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Forensics takes the Bronze Eagle at Western Washington tournament

by RACHAEL FINCH

The NNU forensics team took home the Bronze Eagle sweepstakes award, along with several individual awards, after a tournament at Western Washington University last weekend.

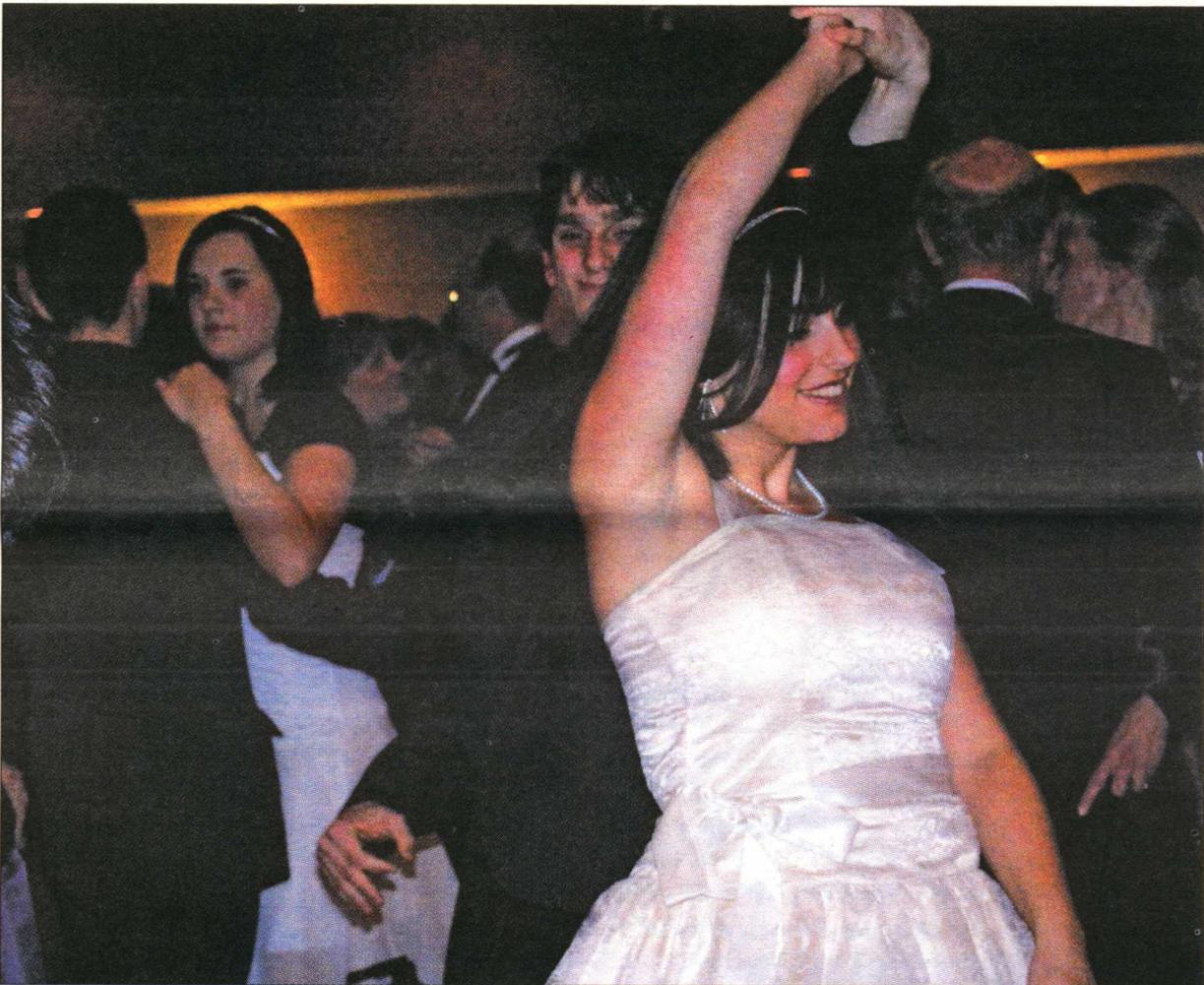
In addition to the Bronze Eagle, a team award for the year, five students received awards. Heather White made it to semifinals in Junior Extemporaneous Speaking and got sixth place in Open After Dinner Speaking. Allison Hawn received sixth place in Junior Impromptu Speaking, John Crabill was fourth in Story Telling and Heather Pruett came in third in Story Telling. Rachel Allen came in third in Open After Dinner Speaking and sixth in Open Dramatic Interpretation.

"Personally I feel this was a very good tournament. This is our last tournament before nationals and as one of the few going, it is nice to have the practice," said Allen.

Forensics tournaments

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Students mingle at the Idaho Governor's Ball



Sophomore Lance Pounds and freshman Christina Andreoni dance together during the Governor's Ball, Friday night at the Grove Hotel in Boise (photo by Paige McDaniel).

by PAIGE McDANIEL

It was a crisp and chilly Friday night when the Idaho Republican party joined with the Governor in a gala at the Grove Hotel in

Boise. Before the doors to the ballroom were tables where guests checked in, picked up nametags and dropped off their jackets to enjoy the party. NNU students enjoyed the

opportunity to mingle with Idaho's politicians.

But the beautiful setting wasn't the focus of the party; it was mainly a gathering of the Idaho Young Republicans as well as brokers,

real estate agents, legislators and other socialites to help the Republican Party and Governor Butch Otter's reelection campaign. The ball

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Current economy affects NNU students and their jobs

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Job cuts in the community have been hurting students' work opportunities.

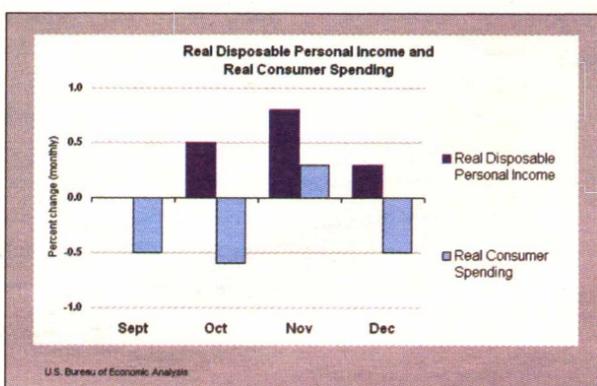
Heather Reeves, Jillian Jensen and Lindsay Macias have all been affected by the economy's downturn.

Reeves, a senior commercial music major, works at Starbucks in Nampa

and said that hour shortages have been occurring at Starbucks stores all over the nation.

"We've cut our daily hours of operation by two, which means that I lost about four hours of my weekly pay," said Reeves.

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Graph marking consumer spending in the end of 2008.

A Call to Gentlemen

Vanessa Evans gives the men of NNU some sound advice.

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Arabic Class

NNU offers Arabic for the first time this semester.

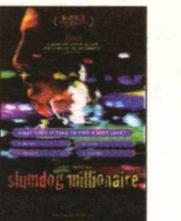
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Slumdog Millionaire

Danny Boyle's newest film has caught the eye of the Oscar committee, is it worth it?



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Weather

THURSDAY

Mostly cloudy.

Hi: 43° | Low: 29°

FRIDAY

Chance of rain.

Hi: 43° | Low: 27°

SATURDAY

Chance of snow showers.

Hi: 37° | Low: 25°

SUNDAY

Partly sunny.

Hi: 26° | Low: 26°

MONDAY

Chance of showers.

Hi: 39° | Low: 26°

TUESDAY

Chance of showers.

Hi: 37° | Low: 27°

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The international community is dismayed as Libyan president Moammar Gadhafi is chosen to lead the African Union

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Moammar Gadhafi of Libya was elected Monday as leader of the African Union, a position long sought by the eccentric dictator who wants to push his oil-rich nation into the international mainstream after years of isolation.

Gadhafi, once ostracized by the West for sponsoring terrorism, has been trying to increase both Libya's global stature and its regional influence — mediating African conflicts, sponsoring efforts to spread Islam on the continent and pushing for the creation of a single African government.

He attended the session dressed in a gold-embroidered green robe and flanked by seven extravagantly dressed men who said they are the "traditional kings of Africa."

Gadhafi told about 20 of his fellow heads of state that that he would work to unite the continent into "the United States of Africa."

Gadhafi arrived at the summit Sunday with the

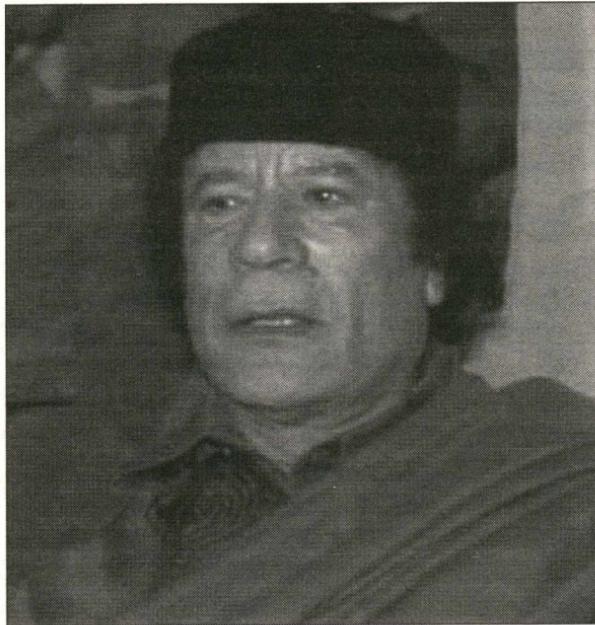
seven men, one carrying a 4-foot gold staff, and caused a stir when security officials did not admit them because each delegation gets only four floor passes.

"I think the coming time will be a time of serious work and a time of action and not words," he said.

Diplomats who attended the closed-door meetings in which Gadhafi was chosen said several countries vigorously opposed him, seeking alternatives from Lesotho and Sierra Leone. However, the AU's chairmanship rotates among Africa's regions, and a North African had not been chaired the continental body since 2000, when Algeria held the chairmanship.

Meetings to select the chairman are held in private. The leader is usually nominated and then chosen by consensus. AU officials would not give details of the proceedings, including which countries objected.

Even in public the reception to his appointment — and the acceptance ceremony in which he invited



Moammar Gadhafi has been the president of Libya since a 1969 coup (photo from wikimedia commons).

two of the traditional kings to speak — was measured.

"I think his time has come," Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf told The Associated Press. "He's worked for it. I think it's up to us to make sure it comes out best."

Still, Gadhafi appeared to cast his selection as a victory.

"Silence means approval," he said during his acceptance speech. "If we have

something and we are silent about it at the next summit it means we've accepted it."

Since he seized power Gadhafi has ruled the oil-rich state with an iron hand and the often quixotic ideology laid out in his famous "Green Book," which outlines Gadhafi's anti-democratic and economic policies.

In 2007, his regime released five Bulgarian nurses and a naturalized Palestinian

doctor after eight years in prison for allegedly infecting Libyan children with HIV. The medics said they had been tortured in prison to exact a confession, a charge Gadhafi's son admitted to in a 2005 television interview when he said they had been tortured with electrodes and threats to their families.

"The Libyan government continues to imprison people for criticizing Gadhafi," said Reed Brody, a Brussels-based lawyer with Human Rights Watch who watched Gadhafi take the helm of the AU. "Hundreds more have been 'disappeared.' Libya has no independent NGOs and the government tightly controls all forms of public expression."

Gadhafi renounced terrorism in 2003.

Libya has also entered into deals with major oil companies for exploitation of its reserves and re-established diplomatic ties with the U.S.

In Washington, the State Department declined to comment specifically on

Gadhafi's election but said the United States would remain engaged with the African Union.

"We are going to continue to work with the AU," spokesman Robert Wood told reporters. "It's a critical institution in terms of our dealing with the continent."

Gadhafi has also been involved in mediating the conflict in Darfur with little success. He has mediated between Chad and Sudan — both have accused each other of supporting the other's rebel groups. The Libyan leader's mediation has resulted in deals between Chad and Sudan, which have later been violated.

Libya has never held the chairmanship in the 46-year-history of the African Union and its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity. This contributed to his being denied the chairmanship of the Organization of African Unity in 1982.

Texas mother convicted in her 2-year old daughter's death

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A mother was convicted of capital murder Monday for the death of her 2-year-old daughter, who was whipped with belts and flung onto a tile floor to teach her manners, before her body was dumped in a box in Galveston Bay.

Jurors deliberated less than two hours before finding Kimberly Trenor guilty. She received an automatic sentence of life without parole. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

"Justice has been served today. Today it's about Riley" — the victim,

Galveston County District Attorney Kurt Sistrunk said after the verdict.

Trenor and her husband, Royce Clyde Zeigler II, were accused of killing Riley Ann Sawyers while disciplining her in July 2007. Prosecutors said Trenor and Zeigler beat Riley with belts, dunked her head in cold water and threw her onto a tile floor, fracturing her skull. Zeigler's capital murder trial will be held later.

After Riley's death, the couple stuffed her body in a plastic box and hid it at their suburban Houston home before dumping it in Galveston Bay, according to

authorities.

Sheriff's investigators dubbed the toddler "Baby Grace" during the weeks they worked to identify her remains, found by a fisherman. Many of those investigators were in the courtroom Monday and cried as the verdict was read.

"We all made a promise to that little girl ... that we would find the people responsible for her death and bring them to justice and we did," sheriff's Sgt. Michael Barry said.

Riley's identity was a mystery for weeks until her paternal grandmother in Ohio, Sheryl Sawyers,

saw an artist's sketch of the girl and told authorities in Texas she thought it was her granddaughter.

Sawyers testified during the trial and was in the courtroom as the verdict was read. She did not speak with reporters afterward.

"She looked at Kimberly as a daughter," said Laura DePledge, an attorney for the Sawyers family. "It's a victory for Riley, but it's another loss for Sheryl and the Trenor family."

Trenor admitted taking part in the discipline session but blamed 25-year-old Zeigler for throwing Riley across the family room and

causing the skull fractures.

Trenor's defense attorney, Tommie Stickler Jr., said he was disappointed by the verdict but wasn't surprised by how quickly the jury decided. Jurors had the option of convicting Trenor of two lesser charges.

"This was unacceptable abuse that will be punished but it's not capital murder," Stickler said during his closing arguments.

Stickler said Trenor never intended to kill her daughter, depicting her as a frightened 18 year old at the time of Riley's death who was being controlled by her husband.

But prosecutor Kayla Allen told jurors Trenor was a strong person who killed her daughter because the girl was in the way of her happiness with her new husband.

The foreman, Randall Rothschild, said jurors felt the case was "pretty cut and dried."

"It's an emotional trial because of the victim," Rothschild said as his eyes became teary. "That was hard to set aside (emotions) and stick to the facts. But we did and justice is served."

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stores in the U.S. as well as losing hundreds of corporate jobs.

"Vacation hours have been cut in half and there is no priority given to employees who have been there the longest," said Reeves, who has been working at Starbucks for over two years.

Jensen, a business administration senior, recently

lost her job at Transgroup Worldwide where she worked during the summer to fulfill her internship requirement.

"We work with imports and exports for customers in China and L.A. But no one is buying anything. Our shipments were down one-third and some of our clients were filing for

bankruptcy," said Jensen.

Fortunately, Jensen had already completed her internship and has another part-time job at the NNU library.

She said, "Better me than people who were trying to support their families, but it still makes money tight."

Another Starbucks employee, Macias, has also

been laid off. Macias worked at the Meridian location for over two years as well and said that she felt it was coming.

"First there were less hours available because we were overstaffed and then the tension grew as people worried about their jobs," said Macias.

At the Meridian location,

full-time employees have priority and Macias said that she didn't make the cut because of her limited availability.

"The new requirement is at least 33 hours a week and I can't do that because of school," Macias said.

Macias also said that her husband, a student at ITT Technical Institute, also lost

his job and has been looking for employment for over a month.

"I feel like I'm being responsible with my money, but it's still hard," said Macias.

"It's been tough," said Reeves, "I have bills and a wedding to pay for, but thankfully, I still have a job."

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are broader than debate tournaments, said Brooke Adamson, professor of forensics. She said that this tournament was designated for the Northwest Forensics Conference and there were many events there, including three forms of debate and eleven speech events.

With NNU competing in multiple events, against

students from all over the Northwest, the team faced some additional challenges.

"This is a very big tournament with many other schools competing with more funding, larger teams and more experience. A lot of the divisions were collapsed, meaning we were competing with people with more experience than

we have, and that makes it much harder to advance," said Allen.

Adamson, who also mentioned these challenges, said that the outcome is worth the effort.

"It is a lot of work but it is so rewarding when the literature you have chosen touches someone's life or the speech you have written

persuades someone to take action. We not only work together to improve speaking and debating but we grow together as a family. Our team takes our representation of Christ and NNU seriously when we go out and I am proud of how they represent us," said Adamson.

USA badminton heads to Tehran in February

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Obama administration is sending a women's badminton team to Iran this week as part of a broad bid to engage the Iranian people through educational and cultural exchanges, the State Department said Monday.

Amid a wide-ranging review of U.S. policy toward the Islamic Republic, the trip is the new administration's first foray into such exchanges that began while President George W. Bush was in the White House. Past exchanges have involved athletes from other sports, artists, academics and professionals.

The 12-member team will be in Tehran from Tuesday until Feb. 9 to participate in the Iran Fajr International Badminton Tournament, which begins on Friday, the State Department said in a



The USA and Iran have traded over 75 athletes including waterpolo teams (photo from wikimedia commons).

statement.

It said the U.S. squad was invited by the Iranian Badminton Federation and that they hoped to extend an invitation to Iran's national team to come to the United States in July. This week's trip is being sponsored by the State Department, which since 2006 has promoted people-to-people exchanges with Iran.

More than 250 Iranians,

including artists, athletes, and medical professionals, have participated in exchange programs in the United States, the department said.

Previous sports exchanges, which started in Jan. 2007, have included wrestlers and weightlifters as well as basketball, table tennis and water polo players. Since then, the department has sent 32 American athletes to Iran

and brought 75 Iranian athletes and coaches to the United States, it said.

The badminton trip is the first to take place under the Obama administration, which is considering new approaches to Iran. Those include direct official dialogue and the appointment of a special envoy to deal with Iran, which has not had diplomatic relations with the U.S. since 1979.

With tensions high over Iran's nuclear program and alleged support for extremists, the outgoing Bush administration in late December expressed grave concern about the detention and interrogation in Iran of a prominent American academic who was participating in an exchange. The incident led the National Academies of Science to suspend educational exchanges with Iranian institutions.

Protester hurls shoe at Chinese premier in the UK

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A protester hurled abuse and then a shoe at China's premier Monday while he delivered a speech on the global economy at Cambridge University.

The protester leapt up from his seat near the back of a crowded auditorium, blew a whistle and yelled that Premier Wen Jiabao was a "dictator" before throwing the shoe toward the stage.

"How can this university prostitute itself with this dictator here, how can you listen...to him unchallenged," the man shouted.

Like the now-famous incident when an Iraqi reporter threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush in December, the gray athletic shoe missed its

intended target.

Unlike Bush, Wen, who was standing on a stage behind a podium, did not need to duck. He merely paused for a few seconds before he continued with his speech. One of his aides quietly stepped on to the stage, picked up the shoe and took it away.

Security staff escorted the protester out of the auditorium. He was arrested and taken to a police station for questioning on suspicion of committing a public order offense, said police spokeswoman Shelly Spratt.

"The university is a place for discussion, debate and considered argument, not for shoe throwing," said Tim Holt, a university spokesman.

The shoe-throwing incident came at the end of

a three-day visit to Britain dogged by demonstrations over human rights and Chinese policy in Tibet. Security was tight at the university and police kept a group of about 20 demonstrators away from the Chinese leader when he arrived for his speech.

Shoe throwing has become a globally recognized form of protest since the case involving Bush. Iraqi reporter Muntadhar al-Zeidi was scheduled to face trial in December on a charge of assaulting a foreign leader, but the court date was postponed after his attorney filed a motion to reduce the charges. He remains in custody in Baghdad.

In China, state-run newspapers and Web sites carried stories Tuesday on Wen's speech but had no reference

to the shoe-throwing. Content mentioning it on Internet forums also appears to have been deleted.

The official Xinhua News Agency issued a story saying that Britain apologized for an incident and that China had "expressed its strong feelings against the occurrence of the incident." However, it did not say what the incident was.

China's state-run CCTV network reported Foreign Ministry comments, which acknowledged a "disturbance" during the speech, but made no mention a shoe had been thrown at Wen.

China keeps a tight grip over the Internet, blocking any content deemed as a challenge or insulting to the ruling Communist Party or the country's leaders.

AP

News Blurbs

Obama-Reform Promises

WASHINGTON

No lobbyists will help run the new White House, Barack Obama pledged, but it's not working out that way. He's made repeated exceptions, and now there are tax and influence-peddling revelations about his nominee for Health and Human Services secretary, Tom Daschle, raising new questions about Obama's promised "clean break from business as usual."

Fighting Pirates

MAINE

With an alarming number of tankers and cargo ships getting hijacked on the high seas, the nation's maritime academies are offering more training to merchant seamen in how to fend off attacks from pirates armed not with cutlasses and flintlocks but automatic weapons and grenade launchers.

Britain-Weather

LONDON

It's far from a blizzard, but it still shuts down the city that beat back the Blitz. Five inches of snow idle London's trademark red buses, halt the Underground subway system and create colossal traffic jams. The mayor concedes the city did not have the plows and other equipment needed to combat the heaviest snowfall here in 18 years.

Vitamins-Kids

CHICAGO

About a third of U.S. children and teens use vitamin supplements, even though most don't need them, a survey says. Following that advice could save parents money, since about \$2 billion is spent on these annually

Israel-Palestinians

GAZA CITY

An Israeli aircraft's missile strikes a car traveling in the southern Gaza Strip, killing a Palestinian militant. The strike further strains a truce with Hamas, even as the Islamic militant group sends a delegation to Egypt in

hopes of wrapping up a long-term cease-fire

Pakistan

QUETTA

Gunmen kidnap an American U.N. official and kill his driver in southwestern Pakistan, underscoring the security threat in a country wracked by al-Qaida violence and rising criminality.

Sri Lanka-Civil War

COLOMBO

Artillery shells slam into an overcrowded hospital for the second day in Sri Lanka's northern war zone, bringing the death toll to at least 11 people, officials say as the army claims it found an abandoned luxury hide-out of the elusive rebel leader.

Bailout-Foreign Workers

SANTA CLARA

Even as the economy collapsed last year and many financial workers found themselves unemployed, the dozen U.S. banks now receiving the biggest rescue packages requested visas for tens of thousands of foreign workers to fill high-paying jobs, according to an Associated Press review of visa applications.

Japan-Volcano

TOKYO

A volcano near Tokyo erupts, shooting up billowing smoke and showering parts of the capital with a fine ash that sent some city residents to the car wash and leaving others puzzled over the white powder they initially mistook for snow.

Iraq

BAGHDAD

Iraqi leaders bask in the immediate rewards from provincial elections: no serious attacks and voters from all groups waving the purple-tinted fingers that symbolize hopes for democracy. But now come the challenges of getting hundreds of political blocs to accept the results and sorting out alliances from more than 14,000 candidates.

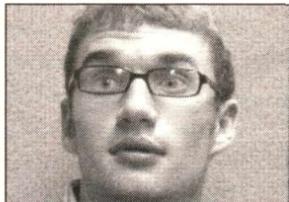
Kenya-Oil Blaze

NAIROBI

Kenya declares a week of mourning after two massive fires killed more than 140 people in the past week.

Let's ask ourselves what drives our rebellion

I know, though it goes largely unsaid, that many students here chafe under NNU's rules, limitations and requirements. Although we did agree to



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

follow these rules prior to attending the school, to not once regret that decision over the course of four years is a tall order. So to

all of you filled with frustration and plotting rebellion I have this to offer. At its heart, despite the rules, NNU has good intentions.

However these intentions are made manifest (perhaps imperfectly), the institution, with its alumni and administrators, is simply trying to do what it thinks is best.

Certainly our faculty members aren't paid enough by a small university in Podunk, Idaho to teach or work (or enforce rules) here if they didn't consider our education good enough compensation.

But if rebellion is in your heart, and if you have

a legitimate concern for which you have exhausted every other expedient, do not waste an opportunity to fix a wrong and, more importantly, stimulate growth.

If your rebellion is a knee-jerk response to authority, it is nothing more than an adolescent girl who uses body piercings to spite a loving mother. This rebellion is not NNU-specific and will be found in every aspect of life, regardless of which school you attend.

To those people I say this. Do not vandalize; this only ruins things for the rest of us (I liked the flags in our otherwise drab cafeteria).

Neither should you self-destruct; the cathartic pleasure of a few drinks or a few 'F's is an illusion.

Also, accept consequences; anyone can anonymously write a swear word on a bathroom stall, but few believe enough in what they do to accept credit.

On the other hand, if your rebellion is not self-serving, strives to cause growth, not destruction, and carries your mother's blessing I sincerely hope the need for change will be so apparent to those in power that before you can act, the situation will be resolved. If not, I wish you luck.

Sin: where a worthy topic went wrong

STAFF EDITORIAL

Let's be honest: last week the Winter Awakening speaker left a majority of his listeners in, well, a bad attitude. We exited chapel with a bitter taste in our mouths.

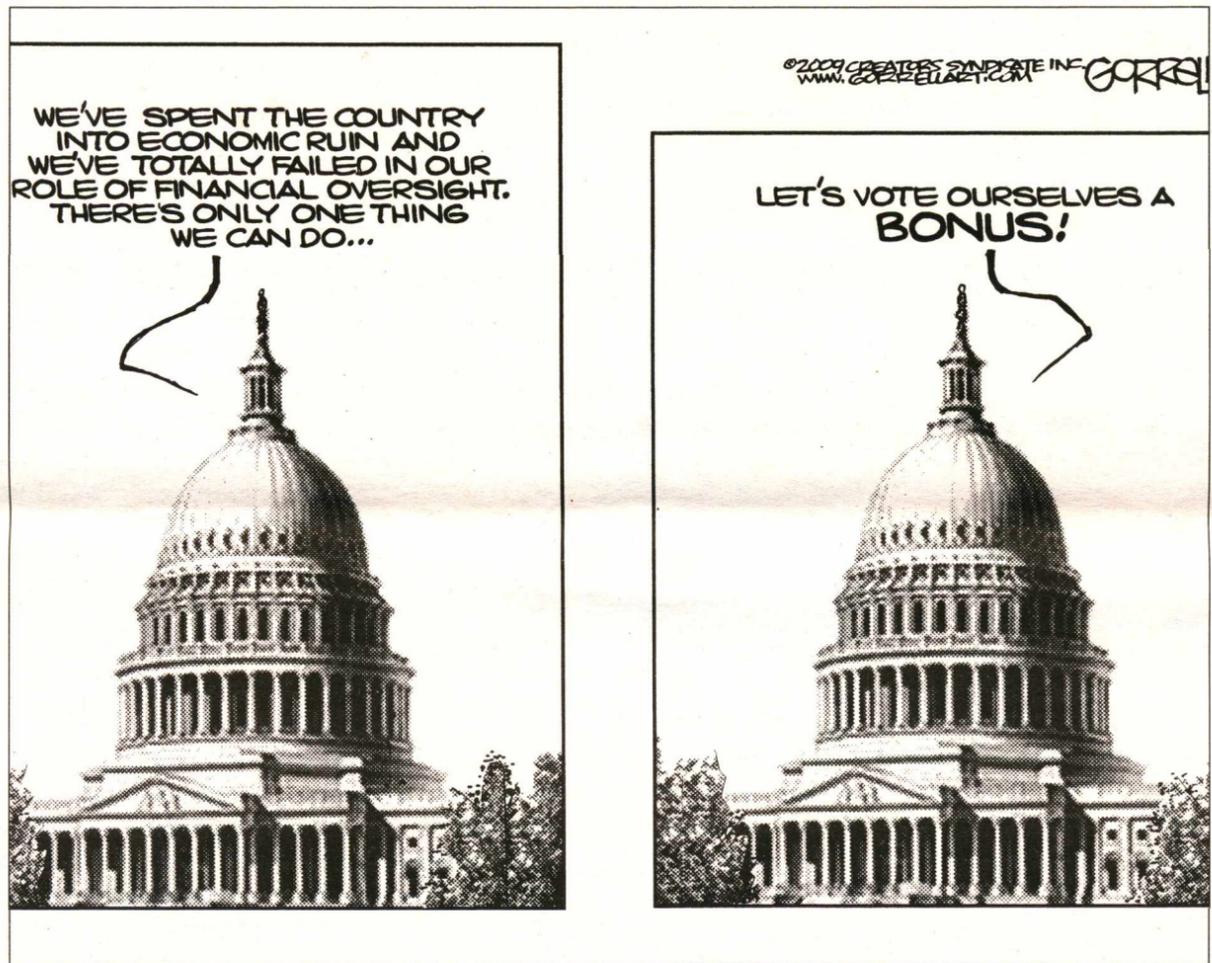
The speaker approached the topic of sin in a way that left those of us comfortably sitting in the audience rather...uncomfortable. There is something to be said about speaking on sin; it's certainly not a "beat around the bush" concept.

However, what happens when a blunt nature used with this subject puts listening ears on the extreme defense? Last Friday that is exactly what happened. There are many ways to approach sin, and this wasn't one of them. The line between insight and insult was crossed.

So what is there to say about the discussion of sin in our community atmosphere? It should be just that—a discussion. If we are all equally sinful, does any one human have more of a right to tell us what we're doing wrong in the eyes of God? Even more so, a human being that doesn't even know us personally?

This is no longer the Puritan age; fire and brimstone don't work anymore. Granted, humans are flawed. We are sinful by nature, and we shouldn't dumb down that fact. However, presenting the idea in such a way of judgment complete with pointing fingers only allowed us to build walls and shut out the words we heard last week. Certainly the speaker took precious time to build his message, but the effectiveness he was hoping to achieve was lost amidst his shouting.

At the end of chapel, the speaker asked us to bow our heads and come meet God. Our defenses were so far up by then, the last thing we could do was push our angers aside. We did not leave blessed, encouraged or inspired—but rather, outraged.



The attack of the dreaded caterpillar: I'm not crazy, my phobia is now justified

It's a little embarrassing sometimes to admit the phobias we all have. Some are terrified of the dark, or heights, or tightly enclosed spaces or the number 13.



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

Personally, my phobia is slightly more ridiculous. I suffer from herpetophobia—the fear of anything creepy and crawly. More specifically, I am terrified

of...caterpillars.

There is a long back history of this fear, stemming from fourth grade and my twin placing the abominable little devils on my sleeping face. But now, thanks to the BBC, I am justified in my fear.

In 2002, they published a report about poisonous caterpillars rampaging across London, causing skin rashes and respiratory problems. Thousands of the foul creatures flooded an office building.

Now, these demonic little beasts are devouring crops and contaminating water in West Africa. These "harmless creatures" have caused

more than 20,000 people to evacuate their homes.

Now, the Liberian government is desperately trying to figure out how to deal with the outbreak.

•Phobias have this nasty little habit of creeping up when we least expect them. Reading the news this morning, I saw this report and I felt my heart drop and cold sweat break out on my forehead.

It's embarrassing, but phobias do have their place. A fear of heights tends to keep one from scaling and falling off tall...things. There's a reason the phrase "things that go bump in the night" is used in every cliché

horror flick.

I used to be among the phobias that realized their fears were irrational—such as the triskaidekaphobias (the number 13ers). However, these news reports have confirmed my suspicions: caterpillars are terrible, terrible creatures.

As Liberia fight's its caterpillar invasion, I will be fighting my own personal battle.

Spring is coming up, and the caterpillars will soon be invading my home.

My clash is nowhere on the same level, but it is against a common enemy. I pray we are both successful.

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A Valentine's fair warning

Listen up, gents. Classiness is back in. Gone are the days when He-Man, Cave-man and Mr. Misogynist could get the girls.



GUEST OPINION
by
VANESSA EVANS

Whether or not you've noticed that fedoras are coming back, or that Neo's album "Year of the Gentleman" was surprisingly successful, hear this: in 2009, class trumps trash.

Remember high school? When girls were so afraid of stepping on toes that they laughed at everything guys said, no matter how horrible? I mean, no girl wants to earn the adjective

of "uptight" or a nickname like Debbie Downer.

Well, gents, high school is over. If you haven't noticed the ladies' unfathomable tendency to prefer Mr. Darcy to Tarzan and Edward Cullen to Henry the Eighth, get your head out of the sand. We might want equal rights, but we still like to think of ourselves as ladies. Sometimes we don't want you to treat us as one of the guys.

So, at the risk of being labeled as too picky or unreasonable, I thought I'd share some guidelines. Not rules, just guidelines. Suggestions, really.

1. The kitchen joke? Sometimes it's funny, but let's face it. It's been done.

2. I know your previous experience has told you that any comment that even obliquely mentions sex is hilarious. Forget that. If a

person can't be funny without it, they desperately need to diversify their comedic material.

3. Remember how I said high school is over? Well, here are the hard facts. Third grade is also over, but that won't stop girls from instantly recoiling and saying "Ew" when you use potty humor or subject us to too much information. (And just to clarify, "Ew" is not attractive.)

Guys, I'm not here to rain on anyone's parade. Just consider this as a little friendly advice on how to treat most women. Of course, there are some girls who don't mind a dirty joke now and then. But if a joke happens to be a hit with your roommates but a flop with the ladies, remember: you've been fairly warned.

Because trashiness is so 200 years ago.

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Press sensationalism is a little out of control in our great nation

In America we have a tendency to lean toward the dramatic, and our news coverage is not exempt.



GUEST OPINION
by
ALLISON HAWN

According to the Associated Press an unidentified

woman stole an empty U-haul and proceeded to lead the police on a two hour chase through southern California. The woman eventually had to stop the U-haul and was tackled and apprehended by officers as she tried to flee the scene.

Had someone been watching the TV coverage of this event, however, one would have gotten a very different story. The news channels, like Fox, labeled it a "high speed chase" and it

was covered from beginning to end. The U-haul never broke 75 miles per hour during the entire chase and often went lower than 45 miles per hour.

A person watching TV was liable to think that a crazed lunatic had stolen the vehicle and was maliciously trying to run people down, based on the announcers' tone of voice. The woman, however, was nonchalantly driving along and smoking. She was even braking to let

people go by. For the most part she went under the speed limit.

My question is, was this the biggest news story that the networks could honestly come up with? Was it the only thing that they could get passionate about? What about the 3,000 people who died of cholera in Zimbabwe in the last two days? What about the new economic plans that President Obama has presented for the nation? Both got 30

second news slots that were in robotic monotone.

While interesting, and kind of funny, an empty U-haul chase took over two hours of airtime on several different news stations across the United States.

Are we as Americans so in need of "fast paced" and "exciting" entertainment that we will tune into an ambling U-haul chase just because announcers shout that something exciting is going on, even as the

woman brakes to let someone ahead of her turn?

We, as intelligent news consumers, deserve better than over-dramatized fluff. We deserve to see the news as it actually is, and not as what the networks can sensationalize into a bigger story.

Close the primary and save the party...NOW!

This past Saturday my colleague and the President of the Idaho Federation of College Republicans, Loren Pounds, voted alongside other members of the Idaho GOP (IDGOP) to proceed in the process of suing the State of Idaho to allow the GOP to close the Republican primary system, which would disallow independents and democrats to be involved with the candidate selection process.

I have taken the past few days to consider whether or not this is a prudent move by the IDGOP and have come to the conclusion that it is for two reasons.

One, it strengthens the IDGOP by encouraging independents to join the Republican Party. And two, it allows the parties to select ideologically stronger



Right Thinking
by
TONY NAPIER

candidates.

By closing the primary system in Idaho, the parties are forcing those who wish to be involved, at least in the primary, to choose a side. Requiring declaration of a party keeps out undeclared independents.

The IDGOP is a quasi-independent organization which has ties both to the governing of the State but also (and maybe more importantly) to its own special interests. Hence, one should not expect that

everyone should be allowed to choose the republican candidate; that would be like giving a vote to the EU for president.

Secondly, requiring declaration of a party allows political parties to be strengthened, both by numbers and finances. There are a lot of criticisms when it comes to the party system in America but it is a vast improvement upon the old smoke-filled rooms.

Furthermore, the primary caucus system is extremely democratic. If independents and soft democrats want to elect a more moderate candidate, they should form their own party; which should be a huge success considering the claim that moderates make up over 44 percent of the electorate... right?

One of the biggest problems that Sen. John McCain faced in this past election was the lack of grass roots support; hence the selection of Gov. Sarah Palin to excite the base. Devout members of a party are not going to be passionate about a candidate who takes the middle road (or no road at all) on issues that are important to them.

Party members need a hero to counter the villainous opposition in order for "good" to prevail. Furthermore, they want to feel as if they contributed to the slaying of evil or at least the repression of it.

Thus, closing the primary will allow only registered Republicans participate in the primary, making the likelihood of choosing a more moderate candidate

substantially lower.

The problem with the Republican Party is not that it's behind the times or that it has fallen short of American expectation; these are simply the symptoms of a larger problem.

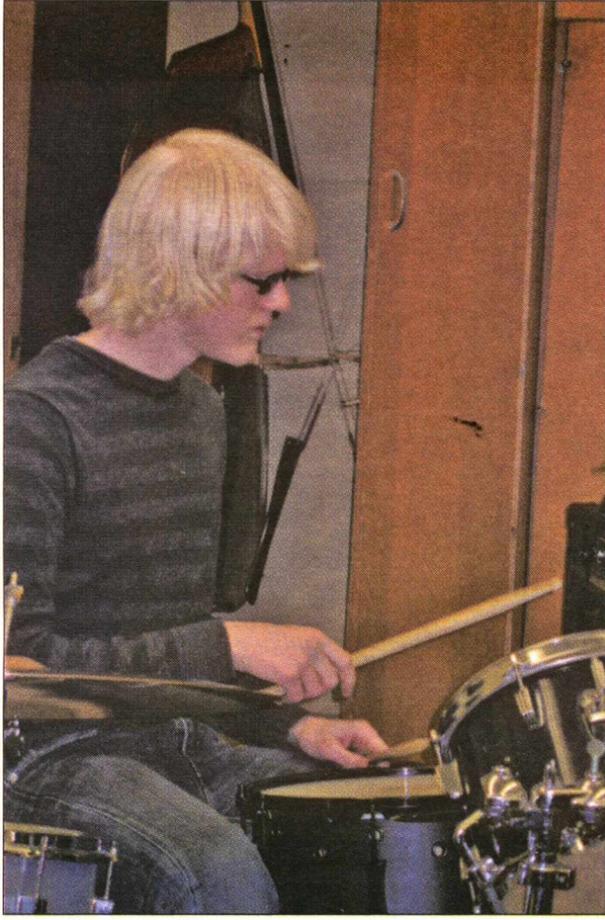
The true problem is that we have gotten away from our roots. We have forgotten what it means to be a conservative and have allowed history to take us to a failed election and party.

Do not get me wrong, I like the idea of "compassionate conservatives" but there is a better way of governing with a heart; and trust me...it does not involve a checkbook.

Feel creative?

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E-mail your submissions to Crusader@nnu.edu

Covenant's returning members make it feel like family



Left: Nathan Dupper keeps a beat while Covenant rehearses. Right: From L-R Nate Thomas (bass), Danielle Carter (vocals), James Snyder (guitar), Holly Beech (vocals), David Reimer (guitar) and Katie Howard (keyboard) rehearse for the upcoming summer of travel (photos by Jessica Bobango).

by JESSICA BOBANGO

This year's Covenant group may look a bit more familiar than you might have expected. Welcoming back four returning members, the band seems to project a comfortable feel that suggests a familial relationship over a simple team membership.

Justin Hugus, Holly Beech, Katie Howard, Nate Thomas, David Reimer, Nathan Dupper, Danielle Carter, James Snyder and Adam Lyon will take their

first trip over spring break and will officially begin traveling in June.

The group's sound technician, Justin Hugus, is a freshman commercial music major from Riverton, Wyo. and said he is looking forward to seeing more of Oregon and Washington this summer.

Holly Beech is a sophomore journalism major from Nampa. Beech is a returning vocalist for Covenant and said she will make sure she packs her contacts for the trip. "My eyes seem

to think I'm 90 years old or something," said Beech.

Also a sophomore, Katie Howard is a music theory and composition major from Fruitland, Idaho. Howard plays keyboards and said she wishes Cheryl from the Dex could travel with the group because "she makes every day a good day."

Bass guitarist Nate Thomas is a music education major from Lewiston, Idaho. A sophomore as well, Thomas said he will miss "being on the river

during the summer."

Also a guitarist, David Reimer is a sophomore from Whitefish, Mont. Reimer, a business administration major, said he will miss playing music in his church as well as his mom's cooking while being on the road.

Nathan Dupper is returning for a second year as Covenant's drummer. Dupper is a sophomore chemistry major from Inland Empire, Calif.

The group's second vocalist, Danielle Carter, is a sophomore graphic design

major from Sammamish, Wash. Carter said she will miss her family this summer. "I am really close with my parents, so that will be hard," Carter said.

James Snyder is a graphic design major from Meridian and is a returning guitarist for the third year in a row.

Adam Lyon is a biology major from Colfax, Wash. Also a junior, this summer marks the guitarist/vocalist's second year traveling with the group. Lyon said that he would like President

Alexander to go along with the troupe this year.

"Last year," said Lyon, "Covenant was playing in Colorado Springs on the same Sunday Dr. Alexander was beginning his church visits as the new president. We ended up playing really well that Sunday, and I think it was because Dr. Alexander was there. I think Dr. Alexander could be our good luck charm for this year!"

Professors join the Facebook phenomenon with profiles of their own

by ANDREW McCULLEY

Facebook, the online social-networking website, celebrates its fourth birthday today with over 150 million users.

According to its own Facebook page, the website "gives people the power to share and makes the world more open and connected."

On our campus, Facebook is "a tool that allows you to communicate with friends and family. Also, if you're mean, a way to spread rumors," said junior nursing major Christina Cunningham.

Freshman Luke Hetrick said it allows him "to connect with friends forty states away."

Casting it in a less positive light, for junior Miriam

Reardon, facebook is "a community of people who



are bored."

Sarah Fleming, a sophomore, agrees, saying it is how she procrastinates.

Regardless of how we use Facebook, the online phenomenon is spreading to older generations, including many professors and faculty on the NNU campus.

A Facebook search



From L-R: Paul Kinsman, art professor and Thomas Oord, professor of theology both have Facebook profiles.

indicated roughly one dozen educators who use the social-networking tool.

Gene Schandorff, NNU's university chaplain, has had Facebook for over a year and checks his account roughly once a day. Schandorff made it abundantly clear that he does not share applications.

Art professor Paul Kinsman joined Facebook in the summer of 2007. He said, "When I left Point Loma Nazarene University to join

the faculty at NNU, my students convinced me to join it so we could keep in touch--which we have."

Kinsman said he uses Facebook for all the normal reasons. Also he describes it as "a movie or video game or anything else--an entertaining diversion."

As a fairly new Facebook user, Thomas Oord, who teaches in the religion department, reports that he has "had the occasion more than once to talk about

coursework matters with students who also frequent



Facebook."

Christian Esh, history professor, joined Facebook initially to communicate with his brother in Indiana.

He said it took a few months for students to find him, and "tried to keep work and family separate, but I've since given up." Esh

attempts to keep a "semi-professional" image and thinks twice about what he puts online.

When asked if he had ever been mocked for using Facebook, Esh said, "Not to my face, anyway. But maybe there is a generational component to it. A lot of people from my college class (1998) are now on Facebook."

Kinsman agreed, saying he has not been made fun of to his face, although he admits that his students tease him because "they know if they need me, the fastest way to get a hold of me is via Facebook. So apparently, I'm on there more than I even realize."

Continued from page 1: Ball brings Republicans together to raise money and have fun



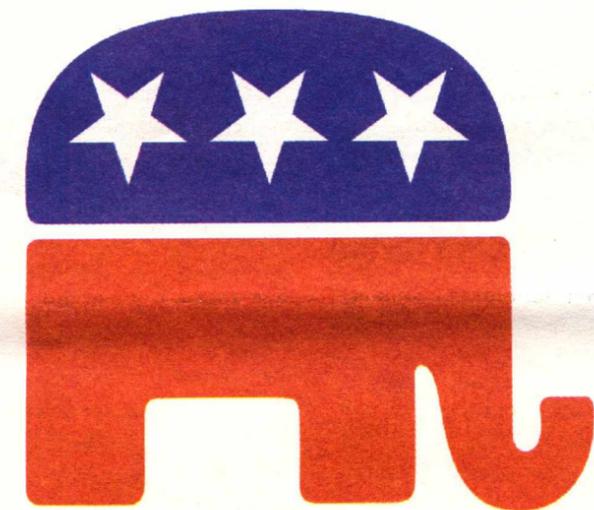
Tony Napier, Lacey Smith and Loren Pounds pose with Governor Butch Otter at the Governor's Ball (photo courtesy of Tommy Derbesy).

is held annually, and in the case of an inauguration is an even bigger event.

Lori Otter, the governor's wife and an NNU alumna, said that the fundraiser is "just a fun way for all the Idaho Republicans to get together."

Later in the evening, in between dancing and a live jazz performance, Governor Otter stepped to the podium. He delivered a strong message emphasizing the difficult times of the economy and that "[as Republicans] we are going straight ahead and the core values are the ones that are going to guide us."

Otter also said it is important that we focus on



our families and turn to the communities, to churches and each other to help get through it.

Guests at the ball included Lacey Smith, SGA

president, as well as the president and vice-president of NNU College Republicans Loren Pounds and Trevan Hauck; freshmen Rachel Beers and

Christina Andreoni also attended.

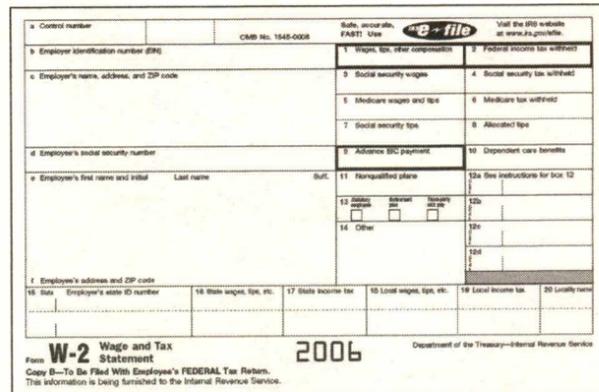
"It's amazing," said Andreoni "The dresses are pretty, the dances are fun and the Shirley Temples are really good."

Beers agreed and said she enjoyed the party and was inspired by Otter's speech.

The party lasted until 10:30 p.m. and was followed by an after-party hosted by the Idaho Young Republicans.

Students received tickets to the event courtesy of the Idaho Republican Party in exchange for their help stuffing envelopes.

To file or not to file



The W-2 forms necessary to file taxes (photo from wikimedia commons).

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

the 1040EZ.

Senior accounting and finance major, Ree Armstrong advises students who are first time tax filers to use online sources such as turbotax.com.

"The best thing about TurboTax and others online is that they ask you the questions and automatically fill out your form for you," said Armstrong.

Also, if you have never filed before and your income is under a certain amount, then you may not have to file. The requirements for this can be found at www.irs.gov.

"Before you can file, you must have your W-2 forms, which tell you what your income was for that year and how much tax money was taken from your wages," said Armstrong.

Armstrong also said that a lot of students are most likely still dependents, which means they can fill out the easy forms such as

really easy because usually students don't have to do any itemizing (listing specific deductible amounts for personal expenses)," said Armstrong.

But with the state taxes, it depends on where you worked and where you are a resident.

If you worked in any state in which you are not a resident, then you have to file taxes for that state as well as in the state you are considered a resident.

"Many times you can file for free on a federal website. The IRS website has links to a free-file," said Armstrong.

Armstrong also said that most websites offer free filing for federal taxes, but when filing state taxes, a small fee is required.

"It's not a scary as it sounds. Do it now when it's easy so when it's harder, you'll understand the process."

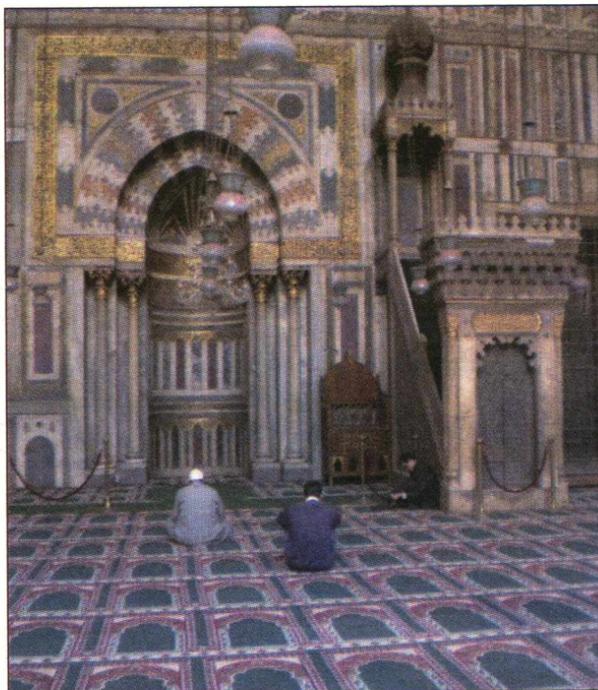
Modern language department welcomes Arabic class this semester for the first time

by JESSICA BOBANGO

Walk into Elmore Hall on a Wednesday night and you may find something a bit unexpected.

The modern language department has chosen Arabic for a new language course and there, amidst the political science posters and maps of world, one will see the signs of a generally unknown world making its way a bit closer to home.

Susannah Barr is from Boise and is teaching the one-semester class. Barr said she has always been interested in the language and even spent time studying in Israel.



The Arabic class will continue to study the language and culture of the Middle East (photo by Aimee Niles).

The class contains ten students, boasting a mix of different majors and personalities.

"I have a lot of ROTC and National Guard students learning the language in case of deployment," said Barr.

The class has started learning the Arabic alphabet and will move on to discussing Middle Eastern culture next.

"My main goal is to get the students interested in the language," said Barr, "I hope to give them a foundation so they can continue learning and begin studying on their own."

Student Life Events

Wednesday Feb. 4
 Mangum Missionary Lectures Chapel-10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 Senate- 8pm Wordsworth
 Time Out- Nick Jacobson- 9pm Science Lecture Hall

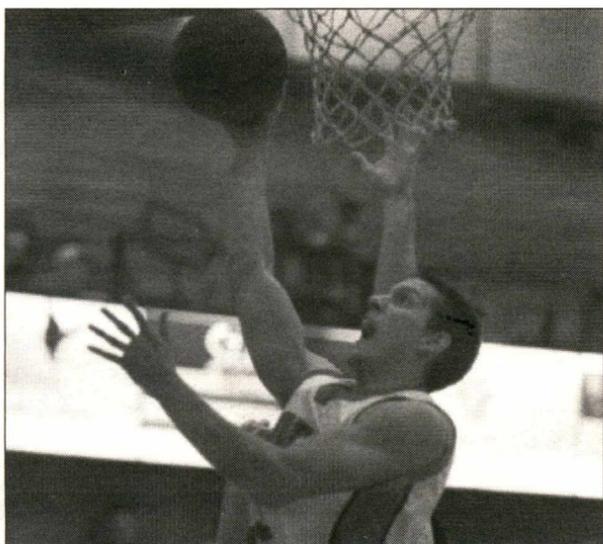
Thursday Feb. 5
 Mangum Missionary Lectures Chapel- 11am Swayne Auditorium
 Men's Basketball vs. St. Martins U.- 7pm JSC
 Wesley Conference- College Church
 Brick House Underground 9-11 pm Brick House

Friday Feb. 6
 Mangum Missionary Chapel- 10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 Wesley Conference- College Church
 Admissions: Friday Escape

Saturday Feb. 7
 Wesley Conference-College Church
 Women's Basketball @ SPU- 1pm Tip Off (CBS College Sports Network)

Monday Feb. 9
 Chapel- 10:20am Swayne Auditorium
 SGA Awareness Week Begins

Crusaders face two defeats last week; one ending after overtime against WWU



Kendall Gielow fights for a defensive rebound. Gielow set a new game high of 23 points at Thursday's away match (photo from NNU Sports Information).

by ALLISON HAWN

The Men's NNU Crusader basketball team faced two defeats this past week while traveling to Central Washington University and Western Washington University.

Last Thursday, the NNU team went up against the CWU Wildcats.

The Crusaders lost the closely contested match 72-69.

Kendall Gielow set a new game high of 23 points, leading the Crusaders, who were never behind more

than six points throughout the game.

Joel Ryman scored 13 and Adam Shildmyer 11 points. Brian Barkdoll made 10 rebounds and 5 assists.

The game was tied four minutes before the end of the game at 65-65.

The Wildcats turned that in their favor with three minutes left on the clock by making one of two foul shots and a layup.

On Saturday the Crusaders faced the WWU Vikings in a game that tied at 65-65; which forced them into overtime.

The Vikings took overtime, beating the Crusaders 81-73.

Gielow led with 22 points and 5 rebounds along with Barkdoll, who scored 15 points.

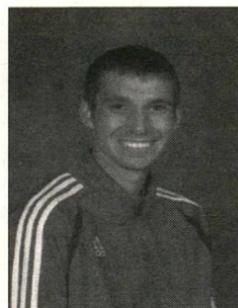
The Crusaders shot 7 of 16 from the three-point line and 52.7 percent from the floor.

The NNU men's team is back at home this week. They will be hosting a game against Saint Martin's University tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Statistics from NNU Sports Information Center.

PLAYER PROFILE

Hank Hetrick



Major: Engineering/Physics

Hometown: Caldwell, Idaho

Sport: Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track

Class: Junior

Favorite food and why: Hotdog, it was the first word I ever said.

If you were any animal, what would you be and why?

A dog... then I could be "Hank the Cowdog."

An embarrassing moment: One time I pantsed myself in the lobby of the JSC while wearing my rubber ducky boxers.

Favorite weekend activity: Unintentional napping

Monkey is to paper clip as toaster is to _____: Fig newtons

Favorite pick-up line to use:

How about you and I split a happy meal at McDonald's, you can keep the toy... I probably already have it.

Favorite quote: "I don't buy love... I make it."

What do you love about your team? Our random conversations on our long runs.

Interesting fact: I have never gotten a brain freeze.

Lady crusaders find victory in overtime against MSU-Billings

by PAIGE MCCDANIEL

The Montana State University-Billings Yellowjackets proved to be no roadblock for the Lady Crusaders last Thursday after stinging MSUB to a 73-64 victory.

The victory didn't come without challenge, however, as the end of the second half resulted in a tie of 63-63, leading to a round of overtime.

The game was led by Jen Williams with a personal best of 17 points and 10 rebounds while Janee Olds, Mallory Whipple and Kristin Hein were right behind with 14, 14 and 12.



Left: Brittney Roggenkamp looks for an open pass (photo by Andrea Schilling). Right: Jen Williams fights past MSUB defense (photo from NNU Sports Information).

Whipple helped on defense with eight steals, tying a record held by Mary Kessel ('93-'94) and Alysson

Kollmann ('02-'03). Overall, the ladies are 12-6 in the conference season.

Prior to the game against the Yellowjackets, the NNU women were ranked eighth in the NCAA West

Region with their competitor ranked just ahead of them.

The ladies team will be traveling this week facing Western Washington University tomorrow and Seattle Pacific University on Saturday.

The SPU game will be aired at 1 p.m. on CBS College Sports Network. The game will be live on both DirecTV (ch. 613) and Dish Network (ch. 152) to fans in the Treasure Valley, said Sports Information Director and Assistant Athletic Director Craig Stensgaard.

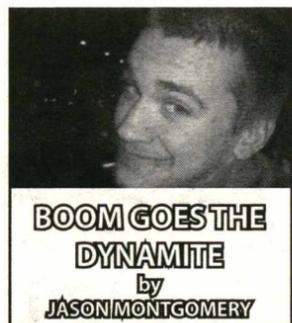
Statistics from NNU Sports Information Center.

Conquistadors have biggest victory since Aztec episode

The 2009 Intramural Basketball season tipped off on Jan. 27.

Rather than gloss over some meaningless statistics of 12 different games in a week, I plan to focus in on one game each week.

What better game to look at this week than the very first game of the season? Let's get right into it: the Conquistadors defeated The Bigs 81-32 last Tuesday, thanks in large part to forced turnovers and



BOOM GOES THE DYNAMITE
by JASON MONTGOMERY

rebounds. The Conquistadors stole the ball 17 times throughout the game, while only

turning over the ball 4 times. Jordan Freiburghaus led the Conquistadors in scoring with 15 points, and also had 8 boards and a block.

Two players on the Conquistadors, Mark Hanson and Seth Ott, had a double-double (with more than 10 points and rebounds each).

Part of the problem for The Bigs was moving the ball around - while The Bigs' Ryan Donley led both teams in scoring, and scored

the first 13 points for The Bigs, it became difficult for Donley to consistently get good looks at the basket once the Conquistadors noticed this trend.

Both teams had no fears of shooting beyond the arc, either, with some shots coming well behind what would be an NBA 3-pointer.

While the score of the game was (relatively) close at 19-39 at half, the Conquistadors pulled away in the second half.

Part of The Bigs' struggles could have come from the absence of inside-man Chip Roth, which forced The Bigs to continue to hunt for shots from the perimeter for much of the game.

In the post-game interview, Mark Hanson had this to say: "We're just gonna take it one game at a time, and hopefully we can come out like this every night."

Coming up next week: coverage of Scadoosh!!! versus Team McCarthy.



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of Feb 3.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(W-L Conference)

1. Alaska Anchorage 7-0
2. Seattle Pacific 6-2
3. Northwest Nazarene 5-2
4. Western Washington 4-2
5. Saint Martin's 4-3

6. Western Oregon 3-4
7. Montana State Billings 3-5
8. Central Washington 0-6
9. Alaska Fairbanks 0-8

THIS WEEK: Thursday - Western Washington at Alaska Anchorage; Seattle Pacific at Alaska Fairbanks; MSU Billings at Western Oregon;

Saint Martin's at Northwest Nazarene. Saturday - Seattle Pacific at Alaska Anchorage; Western Washington at Alaska Fairbanks; West6ern Oregon at Central Washington; MSU Billings at Saint Martin's.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

(W-L Conference)

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7. Saint Martin's 3-4
8. Alaska Fairbanks 2-5
9. Northwest Nazarene 2-6
10. Western Oregon 1-6

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday - Alaska Fairbanks at Alaska Anchorage. Thursday- Seattle Pacific at Central Washington; Northwest Nazarene at Western Washington; Western Oregon at Saint Martin's. Saturday - Alaska Anchorage at MSU Billings; Central Washington at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.; Northwest Nazarene at Seattle Pacific, noon; Saint Martin's at Western Wash.

Relay team sets three new records at Bronco Invite

by ANDREA SCHILLING

The road to nationals doesn't look out of sight for Ashley Puga, Jackie Puga, Jamie Beaty and Elisa Decker, after their distance medley relay finish broke three records Friday night.

At the Bronco Indoor Invitational this past weekend, the relay team broke the venue, school and NCAA Division II records with a time of 11:55.73. The previous record time was 12:13.65.

"These are the same four girls that have run together for over a year and we told them that breaking 12 minutes was the only road to nationals," said coach Ben Gall to NNU Sports Information Center.

"They came into tonight's



L-R: Jamie Beaty, Elisa Decker, Ashley Puga, Jackie Puga. The four women make up the distance meledy relay team (photos from NNU Sports Information).

race with that mentality." Gall said this was the first time NNU has ever held the top national mark in any event.

The finish time can almost ensure the relay team a trip to nationals, being four seconds off from NCAA national provisional automatic qualifying time.

"It's amazing, because that was the main thing, we just really wanted to

make it [to nationals]," said Decker.

"We were jumping up and down and screaming, and we each did exactly what we needed to do which made it that much better."

"It was a pretty impressive performance, but the best part was that only one of them hit a PR in their distance, so there is still plenty of room for improvement,"

said Gall.

The Bronco Invitational held other successes for the Crusaders.

Ashley Puga placed second in the 800m behind UCLA's Krishna Curry, still enabling her with a national automatic time.

Decker came in eighth, making a NCAA provisional time.

"Being able to run with some high caliber athletes

makes it just a great experience," said Puga.

Zach Barclay set records for the Crusaders last weekend as well.

In the weight throw, Barclay hit 56 feet, 10.25 inches, beating his personal record of 54-3.25.

Barclay also placed fourth in the shot put, reaching 48-4.

Laura VonArx placed seventh in the long jump (16-.875) and Luke Hetrick placed 13th in the mile (4:37.99); both saw their season bests.

This weekend track gets back up and running at the Great Northwest Athletic Indoor Championships here in Nampa.

Statistics and other information from NNU Sports Information Center.



Sports Blurbs

PAT SUMMITT

OKLAHOMA CITY
Pat Summitt makes her first bid to become Division I basketball's first coach with 1,000 victories when No. 12 Tennessee takes on No. 2 Oklahoma and All-America center Courtney Paris. The game will be played at the same arena where the Lady Vols clinched their Final Four trip last season.

SUPER BOWL

TAMPA, Fla.
Great Super Bowls are getting to be a habit. Hours after the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 in a riveting finish, commissioner Roger Goodell calls it a "game for the ages."

LOUISVILLE-UCONN

LOUISVILLE, Ky.
Louisville tries to become the first school in 16 years to beat different top-ranked teams in the same season when the No. 5 Cardinals play Connecticut, which was expected to take over the top spot in the poll later Monday. Louisville defeated then-No. 1 Pittsburgh on Jan. 17.

PHELPS-SPONSORS

MILWAUKEE
Michael Phelps doesn't seem to be in much hot water with his sponsors for a photo showing him inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Apparel company Speedo and Swiss watchmaker Omega are among those standing by the Olympic swim great. But experts say further trouble could hurt future endorsements.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MELBOURNE, Australia
Roger Federer had nowhere to hide. Having just lost the Australian Open in five riveting sets to Rafal Nadal, Federer missed his first chance to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles. He was sobbing. He couldn't speak.

FBR OPEN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.
Kenny Perry has a one-stroke lead over Scott Piercy entering the final round of the FBR Open.

Following marijuana picture, Phelps seems to be off the hook

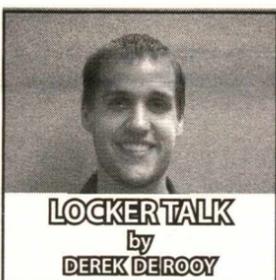
We know that many of them do it, whether it's an illegal drug or some form of enhancement. We know that many of them get away with it, and that the best thing we can often do is to make an example of those caught.

I don't have any beef with Michael Phelps, only those who support, endorse and allow his competition.

Under the still-looming shadow of the Super Bowl, Phelps's news did not make the biggest headlines. But perhaps it should have.

One of the best athletes America has seen, arguably the best of the decade, was exposed in British paper

News of the World. In a picture, Phelps is shown presumably taking a hit



from a marijuana pipe, with the apparent source being a recent party at the University of South Carolina.

Marketing agency Octagon, which works with Phelps, other popular athletes and worldwide

corporations, agreed, of course, that any proof that Phelps used marijuana would be a major taint on his career.

In an effort to quell any conflict and, presumably, the financial hit that comes along with it, Octagon offered News of the World a significant sum of money and a multi-faceted commitment from Phelps.

Phelps has already apologized for his actions: "I engaged in behavior which was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment," Phelps said. "I'm 23 years old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and

inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not happen again."

This sounds eerily similar to the apology Phelps gave us in 2004, after his underage DUI. But I'm not worried about the semantics of his confession.

What worries me more is the course of inaction taken by organizations and corporations who deal with the 23-year-old.

In a time when other athletes are given random drug tests and handed fines, probations and suspensions for their illegal activity, Phelps



Michael Phelps swims in the 400IM (photo from wikimedia commons).

Local couple opens Christian bookstore on Garrity

by JESSICA BOBANGO

I am definitely already beginning to feel the strain of the new semester. "Frantic" is the only word appropriate for explaining the last few weeks.

In fact, since returning from break, I have been running around campus like a mad woman, hustling from meeting to meeting and class to class, fueled on an average of three hours of sleep and at least as many energy drinks.

Assuming that you are going through just as much stress as I—if not more—I am sure you can imagine my relief when I was referred to the haven that is North Star

Books.

Located in the new Garrity Crossing complex, North Star is a bit out of the way but is without a doubt one of those stores in which you feel an immediate change of mood the moment you step foot in the door.

The staff is friendly, the selection of merchandise is vast, and the inviting leather chairs found in the coffee shop area can only be described as a Godsend to a frazzled student like myself.

Owned by NNU alumni Rick Lee and his wife Donelda (Herbaugh) Lee, the store maintains a cozy atmosphere with its use of rich colors and homey set-up, while large enough



The Lees opened North Star Books last summer (photo by Jessica Bobango).

to house a wide range of Christian books and gifts.

The store is also equipped with free WiFi and a full

espresso bar—perfect for anyone looking for a quiet place to study.

The Lees opened the store last summer after Rick left his job of 26 years at Hewlett Packard.

The couple said they felt that God had shown them they were meant for something else.

"God redirected our lives," said Rick Lee.

"We've never, ever had this dream—it was dropped in our laps," said Donelda Lee.

"Ephesians says that He has purposed us ahead of time—we can see this has been purposed in our hearts."

Donelda Lee said that she

and her husband hope that customers will see the store as being more than just another bookstore.

"We want people to be able to come in and browse with their coffee and enjoy a Christian alternative to the mainstream bookstore," said Donelda Lee.

The couple plans to soon begin hosting music nights for local bands, as well as open-mic nights every fourth Friday of the month.

For more information and updates, join the North Star Books group on Facebook. You can also visit the Lee's website at www.northstarbooks.org.

Oscar list's 'Slumdog Millionaire' tells more than just a story



REVIEW

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

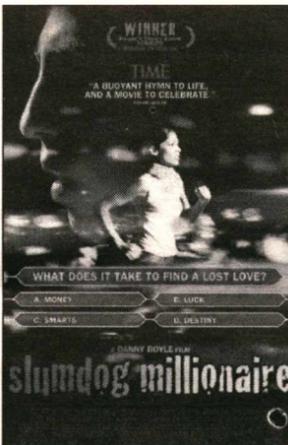
"Slumdog Millionaire," directed by Danny Boyle, is the improbable story of a Mumbai teenager who enters the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" (or "Milon air" as

the host pronounced it).

Accused of cheating on the show the night before his 20 million rupee question, Jamel Malik (Dev Patel) is forced to recount horrific memories of his childhood during a brutal interrogation in order to prove he did know the answers.

The film is up for some nine Academy Awards in this next round of cinematic snobbery called the Oscars, including best picture and best director.

"Slumdog," at its core, is a love story—with a certainty that would make the Beatles proud.



Slumdog Millionaire is up for nine Oscars including Best Motion Picture (photo from wikipedia).

Despite the money and the perfectly tragic past,

love is all Jamel needs, as his devotion to Latika (Freida Pinto) is proven again and again, over three sets of actors depicting the story from childhood to adulthood.

On the peripheral of the love story, however, the movie explores far more interesting content, such as religious violence, child exploitation and (glibly) American thrift.

The most interesting question about the film concerns how Jamel knows the answers. He is, after all, an uneducated orphan.

The question, for which the film provides an

unhelpful answer, relates to the way experiences shape our lives: Jamel's experiences were horrific, but they gave him to the key to his happy ending.

And this film's ending was happy, outrageously so. As I said above, "Slumdog" is improbable.

It celebrates almost every convention I hate to see in movies: among other things it had awkward circumvention of adult content, contrived suspense, and of course an abrupt, 180 degree ending so perfect and concise it could have been concluding any absurd,

Shakespearean comedy (not to compare the Bard with this movie in the slightest).

However, I feel myself inclined to forgive "Slumdog" for its improbability.

Jamel's past was such a horrific parade of everything evil in humanity that if the ending was one millimeter less perfect, audiences would walk away from a tragedy in a world with no justice.

"Slumdog Millionaire" is an engaging film and a clear example of how movies can be used to tell stories.

Birds flock to the Friesen Galleries



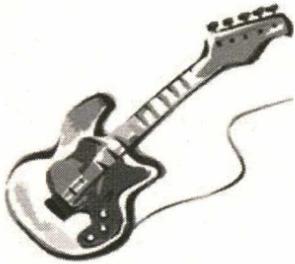
Artist Kirsten Furlong's reception occurred last Thursday in honor of her work, *Twice: Migration*. Inside the gallery, hundreds of paper and felt birds fly from the walls and ceiling (photo by Andrea Schilling).

quoteoftheweek

“ Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. ”

-Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

Fear Before develops new sound in time for spring tour



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Aurora, Colorado's Fear Before brings a heavier sound to progressive rock, while still managing to work in piano and keyboards.

With albums released from 2003 to 2008, Fear Before has covered a lot of musical ground already, maturing from what some might call organized noise to experimental rock with a fuller sound and a steady flow.

From 2004's "Art Damage," when the band was

still known as Fear Before the March of Flames, to 2008's "Fear Before," the growth in vocals, flow and the development of a distinctive sound is evident.

Though "Hey Kid, I'm a Computer, Stop All The Downloading," on "Art Damage," has the qualities of an experimental rock piece, is far too reminiscent of the chaotic tunes of Converge (imagine the Cookie Monster and Elmo in a screaming match with equally frenzied instrumentation) for many listeners to enjoy.

The entire album contains run-of-the-mill metal and scream-o lyrics, awkwardly mixed with sing-along choruses.

The basic concept of the band's sound was present; a meld of metal and progressive rock, singing and screaming; but it was not

yet refined.

"Fear Before" is the creative and technical talent of the band realized. "Treeman" and "I'm Fine," display lyrics and chord progressions akin to Boy's Night Out and a quality to match Fall of Troy.

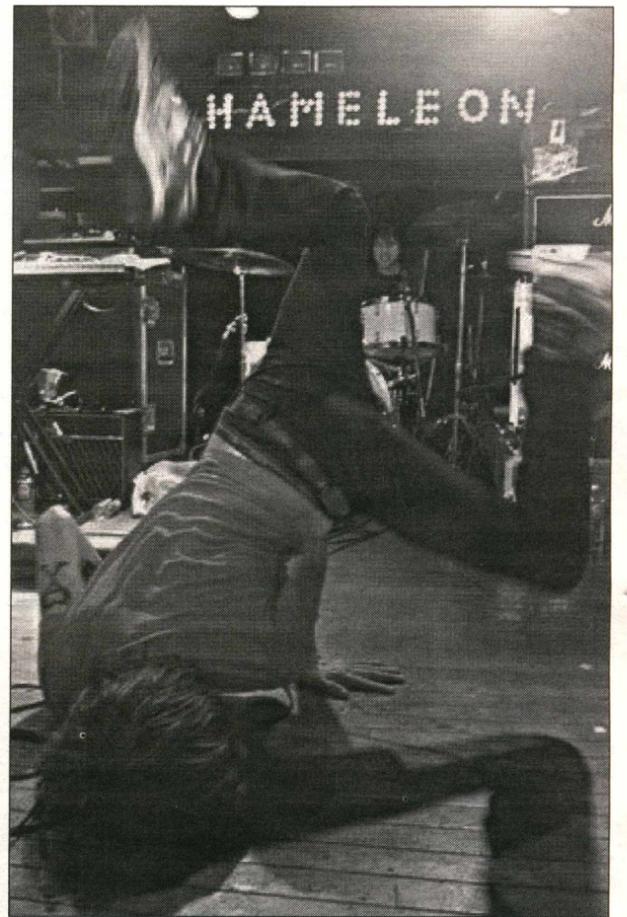
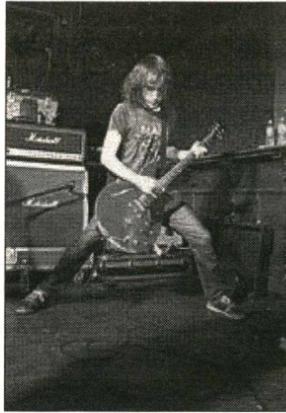
While the influences and sound alike are identifiable, this album separates Fear Before from all the other bands that think they can play metal or experimental music just because they can scream without tearing a vocal chord.

Fans of eclectic metal and experimental rock groups like From Autumn to Ashes ("The After Dinner Payback" on the "Freddy vs. Jason" soundtrack), Blood Brothers ("Crimes") and He is Legend should check out Fear Before.

Current band members include David Michael

Marion (vocals), Adam Fisher (guitars, vocals, programming, piano, percussion), Zachary Hutchings (guitars), Michael Madruga (bass guitar) and Clayton Holyoak (drums, percussion).

The band will be playing at The Venue in Boise on April 10 with Alesana, Drop Dead Gorgeous, I Set My Friends On Fire and Fall From Grace. Other tour dates are available on the band's myspace page.



Fear Before is currently on tour with Alesana. Their tour kicks off this March beginning on the East Coast (photos from myspace.com).

'The Wrestler' compliments Darren Aronofsky's directing talent



REVIEW

by IAN

BAUDER

Once in a while you see a movie where actor and part are so closely entwined that

you come away feeling like no actual acting has taken place.

It's a case where the role so closely resembles the actor that all he has to do is be.

Before seeing Darren Aronofsky's "The Wrestler" (now playing at The Flicks in Boise) I could only come up with one example of this kind of part: Tom Cruise in "Magnolia."

Mickey Rourke's character

of "Randy the Ram" comes at us fully formed. He is a real person.

We might have seen him on the television when we were little and still interested in professional wrestling.

The Ram, as he is called by his colleagues (the closest thing this old man has to friends), is a tired wrestler who used to be the best.

Now he is a faded memory consigned to American Legion Halls and middle

school gymnasiums.

He wants a relationship with his favorite stripper (Marissa Tomei), he just wants a conversation with his daughter (Even Rachael Wood) but all he can do is wrestle.

It's a sad movie about a man who is built for one thing and one thing only. The ring is the only place where he feels at home.

Despite the fact that the constant tanning and

steroids necessary to keep the rock star figure has turned his skin to leather and his heart to mush, he keeps on going.

Despite the fact that all the years of getting thrown down into the mat has made his face flat and expressionless, he keeps on going.

I will issue a warning--this movie contains some graphic violence intended to make the audience squirm.

It also contains a lot of

scenes that feature Marissa Tomei overexposed. Neither of these facts should keep you from seeing this movie.

They do not serve appeal to our lowest nature, they instead serve to offend our highest.

Before seeing this film, I would have hesitantly said Aronofsky is the greatest living American director. Now there is no hesitation.

Third and final Underworld movie won't disappoint fans



REVIEW

by HANNAH BEERS

Fans will eat up the third and final movie in the trilogy of the Underworld series. The story is set in battles that continue to rage between the powerful vampires and the lowly lycans, who have been bred for service. The unlikely crossing of the bloodlines happens when a vampire born to privilege falls in love with a

servant, even more, a lycan. A romance is born. The two must hide their love, but when unforeseen dangers begin to encircle the safehold of the vampires, their love will be tested and tried. In the end, a generational feud will be waged between the privileged vampires and the peasant werewolves.

The movie was not up to par for avid vampire and lycan fans. It failed to meet the long awaited telling of the age-old feud between Lucian (lycan leader) and Viktor (king of the vampires), thus resulting in a blood feud, which would last for generations. The acting was less than Hollywood quality. It wasn't enough to keep the audience interested for

the two-hour performance.

The actors were not given a manageable script to work with--lines were flat and did not draw the audience in. The performance was mediocre. People will be disappointed with the acting, especially because the cast showed much potential. Moviegoers will find it difficult to be drawn into the trilogy.

For the cinema fan in all of us, the unique and innovative shoots will keep you on the edge of your seat thirsting for more. This is the one redeeming quality of the entire film. A packed story of love and family feuds will make the watcher want to go back and see how the story evolves.

CONCERT BOX

THE SLEEPING	2.4.09	@ BOISE VENUE
ARIZONA	2.5.09	@FLYING M
THE INVASION		
ROBERT READMOND		
ALFRED	2.7.09	@FLYING M
ANDREW BIRD	2.24.09	@KNITTING FACTORY
RASCAL FLATTS	2.25.09	@ IDAHO CENTER

Chapel Card comments sure to get Gene Schandorff's attention

By Nick Ratliff



10. John Denver wasn't born in Denver?! My belief structure has been shattered.
9. Could you quiet down a little? I'm trying to sleep.
8. Rather than writing how I feel, I choose interpretive dance. Soccer field. Midnight. Bring popcorn. It'll be magical.
7. I don't have voices in my head. Only beeps. I think R2D2 is trying to tell me to burn things.
6. Who's the hot blonde back in the sound booth?
5. If you're a bishop, then why don't I ever see you move diagonally?
4. Homer's question still stands: Can God microwave a burrito so hot that he cannot pick it up?
3. Some pyrotechnics would really liven this place up.
2. If my calculations are correct, slinky + escalator = fun forever.
1. On a scale of 1 to Abraham Lincoln, chapel is orange.

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Dear Nana Bobango...



Valentine's Day is coming up and once again solitude is my name. Would it be a bad thing to answer a Craig's list personal ad?
-Lonely Maid

Dear Lonely Maid,

Sounds to me like someone has forgotten to pick up a pair of big-girl panties. To want a date merely because you think the holiday approaching demands it is juvenile and—dare I say—a bit sad.

My dear, you don't need a boy. You need a reality check. Once you realize that happiness can be found in places other than open house night at the boys' dorms, you'll be fine.

In love,
Nana Bobango

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to crusader@nnu.edu. Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.

Newsday Crossword

BE PATIENT by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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| ACROSS | 62 Vicinity | 12 Food sample | 38 "Tag" player's cry |
| 1 ___-control (will power) | 63 Toward Europe | 13 Not so hot | 39 Engagement-ring size, perhaps |
| 5 Likely (to) | 64 Overact | 21 More frosty | 44 "Blue" flower of rhyme |
| 10 Bits of hair cream | 65 Change for a \$20 bill | 22 Video recorder, for short | 45 Exist |
| 14 Wicked | DOWN | 24 Bird of prey | 46 Globe shape |
| 15 Yellow citrus fruit | 1 Prefix for final | 25 British cavalry sword | 48 Marsh bird |
| 16 Cincinnati's state | 2 Tied, as a score | 26 Perfect example | 49 Apple center |
| 17 Butte relative | 3 <i>Mona</i> ___ | 27 Minor mistake | 50 Opera solo |
| 18 Get out of bed | 4 Long-legged bird | 28 Deluge | 51 Short sleeps |
| 19 Butterfly catchers | 5 Anticipate | 29 Strongly audible | 52 Package of paper |
| 20 Very soon | 6 TV "encore performance" | 30 More recent | 53 Look ___ (investigate) |
| 22 Brief film role | 7 Leave out | 31 <i>The ___ Mutiny</i> (Bogart film) | 54 Had on |
| 23 Religious image | 8 Odor detector | 32 Perform better than | 55 Prayer ender |
| 24 Beret, for instance | 9 Pt. opposite WSW | 34 Flammable pile | 56 Affirmative votes |
| 25 Register at a hotel | 10 Be charitable | 37 Suffix for kitchen | 58 "That's amazing!" |
| 28 Spanish dance | 11 Throat-clearing sound | | |
| 33 Old saying | | | |
| 34 Prepare ground for planting | | | |
| 35 ___ de Cologne | | | |
| 36 Very soon | | | |
| 40 Brit. flyers | | | |
| 41 Walked on | | | |
| 42 Without interruption | | | |
| 43 Pushed higher | | | |
| 46 Record player | | | |
| 47 Anger | | | |
| 48 Grand-scope film | | | |
| 49 Lake boat | | | |
| 52 Very soon | | | |
| 57 Kind of vaccine | | | |
| 58 Literary category | | | |
| 59 It surrounds the Vatican | | | |
| 60 Ready to harvest | | | |
| 61 Café patron | | | |

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| ACROSS | 60 Picks up the tab | 12 Wheel connector | 40 Hot-dog holders |
| 1 Distribute the cards | 61 Got some shuteye | 13 Wedding-cake layer | 41 Gallery display |
| 5 Old-time oath | 62 Leg joint | 21 Hardly ___ (rarely) | 43 Window coverings with slats |
| 10 "Shoo!" | DOWN | 22 Lends a hand | 44 Inventor's protection |
| 14 Sneaky scheme | 1 "Doggone it!" | 24 Use a vegetable peeler | 46 Soothing ointment |
| 15 Terrycloth garments | 2 Italian coin | 25 Arrested | 47 Move sneakily |
| 16 Ankle-length skirt | 3 Without a guarantee | 26 Residence | 48 High-five sound |
| 17 Opera solo | 4 Accept as a tenant | 27 Gets rid of | 49 British "Bye-bye!" |
| 18 Make amends | 5 Helped with the blackboard | 28 Office note | 50 Church-bell sound |
| 19 Maui or Kauai | 6 Boarded, as a bus | 29 Private's superior, informally | 51 Clothes-pressing appliance |
| 20 Gets rid of | 7 Approximately | 30 Fire-hydrant attachments | 52 Prefix for marketing |
| 22 Take up a hem, perhaps | 8 Fender-bender result | 32 Alternative to suspenders | 53 Sewing-needle feature |
| 23 Major happening | 9 U-turn from NNW | 33 Wiggly swimmer | 55 Bride's new title, often |
| 24 Apple and coconut custard | 10 Said "cheese" | 36 Bench, for one | |
| 25 Squealed (on) | 11 Gets rid of | 39 Sign up for | |
| 28 Reckless run | | | |
| 31 Detest | | | |
| 32 Pub servings | | | |
| 34 ___ Paulo, Brazil | | | |
| 35 Neither's partner | | | |
| 36 Teacher's request | | | |
| 37 Tax-collecting org. | | | |
| 38 Wedding words | | | |
| 39 Dessert in a mold | | | |
| 40 Deputy's shield | | | |
| 42 Fisherman's major purchase | | | |
| 44 Puts through a strainer | | | |
| 45 Thin opening | | | |
| 46 Hardly any | | | |
| 48 Laundry woe | | | |
| 50 Gets rid of | | | |
| 54 Grassy area | | | |
| 55 Free-for-all | | | |
| 56 Creme-filled cookie | | | |
| 57 Just slightly | | | |
| 58 Black bird | | | |
| 59 Breadbasket item | | | |

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