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Baseball slides through the season

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2009-2010 tuition increase less than in past

by ANDREA SCHILLING

For the fall's returning students, next year's tuition has been decided. However, Director of Financial Aid Wes Maggard, said students have less to cringe about.

For 2009-2010, the tuition with room & board total comes to \$27,990 for the year, said Maggard.

Despite the bump in cost, Maggard said the percent of increase is actually lower than in years past, coming in at 4.9%.

"We anticipate higher cost for financial aid because of the impact of the deterioration of the stock market, so the net tuition income to NNU on an equivalent enrollment basis will be closer to 3.5%," said Vice President for Financial Affairs Dave Peterson, saying these figures are only planned.

The decision regarding the cost of tuition is up to the Board of Trustees following cabinet discussions, said Peterson.

Peterson also said the decision was made as early as October.

"This lead time is necessary to facilitate fiscal planning and admissions publications," he said.

Because NNU is a tuition-supported university, it is important

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Pretty in pink



Miss Dooley 2009 Chelsea Thompson is joined by Dooley Resident Assistants on Sunday night following the Miss Dooley pageant. Miss Dooley is an annual pageant featuring a sophomore girl from each wing in Dooley Hall. Girls compete in several categories and the previous year's Miss Dooley passes on the crown to the newly selected winner. This event is strictly females-only, with Lyndsey Peterson as this year's emcee. Dooley residents look forward to this event all year long, and Ford residents are invited to attend as well.

Graduating seniors face employment challenges amid a falling economy

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

"I was always told that I would have a job and now that there is a hiring freeze there are very few jobs available. It is frustrating to now know how I will do financially because growing up I always knew I would do fine," said Courtney Little.

This isn't usually something you hear coming from a nursing major when the shortages of nurses is still drastic. But with money

not being shifted around as easily it seems that it's better to just keep a steady job until you can afford the real world.

Graduation used to be something that everyone looked forward to; the knowledge of finally being completely done with school. The class of 2009, however, is facing a bit of a reality shock as it realizes that the once-so-bright

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School records are smashed during the All Idaho Invitational

by AIMEE NILES

Snow wasn't the only thing falling this weekend at the All Idaho Invitational; six school records also fell to NNU track athletes.

The Crusaders also snagged seven event wins, with the women finishing second in the meet and the men third.

Laura VonArx broke the NNU triple jump record and qualified for nationals with her 38-11.5 jump.

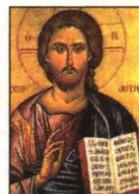
VonArx's jump is currently sixth nationally.

Ashley Puga broke the NNU record for the 400 meter in 56.20. Puga competed in the invitation-only Stanford Invitational in Calif. on March 28 where she ran the 800 meter in 2:07.55—currently the fastest time in Division II. Puga's performances in the 400 meter and 1500 meter were both NCAA

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Good Friday

Is it a good thing to have Good Friday off?



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New RAs

They can be your best friend or worst enemy. The new RAs have been chosen.

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Monster vs. Aliens

Who will win the epic battle? The new 3D adventure is intelligent and hilarious.



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Weather

THURSDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 62° | Low: 41°

FRIDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 60° | Low: 39°

SATURDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 56° | Low: 34°

SUNDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 59° | Low: 34°

MONDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 60° | Low: 37°

TUESDAY
Chance of showers.
Hi: 55° | Low: 34°

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New decision to make Good Friday a student and faculty holiday comes with support, and objection too

by DREW McCULLY

April 10 is Good Friday, and for the first time at NNU the religious day will be a student and faculty holiday.

Last year's Academic Council Undergrad made the decision hoping to give students safer travel conditions and more freedom to observe the day.

The ACU is composed of all the deans, representatives from each school and two students, and sets the following year's academic calendar.

Junior Ben Pearson who served on last year's ACU said the members thought about students' travel needs. The ACU considered having class the Monday after Easter and no classes on Good Friday, said Pearson. "But I suggested having both days off because many students live too far from campus to make it back after Easter before classes start."

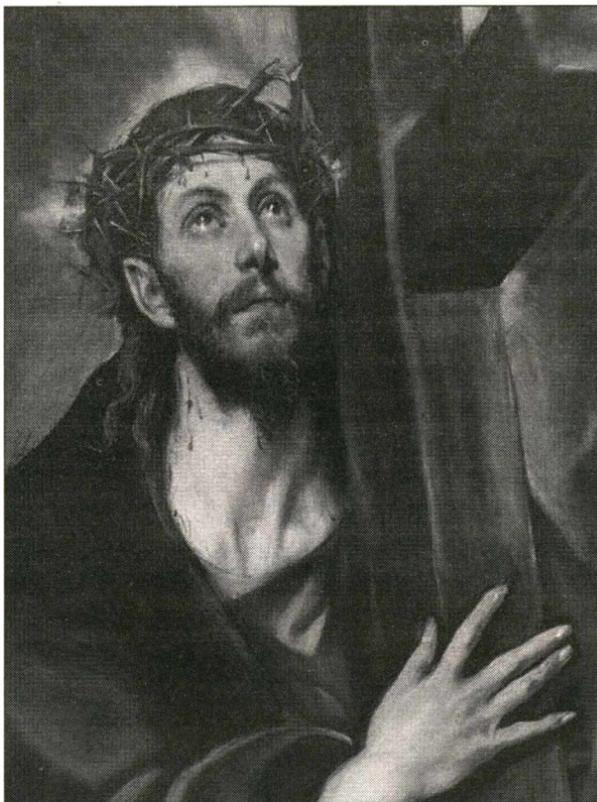
Darrin Grinder, professor of English and a member of ACU, said that although the council's decision was easily made, there were some concerns that students would not go home or observe the day. "And that would mean we lost another day of teaching."

Grinder also said it was bad policy to grant a holiday to accommodate students planning to skip class to leave early for Easter.

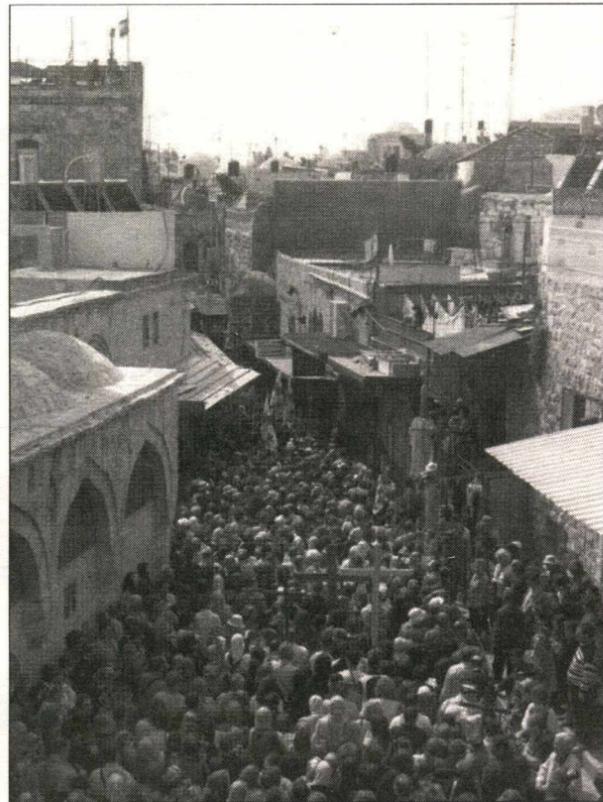
Professor Kevin Dennis disagreed with the decision to make Good Friday a holiday. He said "I suspect fewer students will observe the day now than before."

Dennis said the most profound chapel services he remembers were on Good Friday, and now we'll have no communal observance — just students traveling.

Professor Julie Straight was adamant no classes should be held on Good Friday. We don't have class on Easter or Christmas



The painting (left) is "Christ carrying the cross" by El Greco in 1580. The photo (right) is visitors crowding the Via de la Rosa on Good Friday. Pictures from wikimedia commons.



— we should include Good Friday, Straight argued, saying we lose the meaning of Easter without Good Friday.

We should always be

living with the knowledge of the death and resurrection of Christ, Straight said, but we're human. Setting aside time to reflect helps us remember.

Straight was concerned that the university holding classes on Good Friday sent the message that Good Friday is a day like any other.

Straight recommends

that students get together with other believers and set time apart to reflect on Jesus' suffering and understand people are suffering today.

SIFE comes back from nationals being named regional champions

by RACHAEL FINCH

The NNU chapter of Students in Free Enterprise was named regional champion and will be going on to the national exposition in Philadelphia, Pa. on May 10, said Lisa Bloomquist, SIFE president.

Sixteen students and two faculty members attended the regional event

on March 23, and seven of those students participated as presenters on a panel, said Lisa Bloomquist. The seven who participated on the panel will be attending the national exposition. Those students are Amy Bloomquist, Ashley Morman, Cortnee Crane, Daniel Eckstrom, Jason Hale, Lisa Bloomquist and MaryJo Usabel.

"Our presentation was a 30-minute presentation that addressed how NNU SIFE 'climbed mountains' this year and accomplished many projects, while focusing on the six SIFE criteria," said Crane, chief marketing officer.

SIFE teams organize outreach projects that focus on market economics, entrepreneurship, financial

literacy, personal success skills, business ethics and environmental sustainability, said Lisa Bloomquist.

The team will give the same presentation at nationals that they gave at the regional event, but with some modifications. Changes will be based on feedback from the regional judges and will include updates about events the

chapter has recently completed, said Crane and Lisa Bloomquist.

"Teams from all over the nation will be at nationals, the winning team at nationals gets to represent the United States in the SIFE World Cup in Germany this October," said Crane.

"It is an exciting opportunity for our team and will be a great learning experience.

Many of our presenting team will have the opportunity to apply for jobs, have interviews and network with representatives from Fortune 500 companies," said Lisa Bloomquist.

In addition to being named regional champions, SIFE received the Campbell's Ethics Award for its ethics panel series this year, said Lisa Bloomquist.

Analysts: Rocket gives North Korea new bargaining chip

by ASSOCIATE PRESS

North Korea's new rocket launch gives the communist country another bargaining chip in negotiations over dismantling its nuclear weapons program even if the flight wasn't completely successful, analysts said Monday.

Even with suspected problems in separating the second and third stages, the rocket flew twice as far as any missile the North previously launched. That range falls far short of U.S. territory, but neighbors are concerned by the expanded reach of a regime that claims to have atomic bombs.

President Barack Obama and other world leaders called Sunday's launch a

provocation that cannot go unanswered, but the U.N. Security Council was so divided it didn't even issue a preliminary statement of condemnation.

Diplomats privy to continuing talks in New York said China, Russia, Libya and Vietnam voiced concerns about further alienating and destabilizing North Korea. China, the North's closest ally, and Russia hold veto power as permanent members and could water down any response.

Analysts said Security Council sanctions imposed after the North's underground nuclear test explosion in 2006 that barred Pyongyang from working on ballistic missiles

appeared to have had little effect because some countries showed no inclination to impose them.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency claimed again Monday that the rocket put an experimental communications satellite into orbit, while the U.S. and others suspected the test was a cover for improving technology for a long-range military missile.

U.S. and South Korean officials said the entire rocket, including whatever payload it carried, ended up in the ocean. South Korea said the second stage splashed down about 1,900 miles (3,100 kilometers) from the launch site.

That is double the distance a North Korean rocket managed in 1998 and far better than a 2006 launch of a missile that fizzled 42 seconds after liftoff. Japan, Guam, the Philippines, Mongolia and parts of China are now within range, but Anchorage, Alaska, is roughly 3,500 miles (6,000 kilometers) from the launch site.

Daniel Pinkston, a Seoul-based analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the apparent failure of the rocket's third stage to separate properly from the second stage raised questions about the reliability of the technology.

"They're still a long ways off" from being able

to successfully target and strike the United States, he said. It also is unclear whether the North has been able to miniaturize its warheads enough to load onto a rocket, he said.

But John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the U.N. and ex-U.S. undersecretary of state in charge of the North Korean nuclear dossier, said the launch was still cause for concern.

"This is far from a failure. Japan is now clearly in range, and unless you're willing to kiss Japan goodbye, you have to be worried by this test," he told The Associated Press.

Kim Tae-woo, an analyst at Seoul's state-run Korea Institute for Defense

Analyses, said the launch raises the stakes at the stalled six-nation talks aimed at persuading the North to give up its nuclear weapons program in exchange for aid and other concessions.

Pyongyang now can seek more help because it has more to bargain away, Kim said. And, he added, "North Korea is playing a game of trying to manipulate the U.S. by getting it within range, which is the so-called pressure card."

North Korea, one of the world's poorest countries, is in desperate need of outside aid. It has reportedly been selling missile parts and technology to whoever has the cash to pay for it.

Young scientists compete in the Johnson Sports Center

by BREANNA GOLDSMITH

Hundreds of junior high and high school science enthusiasts flooded the NNU campus on Saturday.

For approximately seven years NNU has hosted the Science Olympiad, a state-wide science competition for junior high and high school students, said Professor Jennifer Chase, the lead organizer for the Science Olympiad.

The competition was composed of 32 junior high and 24 high school teams, each team with up to 15 competitors, said Chase. Each team competed for

gold, silver and bronze metals, with the top teams advancing to the national tournament this summer.

In the approximately 24 events that students competed in, the challenges ranged from herpetology and cell biology to electric vehicle trajectory and fossils.

Professor John Cossel, one of the many NNU faculty members participating in this event said, "We know that this program is an excellent way to keep younger students interested in science and is a nice way for superior students/groups to get

recognition."

Chase said she desires to provide enthusiastic students with a forum to do science.

Both Cossel and Chase commented that hosting the Science Olympiad has been a great way to introduce prospective students and parents of those students to NNU.

Chase said, "I want them to connect NNU with the chance to do good science and as the place they met such awesome folks."

Many parents said it was a great overall experience, giving the students the chance to both learn and

practice science. One parent said, "I think it's great for the kids. It's a wonderful program and the kids really enjoy it." Chase said, "It's great to form a favorable impression across such a broad group of involved parents."

Cossel said, "It has given us the chance to introduce ourselves to thousands of local people that may not have known how unique the NNU community is. The Olympiad program has helped thousands of kids learn more about science and it is satisfying to know that NNU can be a part of that."

SIFE brings financial seminar to campus tomorrow

by RACHAEL FINCH

Students in need of financial planning techniques need look no further than Harter Lecture Hall in the Business Building, where SIFE is putting on "Financial Survival 101: Life After College" tomorrow at 7 p.m.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for students, seniors especially, to learn some tips about investing, savings, checking, insurance and retirement

accounts upon graduating and entering the 'real world,'" said Cortnee Crane, SIFE chief marketing officer.

Investment specialist Gregory Call will be giving a 45-minute presentation of financial advice and will answer student questions following the presentation, said Lisa Bloomquist, SIFE president.

Students will also be given a packet of financial resources, said Crane.

"It will have information



about basic budgeting concepts, types of investments, economic outlook, and lots of other topics," said Bloomquist.

The seminar is designed for students of all majors, with or without a background in financial planning, said Bloomquist.

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that the school looks for ways to control costs while providing quality educational opportunities, said Peterson.

"We've looked hard in many places. In some cases, we've found additional opportunities to deliver

education to different student groups through different methods," said Peterson. "I think most of the controls and restrictions we've planned will be transparent to students."

Following the state of the economy regarding tuition,

Peterson said it's very important that the school does not change "who NNU is," especially with the upcoming centennial.

"The cabinet and the trustees recognize the importance of the opposing forces of affordability and

maintaining and advancing the quality of education," said Peterson.

"We know the current economy is tough on lots of students and their families," said Maggard. "We want to do everything we can for the students."

Egyptian student and U.S. resident arrested by immigration officials for planned act of terrorism

by ASSOCIATE PRESS

An Egyptian college student acquitted of federal explosives charges was unexpectedly arrested by immigration officials Monday.

Youssef Samir Megahed, 23, was taken into custody by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents as he left a Tampa Wal-Mart store with his father, according to his attorney, Adam Allen. He is being held on a warrant signed by an immigration judge.

Allen said the government is trying to deport Megahed even though federal prosecutors failed to secure a conviction at trial.

The former University of South Florida engineering student was acquitted by a federal jury Friday of possessing low-grade explosives that could have been used to build a destructive device.

Allen argued during the three-week trial that the items found in his car during an August 2007 traffic stop were homemade model rocket engines built

and packed into the car by a friend without Megahed's knowledge.

Prosecutors implied that Megahed and his friend, Ahmed Mohamed, planned an act of terrorism.

Mohamed was sentenced last year to 15 years in prison for making a YouTube video showing would-be terrorists how to convert a remote-control toy into a bomb detonator. The video was found on Mohamed's laptop computer that was seized during the traffic stop.

Megahed wasn't charged in connection with the video, and his trial jury didn't get to hear about it.

In a statement, ICE spokesman James Judge said Megahed "has been placed into removal proceedings" and will be held until a judge hears his case. He declined to comment further.

Megahed is a legal permanent U.S. resident who's lived with his family in the United States since he was 11.

AP News Blurbs

Italy-Earthquake

L'AQUILA, Italy

Rescue workers search for students believed buried in a ruined dormitory after Italy's deadliest quake in nearly three decades rocks this medieval town, killing more than 100 people and injuring more than 1,500. Buildings ancient and modern buckle, raising the question: Why so much damage from a relatively modest quake?

Obama

ANKARA, Turkey

President Barack Obama reaches out to mend relations with Muslims worldwide, praising Turkey's leaders in Ankara, scheduling a tour of holy sites in Istanbul with respectful enthusiasm and declaring the U.S. "is not and will never be at war with Islam."

Defense Budget

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary Robert Gates recommends halting production of the F-22 fighter jet and scrapping a new helicopter for the president as he outlines deep cuts to many of the military's biggest weapons programs.

Iraq

BAGHDAD

Anger boils over in Baghdad streets at Iraq's security forces after they failed to prevent a stunning series of coordinated bombings across the city that leaves 36 dead and more than 100 injured. As the U.S. draws down its troops in the capital, Iraqis ponder whether their own soldiers and police can maintain order once the Americans have gone.

Housing Scams

WASHINGTON

The government is cracking down on mortgage modification scams, accusing "criminal actors" of preying on desperate borrowers caught up in the nation's housing crisis. Officials say scammers seek to take advantage of borrowers by charging them large, upfront fees for help that is available for free.

Meltdown-Museums

NEW YORK

The recession is hitting museums hard from coast to coast, forcing directors to boost admission fees, cut budgets and staff, and put ambitious projects on hold. But in a twist on the bleak economic news, museums are actually reporting an increase in attendance.

South Africa-Zuma

PRETORIA, South Africa

Prosecutors drop the corruption case against Jacob Zuma, the man expected to become South Africa's next president. The African National Congress declares the decision a victory and hundreds of Zuma supporters celebrate in the streets. But others say questions threaten to taint Zuma's administration and the country's image.

Missouri-Puppy Mills

SENECA, Mo.

Missouri is the "puppy mill" capital of America, home to more than 4,000 shoddy and inhumane dog-breeding businesses, by one estimate. But now the state is trying to shed its reputation, with the chief of the Agriculture Department pledging to do more to put bad breeders out of business.

Obese Preschoolers

CHICAGO

A striking new study says one in five 4-year-olds is obese, and the rate is alarmingly higher among American Indian children. Nearly one-third of them are obese, and researchers said it was surprising to see differences by race and ethnicity at so early an age.

Healthbeat-Alzheimer's Driving

WASHINGTON

Scientists are creating tests to show when it's time for people with early Alzheimer's disease to stop driving. Think that would be obvious? In fact it's one of a family's most wrenching decisions — and as Alzheimer's increasingly is diagnosed in its earliest stages, it can be hard to tell when a loved one is becoming a danger.

Common sense is the least common of all senses— especially for legislators

I am not an expert in pretty much any field (except maybe Super Smash Brothers for the Nintendo



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

64 – do I have any challengers?), and that limits how much I can say on certain topics. However, there are certain things that require no expertise – common sense is enough.

We know targeting civilians is evil, we know not to get into land wars in Asia, and we know what goes into a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. It is equally obvious that debts are not paid off with loans – credit

cards do not pay off credit cards. Yet for some reason our Congress keeps handing over vast sums of money – money our country doesn't have – to our beloved but failing friends at Big Businesses.

What I see is big government parading about in sectors where it has no business. Normally, we could blame the Democrats for this. But the Republicans have put in an equal share, and in fact they are the ones who started this shindig under the direction of the Previous Occupant.

If you were looking for an opportunity to fear socialism, there's no need to wait for the Current Occupant to sign any new legislation: this is your chance. Except this socialism doesn't even attempt to spend our hard-earned

money on silly welfare – this is socialism that favors Big Business. The government is giving our money to talking heads and suits that have already proven once (and some twice – thanks again AIG) that they should not be trusted with our people's money.

No doubt the bailouts were appropriated with good intention; Congress certainly thought our country couldn't get along without these businesses. However, I feel that these bailouts are hurting more than helping, and all the good they've done – all the jobs they may have saved – will shortly be undone. And short of God intervening, we will have to wake up one day and see the even deeper hole we've dug for ourselves.

America needs to change – and more than what the

Current Occupant suggested if he too believes that just throwing money at this problem will fix it.

My plan to get us out of recession is simple, and based on a trend I've noticed. The businesses crying for help seem to be the ones belligerently taking on bad risk and producing whatever they want with no regard for the market. Meanwhile, the companies and banks that are surviving seem to be responding to the markets, taking on good risk, only giving loans to people who can repay them, and generally practicing good common sense.

My plan is this: Congress should not allow the bad to continue being rotten and the good to be slowly suffocated. Let's reward good businesses and allow the bad ones to fail.

We all need to accept 'vampires'— it's not as weird as you think

School threats should always be investigated. Always. I usually don't deal in absolutes, but in this case I feel justified.



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

I maintain this belief even in the face of a story that appeared in the Boston Globe a couple of weeks ago. According to the Globe, police responded to a rumor that vampires were roaming Boston Latin High School. That's right—vampires.

For a second, I thought "vampires" was perhaps a gang name or some slang that I'm not familiar with.

Reading further—and confirming on Urban Dictionary—I learned when the police responded to a vampire invasion, they were dealing with the mythological creatures.

It would be easy to laugh and dismiss this incident and the people involved as stupid, but the fear of the unreal isn't anything new.

In 1938, Orson Wells broadcast the "War of the Worlds," a radio drama about an alien invasion. The show was formatted as an actual news broadcast and people across the country truly believed that little green men were swarming middle America. Chaos ensued; people were freaked out and perfectly normal, rational people did crazy things—like suicide.

Now, the school managed to quash the vampire

rumors before they got truly out of hand (the police were at the school on an unrelated matter and investigated while they were there).

The real issue here isn't vampires or the belief in them, just like the Wells incident wasn't really about aliens. The problem at Boston Latin is bullying.

Some girls were bullying a fellow student about her "goth" style—which mainstream movies and books have connected with vampires. From there, the whole thing snowballed and took on a life of its own.

Rumors flew that people had been bitten and a werewolf was bringing a gun to school. People were being targeted and bullied because they were different.

Which is where the

vampire thing comes in. Popular series like "Twilight" and HBO's "True Blood" are about vampires finding love and acceptance. Teenagers want that too, to be told it's okay to be an outsider.

Boston Latin outsiders were bullied and called vampires out of malice.

As much as I despise "Twilight"—ladies, Edward Cullen is a control freak and Bella is a weak female character that changes everything about her for a guy—I think it could have a positive effect on teenagers. Socially, they could learn something about acceptance.

And while Count Dracula will always be the Prince of Darkness and one of the greatest literary embodiments of evil, social "vampires" aren't and shouldn't be treated as such.

It's about time we have Good Friday off

STAFF EDITORIAL

This week marks the first Good Friday NNU has observed by having no classes. This decision is much more than just a celebration of not waking up for our 7:45 a.m. class, but a celebration of Jesus Christ's death and soon-to-be-resurrection.

As a Christian institution, it only makes sense that we observe this occasion just like we do secular holidays such as President's Day or Columbus Day. By having no classes, our institution is recognizing that Good Friday isn't like any other day, and that's something even John Wesley would agree with. Even public universities, such as Mississippi State, have cancelled classes this Friday, and have for many years—though the day is labeled "Spring Holiday" instead. In fact, it's almost ironic that an institution such as ours, which requires chapel and biblical literature courses, has just now decided to add Good Friday to its holiday list.

By having an extra day in the Easter weekend, students are given a better reason to perhaps spend the holiday with their family. As the biggest event in the Christian faith taking place aside from Christ's birth, we should be encouraged to be with our loved ones—and having Good Friday off does just that.

Though it comes a little later than expected, the decision to make Good Friday a campus holiday emphasizes just how important we hold the resurrection to be—and as a Christian university, we should view it as such. Though all students may not take their Friday this week to think about its true meaning, the idea of giving us the opportunity to do so speaks volumes.

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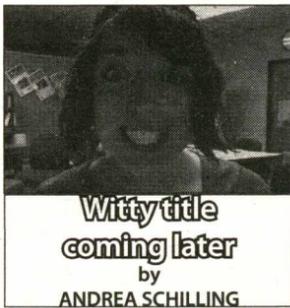
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Apathy is plaguing the land of Myspace and venti cinnamon lattes

I was in Barnes & Nobel's Current Events section the other week when my eyes stumbled upon a book discussing America's job in the age of genocide. I was intrigued, and picked up the book to leaf through its contents to see if it was worth the \$17.99. It was at this time that a young woman, whom I later found out was 18, asked me what genocide was. I was horrified.

Whether the young woman's parents, teachers or probable addiction to unofficial "Twilight" websites were to blame, I can't help but have a growing concern for America's younger generation. Or, perhaps the young woman is perfectly happy with her Hollister sweatshirt and Starbuck's



Witty title coming later by ANDREA SCHILLING

beverage—and this is what I fear most: apathy.

Certainly not caring will lessen one's stress level, but is a strive for the thinner, shinier, perfectly-shaped-for-my-back-pocket cell phone really worth it? Perhaps we just don't care about the right matters. I think this is embarrassing, really. We make a stink about what happened on "The Bachelor," and yet the words "Free Tibet" are equal to a foreign slang term. Are

we so far advanced in comparison to everyone else that we have no sense of what's going on? We complain about the unemployment rate being at 8.1 percent, the most current statistic from United States Department of Labor, when there are countries like Haiti, said CIA.gov, where more than two-thirds of the population doesn't have formal jobs.

To make matters worse, this apathy ranges within national issues as well. A 2008 study by Common Core, as reported by ABC News, says one-third of 1,200 American teens tested did not know that the basis of American rights to freedom of religion and speech comes from the Bill of Rights. It is statistics like these that make me think,

is America's youth apathetic about just about everything? "If it doesn't concern my facebook account, I'm not interested!"—I shutter to think.

Not caring is easy—it's our own personal "get out of jail free card." No guilt, no problem. The issue is, however, if we don't care, who will? Dr. Seuss said it best in his book "The Lorax," "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Turning our backs on apathy is possible. The younger generation can make waves, which was evident in the election of President Barack Obama, where he won the 30 and under crowd by 34 percent, said US News. If only Urban Outfitters could invent trendy slogans

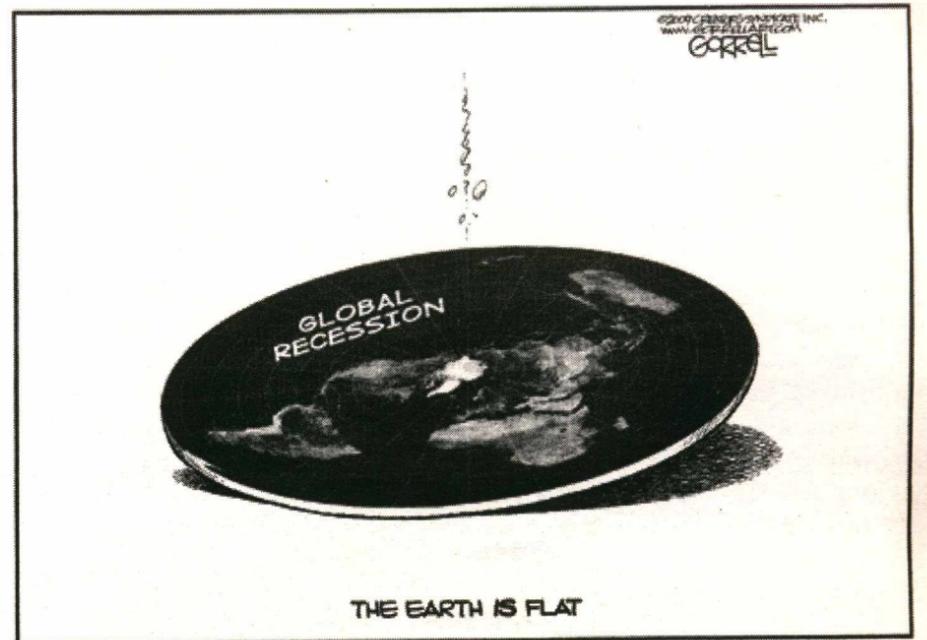
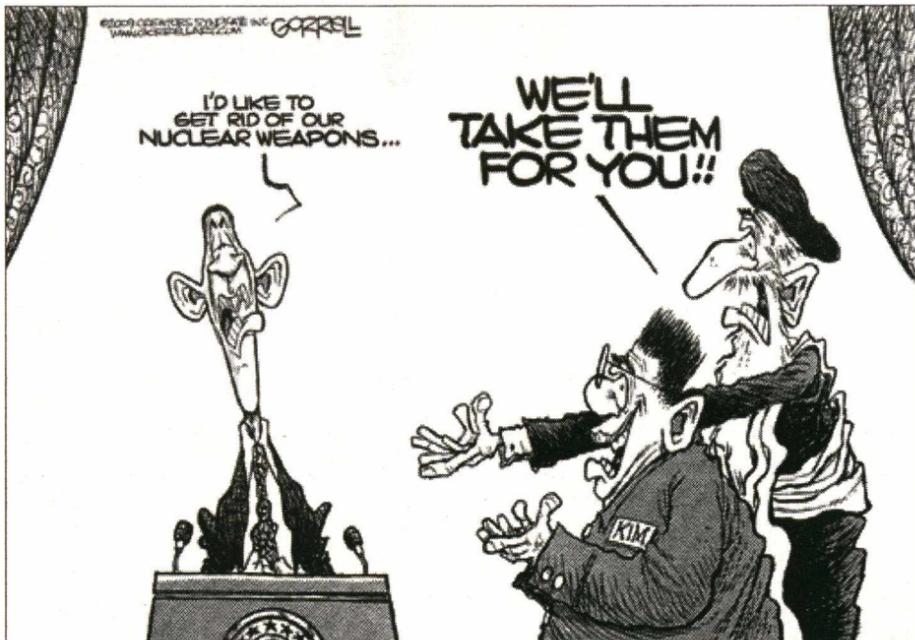


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for tee-shirts about the Israel and Palestinian conflict too. Maybe more young people would know what's going on then.

I'm not asking for high school students to picket outside their capital building. I'm not asking our

students to travel to Africa to see the AIDS crisis firsthand. I'm just asking for young adults to care even a little bit. Let's take our iPod headphones out for just one moment and read a headline or two. The Jonas Brothers can wait.



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New York mission trip focuses on urban ministries

by JESSICA BOBANGO

Wandering the streets of an unknown urban neighborhood and dishing out food to complete strangers may not seem like the ideal vacation for some, but for the 13 NNU students who participated in the mission trip to New York City, it was the perfect prescription for a fulfilling—albeit somewhat daunting—spring break.

The team included freshman Cayenne Drummond as well as sophomores Danielle Bowman, Aubrey Braun, Lacey Bruner, Riley Cook, Lander Grow, Grady Harmon, Danyelle Howard, Jordyn Johnson, Ashley Rendahl and juniors

Katie Keeney-Smithson and Tim Meeks. The group was led by Director of Residential Life Karen Pearson and Campus Ministries Director Michael Spengler.

The week was one of mission work and sightseeing and while the team was excited about catching a viewing of the Broadway show “Wicked,” the highlights for many involved working with the Harlem relief bus and the Yorkville Food Pantry.

“Working in the soup kitchen really gave us a chance to connect with people in need on a very personal and direct level,” said Howard.

Though Bowman said the

trip was an overwhelming experience that will take a few more weeks to process, she said that she enjoyed working at the food pantry. “Even though we didn’t get a lot of one-on-one time, I felt like I was making a difference,” said Bowman, “Sometimes being a behind-the-scenes person is just as big a service as anything else.”

Bruner said the trip changed her life and that—just like Bowman—she is also trying to figure out everything God wanted her to get out of the experience. “I am still overwhelmed,” said Bruner, “but I know I will never be the same.”



Top: The New York City mission trip group eats at the famous Bubba Gump's restaurant. Above: The group comes together for a photo after a worship service. Left: Lander Grow, Danyelle Howard, Riley Cook and Lacey Bruner pose for a photo while exploring the city (photos courtesy of Danyelle Howard).

Students cover the map with their various spring break quests

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

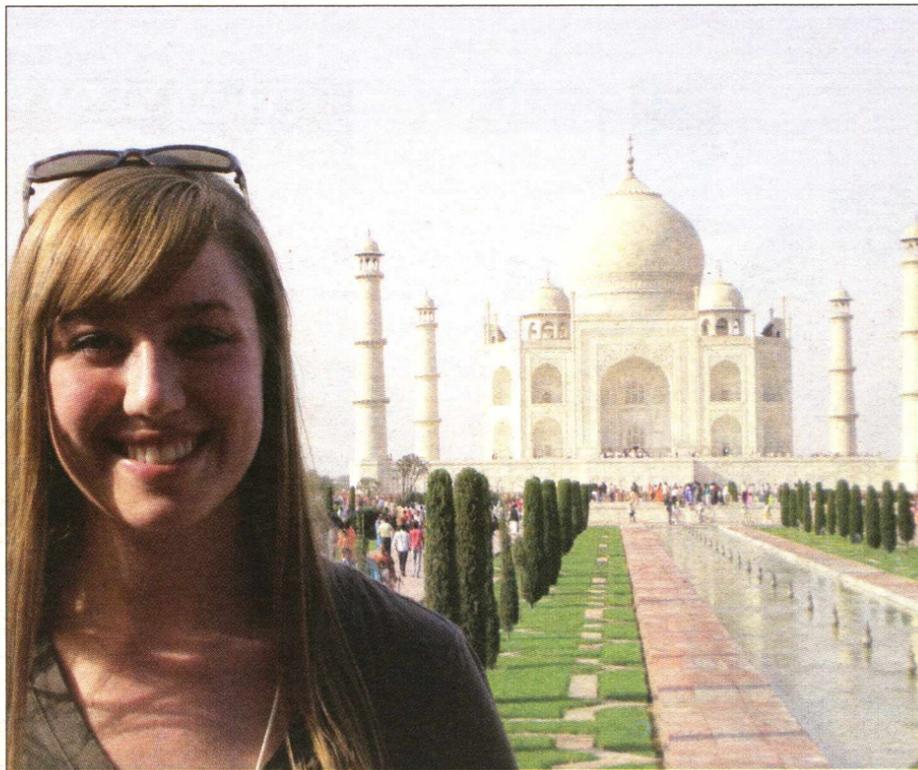
“Really, I didn’t do much of anything over spring break.”

This common phrase was heard around campus last Monday morning as sleepy-eyed students made their way to first classes for the last stretch of the semester.

While everyone asked their closest chums and acquaintances about their amazing adventures, the majority of NNU students took advantage of the break to grab a box of goldfish crackers and whip out seasons of “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Friends.”

With an economic crisis affecting the nation, it seems that traveling, outside of seeing the parental household, was simply out of the question.

“I just went and stayed with my family for it. It



Hilary Johnson stands in front of the Taj Mahal while visiting India over spring break (photo courtesy of Hilary Johnson).

didn’t cost anything, which is great,” said sophomore John Crabill.

Junior Tracey Robirds

enjoyed time with her new husband before he leaves again for Air Force Training in Las Vegas and the

two got a new puppy.

This theme of vegging out and processing as little information as possible did

not seem to be the trend when we were in high school.

There were stories and movies based on college spring break and the wild adventures and embarrassing stories it brings. Some students took advantage of the break to travel outside of Idaho’s desert mainland.

Freshmen Amanda Snyder and Michael Morgan, along with sophomore Arielle Askren and senior Bobby Passmore jumped in a car and travelled to the Oregon coast where they enjoyed camping and basking in the sun.

Sophomore Hilary Johnson said so long to the economically-challenged United States and visited India, Nepal and Germany with the Masters of Business Administration program.

“The culture was incredibly interesting and the

surroundings astounding,” said Johnson.

She began her adventures with four days in India, including an elephant ride and a tour of the Taj Mahal. From there the group traveled to Nepal and eventually wound up in Germany.

Holly Beech, on the other hand, spent the first weekend of Spring break in Billings, Mont. with NNU’s traveling singing group Covenant.

On Tuesday she crammed in a car with a couple friends and her brothers and road-tripped to Monterey, Calif. for a time of hiking, bike riding and some time to relax.

“It was probably the best spring break of my life. But coming back to Nampa... Lake Lowell versus aqua blue ocean? No comparison,” said Beech.

Forensics visits the South, making waves at nationals

by BREANNA GOLDSMITH

All five members of the NNU Forensics team earned an award at the Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament and Convention in Shreveport, La. over spring break.

The team was awarded the Good Award in Individual Events Sweepstakes in addition to the individual awards, which Assistant Director of Forensics Litha Quinn said was "definitely a team win for everybody."

NNU's Director of Forensics Brooke Adamson said, "This is one of the few times we have ever had two representatives in the Showcase to demonstrate one of the best competitors in their event in the

nation— Rachel Allen in Prose Interpretation and Jason Montgomery in Impromptu Speaking."

Adamson was named governor of the province of the great west, putting her in charge of all the schools belonging to the Pi Kappa Delta Honorary west of the Mississippi.

Junior Jason Montgomery earned the most awards with a total of three. He earned a Superior Award in Impromptu Speaking, placing fourth out of 182, an Excellent Award in Communication Analysis, ninth out of 56, and an Excellent Award in Broadcast Journalism.

The other members of the team, Rachel Allen, Blair Evans, Julia Fitch and



The forensics team poses in front of Louisiana's state sign while on their trip to Nationals in Shreveport (photo courtesy of Rachel Allen).

Allison Hawn, all won either superior or good in their events, according to a campus-wide e-mail sent out.

The team was only made up of five competitors, compared to some other schools whose teams were made up of 25 competitors.

It was outstanding for the team to win the Good Award Sweepstakes, beating out 37 other schools, said Adamson and Quinn.

When explaining the award system for Pi Kappa Delta, Adamson said, "This tournament does awards by percentages. The top percent is superior, next percent is excellent, and the last percent of awards is good."

Outside of competition,

the team had time to experience some Louisiana culture, which Quinn said was a "fun award for everybody."

According to Montgomery and Allen, outside of competition the team was enjoying Louisiana's sunny weather, shopping, spending a day at Six Flags, and, as Montgomery said, "eating some unique Southern delicacies like alligator."

Allen said, "It was a wonderful way to end a fantastic weekend!"

For the Forensics team, going to Nationals "goes beyond competition," said Adamson. "It's an opportunity to build community and represent our school and Savior."

Upcoming school year plans include a new set of resident assistants

by JESSICA BOBANGO

The resident assistants have been announced for the 2009-2010 school year, and while the group may seem to hold varying ideas for NNU's students, one notion seems to be shared by many of the new team members, as each stated that next year will be the best the residents have ever seen.

Ford RAs will include Jill Bennett, Lindsay LaShelle, Lakiesha Nilles, Kelsey

Shacklett, Faith Stewart, Jessica Weaver, Amanda Wilkes and McKenzie Ulrich, who said that she will be excited to get to see her girls grow personally and get to know each other.

Wilkes said she thinks the position will be a great opportunity to help the freshmen next year.

"I want to help them get adjusted to college life and to show them it is about studying, but that they also need to have fun. I want to be there to help them

balance between the two," said Wilkes. Wilkes also said that her girls better be prepared for a lot of TWIX-es, as well as a number of Richard Simmons workout days.

Culver RAs will be Kevin Halle, Rowdy Hope, Joshua Prestin, Jordan Scott, Kaden Thueson and Ryan Wirick. Thueson said he plans on having a lot of outdoor activities for his wing, while Hope—a returning RA for Culver—said he would like to see

private bathrooms given to the RAs, as well as free tuition for NNU golfers.

Wirick said he would like to have "an emergency slide from every RA room that ends behind the soda machine, which opens up for us to exit out of."

The RAs for Dooley next year will be Elizabeth Beaty, Kasi Farley, Kayla J. Marshall, Emily Renfrow, Blake Weber and Lanie Whiting.

Sutherland RAs for 2009-2010 will be Ryan

Mangum, Tim Streight, Jared Trygg, and Kramer Uvila.

"I am most excited for the relationships that I will develop with the guys in the dorm," said Uvila, "I applied because I want to help my classmates slow down and enjoy college because it only happens once."

Corlett RAs will include Lacey Bruner, Ariel Glover, Brandon Hagemeyer and David Reimer.

Olsen RAs will include Allison Dietz and Ben

Lobaugh. Dietz said she hopes that she will be able to create a closer community feel in Olsen with weekly Bible studies for those who are interested, as well as "fun girls' nights at least once a month."

Lobaugh said he would like to see more events designed to bring the residents together and bond them "more closely as a spiritual family."

Sarah Elwell and Kyle Winebrenner will be the RAs for Holly.

2009-2010 SGA heads to Oklahoma



Next year's SGA members (Grant Miller not pictured) along with Tim Milburn, Karen Pearson and Carey Cook pose outside Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill restaurant in Oklahoma City, Okla. this past weekend in matching sweaters. The group was at the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. The weekend included activities to build a stronger relationship within the group in preparation for the upcoming school year (photo courtesy of Aubrey Webb).

Student Life Events

- Wednesday, April 8**
8p.m.—Senate
9p.m.—Time-Out
- Thursday, April 9**
9-11p.m.—Brickhouse
- Friday, April 10**
Good Friday – Student Holiday
- Monday, April 13**
Easter Monday – Student Holiday
- Tuesday, April 14**
Last day to withdraw from a Quad 2 class with a "W"
- Wednesday, April 15**
10:20a.m.—Class Chapels: Class Council Speeches/Mandatory Senior Meeting

Baseball splits the weekend with 2 wins, 2 losses

by JESSICA BOBANGO

NNU's baseball team started off its weekend at Central Washington University losing both games Friday, finishing the opening game 7-2 and ending with a 9-8 defeat in game two.

According to sports information, the first game looked promising as NNU began with an early lead in the third.

Unfortunately, it did not last long as Central Washington came back with two in the bottom of the same inning.

After trailing 7-1 after



Boone Farrington slides into second base (photo by Kari Stetson; courtesy of NNU Sports Information).

the third inning in game two, the Crusaders scored one in the fourth and three

in the fifth with Joel Oliver's fifth home run of the year. NNU scored three

runs in the seventh to tie. Central Washington ended the game with a run in the

bottom half of the seventh, a base steal and a bunt to win.

Joel Oliver went three for four with three RBIs, while Tyler Nicholson and Cory Warburton were both two for four and Jimmy Van Beek finished two for three, according to sports information.

Saturday's games started out a bit more positively as the Crusaders beat out the Wildcats 7-5 in the opening, but lost the second 3-8.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

PLAYER PROFILE

Rowdy Hope



Sport:
Golf

Class:
Junior

Major:
Psychology

Occupational goal:
Emergency room psychologist

Hometown:
Boise, Idaho

How long have you been playing golf?
Ten years

Do you play other sports?
"I was on the swim team when I was younger."

Why do you enjoy golf?
"The only player that can beat me is me."

What is your favorite quote?
"Hold Onto Positive Energy" — it is an acronym for my last name."

Is there a kind of music that you like to listen to when you play golf?
"The guys have me into OAR right now, but I can repeat Josh Groban all day long when I play."

Favorite junk food?
"Butterfinger(s). I need more than one."

Favorite book?
"Things Fall Apart" by Achabe

Favorite TV show?
"Boy Meets World"

Which do you prefer: Power Rangers, Thunder Cats or Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles?
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

continued from page 1: throwers look to an appearance at nationals

qualifying times.

The men's 4x400 relay broke their own record with Dallas Beaty, Dan Hill, Maurus Hope and Mitch Ward running a 3:16.84.

Throwers Grant Miller and Zach Barclay each broke a record this

weekend as well. Miller broke the shot put with a throw of 50-6 and Barclay in the hammer throw with 172-10. Miller and Barclay now hold every indoor and outdoor throwing (except javelin) record between the two of them.

It's a really cool feeling

having the records, said Miller. "It's nice to have a person to compete against but also root for."

Miller said both he and Barclay are looking to qualify for nationals next.

In addition to the broken records, the Crusaders also won seven events.

Puga won the 1500 and 400 meters, and Elisa Decker won the 800 meters.

Senior Erika McCarthy won the hammer throw and Joy Warrington the shot put. Dallas Beaty finished first in the 400 hurdles and Josh Heidegger

won the javelin. Heidegger is currently ranked second in the nation in javelin.

Next weekend, the Crusaders head to Utah to compete at the Javier Invitational.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

The Tar Heels celebrate their fifth national title

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Carolina saved the last dance for Danny Green.

The Carolina blue-clad crowd prodded him, and "Jump Around" blared from the speakers in his honor. So, just as he did before four seasons' worth of tip-offs at the Smith Center, the senior shook his hips, dangled his arms and cut loose one last time.

Whoop it up, Tar Heels, you brought another NCAA championship trophy back to campus.

Coach Roy Williams' team returned home Tuesday to celebrate the proud program's fifth national title and first since 2005 with about 13,000 revved-up fans less than 24 hours

after beating Michigan State 89-72 in Detroit.

Thousands of fans poured into the stands and onto the arena floor before the Tar Heels' flight had even landed at nearby Raleigh-Durham International Airport, and they cheered fanatically every time live television footage of the team's motorcade was shown on the giant video boards.

Last to enter the arena was Williams, who carried in the trophy and the net he helped cut down at Ford Field.

"I stood up here in 2005 and told you how great it was to win a national championship for our alma mater," Williams said. "And I'll tell you right now, winning the second national championship

for our alma mater is even sweeter."

Especially for seniors Tyler Hansbrough, Bobby Frasor and Green.

They came to campus in the fall of 2005, a few months after the school claimed its previous title, and went on to post a 101-14 record through four years with three regular-season ACC titles and two Final Four appearances.

They capped their run with a never-in-doubt victory over the Spartans, who got no closer than 13 points in the second half.

"We did it. But the way we did it? Isn't that great?" Green asked the crowd.

Then, the fans pleaded for Green to dance one last time, prompting fellow senior Mike Copeland to hold the back of Green's

suit jacket while he danced like a puppet — the trademark move that earned him the nickname "Dancin' Danny" — to the 1990s rap song that they play before every tipoff at the Smith Center.

Later, they showed season highlights on the arena's four video screens, located high above scoreboards that read: "Carolina 89, Mich. St. 72."

"If I'm lucky enough to coach another 20 years, it's going to be awful hard for kids to give me the memories that this club did," Williams said.

This was how nearly everybody figured this season would end, yet the celebration was no less satisfying for Hansbrough, who returned for his senior season for the chance

to claim the title.

North Carolina (34-4), the first unanimous preseason No. 1 in the history of The Associated Press Top 25, overcame an 0-2 start to the ACC season to claim another regular-season title and posted double-figure wins in all six of its NCAA tournament games.

"There's not much to say — we're national champs," Hansbrough said. "It's the best feeling in the world. When I come back and watch these games here at the Smith Center, I'll always look up there and remember this team and what we were able to accomplish this year."

Added Frasor: "This is a storybook ending, and I couldn't ask for more."



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of April 6

SOFTBALL

- (W-L)
1. MSU Billings 17-5
2. Central Wash. 14-6
3. Western Ore. 13-8
4. Western Wash. 9-9
5. Northwest Nazarene 5-17
6. Saint Martin's 2-15

BASEBALL

- (W-L)
1. Western Ore. 11-1
2. Saint Martin's 7-5
3. MSU Billings 8-8
4. Central Wash. 6-0
5. Northwest Nazarene 4-12

GOLF

Mar. 30-31 @ Grand Canyon
Team score: 899 (19th place overall)
Jeff McDonald 74-71-81
Aaron Van De Hey 75-77-75



Rowdy Hope 73-68-78
Leon Vasquez 93-79-88
Zach Grunig 77-71-79

Next tournament:
Apr. 13-14 @ CSU Stanislaus

Softball goes 1-5 in weekend tournament



Haley Hevern prepares to throw the ball from second base (photo from NNU Sports Information).

by ALLISON HAWN

The Northwest Nazarene University softball team competed in the Tournament of Champions last weekend, winning one of five games.

Friday, NNU played Chico State University, losing 3-2.

Haley Hevern hit a home run. The Crusaders went on to play San Francisco State University, which ended with a win for San Francisco

State 7-2.

On Saturday the Crusaders beat the University of Hawaii-Hilo 2-1 at the Tournament of Champions hosted by Cal State University in Turlock, Calif. Dana Shipley pitched a six-hitter. The game-winning hit came from Chelsey Anderson in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Crusaders also played Cal State University- Monterey Bay losing 4-2 and Cal State

University- Dominguez Hills 3-0.

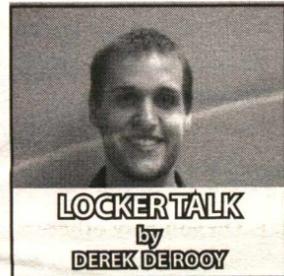
In the Cal State University- Monterey Bay game, Jael Henthorn hit a two-run single in the fourth inning.

Hevern said, "It's been a tough year so far. We have all the talent we need, we just need to utilize it."

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

NBA's new Oklahoma City Thunder holds promise

When it was affirmed that the SuperSonics were indeed moving to Oklahoma City, I was crushed like everyone else. I was. You couldn't avoid that raucous Seattle sports scene in the



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by
DEREK DEROOY

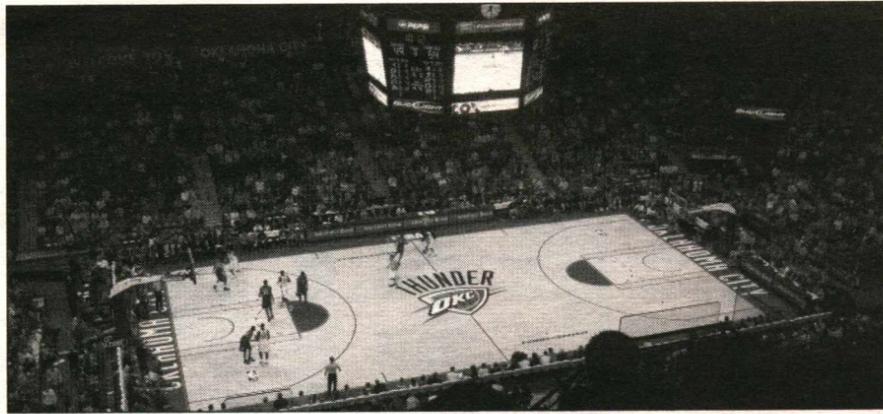
90s, you just couldn't. Especially the Sonics, whose worst luck came when they made it to the Finals in 1996—facing the '95-96 Chicago Bulls, perhaps the greatest basketball team of all time.

For a whole host of reasons, it was easy to be bitter about the Sonics saga. You could be angry about the ownership, for sure. You could also be angry with the state's senators and other politicians, who

were sure that Washington couldn't afford another new stadium (after building separate stadiums for the Mariners and Seahawks earlier in the decade). You could even be angry with NBA Commissioner David Stern, who had no qualms about taking Seattle's most successful pro franchise (in terms of championships and championship appearances) away, and hinting that Seattle, with the fifteenth-largest metro population in the country, would never get another NBA franchise.

Most of my friends, including some of the most avid sports fanatics I know, turned away from the new Oklahoma City Thunder. Some even turned from the sport altogether, suddenly trying to find peace in watching football, golf, or even the MLS.

But as I caught highlights, and even portions of games from the Thunder, I noticed something: these guys could be headed places. In all the hoopla over



The Oklahoma City Thunder's home court at Ford Center (photo from wikicommons).

ownership and location of the team, I'd forgotten exactly what kind of future the team might have.

Kevin Durant, whom Seattle had chosen with the second overall pick in the 2007 draft, boomed throughout this past winter.

Jeff Green, taken three picks after Durant, had apparently turned into a decent small forward over the previous summer. And 2008's fourth overall pick, Russell Westbrook, showing great speed and some skill in attacking the

basket, has been a far better player than expected (though detractors will claim that Westbrook isn't a true point guard, as his official position suggests).

And now we've learned that touted prospect Blake Griffin, perhaps the best college power forward since Tim Duncan, is declaring for the NBA draft. Blake's college team: the University of Oklahoma. What kind of star alignment is that?

The Thunder, with what is currently the fourth-worst record in the NBA,

has approximately a 12 percent chance of acquiring the first overall pick through the NBA lottery.

Though it's an outside shot—as the NBA's first overall pick always is—Griffin would be the post preserpete the Thunder need so desperately.

Featuring Durant, Green, Westbrook, and possibly Blake Griffin, Oklahoma City might have just lucked out by getting the best young team in the NBA.

But Seattle already knew that.

Oklahoma's Blake Griffin leads list of names turning pro

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blake Griffin's coach called it a no-brainer for the Oklahoma forward to leave for the NBA.

Griffin will give up his final two seasons of eligibility after the sophomore was honored by The Associated Press and several other groups as college basketball's player of the year.

"It wasn't a decision to really debate because it's the right one, and it's the best thing for Blake," Sooners coach Jeff Capel said, sitting alongside Griffin at a campus news conference.

Arizona junior forward Chase Budinger is also headed to the NBA. Two star SEC junior guards — Kentucky's Jodie Meeks and South Carolina's Devan Downey — have declared for the draft without hiring an agent, leaving the option of returning to school.

Griffin led the nation with 30 double-doubles and 14.4 rebounds per game while averaging a Big 12-best 22.7 points. In the NCAA tournament, he was even better — averaging 28.5 points and 15 rebounds to lead the Sooners

to the regional finals, where they lost to eventual national champion North Carolina.

"It's tough to walk away from something like this but at the same time, it's a big opportunity and I felt like I was ready for it this year," Griffin said.

Budinger said he is hiring an agent, which would end his eligibility.

He averaged 18 points and 6.2 rebounds and scored 19 points per game in the Wildcats' three NCAA tournament games.

Arizona point guard Nic Wise said he will make

himself available for the draft but won't hire an agent.

Meeks averaged 23.7 points last season — eighth in the country and tops in the Southeastern Conference — and poured in a school-record 54 points in a win over Tennessee in January.

He also led the SEC in 3-point percentage (40.6), 3-pointers per game (3.25) and free-throw percentage (90.2).

Meeks sounded optimistic about coming back last week after the Wildcats hired John Calipari.

AP Sports Blurbs

OPENING DAY

CC Sabathia will be on the mound for the Yankees, Manny Ramirez begins his first full year with the Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs give it another go to see if they can win a World Series after more than a century's wait. Opening day begins in earnest, with hope always around in April. Also around is nasty weather — two openers already have been postponed.

KRAFT NABISCO

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.

Kristy McPherson, Cristie Kerr and Brittany Lincicome top a crowded leaderboard heading into the final round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the LPGA Tour's first major of the season.

SHELL HOUSTON OPEN

HUMBLE, Texas

Fred Couples, Paul Casey and Geoff Ogilvy were part of a six-player tie entering the final round of the Shell Houston Open, which has been playing catch-up since high winds suspended play Thursday.

KEY BISCAYNE

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.

Bidding for his second Key Biscayne title, Novak Djokovic fell behind early and dropped the first set to Andy Murray in the final of the Sony Ericsson Open.

NASCAR-TEXAS

FORTH WORTH, Texas

Carl Edwards goes for his third straight Sprint Cup victory at Texas, while Roush Fenway Racing looks for a boost in a season that began with Matt Kenseth winning the first two races.

CHICAGO 2010

CHICAGO

Members of the International Olympic Committee visited the site of the proposed Olympic Stadium in Washington Park on Chicago's South Side on Sunday, as Chicago 2016 organizers lead an inspection team on a tour of a dozen city venues.

Underclassmen have until June 15 to remove their names from the draft.

Horrible acoustics ruin New Found Glory's performance



REVIEW

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

When I moved to Nampa I automatically began looking for local venues where I was going to catch a great show, and everyone recommended The Knitting Factory in Boise. Let's just say after Thursday's performance I'm no longer saving up my tips for shows.

Boise welcomed 90's and still-truckin' pop punk band New Found Glory to the factory on April 2 along with Bayside, Set Your Goals, and awful yelling rap/scream/"hardcore" band Shai Hulud.

The audience waited patiently and conversed loudly as the band failed

to get everyone involved. It wasn't until Bayside showed up that the venue actually looked like it was putting on a good show.

Bayside set the mood for the group everyone was waiting for; the pop punk band that never dies. But by the time NFG took the stage it seemed that The Knitting Factory gave up on sound quality and just focused on the audience rocking out. One word: failure.

At \$18 a pop and two NFG shows behind me I was set to again enjoy this decade-plus band that I loved so dearly.

I rushed to the front to see vocalist Jordan Pundik do his regular dancing about the stage and hoped to catch a glimpse of those priceless facial expressions but quickly had to move back because I wasn't able to understand his words; or at least without a constant



New Found Glory performs at the Soundwave Festival (image from wikipedia.com).

feedback echo ringing in my ears.

I'm no stranger to loud speakers, but Pundik's voice covered by the loudness of the mic in the 1,000 max capacity room was a bit more than I wanted.

By the fourth song I saw people moving out from their front row views to the exit. I wouldn't blame the disappointing show on NFG; the band certainly hasn't lost its crazy and energetic stage presence, but I think many would agree

that The Knitting Factory might want to focus more on what the band is saying and the riffs being played rather than just how many decibels its ceiling to floor speakers can handle.

Besides the horrible acoustics, New Found Glory began to show its age when the group decided to play a song from one of its earliest EP's "It's All About the Girls."

The band probably only played about seven songs that people recognized

and it used the rest of the show to promote its new album. No shame in that, but NFG didn't need to remind the audience after every song that the band's new CD was available for just \$5.

Classics such as "Catalyst," "Sincerely Me" and "Hit or Miss" brought the audience together as we all remembered what it was like when we were twelve and heard NFG for the first time.

The show failed to match

NFG's previous strong running and sadly it may be time for the guys to call it quits, especially considering that Pundik visited St. Luke's after breaking his wrist at a previous show.

So the moral of the story is this: The Knitting Factory just needs to turn down its mics a bit since the venue is really not sporting an entire city block or an outside amphitheatre.

NFG should skip the Factory next time around. And really, NFG should throw in the towel soon, at least for the sake of Pundik's classic whining voice (now requiring him to wear tight jeans to get his pitch up) and because the new stuff is beginning to blend into the 90's past.

If you do wish to still support New Found Glory, you can pick up its new CD "Not Without A Fight" and jam like your 12-year-old self.

Regina Spektor blends folk music, with a touch of culture



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

Who knew that classical piano styles, alternative vocals and philosophical lyrics could fit so well together? Regina Spektor blends all three together in a very self-

defined genre.

Spektor is hard to pin down as far as style goes; as she said on her website she likes to create a unique style for every song she writes.

Each song is vastly different from the next, though she often uses folk, beat-box, classical, alternative rock, funk, blues, rock and traditional Jewish and Russian music.

Her albums like "Soviet Kitsch" and "Songs" move from melodious vocal based tunes to dissonant guitar tunes.

Spektor gains a lot of her music from popular culture, history and philosophy.

Spektor also often

switches from English to Russian or French. Her songs include references to things like the author Hans Christian Anderson and philosophical themes like Nihilism in poetic melody.

Even if you don't want to sit and ponder her lyrics, you can listen for pure enjoyment as she mixes her voice in with interesting rhythms in songs like "On the Radio," "Prisoners," "Fidelity" and "Apres Moi."

Spektor was born and raised in Moscow, Russia before her parents immigrated due to social prejudices aimed at their Jewish heritage to New York.

Spektor learned piano,

alternating between self-taught and taking lessons from local teachers. Spektor grew to love various types of music, said her official website.

The album "Far," which is due to be released at some point this year will include at least six new original works, said her website.

Spektor, who often holds charity benefit concerts, will hopefully be making another international tour when her new album is released.

Fans of Ingrid Michaelson, Imogen Heap and Feist will enjoy the music of Regina Spektor.



Regina Spektor is currently in the process of releasing her new album "Far," which will be on shelves nationwide in June (photos from wikicommons).

Junior class play's 'Earnest' visits the 50's



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Jack Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff (or should we say Ernest and Bunbury) met the age of the poodle skirt in the junior class play, a 50's adaptation of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest," directed by Charissa Dufour, last weekend. Wilde's play is the tale

of two young men who are living double lives. Jack Worthing lives in the country raising his ward Cecily.

However, in order to escape to town whenever he wants to, he pretends that he has a troubled brother named Ernest, whom he must go visit. He then goes by the name of Ernest while in town.

His friend Algernon, who lives in the city, has also created a second identity, Bunbury, for the purpose of escaping to the country whenever he

pleases. Algernon refers to taking these trips as "Bunburying." However, a mess of mistaken identity occurs when both men find love on their "Bunburying" excursions.

The play starred Matthew Davis as Jack, Erik Valenti as Algernon, Rachel Allen as Gwendolen, and Louissa Sauter as Cecily, all four of whom had fabulous facial expressions and stingingly quick dialogue.

Davis and Allen had particularly bright chemistry, while Valenti and Davis presented the hilarious

scenes of verbal sparring with a hint of food fighting.

Allen's Gwendolen was the picture perfect fickle female, beautifully accompanied by Sauter's sweet, but completely insane Cecily. These two could have driven any man to the monastery in a five-minute period.

The supporting cast was as impressive as the lead cast.

Joelle Friesen's Lady Bracknell was a perfectly frightening and pretentious old woman. Her

demeanor was spot-on and her portrayal was classic.

Brenna Monahan (Miss Prism) and Dax Wandling (Dr. Chasuble) made an adorably awkward couple.

While the facial expression and vocal inflection of the entire cast was good, the speed of the dialogue was so fast that it was occasionally hard to understand. The speed made it difficult to catch some of the more subtle humor.

Though it would seem that the time difference between the original 1890's setting of the play and the

1950's version would create some problems, the adaptation did not significantly alter the structure of this familiar play.

The only real struggle with setting it in the 50's is that it decreased the plausibility of arranged marriages, which is one of the significant conflicts in the play-- Lady Bracknell does not approve of Jack as a suitable husband for her daughter Gwendolen.

Despite this difference, the adaptation worked quite well.

'Monsters vs. Aliens' humor appeals to all ages



REVIEW

by AIMEE NILES

Farts are only so funny—true hilarity only comes with advanced and intelligent humor. Dreamworks' "Monsters vs. Aliens" has just that—an animated film that is actually really smart.

In the past, Dreamworks has flirted with this intelligent kind of hilarity.

The "Shrek" franchise has its moments of wit, but Shrek and Donkey always fall back on the bathroom humor to fill in a moment. "Kung Fu Panda" was also delightfully absurd and integrated the ridiculous elements of the old kung-fu movies with ease and elegance. However, fat jokes and bathroom jokes are pretty much on the same plane.

"Monsters vs. Aliens" makes the jump to intelligent, witty laughs sublimely against the near-perfect backdrop of monster flicks of the past.

The story begins at the wedding of Susan Murphy (Reese Witherspoon) and Derek Dietl (Paul Rudd) in beautiful... Modesto, Calif. If you've ever been to Modesto, you know the "beauty" thing is a little bit

facetious.

Susan is behind the church mentally psyching herself up for the big "I do" when a meteor rockets towards her. Scrambling to avoid the space rock, she runs right into its trajectory and is squished. Talk about your bad luck, eh?

Oddly enough, the glowing green meteor doesn't end the poor bride's life. Instead she is transformed into a 50-foot-tall giant.

The government is shockingly prepared to deal with the sudden appearance of a 50-foot woman and takes her down.

Waking up, Susan finds herself in a top-secret government facility—a la Area 51.

There she meets B.O.B. (Seth Rogan)—an indestructible, brainless blue blob created by unwary snack food developers, Dr. Cockroach (Hugh Laurie)—a "mad" scientist who turned himself into a cockroach, the Missing Link (Will Arnett)—a prehistoric lizard man linking

man and dinosaur and Insectasaurus—a mammoth grub caught in the government's nuclear tests.

All the "monsters" are kept in the facility to protect the American people. Until aliens invade, that is.

A Kubrik-esque president (amazingly voiced by Stephen Colbert) runs a war room shockingly reminiscent of Dr. Strangelove, and they struggle to figure out how to face their galactic foe.

Rainn Wilson voices the evil Gallaxhar, the alien bent on Earth-domination. His opening scene is a throw-back to Darth Vader's destruction of Alderaan in Star Wars.

While I thoroughly enjoyed all the old movie and pop-culture references, I couldn't help wondering why all the kids in the audience were laughing.

I understood the jokes, but I doubt the little girl giggling behind me understood them.

I missed the 3-D showing (but I'm not too heartbroken about that, after seeing Night at the Museum in 3-D, I wanted to rip my eyeballs out), but I don't think it would've added a huge amount to the experience.

I enjoyed this movie purely based on the intelligence of the humor; it was witty and clean—which is always nice.

Drop the six bucks and see it at BODO; totally worth it.



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- "Hannah Montana: The Movie"
- "In a Dream"
- "Observe and Report"
- "Anvil! The Story of Anvil"
- "The Sky Turns (El cielo gria)"

Books:

- "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies: The Classic Regency Romance" by Jane Austen, Seth Grahame-Smith and Kenneth Grahame
- "Columbine" by Dave Cullen
- "Armageddon in Retrospect: And Other New and Unpublished Writings on War and Peace" by Kurt Vonnegut
- "Mommywood" by Tori Spelling

Music:

- "Unstoppable" by Rascal Flatts
- "Fork in the Road" by Neil Young
- "Something to Be" by Rob Thomas
- "Routes of Overcoming the Struggle" by Flo Rida
- "Rock Power" by Metallica
- "10" Mercy Me

DVDs:

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Fun ways to wake up a sleeping roommate

By Nick Ratliff

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10. 80's hits playlist on full blast (Devo, Whip it good!)
9. Talk to Greg DeSimone and borrow his cattle prod.
8. Nothing says good morning like goldfish under the covers.
7. Build a fort around your roommate with newspapers and then lob apples in the makeshift fort WWII style.
6. Move your face really, really close to theirs and wait patiently until they wake up naturally.
5. Play the Banana Phone song as loud as computer speakers allow.
4. Exclaim "FIRE!" complemented by a smoke machine.
3. Go the neighbor's room and use a hammer on cinder block wall.
2. Flying shoes, flying shoes.
1. Play a game called, "Guess what salad dressing I spattered on your face"

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Newsday Crossword

WHERE YOU LIVE by Billie Truitt
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sound of distress
 - 5 Pet-protection org.
 - 10 Make a duplicate of
 - 14 Yes-__ question
 - 15 Quiet periods
 - 16 West Coast sch.
 - 17 Penny
 - 18 Makes level
 - 19 Bring up, as children
 - 20 Company newsletter
 - 22 Conceited
 - 23 Do __ burn (see/he)
 - 24 Superlative ending
 - 25 Repairs
 - 26 Rough-__ (unfinished)
 - 28 Join in marriage
 - 29 Cincinnati's state
 - 32 Contributes to the mix
 - 35 Unhappy
 - 38 Home-based business
 - 41 It comes after ess
 - 42 Couldn't remember
 - 43 Little child
 - 44 Prohibit
 - 45 "Hold your horses!"
 - 47 Way to the attic
 - 50 More than moist
 - 52 Deal negotiator
 - 56 Sandwich fish
 - 57 Stay-at-home's restlessness
 - 59 Moose relatives
 - 60 Idolize

- DOWN**
- 1 Cocoa/coffee combo
 - 2 Black-and-white cookies
 - 3 Declare void
 - 4 Mediocre
 - 5 Choir voice
 - 6 Concede defeat
 - 7 Sink stoppers
 - 8 Soccer-shoe feature
 - 9 Organization: Abbr.
 - 61 Foal's mother
 - 62 1,760 yards
 - 63 Continue a subscription
 - 64 Betting stat
 - 65 Went too fast
 - 66 Secret meeting
 - 67 Cluttered condition

- 10 Like an arc
- 11 Atlantic or Pacific
- 12 Tartan pattern
- 13 Knitter's materials
- 21 Lamb's mother
- 25 Diner list
- 27 Pioneer's vehicle
- 28 Side-to-side measure
- 29 Columbus Day mo.
- 30 Weeder's tool
- 31 Suffix meaning "resident"
- 33 Use a shovel
- 34 Winter driving quartet
- 35 Pig pen
- 36 Little Rock's state: Abbr.

- 37 Color Easter eggs
- 39 At a distance
- 40 Child actor's parent, perhaps
- 44 Not impartial
- 46 Bumbler
- 47 Originates (from)
- 48 Dutch bloom
- 49 Spot for some bracelets
- 50 Tot in a kiddie pool
- 51 Piano-key wood
- 53 Sidestep
- 54 Geeky ones
- 55 Lock of hair
- 57 Golfer's transport
- 58 Small salamander

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Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,
The question of housing for the 2009-2010 school year has come up and I've decided to live off-campus. I need a roommate to help with the rent situation and my friend automatically thinks it will be him. How do I delicately tell someone that I don't want to live with him next year?

--Hoping for a Room-for-Rent

Dear Hoping,

The key here is finding a polite and non-abrasive way of telling someone that they just don't live up to your housemate standards. In this case, passive-aggressive wins the race.

Send a campus-wide e-mail announcing that you're looking for applicants—when your buddy reads the message he'll see that you're searching for roommate options.

Get your friend a pet—maybe a dog or a cat—and upon presenting the gift casually say something like "oh, I completely forgot about my allergy to dander. Guess I won't be living with you next year..."

If all else fails, spring for a barbershop quartet or singing telegram. It may cost you a little extra money but no one can be offended about being turned down when the news is offered by a spunky man with lederhosen and a chocolate chip cookie bouquet.

In love,
Nana

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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