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Inauguration encourages student attendance

by IAN BAUDER

This week marks the inauguration of David Alexander as NNU's twelfth president, and while most of the events surrounding the inauguration are for community leaders and trustees, some will directly involve students.

Thursday night, at 7:00 p.m., the school will be holding the official inauguration ceremony in the Brandt Center. Tiffany Ryan, school representative, said students are "definitely encouraged to attend." It is recommended that any one who wishes to attend the ceremony RSVP on the inauguration website.

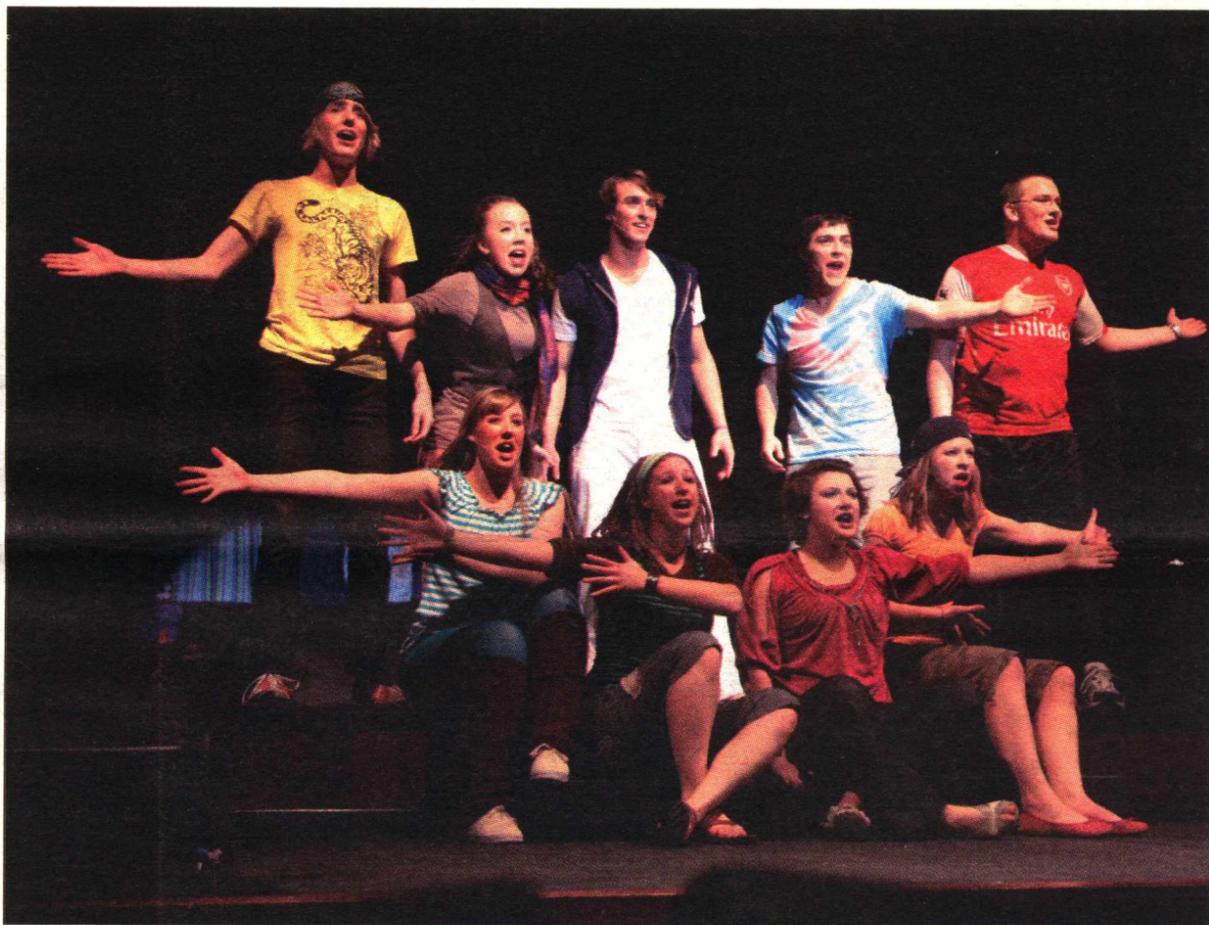
During the ceremony Alexander will be speaking on "renewing the covenant." According to press materials, he will be "casting his vision for NNU and sharing for the first time a number of significant initiatives. He will also "introduce listeners to several items that articulate the cornerstones of the University: the NNU Covenant, and Hallmarks of an NNU Education."

Friday morning Scott Daniels from Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene will be speaking about "seeking his kingdom." There will be a student forum in the Dex after to discuss what was presented in chapel.

English professor Ben Fischer will be running the student forum. Seniors Hannah Beers, Josh Myers and Joel Ryman will be speaking at

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'Godspell' receives standing ovation



The cast of "Godspell" perform in the Brandt Center this weekend. The cast includes Nate Thomas, Karissa Ellingson, Elias Kamplain, Matt Davis, Matthew Miller, Hilary Johnson, Joelle Friesen, Whitney Brown, Toni Bestul and Jarrod Zinn (not pictured). The musical was performed Thursday through Saturday (photo by James Snyder). "Godspell" review can be found on page 10.

SGA executive candidates give final words; encourage voter participation

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Chapel is over, the words have been said and the posters have been taken down—it's SGA Election Day.

With three positions up for grabs and five candidates eager for a spot on the 2009-2010 SGA team, today isn't to be taken lightly.

"I want the position because I have tons of ideas, even right now, and would love to see them implemented," said Katie Thompson. Thompson is running for social vice president.

Thompson said a

particular goal she has for the position is to integrate more of the community with NNU's social events. Thompson said this is an important goal of a Christian school, like NNU, to strive for.

"I loved how this year TWIRP did trick-or-canning. I want to do stuff like that," she said.

"The job isn't hand shakes, smiles and being best friends with everyone," said Andrew McCulley, who is running for executive vice president.

"I want students to get

their money back; with \$80,000 to spend a semester, I want to use that money in a way the students would approve of," said McCulley.

"Students should consider the candidate's ability to think outside the box, their creativity and the ability to perform under pressure, when voting," said Courtney Roberts, who is also running for social vice president.

"I want to get people involved; so many great things happen on campus that people miss out on," said Roberts.

As for Grant Miller, the election race is a little different, as he is running unopposed. He said he is optimistic for the upcoming school year with new goals he has for the campus.

"I want to give all of NNU's student body the opportunity to find their niche and begin establishing new traditions," said Miller.

The candidates are encouraging students to not only vote, but make educated decisions in that process.

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'The Importance of Being Ernest' prepares for April performance with the help from some radio waves.

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Weather

THURSDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 48° | Low: 25°

FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny.

Hi: 52° | Low: 30°

SATURDAY

Chance of rain.

Hi: 50° | Low: 34°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 54° | Low: 32°

MONDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 57° | Low: 32°

TUESDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 59° | Low: 32°

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because it gives every student a voice. It's great that we're all given such an opportunity," said Thompson.

"Vote for the candidate with the most experience; it's a crucial factor," said McCulley. McCulley said students should also pay attention to the candidate's work ethic and discipline.

"Students should look for a candidate that has been dedicated to NNU and has shown true commitment to serve the student body," said Trevan Hauck. Hauck is running for executive vice president. If elected, Hauck said he hopes to get students more educated on the process of senate.

"Senate needs to be publicized to students more so that they can better understand what senate does and how they can get involved," said Hauck. "Most students have no clue that they can come to their senators with their ideas and get a bill sponsored for money."

"I know that I am running unopposed but it is still important that they vote because all candidates must win a majority of the votes cast," said Miller.

Though each candidate comes to the table with different ideals and goals, each are the same in that they feel prepared for the job they are campaigning for.

McCulley said that after being on senate for three years, he knows how the process works.

He also said that during that time he worked on the Ways & Means Committee, where money and budgeting control takes place.

McCulley said he is the vice chair of senate this year.

"By being vice chair, I do Grant [Miller's] job when he's not there," said McCulley. Miller currently serves as executive vice president.

As for Thompson, her experience ranges from high school and her time at

NNU.

"I'm on social board, so I know how it works," she said. Social board, said Thompson, consists of members of the class councils who help the social vice president plan events.

Thompson also said that in high school she was president of the entertainment committee, which planned parties and other student life events.

Roberts said the social vice president position needs a creative mind.

"I am inspired by caterpillars and butterflies; if something that simple can turn into a work of art, so can the events I create," said Roberts.

"[The SGA president position] takes a desire to coordinate multiple positions and keep all of the members of SGA motivated. Also, it takes a lot of time to represent the ASNNU at different events and functions," said Miller. Miller said he



SGA hopefuls Grant Miller, Trevan Hauck, Drew McCulley, Courtney Roberts and Katie Thompson answer questions during Monday night's Q & A in the lobby of Culver Hall (photo by Andrea Schilling)

believes he possesses such qualities.

Hauck said his experience comes from attending every senate meeting since his freshman year.

"I am actively engaged and concerned about how senate spends our money," Hauck said.

Hauck also said his

overall campus involvement makes him a qualified candidate, such as creating the club "Society for a Change." Hauck said he is also the treasurer of Middle Eastern Affairs Club.

"Whether or not I get elected I will continue to serve this school regardless. I couldn't see myself doing

anything else," Hauck said. SGA executive positions will be announced later this evening at senate, which is held in Wordsworth at 8 p.m.

The voting time frame is currently underway for all students, and is done on Blackboard.

SAC provides entertainment for children of alumni during basketball game

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

On Saturday, the Student Alumni Council hosted an alumni appreciation family event for the decades 1990 and 2000.

The event was held in the field house during men's and women's basketball games.

The Student Alumni

Council holds events for every decade of alumni. However, this event included a pizza dinner and games to accommodate the young families of these classes.

Entertainment included a jump house, face painting, basketball and a fish pond.

Alumni were able to attend the basketball game

free of charge and enter into prize drawings. Roughly 300 people came to the event, including parents and children.

About 20 students serve on the Student Alumni Council and supervised the kid's event Saturday night as a service project, said April Mcneiece, associate alumni

director.

Events like these keep the alumni involved in what the current students are doing, said the president of the Student Alumni Council Ann-Jean Pillers.

"It lets them know we support them," she said.

Alumni Relations Office Manager Nikki Bodenstab,

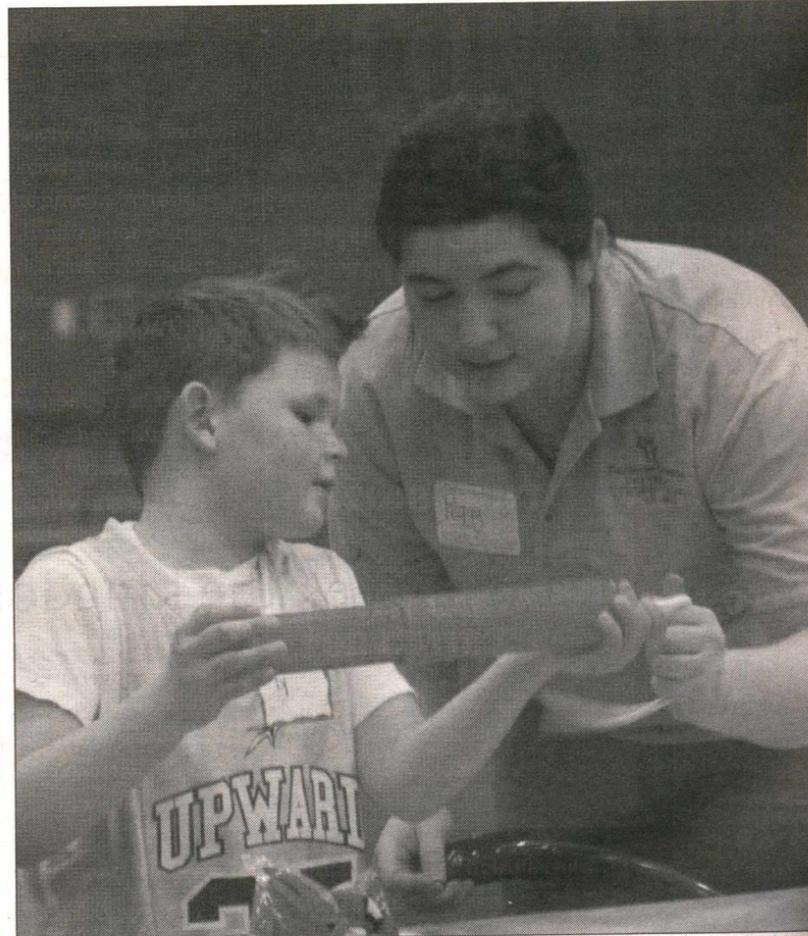
a 2006 alum, said the alumni association is here to facilitate relationship building after graduation.

"These events bring alumni and their families back to campus and keeps them connected with the current students and what is new at NNU," said Bodenstab.

The Student Alumni

Council will soon be accepting applications for next year to replace departing seniors. Once hired, students serve until leaving school.

Pillers encourages everyone to apply, saying the Student Alumni Council keeps both students and alumni connected.



Above: Parents and children work at the arts and crafts station. Right: Peggy Egan helps a child with his art project (photos by Cassie Carlson).

SIFE teaches children about the world and agriculture

by ALLISON HAWN

If you noticed a gigantic potato walking around campus, don't worry, there is nothing funny in the campus water; it was a student dressed up for the annual SIFE event "Idaho and Beyond."

On March 5 the Johnson Sports Center welcomed over 200 fourth graders as they came to learn from SIFE members and student volunteers about various countries and Idaho agriculture.

The children toured different booths and traded fake money for different "goods" that each country had to offer, said Ashley Morman, who was helping lead the project.

For example, the kids who traded the "money" at the booth for France got cheese, the ones who went to Taiwan received mangos and those who went to the booth for Kenya got animal crackers.

The children also listened to 10 to 20 minute

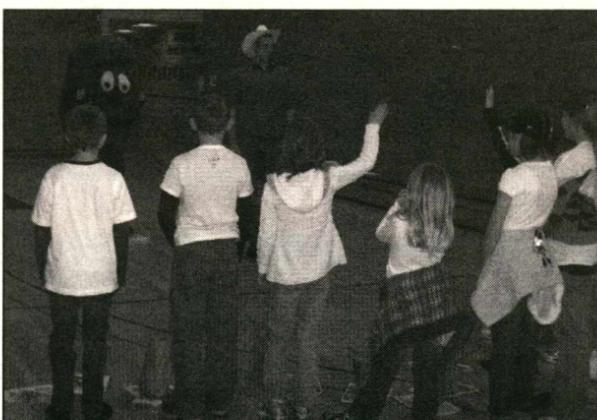
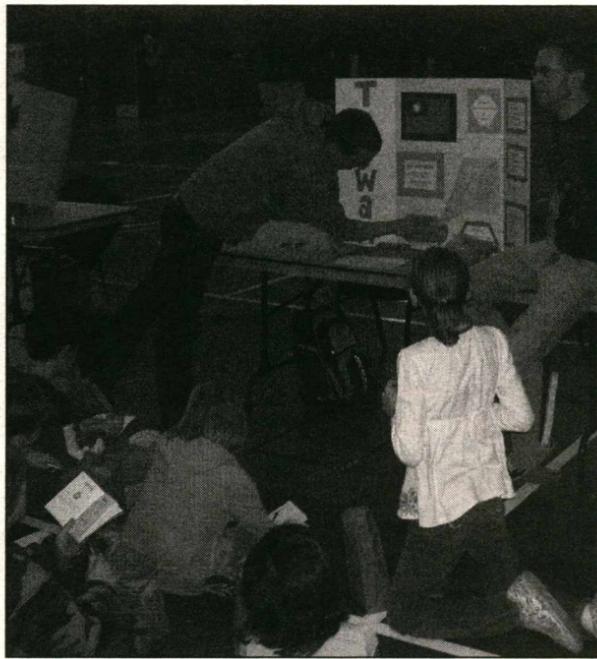
presentations on each of the nations that the booths represented, said Morman.

The kids got to hear about various nations' famous buildings, top grossing products and interesting historical facts. "It gets children thinking about life in other countries and that life is very different," said junior business major Tyler Mostul, who was representing Uganda.

Farmer Frank, actually junior business administration major Frank Borbe, walked around in a cowboy outfit as he taught children about Idaho agriculture. Borbe said that his character was supposed to walk around and teach children things like how to plant seeds.

SIFE hopes to continue this annual event, said Morman.

Freshman Ruthie Hughes, who was helping represent France, said, "This is my first year in SIFE; I think it's a good project, it gives the kids an idea of the world beyond themselves."



Top: Chad Pearsall and Ryan Manley teach students about Taiwan. Above: Frank Borbe talks about Idaho agriculture (photos courtesy of Kate Cochran).

Miller is presumptive SGA Presidential nominee

by IAN BAUDER

Because no one else is officially running for SGA president in this week's elections, Grant Miller has earned the title of presumptive nominee.

Miller said he believes no one else signed up to run for the position because there are so many other cabinet

positions that people would feel "more comfortable" in.

Miller said he decided to run for SGA president because he felt that he had the "experience and the passion necessary to do a good job."

Miller said he enjoys being in leadership, and thought this would be a good opportunity for that.



Miller said he is still working on ideas for next

year, but he is eagerly awaiting input from next year's cabinet, who has yet to be appointed.

"Hopefully the main surge of ideas will come from them," said Miller.

He also wanted to encourage students to sign up for cabinet positions because "there are lots available."

SGA community relations coordinator resigns

by ANDREA SCHILLING

This week SGA Community Relations Coordinator Tony Napier resigned from his position.

Tim Milburn said Napier informed him of the

decision on Monday. Milburn had no further comment concerning Napier's resignation.

No decisions have been made in relation to the future of the position, said SGA President Lacey

Smith.

Smith said meetings concerning the resignation will begin today.

Napier had no comment.



(photo from nnu.edu)

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the forum, as well as alumni Chad Bryan.

"What they'll be doing is responding to that chapel talk," said Fischer. "What does it mean for students to seek the kingdom of God now?"

Fischer said throughout



his conversations with the panel members that he has come to feel as though many students see "college as a parenthesis."

"Once we graduate, then we'll start living, then we'll get down to business. then we'll become active in the

church...but right now, you can still be a part of seeking the kingdom."

Fisher said, after the panelists have spoken, chapel speaker Scott Daniels will respond to what they had to say.



News Blurbs

Pakistan-Cricketers Attacked

LAHORE, Pakistan

A team of heavily armed gunmen, some traveling in rickshaws, ambushed Sri Lanka's national cricket team as it arrives for a match, killing six police guards and wounding seven players. The brazen attack heightens fears that Pakistan is becoming increasingly unstable.

Awash in Oil

NEW YORK

Supertankers that once raced around the world to satisfy an unquenchable thirst for oil are now parked offshore, fully loaded, anchors down. In the United States, vast farms for storing oil are out of room.

As demand for crude has plummeted, the world suddenly finds itself awash in oil that has nowhere to go.

Gagging Patients

CHICAGO

Doctors in several states are asking their patients to effectively agree to a gag order, signing a waiver saying they won't complain about their health care in online reviews.

This aggressive action comes as consumer rating services like Zagat's and Angie's List add doctors to their reviews of restaurants and plumbers.

Mideast-Clinton

JERUSALEM

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton promises to work with the incoming Israeli government, easing tensions ahead of a meeting with the country's hardline prime minister-designate, Benjamin Netanyahu but delivers a clear message that Washington is committed to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Iraq-Combat Diplomacy

DAWR, Iraq

Sheik Sabah Mutasher didn't really trust the American mission to

build a school for his tribe until Col. Walt Piatt showed up in a dusty pickup truck for a courtesy call.

With the end of combat operations fixed for August 2010, commanders will switch to support and training roles and are now sharpening their skills at street-level diplomacy.

Sri Lanka-

Uncertain Future

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

As the government claims it is coming close to winning a quarter-century war with the Tamil Tiger separatists, ordinary Tamils are giving up on their country.

Hundreds of thousands have already left, and others are desperately trying to get abroad.

Cuba-Leadership

Shake-Up

HAVANA

Cuban President Raul Castro's decision to oust powerful officials close to his brother Fidel raises questions both about who will succeed him and how the biggest government shake-up since he took power a year ago will impact U.S.-Cuba relations.

Mob Murders Trial

NEW YORK

The murder trial of a reputed Mafia assassin has become an embarrassment for both the family of late mob boss John Gotti and police, thanks to sensational testimony by the government's star witness.

Murdered By Neighbor

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y.

The murder of a 13-year-old girl has shattered a tightly knit suburban neighborhood on Long Island and attracted national headlines for its viciousness.

Kelly Tinyes was stabbed with a World War I bayonet, strangled, slashed, kicked and sexually mutilated by her killer in 1989.

On Monday, a prosecutor said detectives have uncovered new information that is helping shed more light on the case while putting it back in the public spotlight.

Fantasy literature is meant to be fun

This semester I am enrolled in EN 394, Fantasy Literature. Although the English major in me feels like it's Christmas every time I think about an up-



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

per division class centered on fantasy, a part of me is still troubled by the whole idea.

Fantasy as a genre is generally looked down upon. In fact, I had a teacher in elementary school tell me that fantasy is not even a

genre.

I fully understand much of the contempt aimed at it. Much of fantasy cannot hold a candle to most of the literature we encounter in college.

But worst of all, fantasy seems nerdy and distinctly uncool; those who read it, myself among them, are stereotyped as lonesome, unshowered and inept in the "real world" outside of books.

I am getting this distinct feeling that I am nerdy and uncool more and more as the fantasy literature class has moved into what has become the ostensibly religious text for fantasy readers: JRR Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings."

I walk around with books

I'm reading for my major classes frequently, among them the works of Bronte, Faulkner, Hesse, Shelly and many others besides, and never once have I felt this kind of literary prejudice until now (although I admittedly never really feel un-nerdy).

Fantasy, however, does not deserve this stigma. It will of course, on the whole, never compare to Tolstoy or Dickens, and in no way do I suggest that fantasy be idolized, nor do I demand that it be given any more respect than it already has.

In fact I don't even ask those who mock fantasy to stop criticizing.

I believe that if fantasy has a stigma of inferiority

or uncoolness, it is entirely the fault of its readers and not some inherent flaw of the genre. The fans of the genre take their books too seriously, thinking that they are something to be canonized. And fans accordingly expect fantasy to compare to the epic works of Milton and Shakespeare.

However, fantasy like "The Lord of the Rings" was never meant to be significant. It's meant to be fun.

This is my problem with a class centered on fantasy: will all the assignments and syllabi ruin the enjoyment I get out of reading it? So please, to every reader of fantasy, allow it to be fun again.

Put away the replica One

Hope for our future campus leaders

STAFF EDITORIAL

As this evening the 2009-2010 SGA Executive Cabinet is announced, our hope is that the leadership team can only reach new heights. This hope is not simply a cliché goal without any truth behind it, but rather an attainable desire.

We hope that SGA becomes more open to the student body. Many students haven't the first idea of what our government can do for this campus. For example, how many students are aware that if their club needs funding, they should see a senator or the executive vice president? If next year's SGA can educate the students on what they can do, the all too common election phrase of "voice of the people" can turn into reality.

We also hope that next year's SGA will see their jobs as public service. SGA officers make themselves available by having office hours, but aren't office hours pointless if the doors are closed and the blinds are shut? Allowing students to get comfortable begins by asking students how they want their school run. Perhaps an SGA officer open house event at the beginning of the year, with free pizza of course, would be the perfect ice-breaker for such an idea.

We even hope that SGA will strive to include as many different people on its team as possible. It seems like the same students get involved over and over again. A more democratic ideology of picking the remaining cabinet members is necessary. Many students are capable of being successful at these positions.

Finally, we hope next year's SGA can provide a fresh start. This year's team has had its share of hardships. However, a great sense of encouragement comes from the fact that we can only build off these trials.

As our president, executive vice president and social vice president are elected tonight—and remaining cabinet members soon after—may we look to them with optimism.

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SGA isn't for a crowd, it's for an individual

Today, we have the opportunity to choose our new SGA elected officers.

It is a wonderful opportunity to stand up and say:



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

"this is who I want representing me."

But after they are elected there are still seven more SGA positions—both official and ex-officio.

There are opportunities

for "Oasis" editor, publicity director, student center director, campus ministries coordinator, community relations coordinator, secretary, athletic liaison and business manager—all get the opportunity to serve their community.

It may be intimidating to think of applying for these positions. Perhaps you're thinking: "I'm not in the right crowd to get involved," or "I don't know anyone else on SGA."

Honestly, that doesn't matter.

It doesn't matter who your friends are, or what "group" you're in. It's still

the opportunity to be a servant. The elected officials—no matter who they are—will be looking for willing hearts, people who can work on a team and people that put others before themselves.

It's true that many of these positions require pretty specialized skills, but if you have them—why not go for it? You like making and designing stuff? Go out for publicity director.

You have a passion for the spiritual life on campus? Go for campus ministries coordinator. You love bands and concerts? Student center director might be just what

you need. So much of the time we can whine about how we don't like something at NNU; but how many of us actually do something to change that?

Or we think NNU and SGA have been doing an awesome job—they need quality people to do that.

So, if you're a sophomore or above (sorry freshmen, you'll have to wait another year) consider signing up for an SGA position.

You might be the crucial piece to the SGA puzzle.

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President Alexander discusses reasons for newspaper policy

Editor's note: Last week, the ending paragraphs of this column were mistakenly cut off. We regret the error. Below, the column is printed in its entirety.

I just got home after being on the Ethics Panel hosted by SIFE. It's one of those fun forums where you're presented with hypo-



Guest Opinion
by
DAVID ALEXANDER

thetical scenarios and you have to choose the best action or most ethical alternative in your personal or professional life. No one gets hurt or offended. It's pretend. It's practice for real life.

That is not the case with this column. This isn't a pretend scenario. It's real. How does a Christian university have a student newspaper, committed to truth-telling and information seeking deal with difficult issues?

This newspaper will, on occasion deal with matters that some wish to make public, while others desire for the same matters to remain private. What is news? What is not for the public record?

This is the conundrum that members of The Crusader staff find themselves in as they have been informed that an administrative decision has been made that may sometimes affect what they are at liberty to report. This is real. I know, because I have made that decision.

At my request, members of the administration and the faculty have crafted a policy to create necessary and proper guidelines for

The Crusader in matters dealing with members of the campus community. The policy reads as follows:

"The Northwest Nazarene University student newspaper shall reflect the institution's commitment to extend grace, nurture transformation, foster growth and encourage restoration.

Consequently, the student newspaper shall refrain from publishing content dealing with students, faculty and staff who are involved in discipline-related issues, with the exception of matters that have been previously discussed in the media.

This policy does not supersede any restrictions imposed by pending litigation, gag orders or other legal issues."

This is now our policy and it illustrates the tension between two "hallmarks of an NNU education," first, "an NNU education shapes students through in-depth

knowledge, understanding and training in a chosen field."

Second, "an NNU education will seek to establish the Kingdom of God in this world while anticipating the next." Two priorities are here: a) learning and doing journalism; b) being citizens in the Kingdom of God. When these two concepts are in tension or conflict, which one prevails?

In approving this policy I have chosen to direct us toward restraint in telling stories about our faults, sins and shortcomings.

I have not chosen to be broadly restrictive; I want us to explore a variety of topics, news and interests; we have focused on disciplinary matters.

I expect that the aspiring journalists on The Crusader staff will cite their right to freedom of the press, and rightly so.

However, I believe that each and every newspaper in

America reflects the nature, opinions and leanings of its owner/publisher. NNU is no exception.

We expect The Crusader to inform us, make us think and cause us to consider that which we might otherwise have not been aware of. What I don't think we expect is for our newspaper to make private matters public. We want to live, learn and work in a culture where grace is extended.

This is the heart of the second great commandment: to love our neighbors as ourselves. What does that mean? It means I extend the same care, forgiveness, hope and grace to others as I do to myself.

I don't seek to know the worst about my colleagues or classmates; rather, I afford them the privacy that fosters forgiveness and restoration.

If someone chooses to confess their situation, that should be in the circle they

choose, rather than a public forum.

I am proud of The Crusader. It is a very fine student newspaper. I am proud of its staff and the overall caliber of its coverage and content.

I look forward to reading reactions to this policy and hearing engaging criticism of the policy and its implications. Yet as I anticipate this dialogue, I also hear the words of Paul, who guides us with these words, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Phil. 4: 8).

These are Kingdom words and the spirit of the Kingdom prevails as we extend love to each other.

Why you think the newspaper is mean The work of the journalist is redemptive

For those of you keeping score, this is the third in a series of columns I have written "On Journalism," a



On Journalism
by
LUCAS ROEBUCK

defense of journalism best practices and why Christians should practice open, free journalism.

As I end this series, I need to cover ground in two directions.

First, I wanted to offer a specific defense for the Christian ethos of the students who work on this paper.

Second, I wanted to make a brief case that journalism is essentially a redemptive practice.

I would be less than truthful if I didn't inform you that these columns were a response to what I perceive as a widespread negative NNU community reaction to situations over the past year and a half where The Crusader was ethically compelled to

report on "negative" news.

Both of the editors who have served under my advisorship, Amber Ford and Aimee Niles, are mature, committed Christians who worked hard to not only create journalism that was high quality, but also journalism that edified our community in a way that was mindful of the Christ-like worldview the university espouses.

Some have questioned their effectiveness in this task, but I vouch for the purity of their motives.

Both editors drew all sorts of criticism, some of it fair, much of it not. Being a newspaper editor is a thankless job; the consensus opinion of your newspaper is built around the one or two stories a year that deal with hard, yet legitimate issues.

People seem to forget the scores of positive stories about missions groups and clubs, faculty successes, outstanding students and numerous other uplifting things.

I find critics who allege the newspaper focuses on negative things — themselves just focusing on a small percentage of negative stories — an ironic

phenomenon.

Of course, journalists shouldn't complain about being unable to win popularity contests; they know what they are getting into when they agree to be a newspaper editor or put their name on the byline of a story.

However, I do challenge those who would pass judgment on the legitimate exercise of best practice journalism as being wrong or sinful.

Our president and I have a disagreement about what is appropriate for Christians to print. This is fine. Christians have all sorts of disagreements: the dunk versus the sprinkle, Calvin versus Arminius, wine versus grape juice.

I know the president is operating in good faith — in our new "no discipline stories" policy, he is seeking the Kingdom to the best of his ability. Thus, I am seeking the Kingdom by submitting to his authority, though I diverge on his understanding of how a Christian journalist should operate.

I suspect that many students, faculty and staff feel that the journalism that has been done by this

newspaper, particularly that which has covered bad choices by our students, has not been done in good faith. This is not true. In journalism, like most of our Christian walk, what matters most is the condition of our hearts. If Aimee or Amber had run a story out of malice, even if it was completely legitimate, well-written and journalistically sound, then I can say with confidence they are outside the will of God.

However, if they ran the same story verbatim, completely legitimate, well-written and journalistically sound, because of a desire to do what is right, then I think that is a Godly practice.

Which brings me to my final point: when done with a proper heart and observing best practices, journalism is fundamentally a redemptive agent.

In his 2004 speech delivered to the World Journalism Institute of King's College, Bryan Chapell, president and professor of practical theology at Covenant Theological Seminary (and former journalist) outlined how and why a Christian's work in mainstream journalism must be

redemptive.

"It is not enough that a story is true, or even that you can prove it is true. Christians are biblically obligated to report what will edify.

This means that, in addition to being careful about judging the motives of others, Christian journalists must also consider their own motives when assessing the appropriateness of a news report. Secular journalists must consider whether there is a compelling public interest for their story.

Christian journalists are under the further obligation (as are all believers) to consider how their work fulfills their calling of redeeming creation for the glory of the Savior.

"I recognize that saying journalism should be edifying is a little like saying Tabasco sauce should be sweet. When our society's journalistic tastes are accustomed to spice, we do not relish news that fails to burn somebody. I still want to affirm that for secular and Christian journalists the purpose of news is to expose to view what must be known to protect the public interest.

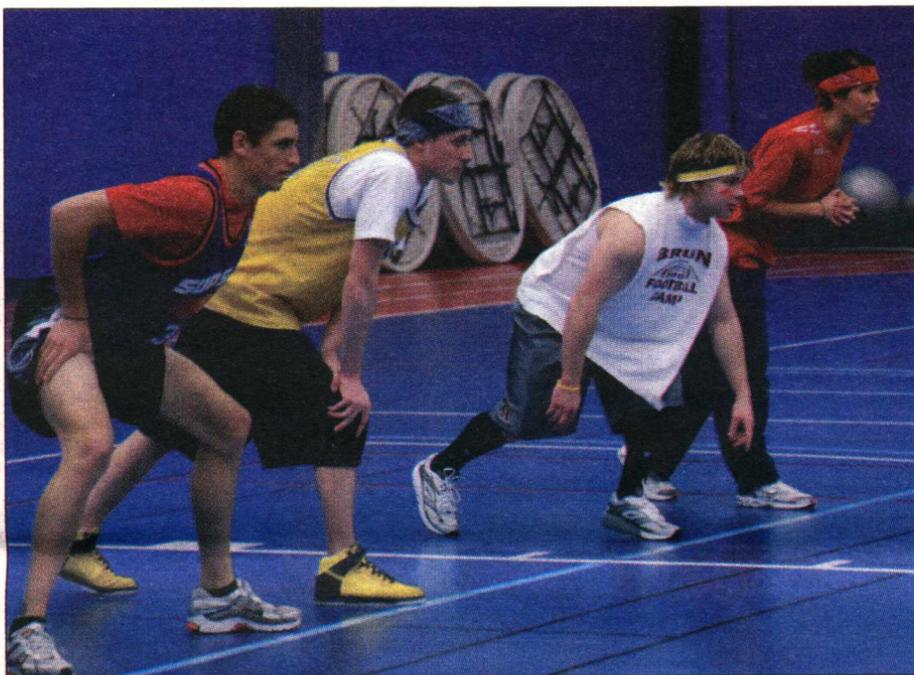
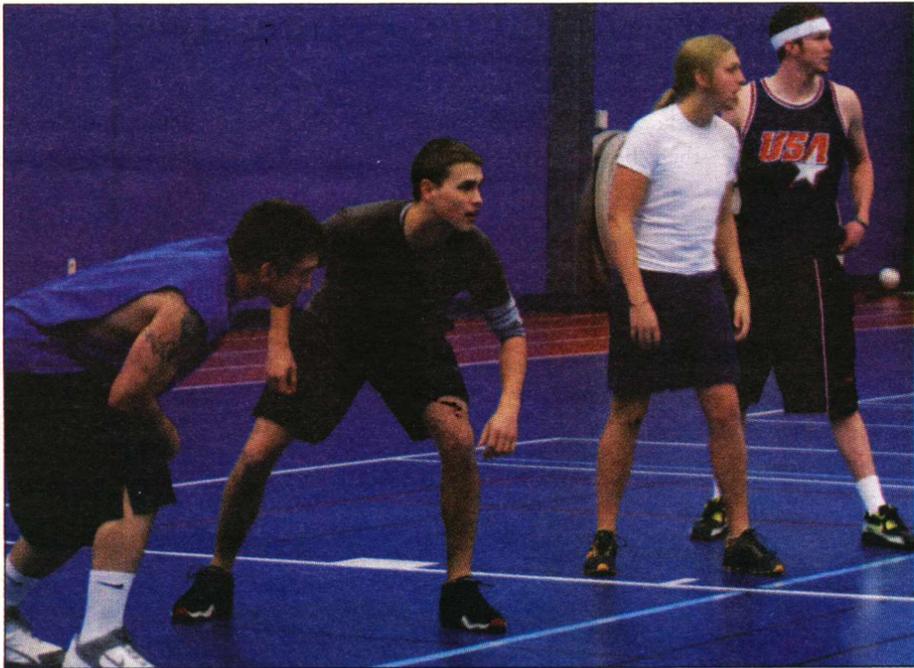
By publishing reports of wrongdoing a free press in a democratic society keeps in check those who would abuse their power or freedoms. This understanding of the purpose of a free press, however, does not annul the requirement for edification, but rather underscores it." (Emphasis mine.)

I add to what Chapell says, in saying that part of the redemptive process is to bring the truth into the light. Grace follows truth, thus without truth, there is no grace.

Of course, which truths need to be brought into light in a community forum like The Crusader is up for debate, like so many other issues of our faith. Seeking to answer these questions is an important part of our Christian walk.

For those who are interested in discussing these columns and other issues of Christian journalism, I have created a blog to continue the dialogue. Visit <http://christianityandjournalism.blogspot.com/>

Rainbow Warriors win dodgeball tournament, raise money for Make-a-Wish



Top: Brian Barkdoll, Andrew Sneed, Kendall Gielow and Dylan Theis celebrate during the SAAC Dodgeball Tournament. Left: Kyle Gray, Steven Stark, Derek Sepe and Jaclyn Puga ready for a match. Above: Johnathan Cossel, Josh Brendible, Josh Ponczoch and Lander Grow wait for the whistle (photos by Cassie Carlson).

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU students played in the annual dodgeball tournament put on by the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Eight teams competed in the double elimination tournament on Friday night, and the Rainbow

Warriors competed against Balls in the championship game on Saturday night. Rainbow Warriors won the tournament.

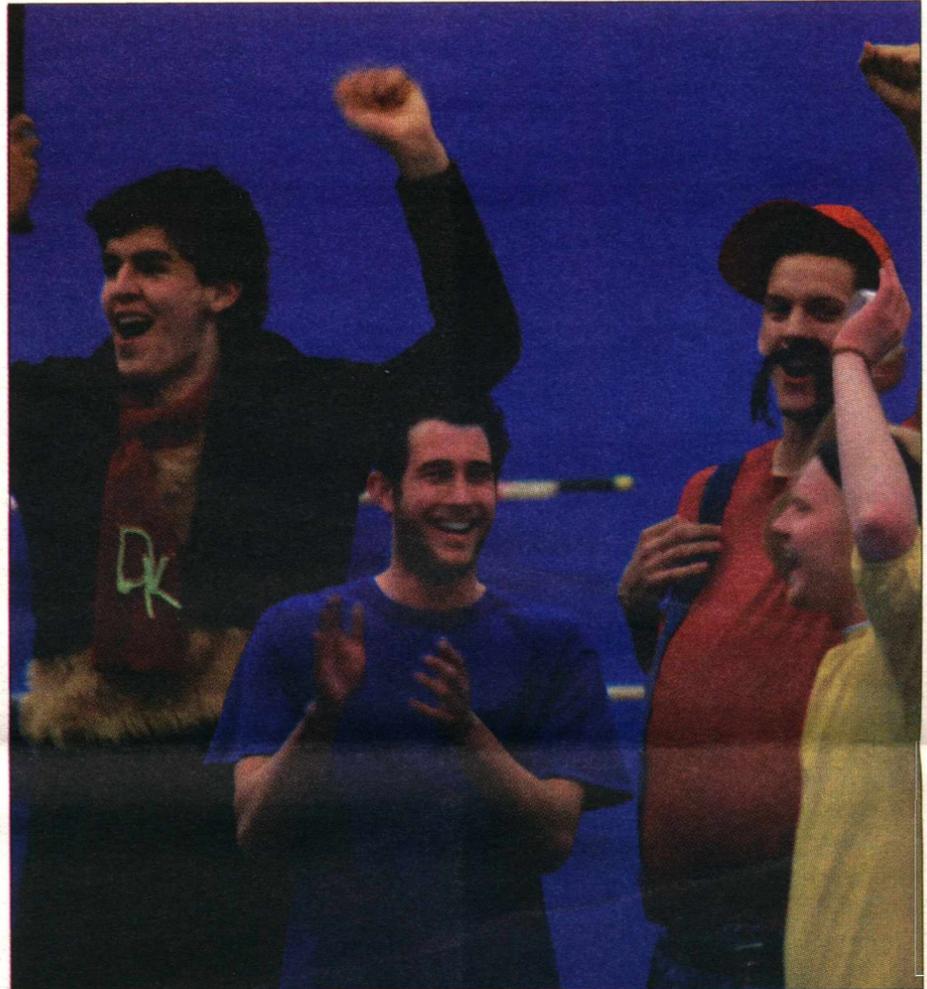
There was also a competition among the teams for best theme.

Themes included golf, soccer, crayons, gangster and nerds, said Vanessa Shaw, president of SAAC. The Super Smash Brothers

team won the theme contest with their video game characters theme.

SAAC raised additional money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation with their donation tables in the Johnson Sports Center during the men's and women's basketball games Saturday night.

Shaw said SAAC raised \$500 through the dodgeball event, meeting its goal.



English professor finds new home at NNU

by ALLISON HAWN

Moving and starting anew can be a daunting process, especially when you have to move to an entirely new state to meet new coworkers and students.

First year professor Benjamin Fischer has done just that.

Fischer, who teaches linguistics, 20th century drama and English composition here at NNU holds a degree from Emory University in both English and history.

Fischer has lived in a variety of places, having been born in Tennessee, Indiana and in England, where he took classes at Oxford University.

He received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame. He worked,



for a time, as a resident director for a dormitory at Bethel College in Indiana.

Some of the challenges that he has faced in moving to this new state are figuring out the culture of the Northwest, not working directly from home and determining what level to aim for and expect from students.

"I'm really pleased with

the students; they have exceeded my expectations," said Fischer.

Fischer moved here with his wife, Brooke, and his baby daughter Ruthanne.

Fischer listed many reasons for choosing to work at NNU; among them are the beautiful geography of Idaho, the great faculty and the students.

"When I came to interview I knew I would come here. I've never felt God direct a decision so strongly," said Fischer.

Fischer said that he is enjoying getting to teach classes that he's always wanted to teach, getting to know the students and developing friendships with other faculty members.

NNU Idol kicks off after timeout tonight in the Perk

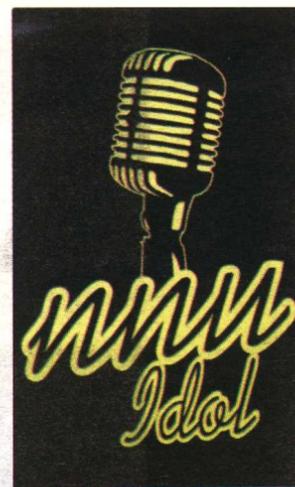
Judges include NNU's own Paula, Randy and Simon

by RACHAEL FINCH

If you have ever been watching American Idol and thought, "Gee, I wish I could be verbally abused by Simon Cowell and undeservingly praised by Paula Abdul," then today is your lucky day, because NNU Idol is in the Perk tonight at 10 p.m.

"NNU Idol is NNU's version of American Idol. Students sing songs karaoke style and three judges rate them on how well they sing," said Adam Lyon, student center director.

"There will be a mock Randy, mock Paula and a mock Simon."



(poster by Kelly Sandlin)

This is not a walk-in performance event.

Contestants have signed up in advance to insure a planned program, said Lyon.

There is no entry fee for

contestants and no cover charge to watch the show.

"There are three separate categories the contestants can 'win.' There's 'Best in Show,' 'Crowd Favorite' and the 'William Hung Award.' A lot of pride can be won, and maybe some gift certificates too," said Lyon.

Lyon said judges for the event are admissions counselor Carly Peck, senior Dax Wandling and Holly Resident Director Bill Abel.

Lyon said the hosts for the evening are Joel Ryman and Adam Shildmyer on the men's basketball team.

Middle East study abroad program student based near Cairo explosion

Alex Corn experiences homestay, language barriers and new dining style

by JESSICA BOBANGO

While many of us could only imagine the effects of the Khan el-Khalili Market bombing that occurred in Cairo February 22, which wounded 21 people and killed a teenager, NNU's own Alex Corn was almost too close to the action for comfort.

Corn, who is based in Cairo while participating in the Middle East Studies Program through the

CCCU's Best Semester program, said that many members of his group, including himself, were in the exact area where the blast occurred just 24 hours before it happened.

Fortunately, none of his group members were around the large tourist spot during the explosion.

"It just so happened," said Corn, "that all the guys of the program were having a party, while the girls were having a party

of their own...we were all accounted for very quickly and there was never any question of the possibility that one of our own was downtown near the blast."

Corn said little has changed since the bombing, although the students have been encouraged to stay away from high tourist areas until the State Department says they are safe again.

Apart from the marketplace incident, Corn's experience in Egypt

has been pretty low key.

Corn said the best encounter he's had so far was homestay week, where he got to enjoy watching Egyptian family dynamics.

"I was blessed with a family that knew absolutely no English," said Corn. "Although my Arabic improved greatly over the week, communicating largely with pantomime grew a bit frustrating. However, it was nice to receive utter congratulations

when forming the simplest of Arabic phrases."

Corn said he also appreciated the communal meals in which food was eaten from a central dish, rather than being served to separate plates.

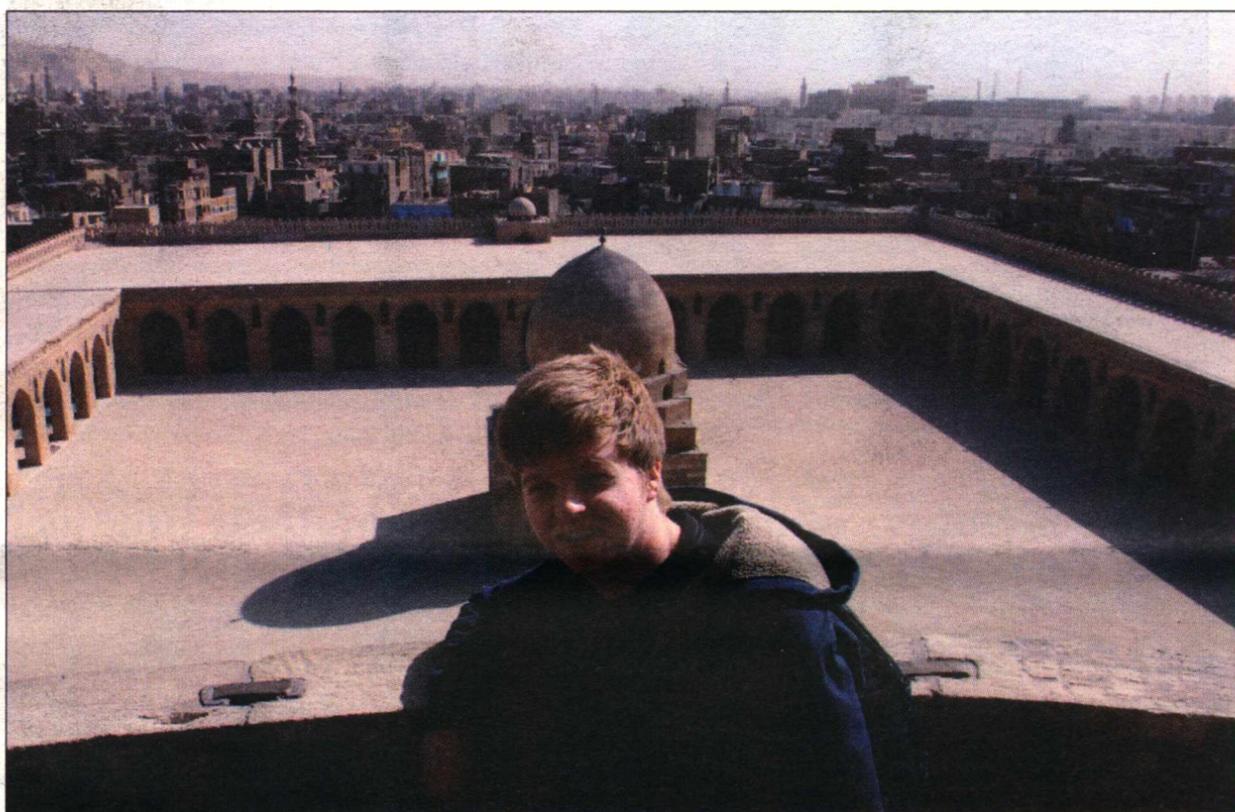
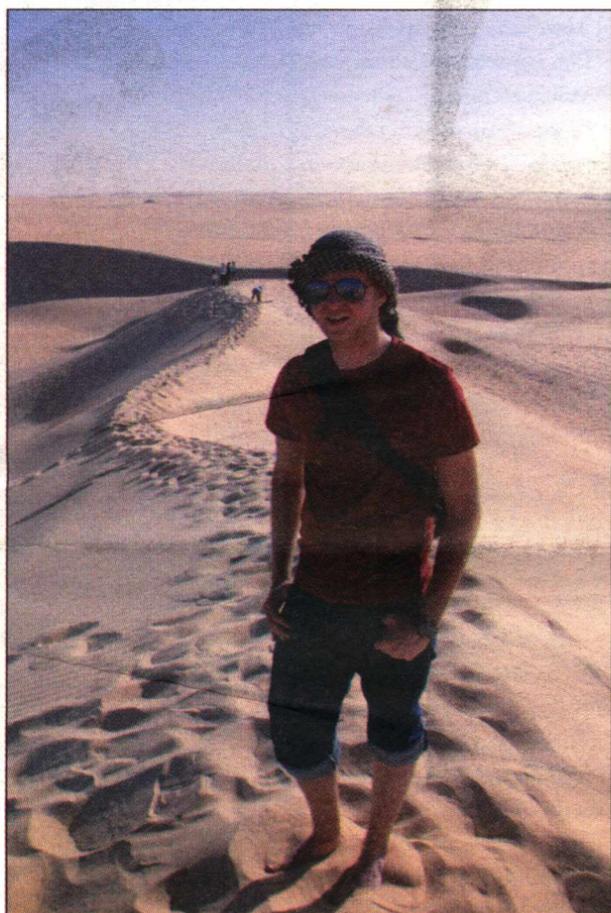
"I would love to see this implemented in the Dex," said Corn.

As for school, Corn said he is taking classes in Arabic, Islamic thought and practice, people and cultures of the Middle East

and conflict and change in the Middle East.

Corn said his Arabic and Islam courses are relatively consistently lecture classes, while the other two are "quite sporadic and composed of hearing from guest speakers, outside readings and other experiences."

Corn said that soon his group will begin their travel component and will be spending time in Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Israel and Palestine.



Left: Alex Corn, studying abroad in Cairo, climbs dunes in the Great Sand Sea near Siwa. Above: Corn is taking in all the sights while in Cairo, including this minaret overlooking the Mosque of Ahmed ibn Tulun (photos courtesy of Alex Corn).

SGA awareness week focuses on homelessness



Last week students were given a chance to learn about homelessness as part of SGA Awareness Week. The week had speakers, the Dex turned into a soup kitchen, there was a sock and underwear drive and the opportunity for students to sleep outside (photo by Cassie Carlson).

Student Life Events

Wednesday, March 11
 Board of Trustees meeting
 SGA Elections (Blackboard)
 PHE Applications available
 8 p.m.- Senate (Wordsworth)
 9 p.m.- Time-out (SLH)
 10 p.m.- NNU Idol (Perk)

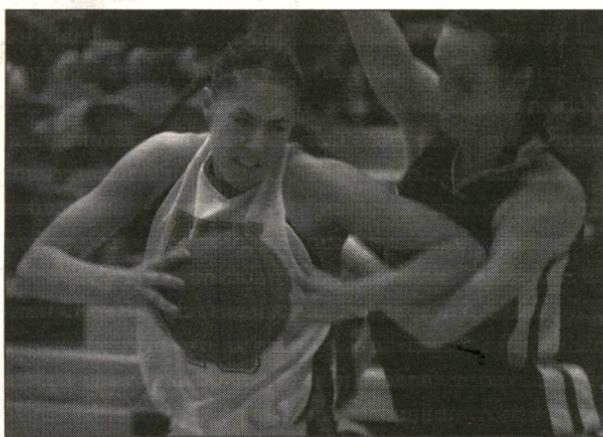
Thursday, March 12
 Board of Trustees meeting
 SGA Cabinet signups end
 9-11 p.m.- Brickhouse

Friday, March 13
 Board of Trustees meeting

Monday, March 16
 Last day to add a Quad 2 class

Tuesday, March 17
 11 a.m.- Advising meetings

Women will head to national tourney despite loss to SPU



Top: Kristin Hein fights for an offensive rebound. Above: Jen Williams drives the ball to the hoop (photos by Andrea Schilling).

by IAN BAUDER

The Lady Crusaders had their first home loss of the season on Saturday, a 72-68 setback in the final regular season game for both teams. NNU will finish the year 18-9 overall, 11-5 in GNAC play, and 11-1 at home.

Lindsay Brady led the Crusaders with 16 points and was joined in double figures by Janee Olds with 11 and Brittney Roggenkamp and Jennifer Williams with 10.

Kelsey Burns led all scorers with 21, 17 of which were in the first half, and Daesha Henderson scored 15. Megan Hoisington added 13 points and 6 rebounds, while Nyasha Sims scored 13 points with 4 out of 5 shooting from the three point line. Coming into the game, Sims had a record of just 2 out of 15 on the season from

beyond the arc.

The Crusaders out-rebounded the Falcons 36-35, and shot 21-for-26 from the free throw line, but were held to just 36.2-percent (21-58) shooting from the field. SPU hit on 9 out of 18 three pointers and finished at 48.3-percent (28-58) from the floor.

Several players cited the loss of senior point-guard Mallory Whipple as a major hinderance during the game. "She plays such a huge role in keeping us together that losing her early in the game really hurt," said Roggenkamp. "But under the rough circumstances, I still think we played relatively well and people stepped up."

Despite the loss, the team will make their fourth NCAA Division II National Basketball Tournament appearance next weekend in Seattle,

earning the 7th-seed in the West Region as announced tonight by the NCAA office in Indianapolis.

Team members are confident about their odds for the tournament. "I see us being very competitive in the tournament," said Brady. "We have great leadership, team chemistry and heart."

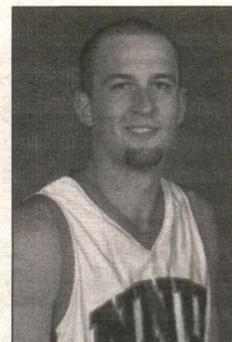
"If everyone comes into the post season with the attitude that we are the better team, we will do great in the tournament," said Roggenkamp. "It's all mental now."

The 7th-seeded Crusaders will face the 2nd-seeded Seawolves from the University of Alaska Anchorage at 2:30 p.m. PT on March 13 at Royal Brougham Pavilion on the Seattle Pacific University campus.

Statistics from NNU Sports Information.

PLAYER PROFILE

Tyler Roberts



Sport:
Basketball

Position:
Point guard

Class:
Junior

Major:
Psychology

Occupational goal:
"Work in the juvenile court system or high school."

Hometown:
Albany, Oregon

Favorite food:
My homemade steak fajitas

What animal best describes you and why?
"Pretty much any pack animal because I try not to stand out in a crowd."

Favorite movie:
"Lucky Number Slevin"

What is one album everyone should own?
"Dark Side of the Moon"

Dream car:
1995 Lexus LX 450

Favorite team memory:
"From this year, it would definitely be sweeping Alaska Anchorage."

A quote you live by:
"You should never ever doubt what nobody is sure about."
-Willy Wonka

Favorite ice cream:
Dave Matthews Band
Magic Brownies

If you could take any NNU professor on the road to an away game, who would it be?
"Dr. Emerson because he is a loyal supporter."

Senior members of men's team reflect on their time as NNU athletes

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

They came, they fought, they got some bruises along the way, and they conquered.

NNU men's basketball team said farewell to the season at their final game on Saturday against Montana State University-Billings.

The fans were packed in the gym and everyone was pumped to finish out the season strong, but the team fell 71-66.

"The seniors really gave us their all tonight and throughout the season," said coach Tim Hills.

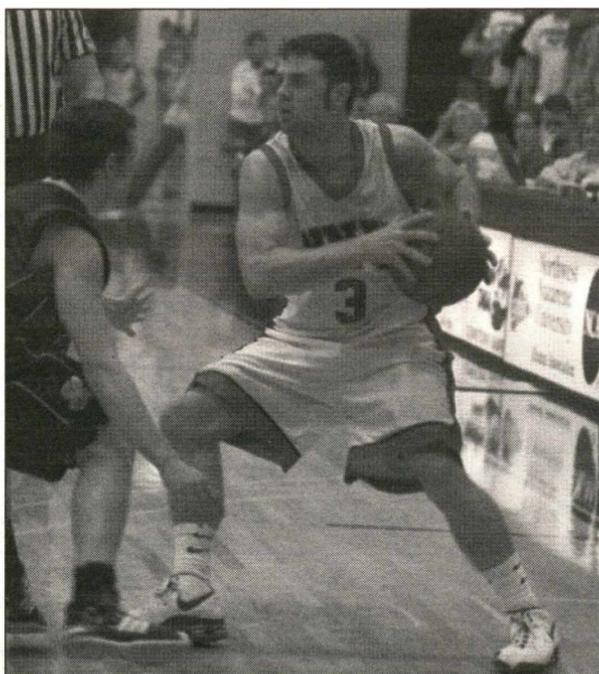
"I appreciate their efforts and look forward to the future with our returnees and the new players that will join our program next season."

Overall the boys finished the season with 14-13 and 5-11 in conference play.

"Even though it was a tough season, we could have folded, but we didn't. We stuck together and competed every day," said Brian Barkdoll.

As a team, the boys really bonded together. Even though they didn't reach nationals, which senior Adam Shildmyer said was disappointing; there are still the ties that go deeper than a win or loss on the court.

"I am so proud to be a part of a team [of players] that never hung their heads, never gave up hope and continued to fight through adversity all year long," said Shildmyer, "There are hundreds of teams throughout the nation that would have



Joel Ryman looks for an open pass last weekend in the men's final match against MSU-Billings (photo from NNU Sports Information).

just thrown in the towel and gone their separate ways, but we've competed hard until the very end."

Though the seniors have played their last collegiate game, they still keep their heads high as they look

toward their future.

"I will be graduating this year so it's the end of the road for now," said senior Joel Ryman. "It definitely hasn't hit me yet that this is it; my last game was today, but I'm sure it will hit me in a couple of weeks and then I will admit myself into a psychiatric ward or something."

Shildmyer said: "Basketball has blessed all of us with the opportunity to have a platform with which we can be vocal leaders at NNU and I have met so many amazing people because of it. The game has taught me patience, diligence, confidence, and most of all what it means to approach something with heart."



Sports Box

GNAC Final Standings as of March 10

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

1. Alaska Anchorage 14-2
2. Seattle Pacific 14-2
3. Northwest Nazarene 11-5
4. Western Washington 11-5
5. MSU Billings 8-8
6. Saint Martin's 7-9

7. Central Washington 4-12
8. Western Oregon 3-12
9. Alaska Fairbanks 0-16

MEN'S BASKETBALL (W-L Conference)

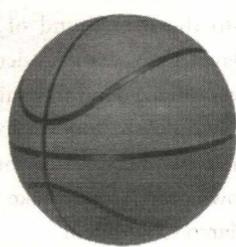
1. Western Washington 13-3
2. Central Washington 12-4
3. Seattle Pacific 11-5
4. Saint Martin's 10-6

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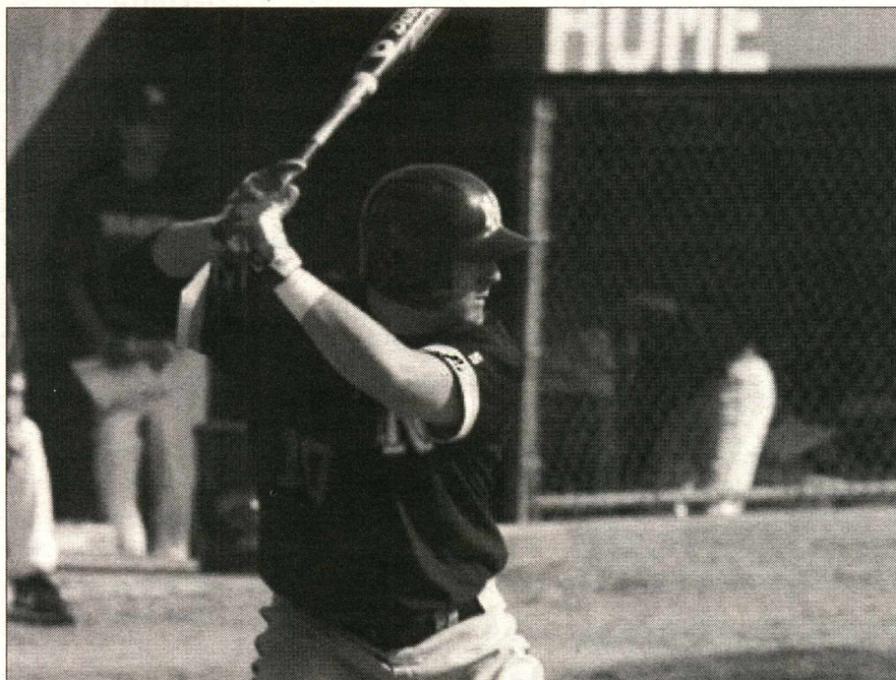


BASEBALL 0-4

SOFTBALL 2-6



Baseball season opens in full swing



NNU junior Joel Oliver goes to bat for the Crusaders this season (courtesy of NNU Sports Information).

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Baseball season is underway and the season is affecting more than just its players. With the baseball tradition of traveling, often for a week at a time, to places such as California, the players have been holding many after-class

discussions with their professors concerning their absences from class. But the sacrifice of missing lectures is worth the experience for these young players.

"It is a huge privilege to be a college athlete. Not many people can say that they played college baseball, let alone any college

sport, so I feel proud that I have the ability to play college baseball," said sophomore pitcher Logan Sevier, from Spokane, Wash.

So far NNU baseball stands with a 6-5 record overall and shows no sign of lagging behind. When the team left for California, a 16-hour bus ride each

way, they were worried about suffering a disadvantage due to their hometown rainy weather and not being able to play outside. They played mostly in Seaside and in Redding. Schools they competed against were Cal State Monterey Bay, where they suffered a loss, Simpson University and Lewis Clark University where they walked out with a couple wins. The trip not only had NNU come out on top with the most wins, but also brought the team together, said Sevier.

"I feel that we really came together as a team and played very well. There were a few games where we had to come from behind or just get a couple runs to stay on top of the other team, and somehow we just did it, and came away from California with six wins and one loss," said Sevier.

Baseball seems to also be an escape for the players when the stresses of school get them down.

"I can go to practice, and play baseball, [which is]

something that I have been doing my whole life, and that I really love doing, and just forget about school and everything that I need to do, because baseball is the most important thing at the time," said Sevier.

Senior Brian Fields said: "Baseball has always been my life, so school helps me strive and be successful for when I am no longer playing and looking for a job, and in order to play baseball you have to have good grades so it helps me to keep my grades up and do what I have to do."

This past weekend the team played against Montana State University on Friday and Saturday. The team fell 11-4 and 4-2 on Friday evening. On Saturday MSU dominated again, beating the Crusaders 6-4 and 4-1.

The team will be challenging Western Oregon University at home on March 20 at 2 p.m. and March 21 at 1 p.m.

AP Sports Blurbs

RODRIGUEZ SURGERY

TAMPA, Fla. Alex Rodriguez has hip surgery in Colorado — an 80-minute operation that goes as planned — and the projected timetable for his return remains six to nine weeks. The Yankees third baseman will have more extensive surgery in the fall.

GONZAGA

LAS VEGAS No. 14 Gonzaga plays Saint Mary's in the West Coast Conference tournament final, a showdown between the top two seeds with the winner getting an automatic NCAA bid. Gonzaga has won 15 straight against league opponents and has captured eight of the last 10 WCC tournament titles.

IN THE PITS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. This was supposed to be Mark Martin's best shot at a championship. Instead, two motors and a tire failed him the past three weeks, leaving the Hendrick Motorsports driver 34th in the Sprint Cup Series standings.

BECKHAM

LOS ANGELES David Beckham is coming back to the Galaxy in July. The English midfielder will remain on loan to AC Milan through the end of the Italian team's season, which ends May 31. It's going to cost Beckham and his Italian club for him to be overseas.

NASCAR

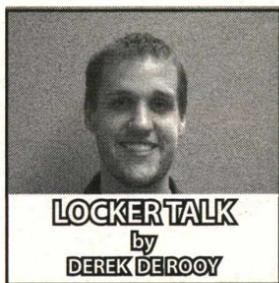
HAMPTON, Ga. Feeling like a rookie, 50-year-old Mark Martin looks to bounce back from two straight weeks of mechanical problems when he drives from the pole at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The race undoubtedly will come down to which driver does the best job handling a lack of grip from the tires.

DAVIS CUP

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Andy Roddick will try to send the United States into the next round of the Davis Cup with a victory over Switzerland's Stanislas Wawrinka. If Roddick loses, the first-round series comes down to James Blake vs. Marco Chiudinelli.

MVP debate rages: who will come out on top?

Few basketball players have helped their team to a four or five-seed with so little to work with. But Dwayne Wade's string of lay-ins, baseline drives and



LOCKERTALK
by
DEREK DEROOY

a suddenly falling 3-point shot are holding Miami steady as the playoffs draw near.

Wade for MVP? It's impossible to argue that the Miami Heat would be a playoff team without him. More likely, they'd return to last season's sluggish ways, when a hobbled Wade and a bunch of nobodies sulked to a 15-67 record.

But how good would Cleveland be without LeBron James? A playoff team, perhaps, but not a contender. How about New Orleans? Chris Paul would be sorely missed, especially in the more competitive

Western Conference.

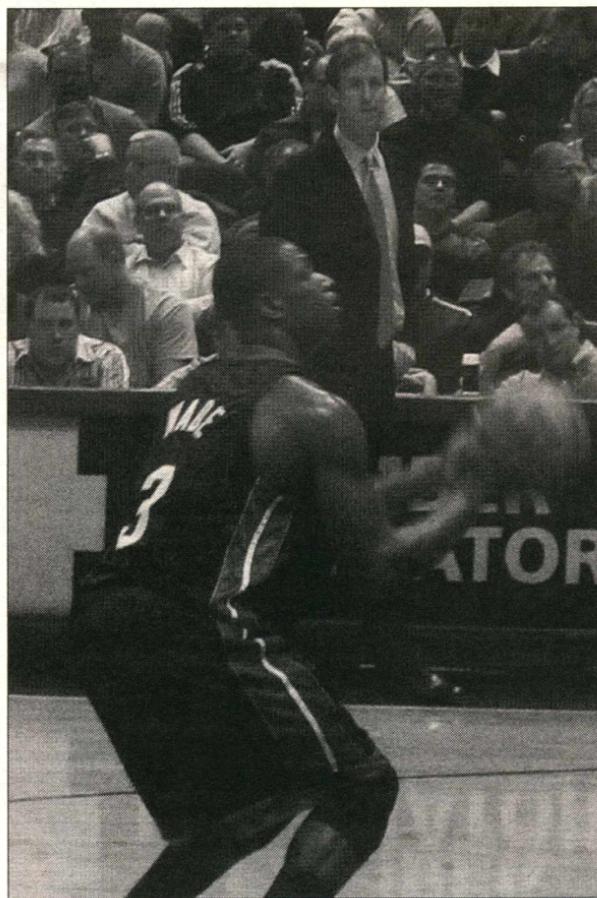
On the other hand, how valuable can NBA stars be when their teams are often showing immediate improvement without them? Elton Brand, Danny Granger, Allen Iverson, Tracy McGrady and Kevin Durant have all witnessed their respective teams go on winning streaks in their absence.

Like every season, basketball fans subject themselves to a series of "MVP" debates.

Is an MVP simply the best player on the best team? The player who has the best statistics? The player who makes the most difference in terms of wins and losses? Does it have to be a player who excels on both ends of the court? The most athletic? Best leader?

Most judges who base his/her vote on a players' talents will vote for Kobe Bryant or LeBron...Bryant's mastery of the game gives his team a chance to win on any night.

Meanwhile, LeBron is the most athletic player in the NBA; hit him with a shovel while he's in the



Dwayne Wade of the Miami Heat, an MVP candidate for this year, at the freethrow line (photo from wikicommons).

air, and he'll still get to the rim.

If you're voting based on his team's collective success, then you're probably someone who voted for Kevin Garnett last season. This year, it's most likely Kobe.

Looking for someone who can play a well-rounded game? Look no further than Tim Duncan.

And if you're looking at total fans, you've ruled out players in smaller markets, like New Orleans' Chris

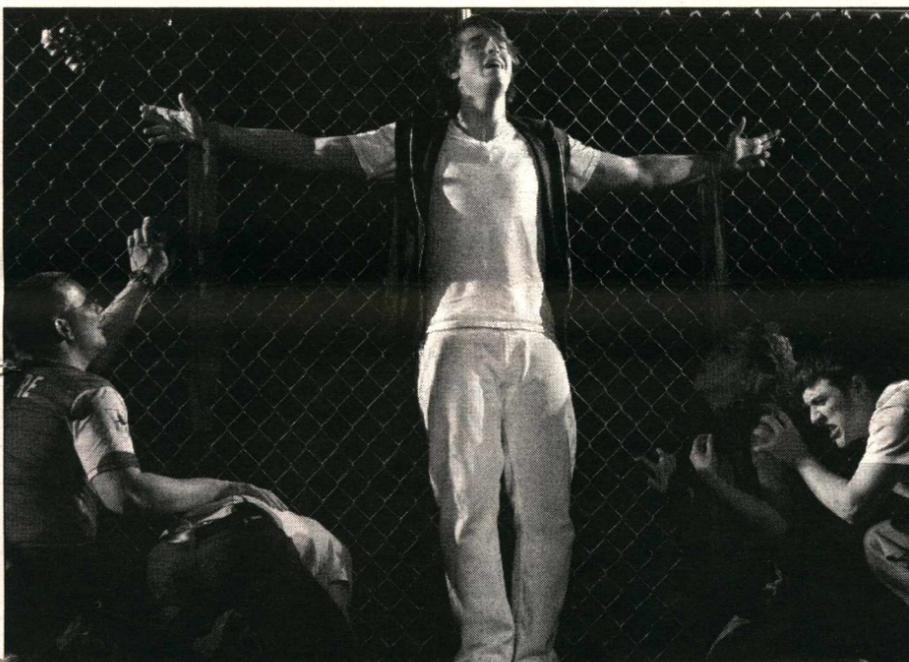
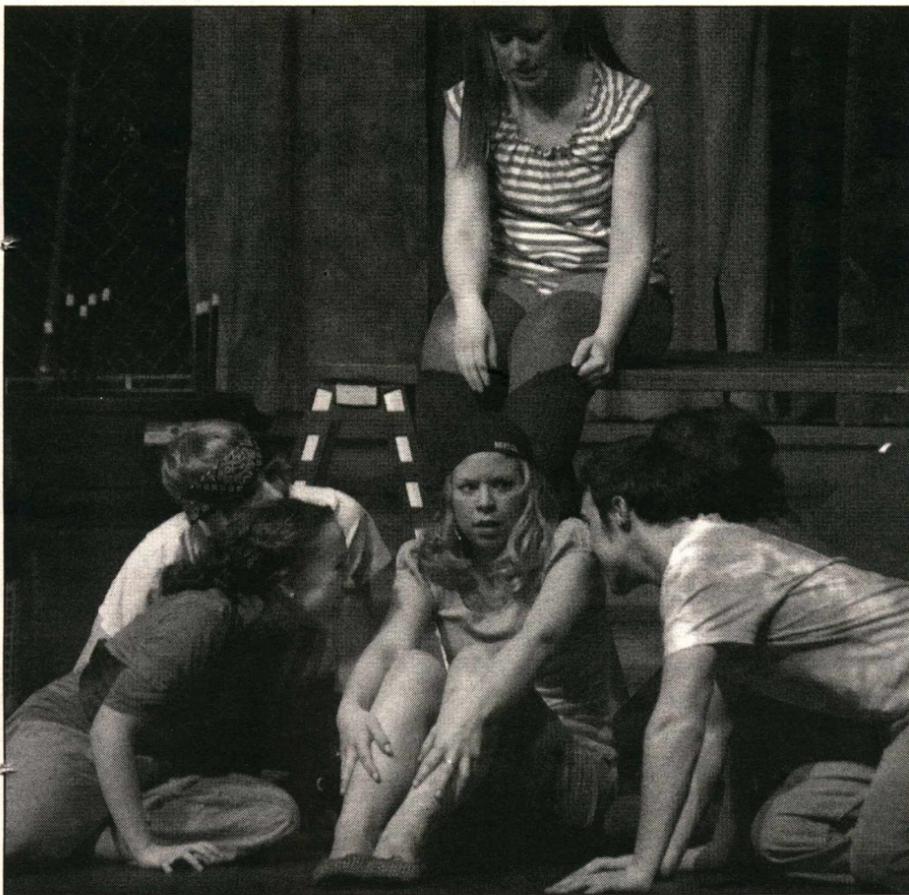
Paul, Orlando's Dwight Howard, Wade, and even LeBron, who only has Cleveland and a hopeful New York City to cheer for him. In contrast, Kobe has the U.S.'s second-largest city, as well as most of China, on his side.

With so many "what ifs" involved in the NBA's regular season, and so many ways to judge an "MVP," it is no wonder we have this debate every year. It's impossible to tell who the greatest is at any given time, because of the injuries surrounding his team, the circumstances of competition, even the state of the economy.

In sports, we have to analyze, compare and judge. Though it is a bad habit, there are more sinful pleasures in the world. But perhaps it is better to simply acknowledge greatness as a quality, rather than as a title.

Joe Frazier would surely never recognize Muhammad Ali as "The Greatest." But even he, after his third and final fight against Ali, could only say, "Lawdy, Lawdy, he's great."

Cast chemistry leads to successful spring musical



Top: Toni Bestul's character gets eaten after being thrown into Hell (photo by Cassie Carlson). Bottom: Elias Kamplain, as Jesus, during the crucifixion scene. Right: Kamplain and cast perform a song and accompanying dance (photos by James Snyder).



REVIEW

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Rick Strader and the cast of "Godspell" set a new standard for future musicals at NNU.

The musical, which played Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of last week, was filled with fresh talent and new faces, including that of freshman Elias Kamplain who played the role of Jesus.

The cast was small—a mere 10 actors, each playing multiple characters as Jesus tells the stories from the Gospel of Matthew.

These players also included Toni Bestul, Hilary Johnson, Nate Thomas, Karissa Ellingson, Whitney Brown, Matthew Miller, Jarrod Zinn, Matt Davis and Joelle Friesen.

These actors were skilled singers as well as

actors—they gave us the whole package.

Each parable told was given a twist of humor, such as the disciples becoming sheep and goats, with the goats trying to sneak over to the sheep's side.

"I was really impressed with how cohesive the cast was—onstage and offstage as well," said freshman Matt Davis, who played himself in the musical.

It's true—the members of the cast had great chemistry.

They worked well together and it was obvious that they enjoyed each other's company.

"We created a familial atmosphere which made the onstage action flow," said Davis.

The music was incredible as well. Micah Turner's performance on the guitar was quite impressive.

This representation of the play differs slightly from the Broadway version in which Jesus is not resurrected, though his presence on the stage for the curtain call often symbolizes his return.

However, the return of Jesus in last week's performance truly captured the message of Jesus' sacrifice for his people—for his friends.

I must admit, I was apprehensive, but the cast, lively music and bright costuming—everything came together to create a fantastic show that brought tears to my eyes.

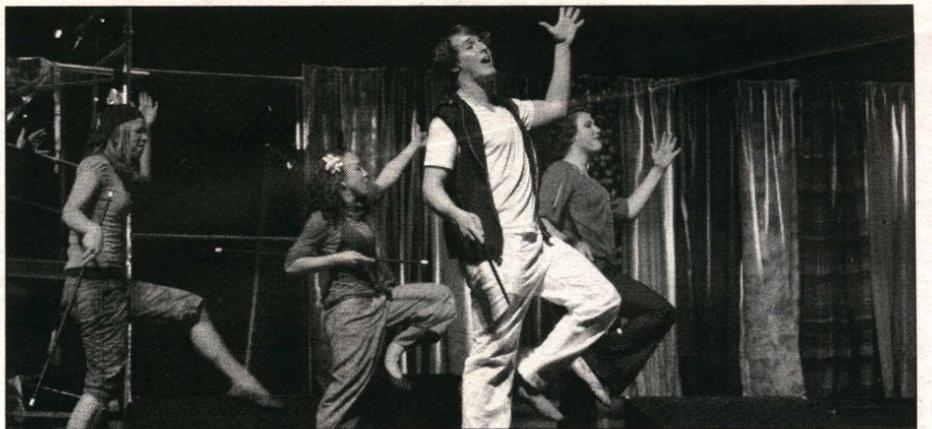
Anyone who says "Godspell" is blasphemous hasn't seen and grasped the real meaning of this show.

It was funny, yet poignant, and was a hit with all ages of the audience.

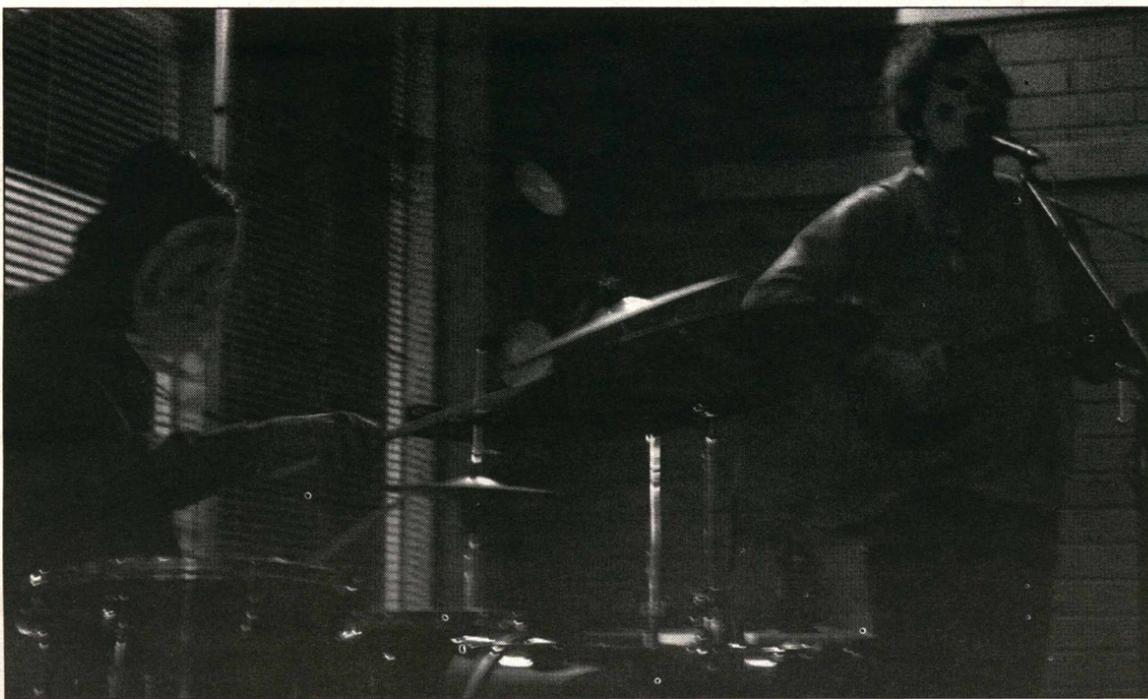
The only flaw was that the enunciation of some of the actors could have been improved—it was hard to understand them at times, but in context, it wasn't a huge detraction from the meaning.

The show was definitely worth the price of the tickets and those students who came on Thursday got the special treat of a \$2 ticket.

Anyone who didn't come—you missed out big time.



Two girls makes its live debut



Joey Miller (left) and Nate Berrian (right) make up the musical duo, Two Girls; complete with feminine masks. The band played original songs except for their cover of Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" at last week's Wednesday Night Live (photo by Andrea Schilling).

quoteoftheweek

“ Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. ”

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Junior class play receives promotions on KIZM

by ALLISON HAWN

If you are looking for some comic relief this spring season you will find it in this year's junior class play, "The Importance of Being Ernest."

Promotions are already underway for the production, which will be the first weekend in April in the Science Lecture Hall. The

radio station KIZM, also known as Kissin' 92, will be advertising the play and giving away free tickets, said director Charissa Dufour. This is the first time KIZM has featured an NNU production like this.

Freshman cast member Louissa Sauter said of the play, "I'm looking forward to it."

"The Importance of Being

Ernest" is a play that revolves around the mischief caused by false identities and avoiding social obligation, said imdb.com. Dufour said, "It is a frivolous comedy for serious people. There are many almost kisses, or 'skisses.'"

The play is written by Oscar Wilde.

The cast includes Matt Davis as John Worthing,

Erik Valenti as Algernon Moncrieff, Rachel Allen as Gwendolen Fairfax, Louissa Sauter as Cecily Cardew, Dax Wandling as the Reverend Canon Chasuble, Brenna Monahan as Ms. Prism, Aimee Niles as Lady Bracknell, Brandon Haskins as Lane the manservant and Erica Boehlke as Merriman the butler.

Nick Jacobson is

constructing the sets and is the active stage manager for this production.

"I have a wonderful cast and crew who have worked tirelessly to make the production amazing," said Dufour, who is a junior communications major.

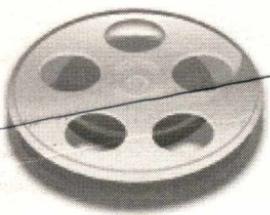
The play is being set in the 1950's instead of its traditional Victorian-era setting to give it its own unique

look and feel for NNU.

The cast really wants to make this production its own.

"It's a very interesting combination of the eccentricity of Brandon Haskins, the humor of Dax [Wandling] and the vision of Charissa [Dufour]; it's like a weird tie-dye effect," said Davis, who is a liberal arts major.

New movie release 'Watchmen' will only satisfy those looking for violent entertainment on the big screen



REVIEW

by IAN BAUDER

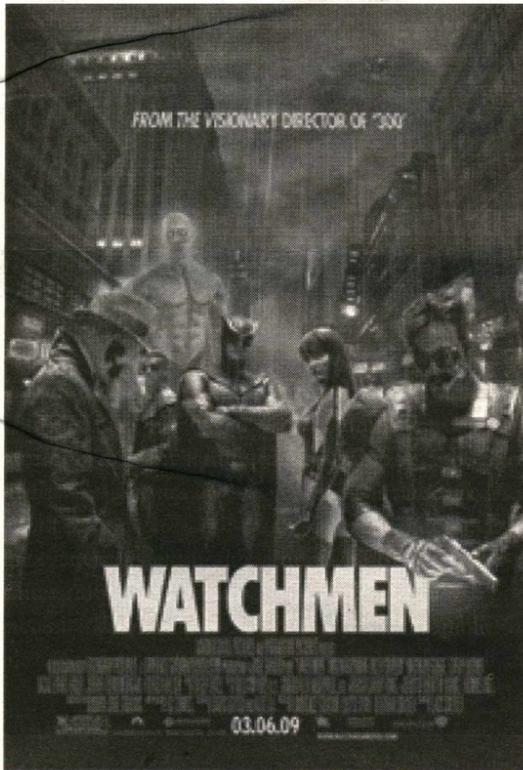
If you like shiny, ultra-violent Hollywood superhero movies that offer little substance but lots of cool fight scenes, then you should check out "Watchmen." If you were hoping for something more, well, I don't know what to tell you. Go read a book or something.

"Watchmen," based on what the studios say is the "greatest comic book ever," is a fairly faithful reproduction that misses the mark by just enough to make it not worth watching.

For those of you who have read the book, the movie plays like a group of nerds standing around saying, "Hey, wasn't it awesome when Roarschach broke that guy's finger?"

For those of you who haven't seen it, the movie plays like one of your nerd friends excitedly trying to explain the entire plot of the book to you in a few breathy sentences.

I remember reading the original for the first time when I was about 15. It hit me with such weight that, after finishing it, I put it down and didn't go back to



(image from wikipedia)

it for a few years.

I've read it a few times since then, and every time it hits me with the same force. It is a deep, somber meditation on the meaning of power and responsibility.

The movie has none of this. It's so giddy to show us all the really cool ways it visualized the book (almost panel-for-panel) that it loses all poignancy.

I know a lot of you are probably reading this saying, "Oh what does that Ian kid know? He's just a big snob who only likes boring movies with subtitles," and you are going to go see this movie anyway.

For you I issue one warning: this movie is violent. Really violent. They took

all the violence in the book (which is pretty strong) and upped the ante by tenfold.

There is also a lot of nudity, and a sex-scene that makes the one in "300" look like a day-time soap opera.

Almost none of it serves to further the story or make any kind of impact other than, "whoa that was brutal." Which is probably what people who like this movie will say when they leave the theater.

MPAA: Rated R for strong graphic violence, sexuality, nudity and language.

Runtime: 163 minutes

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Movies opening Friday:

"Race to Witch Mountain"
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"The Illustrated Version of Things" by Affinity Konar
"Mainly the Truth: Interviews with Mark Twain" by Gary Scharnhorst and Mark Twain

Music:

"Unplugged...and Seated" Rod Stewart
"Not Without a Fight" New Found Glory
"Live in Santa Monica '72" David Bowie
"All I Ever Wanted" Kelly Clarkson

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Ways to get the attention of security guards at the mall

By Nick Ratliff



10. Go to Auntie Anne's pretzel booth and ask where Uncle Frank is.
9. Walk into Abercrombie & Fitch, find a worker over the age of 19, and ask where his/her life went wrong.
8. Dress as an exterminator and try to trap teenagers in giant mouse traps.
7. Dress emo and cry in Hot Topic.
6. Read out loud in Barnes & Noble.
5. Be the Judge of the Food Court.
4. Ask shoppers, "Where is Santa?" in any month but December.
3. Protest fervidly against a fake country's sweat shops and American materialism that supports it.
2. Walk the wrong way on the escalator and yell out in a panic, "What is wrong with these stairs?!"
1. Make a J and C out of pennies in front of the Macy's. That'll show 'em.

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Newsday Crossword

PARENTAL REMINDERS by Billie Truitt
 Edited by Stanley Newman
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- 1 Unwanted e-mail
 - 5 Flower stalks
 - 10 A bit moist
 - 14 Whittle (down)
 - 15 Satellite's path
 - 16 Swelled heads
 - 17 Far from shore
 - 18 Scales constellation
 - 19 Oodles
 - 20 Parental reminder
 - 23 Complete collection
 - 24 Skirt's edge
 - 25 "Delicious!"
 - 28 Droop in the sun
 - 31 Summer shoe
 - 36 Winning tic-tac-toe sequence
 - 37 Rowboat needs
 - 39 Performers' platform
 - 40 Parental reminder
 - 44 Moral code
 - 45 Angry, informally
 - 46 Hawaiian garland
 - 47 Follow secretly
 - 49 Mexican coin
 - 51 Hankering
 - 52 '60s war zone, briefly
 - 54 Spending limit
 - 56 Parental reminder
 - 65 Opera solo
 - 66 Wear away
 - 67 "Um, excuse me . . ."

- DOWN**
- 1 Health resorts
 - 2 Days gone by
 - 3 Vicinity
 - 4 Ways and ___
 - 5 Puzzle answer
 - 6 Lose one's footing
 - 7 Recedes, as the tide
 - 8 Glee
 - 9 Fixed looks
 - 10 Sandwich shop
 - 11 Wide-eyed

- 12 Butterfly's cousin
- 13 "Hey, you!"
- 21 Morning condensation
- 22 Gather together
- 25 Dust particles
- 26 River's end
- 27 Coffee/chocolate mix
- 29 Installs, as a carpet
- 30 Boy Scout unit
- 32 Ultimate degree
- 33 Every 24 hours
- 34 Be in harmony
- 35 Open the door for
- 38 Certain
- 41 Young goat

- 42 Clickable images
- 43 Firefighters, at times
- 48 Tends, as houseplants
- 50 Granola grain
- 53 ___ Antoinette
- 55 Location
- 56 Facts and figures
- 57 Spoken
- 58 ___-to-five worker
- 59 Price stickers
- 60 Exercise discipline
- 61 Foul smell
- 62 Sailor's greeting
- 63 The "T" in TV
- 64 Ambulance staffers: Abbr.

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Dear Nana Bobango



My girlfriend and I are going to be in different states this summer. We'll both be working and won't have much extra money or free time to visit each other. How do we make our long distance relationship work?
 -Sad for summer

Dear Sad,

Being apart can be difficult, but it's not impossible. Here are a few tips to help you get through your summer blues.

1. Make time.

Try to schedule a time for the two of you to talk at least once a week. Share details about work and home experiences or the highs and lows of each day; whatever makes you feel invested in each other's lives.

It will be tempting to call each other every night—and for some couples that may work—but try to keep in mind that summer break is about getting back in touch with friends and family that you don't get to see during the school year.

2. Be thoughtful.

Do sweet, spontaneous things to show her how much you miss her. Send her a postcard from your hometown, or a picture of the two of you from the end of the semester. It doesn't have to be expensive and it doesn't have to be often, but a small gesture once-in-a-while will remind her that you're thinking of her—a piece of advice than may be used once school starts, as well.

3. Roll with the punches.

Keep in mind that this will only be a temporary separation. I know it's hard, but you'll just have to be patient. Summer break is only a few months. Be sure to enjoy the time you have without the worries of classes, tests and grades.

If it helps, start a countdown on your calendar so that you'll have a constant reminder of how much closer each day gets you to being back with your girlfriend.

Time will go by faster than you think and I'm sure you'll be back to school and back to threatening the comfort level of your peers before you know it.

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.

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