the skit actors. Their introduction video, including twists on “Back to the Future,” “Office Space,” and “Star Wars” (featuring Gene Schandorff), among other movies, was a brilliant opener.

While the theme “Black

Out” would have been more aptly dubbed “rave,” it was simple and fun, as a contrast with some of the elaborate themes of years past, such as “Alice in Wonderland”. The science lecture hall was blinking with strobe lights and buzzing with techno until the show got started.

The sophomore class council did a good job. Overall, Fresheree was, as usual, a funny and worthwhile event.

## A little bit of attitude but a lot of soul

by RACHAEL FINCH



### REVIEW

Women with big voices and a lot of soul are a rare commodity these days, and despite her overtly commercial and misleadingly pop-country song “Let’s Go Racing Boys,” Toby Lightman is one of these rare women.

While Lightman’s salute to NASCAR is a disappointing misrepresentation of her vocal capability and musical style, Lightman’s usual smooth, soulful songs have also hit mainstream TV and movies including “Smallville,” “One Tree Hill” and “P.S. I Love You.” Fortunately it seems that

“Let’s Go Racing Boys” was a fluke—a minor lapse of musical judgment.

Songs like “My Sweet Song” present a deep and commanding voice, a strength which is lacking in

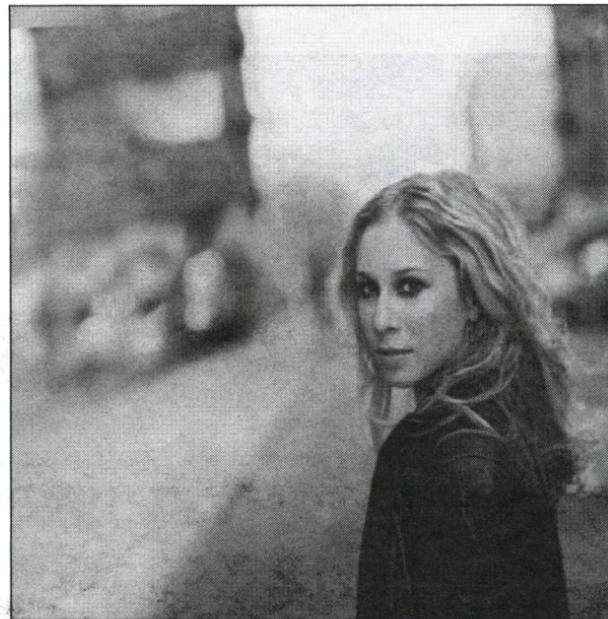
Franklin, Mary J Blige, Ani DiFranco and Alicia Keys. Fans of Norah Jones and Cat Power may also enjoy Lightman’s sound.

Lightman has a three-album collection, beginning

innocence of youth, the melancholy of age and the passion of the afflicted all rolled into one. She sings like a woman with something to fight for, with the gravel and growling tone of provocation, yet at other times she sings with the smooth rich tone of desire and despair. Her voice reflects the rollercoaster of human emotion.

“Slippin’” from the “Bird on a Wire” album (2006) sounds like a potential pop radio hit, appealing to young audiences, yet other songs, such as “My Sweet Song,” also from the 2006 release, have a more mature and universally appealing sound.

Lightman’s newest album “Let Go” features music that has matured further still. The album’s title track is an upbeat song with a driving chorus, while “So Natural To Love” has a full-bodied sound, with a vocal tone ever so slightly reminiscent of Macy Gray.



Currently, Toby Lightman has three albums (photo from atlanticrecords.com)

much of popular modern music. Lightman’s influences, as listed on her Myspace page, include other strong female voices such as Aretha

with her 2004 debut album; Lightman has continued to release albums as recently as this year.

Lightman’s music has the

## NNU Mass Comm students work on massive media project

by ALLISON HAWN

The NNU mass communications department is sponsoring the Idaho Family Christmas, a televised media project. For the past few years this production has brought attention and awards to the communications department.

This year the Idaho Family Christmas theme, said Professor Arnie Ytreeide, is traditional Christmas carols. In December, the show will air on Channel 7 and all its affiliate channels during prime time. The show will air about fifteen times during the Christmas season, said Ytreeide.

The mass communications department will be hosting special tours during the homecoming weekend allowing students and visitors to observe this project

in the making. Those who go will get an “official” behind the scenes look at how the TV production is filmed and edited.

The Idaho Family Christmas project is a valuable learning experience for mass communication students, said Ytreeide. Senior mass communications major Lynelle Thompson said, “Idaho Family Christmas is really good, it takes what we learn in classes and puts it to use.”

There are opportunities for the Treasure Valley community and campus to get involved with the project, said Ytreeide. Last year over 300 extras were used. Those interested in participating can contact the mass communications department at [auditions@nnu.edu](mailto:auditions@nnu.edu).

# 'W.' is a terrible account of an interesting and memorable presidency

by AIMEE NILES

More agonizing than the eight year presidency of George W. Bush, "W." is two hours of pure boredom.



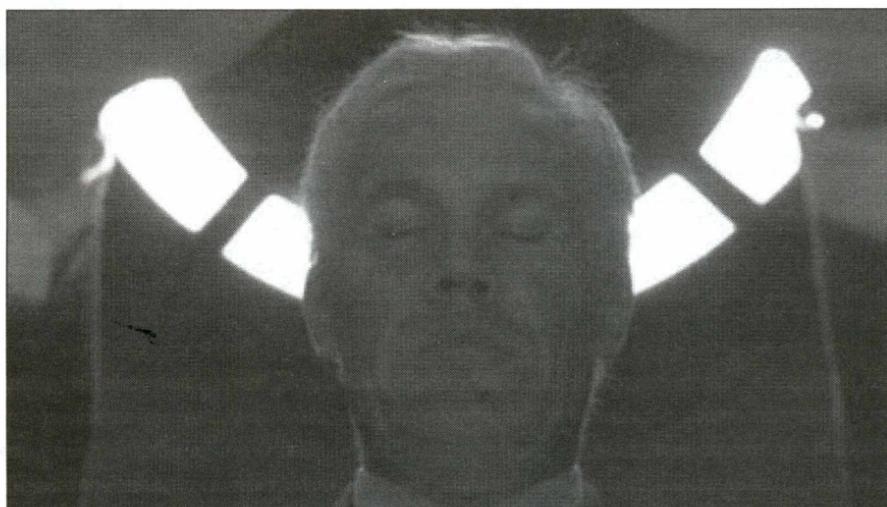
## REVIEW

With such fodder as the life and times of the 43<sup>rd</sup> president of the United States, it is truly impressive that director Oliver Stone managed to make the film as excruciatingly bad as it is.

While "W." is far better than Stone's last box office flop—2004's "Alexander"—it still falls far short of what the previews promised.

From the previews, one might have expected "W." to be a humorous retelling of the well known tale. False.

Nothing new was explored by the "acclaimed" filmmaker. While "JFK" and "Alexander" were out there, they at least explored a new idea—conspiracy theories in "JFK" and



Josh Bronlin stars as George W. Bush (photo from wthemovie.com).

bisexuality in "Alexander." "W." was two hours of nothing. Nothing new,

**W.**  
 Directed by: Oliver Stone  
 Starring: Josh Brolin, Elizabeth Banks, James Cromwell and Richard Dreyfuss  
 Rated: PG-13 for language including some sexual references, alcohol abuse and brief war images  
 Running time: 131mins  
 ★ out of 5

nothing interesting and nothing unexpected.

The gaps in the story are also borderline irresponsible. Bush's hazing into a Yale fraternity gets screen time, but how does Stone completely ignore the 2000 election? That would've

been so much more interesting and might have made the movie bearable.

And how can you make a movie about George W. Bush without talking about 9/11? The single most powerful event in recent American history and it gets no mention. Unbelievable.

While most of the movie makes me want to beat my head against a wall, the acting was worthwhile.

Josh Brolin's portrayal of George W. Bush was downright impressive. At times, it was difficult to remember that Bush wasn't in the movie.

Another personal favorite was Thandi Newton's Condoleezza Rice. Her awkward speech pattern and superb facial expressions are dead ringers for

the former national security advisor and current secretary of state.

The enmity between Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright) and Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss) was palpable and to see it on the big screen was pretty amusing.

Unfortunately, the enjoyment ends there. In ten years, teachers will show this film in their 10<sup>th</sup> grade history classes and the students will hate it; perhaps more than I did, but I doubt it. Avoid this movie. Do not even waste the dollar to see it at the Reel. It isn't even about wasting the money; it's about wasting the two hours of your life. You will want it back and it won't ever get it.

# NNU hosts Boise Master Choral event

## The NNU Crusader Choir will help host a concert series later in the month of October

by ALLISON HAWN

The Boise Master Chorale, in conjunction with the NNU Crusader Choir, will be hosting the "Die Geburt Christi: A Sacred Oratorio by Heinrich von Herzogenberg" concert series later this month.

On Oct. 24, Leslie Mauldin and The Opera Idaho Children's Chorus will perform in the Brandt Center. The event will start at 7:30 p.m.

On Oct. 26, the Boise Baroque Orchestra will be playing at the Cathedral of the Rockies in Boise.

This is the Boise Master Chorale's 33<sup>rd</sup> season, and its theme this year is "Music

for All Ages." According to the Boise Master Chorale's website the music being performed will be Heinrich von Herzogenberg's Op. 90.

The piece is a musical depiction of the birth of Christ. The Chorale's official website said, "It features a little bit of something for everyone; familiar melodies, children's chorus, men's quartet, beautiful orchestration and grand organ sounds."

Both of these grand concerts are free for students. More information regarding the Boise Master Choral can be found at [www.boisemasterchorale.com](http://www.boisemasterchorale.com).



## Creative Corner

### Steve the Egg

by JESSICA BOBANGO

The day was sunny and gorgeously bright,  
 And Steve the egg felt like taking a hike.

He went to his bedroom and began to get dressed,  
 And found a new problem that made him depressed.

Steve rushed to the mall; he went in a jiffy,  
 For he needed some legs so he could look spiffy.

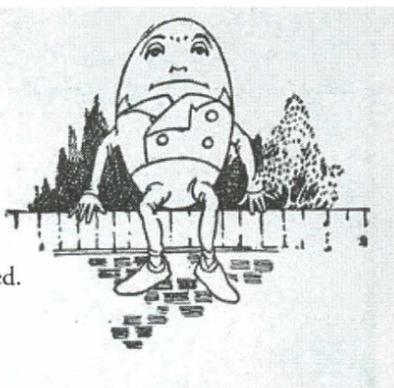
He found what he needed in Appendages-Mart,  
 And he thought that his limbs made him look pretty sharp.

But on the way home, while passing the park,  
 Out ran a dog that started to bark.

Steve ran and he ran and tried running away,  
 But the dog was much faster and wanted to play.  
 The dog growled and he scratched and bit Steven hard,  
 And off the leg came. Poor him, he was scarred.

Now when Steve thinks he's different and wants to fit in,  
 He remembers that day and he starts to grin.

He knows it's not worth it to worry and ponder,  
 For there's always a dog that is waiting out yonder.



# CONCERT BOX

<b>APOCALYPTICA</b>	<b>10.22.2008</b>	<b>KNITTING FACTORY</b>
<b>NORMA JEAN</b>	<b>10.24.2008</b>	<b>THE VENUE</b>
<b>ALANIS MORISSETTE</b>	<b>11.02.08</b>	<b>THE MORRISON CENTER</b>
<b>THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA</b>	<b>11.10.08</b>	<b>THE MORRISON CENTER</b>
<b>HAWTHORNE HEIGHTS</b>	<b>11.11.08</b>	<b>KNITTING FACTORY</b>
<b>LORD OF THE DANCE</b>	<b>12.18.08</b>	<b>THE MORRISON CENTER</b>

# SUDOKU

## JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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Rating: GOLD

Solution to 10/21/08

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Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 10/22/08

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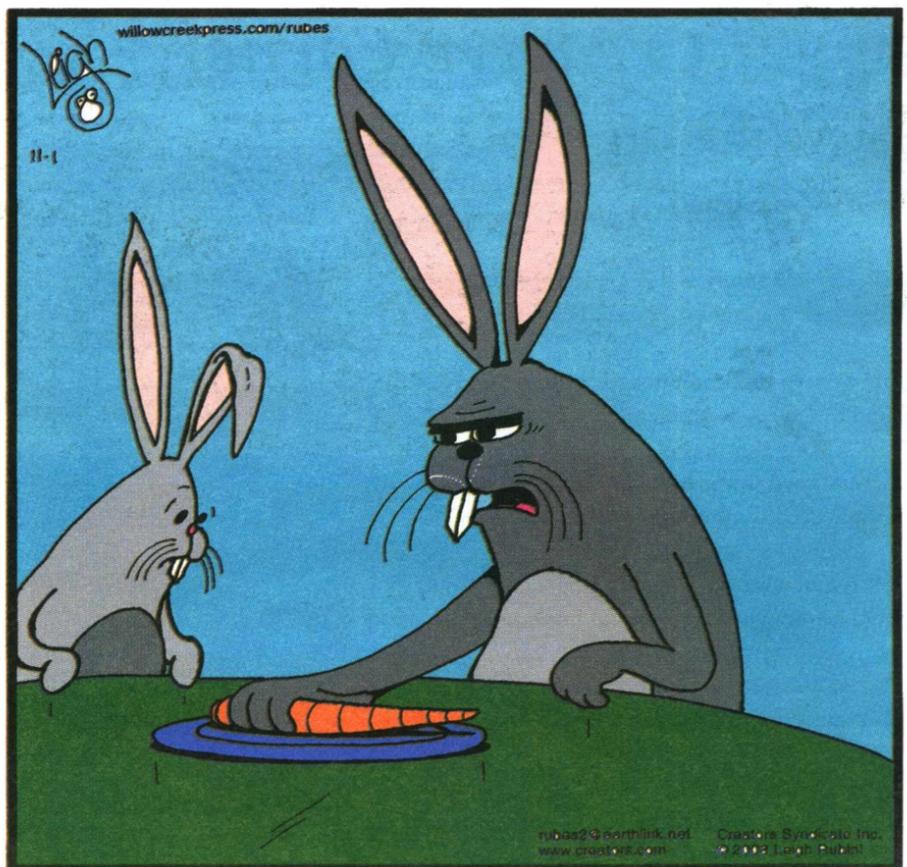
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Young Yogi



"A decline in predators has led to an unchecked growth in our population, severely straining our food supply, leaving only the strongest to survive. ... And that, son, is why I get the last carrot."

## Newsday Crossword

READ ME by Fred Piscop  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

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| 1 Smart-alecky        | 67 Play a big part     | 13 Language suffix              | 40 Intense dislike        |
| 5 Hoodlum             | 68 Room-service holder | 21 Color, hippie-style          | 41 Prefix for cycle       |
| 9 Volleyball smash    |                        | 22 Fast on one's feet           | 46 Wipe out               |
| 14 Gas-leak evidence  | <b>DOWN</b>            | 25 French-speaking African land | 48 E-mailer, for one      |
| 15 Not often seen     | 1 Pea holder           | 26 Conjure up                   | 50 Poet W.H. Doone        |
| 16 Mexican munchies   | 2 Blue-pencil          | 27 Rope loop                    | 51 Fictional              |
| 17 Sub maneuver       | 3 Gad about            | 28 Cartoonist Browne            | 52 Very bad               |
| 18 Demon's doing      | 4 Fearsome dinosaur    | 29 Military installations       | 53 Ph.D. exam             |
| 19 Make amends        | 5 Slight quake         | 30 Place for roses              | 54 Promenade trees        |
| 20 Cell-phone option  | 6 Place of refuge      | 32 TV talk host O'Brien         | 55 Cloakroom hanging      |
| 23 Charged particle   | 7 <i>Exodus</i> author | 33 Without support              | 56 Castaway's transport   |
| 24 Prefix for physics | 8 Hair applications    | 34 Made cat calls               | 57 [see other side]       |
| 25 Male or female     | 9 Thespian's domain    | 36 Office wear                  | 58 South American capital |
| 29 G-men's org.       | 10 Barbecue spots      |                                 | 59 Hardwood               |
| 31 Shell game         | 11 Clicker's picture   |                                 | 62 Calendar box           |

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