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Girls invade Wahooz and Nampa Edwards for Girls' Night

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## It's time to earn some cold, hard cash this summer

by BREANNA GOLDSMITH

"Just make it through finals... Just make it through finals." That's probably what a lot of you are chanting right now, and rightly so,

but the hard, cold fact is the time has come for yet another trial. It's time to think about the one thing that is vitally necessary to your right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It's time to start making money. It's time to start the summer job search.

For you who possess the extraordinary gift of dealing with hundreds of middle school kids, summer camp

is the job for you. Kayla Tuttle, a freshman secondary education history major, will be working as a camp counselor, lifeguard and swim instructor at Camp Taconic in Massachusetts

this summer. Like her you could have the duty, as Tuttle said, of being a 24-hour role model, as well as "making sure kids know how to

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## Senior music majors perform

by ALLISON HAWN

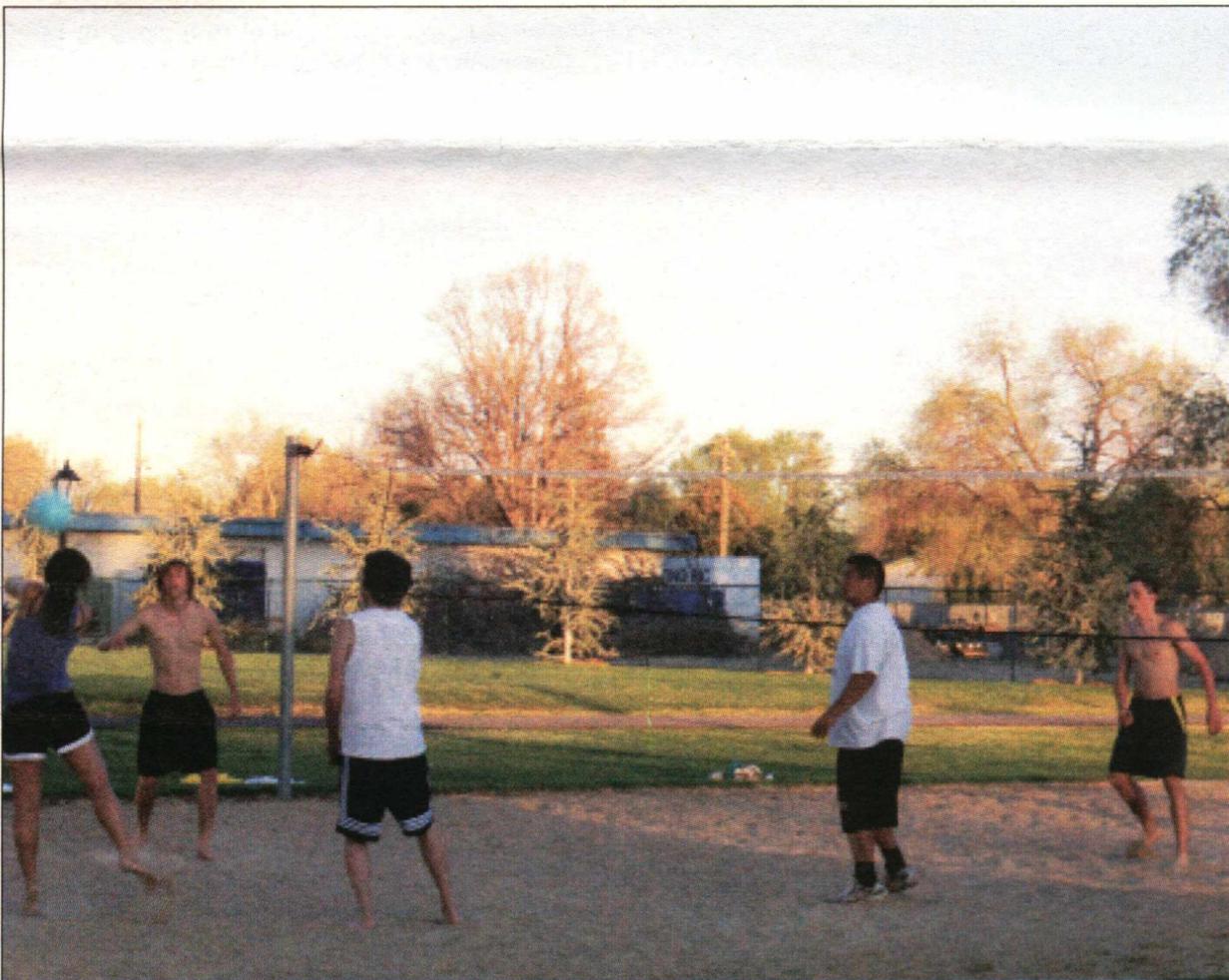
Northwest Nazarene University music majors will show off their hard work by performing their junior and senior recitals as the semester draws to a close.

Music majors are required to perform at least one 30 minute to 60 minute recital, though applied music majors must do two recitals. "This is the culmination of what they have been working on, it is like a capstone," said music professor Judy Marlett. So far this year Matt Johnson, Allison Cavanaugh, Krista Landaas and Amanda Dick have performed their recitals.

Violin emphasis music

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## Fun in the sun



NNU students enjoy a nice game of volleyball as the weather heats up. Monday and Tuesday were perfect days for outside sports and studying under a tree. The forecast for the rest of the week predicts a cool-down by Saturday to low 60s. Students enjoyed a chance to take a break from studying for finals and end-of-semester projects to play volleyball, read in the sun and barbeque in upperclassmen dorms. Professors also enjoyed the sunshine, and some moved classes outside (photo by Aimee Niles).

## Senior art majors present their work in Friesen Gallery

by RACHAEL FINCH

Senior year means final projects for a variety of majors, and for three art students, April has been a month of senior art shows.

Nathan Blowers and

Mary Spears have already had their art shows displayed this month, said Amanda Hamilton, director of the Friesen Galleries. Rhonda Chase Dennis's (Renee Dennis) show, entitled "Expressions" is currently

displayed in the galleries. Dennis's reception will be held Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. in the galleries and her show will be displayed until Friday, Dennis said.

"I hope and pray that people take time to experience

art and allow themselves the opportunity for contemplation," said Dennis.

The shows contain a variety of art forms and styles.

"The 'Expressions' series consists of life size and miniature portraiture of local

people who have affected my life, stressing the subtleties though technique. Some are students, teachers and even local radio personalities," said Dennis.

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### Egg Battle

With the economy dipping, some women are choosing to donate their eggs for cash. Would you?

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### The Drink of Champions

Chocolate milk is the preferred recovery beverage of the NNU track team.

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Matthew Perry goes back to high school as Zac Efron. Who doesn't love that?

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### Weather

THURSDAY  
Mostly cloudy.  
Hi: 70° | Low: 47°

FRIDAY  
Rain showers.  
Hi: 60° | Low: 40°

SATURDAY  
Cloudy.  
Hi: 63° | Low: 41°

SUNDAY  
Rain showers.  
Hi: 62° | Low: 41°

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

TUESDAY  
Rain showers.  
Hi: 63° | Low: 43°

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## Professor Edwin Crawford says farewell to NNU after 33 years

by PAIGE McDANIEL

"Retirement is not necessarily something exciting. It's just something you do."

At 74 years old, professor of philosophy Edwin Crawford has decided that this has been his final year here at NNU.

The subject of retirement came up about three years ago but there was no one to fill his position. Now that a professor has slid in to plug the gap, Crawford looks forward to spending some more time with his wife, Carol, and as a pastor for

the intercultural congregation at College Church.

"It's probably a good time to get out of the way so that some younger people can get the job done," said Crawford with a smile.

In actuality, Crawford basically plans to continue what he is doing now except without the "prof" title. For the past 33 years, Crawford has spent many years traveling to 22 different countries such as China, Australia, parts of the Caribbean and Israel. Crawford returned from Trinidad early in the semester. He

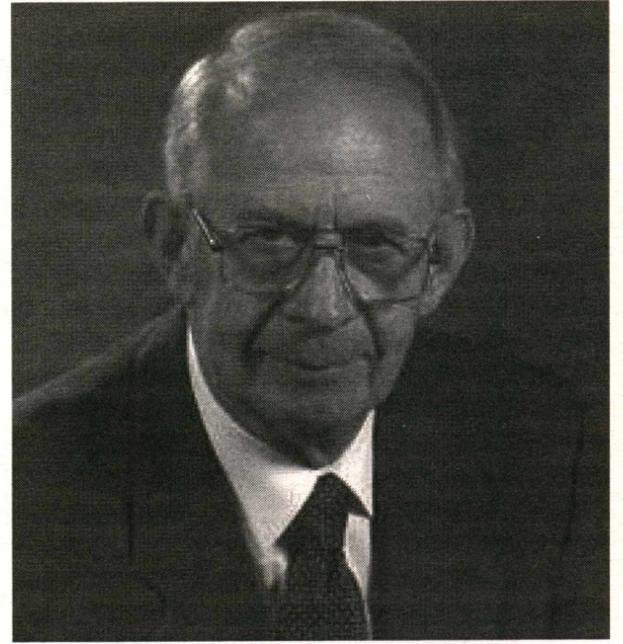
has spoken at many seminaries and conventions. Crawford has shared papers in Washington, D.C. and also taught at several local colleges such as Washington State University. Apart from traveling, he will continue to keep a new vegetable garden in his yard and remodel some rooms of the house that he first built 22 years ago.

Crawford's extensive background has allowed him to teach a variety of subjects ranging from Biblical history to every philosophy course offered on

campus (most of which he created). But Crawford says he will miss his students the most.

"I've learned to keep first things first. The first for me is Carol. Second are my students. I have gained respect for students and they in turn have been understanding and much kinder to me than I deserve."

Crawford will continue to teach a few online classes with NNU for a couple semesters before turning the position fully over to the new professor and Professor Bankard.



## The economy means graduating is not as exciting as it used to be

by PAIGE McDANIEL

*Editor's Note: The second half of this story was not printed last week. We are reprinting this story in full.*

"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, graduating senior.

This isn't usually the thing you hear coming from a nursing major when there is a shortage of nurses. Some seniors feel more

comfortable with a boring, guaranteed job, rather than pursuing their dream job.

The class of 2009 is facing a bit of a reality shock as it realizes that the once-so-bright future which guaranteed a job is now looking a little bleak. In the past month alone there has been a payroll employment decrease of \$3.3 million and 13.2 million people who are unemployed. There has also been a loss of 663,000 jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. But despite these statistics, many of the seniors are keeping their chins up; or at least leaving the country.

General education music major Katie Zook is leaving for Port-au-Prince, Haiti in September for a two-year commitment with the Free Methodist Church.

"I originally came to NNU as a music education major with a desire to do missions in Africa or work through Africa Children's Choir and now I'm thrilled that God has changed my future to fit his plans!" said Zook.

For some seniors, the economy has changed their after-school plans, which are now extremely different from the original goals they had when they first stepped into NNU.

"Originally I thought I could walk right into a great job, but now there is so much competition that I may have to settle for a job I don't actually desire for a couple years until I have experience," said Little, who also said that she finds the economic crisis frustrating.

Commonly, it has been the standard to take a year off after graduating with a Bachelor's degree to gather some experience before enrolling in graduate school. But with the economy not offering many outlets, graduate school (and deferring student loan payments) seems like the

way to go. Accounting and business administration major Vanessa Shaw said that graduate school had never been something she really considered until now.

"I am doing a summer internship for the Legislative Audit of Montana and then going to school at Montana State University to get my Master's in professional accountancy. The amazing experiences at NNU are the major reason for my decision to continue being a student," said Shaw.

According to wbalvtv.com, based in Maryland, graduate school enrollment

across the country is up 15 percent and the station believes it is because of the economic crisis.

But for some seniors it really is about just doing what they love despite the amount of money it brings in.

"I'm hopefully going to win the lottery, inherit a large amount of money or possibly invent something that everybody needs," said Christian ministries major Matt Dayton. With a passion for being a pastor, Dayton said that he has never planned on making a lot of money so as a pastor he is not extremely concerned.

## Iran hints American reporter Roxana Saberi's sentence may be eased

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran may reconsider an eight-year jail term for an American journalist during her appeal, the judiciary spokesman said Tuesday in an indication her sentence will be commuted.

The statement was the latest hint Iran could be backing off from the imprisonment of 31-year-old Roxana Saberi on charges of spying for the U.S. On Monday, the judiciary chief ordered a full investigation into the case, a day after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad urged Tehran's chief prosecutor to ensure Saberi be allowed a full defense during her appeal.

The case has been a source of tension with the U.S. at a time when President Barack Obama is trying to open a dialogue with Iran to end a decades-long

diplomatic standoff.

The U.S. has called the accusations against Saberi, a dual American-Iranian citizen, baseless and demanded her release.

"We can't influence the judge's verdict (but hope) the verdict will be reconsidered at the appeals court," the official IRNA news agency quoted judiciary spokesman Ali Reza Jamshidi as saying.

The statement was seen as a rare prediction from the judiciary about a pending case.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Robert Wood said the U.S. wanted to see "a transparent appeals process."

"We are working with our allies to press the government in Tehran to disclose fully the charges against Ms. Saberi and ensure that she is being treated

properly," said Wood.

Saberi, who was born in the United States and grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, moved to Iran six years ago and worked as a freelance journalist for news organizations including National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Corp. She received Iranian citizenship because her father was born in Iran.

Iran has released few details about the charges against Saberi. She was arrested in late January and initially accused of working without press credentials.

But an Iranian judge leveled a far more serious allegation against her earlier this month, charging that she passed classified information to U.S. intelligence services. Saberi's parents and the U.S. have denied that she was a spy.

She was convicted of

espionage last week and sentenced after a one-day trial behind closed doors.

Iran's Intelligence Minister Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejechi revealed a little more detail about the case Tuesday, saying the initial investigation of Saberi was done by an expert on security and counterespionage at the Intelligence Ministry before her case was referred to the court.

"The expert presented a report to the judiciary. The court investigated the report and found her guilty," IRNA quoted Ejechi as saying.

Ejechi also said that Saberi worked as an Iranian national and never asked to operate as an American journalist.

"Saberi didn't use her non-Iranian nationality. She entered Iran as an Iranian with an Iranian

passport," he was quoted by IRNA as saying.

Iran has stressed that although Saberi is a dual national, the courts are treating her strictly as an Iranian citizen in an apparent effort to show they are not prosecuting her because she is American. In Iran's view, the U.S. has no legal justification to intervene in Saberi's case because she is being treated as an Iranian — not an American.

Jamshidi said Saberi's lawyer appealed the verdict, and the ruling by the appeals court will be final.

Saberi's parents, who live in Fargo but are in Iran to press for their daughter's release, told The Associated Press Monday that they had been allowed to visit their daughter in prison. Her father said his daughter was in good condition and was looking forward to

the appeal.

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Iran after its 1979 Islamic revolution and takeover of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

Iran has been mostly lukewarm to the Obama administration's overtures. But last week, Ahmadinejad said Iran was ready for a new start.

Saberi's conviction came about two months ahead of key presidential elections in June that are pitting hard-liners against reformists, who support better relations with Washington.

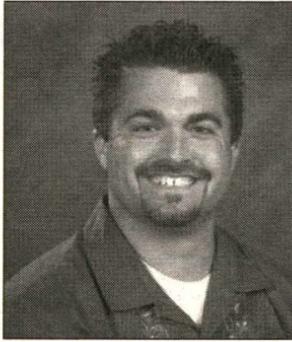
Ahmadinejad is seeking re-election, but the hard-liner's popularity has waned and he has been trying to draw support away from his top reformist opponent, former prime minister Mir Hossein Mousavi.

## Benjamin Fischer named professor of the year

by ALLISON HAWN

In chapel Monday morning Lacey Smith and Amber Ford announced the professor of the year: Benjamin Fischer of the English department. "I count it a privilege to be an instructor here," said Fischer.

Professor Joseph Bankard of the philosophy department and Professor Donna Allen of the communication department received honorable mention. Smith



said, "All the professors here do an amazing job."

This is Fischer's first year here teaching English.

Fischer is known for his



interesting references to the South, as he was raised in Tennessee, and his illuminating lessons, said Ford. In his acceptance speech,



Fischer said, "If you have learned anything in my classes it is because you have willed to learn it."

## Boise attorney recalls the first Earth Day

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill Mauk thought the nationwide demonstration he and a merry band of youthful organizers were planning for an April day in 1970 would rival some of the anti-war protests he had seen.

Environmental issues had become very personal for the Pocatello kid who had just graduated from the University of Southern California and served as its student body president.

It had recently come out that a mine was planned for the pristine White Cloud Mountains where he had hiked as a boy. Later that summer, he would take a film crew into the mountains to try to drum up attention to the issue.

But as that April 22 approached, he never imagined people would still be celebrating Earth Day 39 years later.

"I don't know that any of us knew where it would lead," said Mauk. "We were just planning a one-day event."

And what an event it was. Some 20 million Americans in 2,000 communities and 10,000 schools planted trees, cleaned up parks, marched, listened to speeches, and protested how modern life was messing up their world.

In Washington, D.C., senators invited by 23-year-old Mauk and others shared the stage with folk singer Pete Seeger, the Chambers Brothers and 25-year-old Denis Hayes, the coordinator of the national event.

In New York, local organizers convinced Mayor John Lindsey to close off Fifth Avenue to cars and filled it with thousands of people to hear speakers such as Paul Newman. Students at San Jose State

buried a car.

In Boise, students dug up cars buried in the Foothills, marched to the Capitol with a young gubernatorial candidate Cecil Andrus and picked up trash.

Donna Nelson, 18 at the time, and her friends handed out fliers with environmental messages.

"We passed them out to people sitting in cars waiting for the lights to change in Downtown Boise," said Nelson, now a registered nurse.

The participants were World War II veterans, housewives, student radicals, Republican Cabinet members, artists, accountants, scientists, labor leaders, autoworkers, civil rights activists, elected officials and children.

"I've been astonished for 40 years how many women I've met in politics who told me the very first thing they did politically was get involved in Earth Day," said Hayes, now the executive director of the Bullitt Foundation in Seattle.

Hayes was the student body president at Stanford when Mauk was at USC, and the two student leaders were involved in issues ranging from the Vietnam War to civil rights. Neither was especially radical, but both were passionate about the issues that affected Americans at that pivotal moment.

"Bill was a terrific anti-war activist and played the politics of it quite superbly," Hayes said.

The idea for Earth Day came from Wisconsin Democratic Sen. Gaylord Nelson, long an advocate for conservation and environmental causes. On a national speaking tour in 1969, Nelson saw what an oil spill had done to the

coast of Santa Barbara in California and came up with the idea of having a national "teach-in" on the environment.

He raised money, recruited a national board and hired Hayes, then a graduate student at Harvard. Hayes put together a paid staff and contingent of volunteers headquartered in Washington, D.C., to organize the event — including Kent Conrad, now a U.S. senator from North Dakota.

Staffers worked around the clock for months helping local groups set up events in colleges, grade schools and cities across the nation.

"Everybody felt we were doing something important," Conrad said. "The issues were inescapable at the time. The population was exploding and it was clear that resources were not infinite."

Mauk joined Conrad in sending mailings out to communities and organizers across the nation. There were no computers (until the very end), no fax machines — only mail and telephones.

"Bill has an infectious enthusiasm," Conrad said. "He is so good-natured and so much fun. Everybody gravitated to Bill."

And the environmental issues brought the nation together — a sharp departure from the Vietnam War that had divided the country. After Earth Day, Mauk, Conrad and others took to the road to hold additional environmental teach-ins across the country.

They went to the South and held a couple of programs on campuses until an escalation in the war and the killing of four protesters at Kent State on May 4

suddenly broke the harmony created by Earth Day.

"We all wanted to be back on our campuses," Mauk said.

And as for that White Clouds film he made that summer? Andrus made the issue the center of his gubernatorial race, and when he won he helped get the area protected as part of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area in 1972.

Hayes, the lead organizer 39 years ago, went on to serve in the Carter administration, working on renewable energy. Gaylord Nelson became an environmental icon, serving in the U.S. Senate until 1980 and then was counselor for The Wilderness Society until his death in 2005.

Conrad returned to Stanford and then to his native North Dakota, where he was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986.

Nelson, the Boise nurse, has continued her environmental consciousness. She and her family have a small organic farm in Star. She was involved in Transcendental Meditation in 1970 and continues it.

"After all, Mother Earth does not have an environmental problem, we have a consciousness problem," Nelson said. "First, changes must come from within mankind."

Mauk finished graduate school, got a law degree and came to Boise to practice law. He served on the board of the Idaho Conservation League in the mid-'70s but did not stay involved in environmental issues. He ran for U.S. Senate in 1998 as a Democrat and later chaired the party in Idaho.

"I'm really proud for what we did on that day and what it has become," Mauk said.

## AP News Blurbs

### Piracy-Suspect

NEW YORK

Abdiwali Abdiqadir Muse grew up destitute in lawless Somalia, his parents scraping together a few dollars a day selling milk and tending to a small herd of camels and goats. Now, the teenager finds himself a world away and on a much larger stage: in a Manhattan court facing what are believed to be the first piracy charges in the U.S. in more than a century.

### Craigslist Killing

BOSTON

By all appearances, Philip Markoff had it all — a handsome, clean-cut, 22-year-old medical student who was planning a lavish beachfront wedding this summer. But authorities say his computer and surveillance video paint a different picture, of a suspected serial criminal who targeted women he met through Craigslist, killing one and robbing and tying up another. Friends say they are stunned, and his fiance is standing by him, saying he "couldn't hurt a fly."

### Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

Tens of thousands of Tamils face a "catastrophic" situation with fierce fighting in Sri Lanka's northern war zone, aid groups say, as the military accuses the Tamil Tiger rebels of holding the civilians hostage for the government's final assault to end the 25-year insurgency.

### Releasing Pirates

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

Dutch marines board a fishing boat and free two dozen Yemenis from Somali pirates. They seize and destroy AK-47s and a rocket launcher — but then put the pirates back in their skiff and set them free. The Dutch government said its navy made a mistake, but Saturday's catch and release underscores confusion over what to do with captured pirates — and led to calls in Washington for tougher NATO action.

### Iraq-Wedding Boom

BAGHDAD

The long stretch of relative calm in Baghdad is sparking a marriage boom. Couples who put their lives on hold during Iraq's turmoil are rushing to make up for lost time. Not only do more people appear to be hitching up, newlyweds are throwing lavish wedding parties like those that were once a mainstay of the Baghdad social scene.

### Modern-Day Gold Rush

COLOMA, Calif.

There's still gold in California's Sierra foothills, and a new rush is on to find it. Not since the Great Depression have so many hard-luck people been lured by prospecting, hoping they'll find their fortunes tumbling down streams.

### Georgia-Russian Troops

AKHMAJI, Georgia

At a military checkpoint between Georgia and its breakaway region of South Ossetia, the word "Russia" is hand-painted on a security barrier. "It will be Russia," says a Russian army lieutenant. Moscow has stationed forces just miles from the Georgian capital, in violation of an EU-brokered cease-fire. Now it even has more troops within striking distance of the city.

### Iran - U.S - Mixed Messages

TEHRAN, Iran

Just as the Obama administration was reaching out to Iran, the Islamic Republic threw an American journalist in prison for eight years and launched a fervent new attack on Israel as racist. But Iran also said it was ready for better relations with the U.S. after three decades of stalemate. The mixed messages reflect a tug-of-war inside Iran's ruling class.

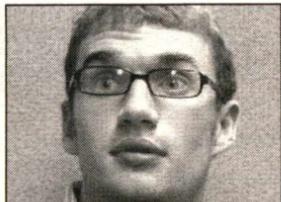
### South Africa-Election

KWANXAMALALA, South Africa

Jacob Zuma is poised to lead the continent's mightiest economic power in South African elections Wednesday — a victor of the fight against white rule, an unabashed polygamist, and a survivor of sex and corruption scandals that more than once threatened to derail his political career.

## Reading should be for more than pleasure

We shouldn't read books or watch movies we enjoy. I know that sounds a little absurd, and of course this policy can't



**Sweatervests**  
by  
ANDREW McCULLEY

necessarily be right all the time – we occasionally need distractions and entertainment we can enjoy. However, when we enjoy something, we cease to be critical of it – or at the very least, being critical becomes extraordinarily difficult. And if we read or watch something without a critical approach, it can become dangerous.

Bertolt Brecht, a playwright from the forties,

felt similarly. He disliked art that caused the audience to enter a hypnotic-state. Brecht wanted the people who saw his plays to adopt an attitude of inquiry and criticism and not fall asleep, as it were, and absorb what's in front of them with no critical filter. To do this, he tried to check an audience's tendency to fall asleep with, as he said, artistic means. These artistic means Brecht employed attempted to prevent the audience from identifying with the actors or what was going on onstage, forcing them never to forget they were in fact watching a play and not experiencing something real. In short, when Brecht removed what we enjoy, he gave the audience a critical mindset.

For example, consider two works that have achieved somewhat of a cult following: "Twilight"



**Bertolt Brecht is a German playwright who worked in the 1940s (photo from wikimedia commons).**

and "V for Vendetta." I believe both these works can be dangerous because we enjoy them so much that we forget to be critical of them.

To be upfront, I don't enjoy "Twilight" so being critical is easy. However, the facts are the female character is weak – an insult to her gender – and

the male character is unrealistic (and not just because he's a vampire). Because this book is so captivating, we gloss over the fact that people are identifying with a weakling and idolizing an impossibly perfect man.

"V for Vendetta" preaches anarchy and radical revolution, things civilized people should have some qualms about. Also, the movie promotes murder: the character V equates justice with using violence for good ends – certainly followers of Jesus Christ should see a problem with this. However, all these issues are glossed over by a clever plot, comic-book roots and fantastic violence.

Please don't stop reading for fun. However, don't let enjoyment prevent a critical and inquisitive reading. Books are here to teach us, not hypnotize us.

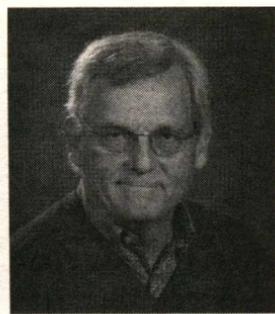
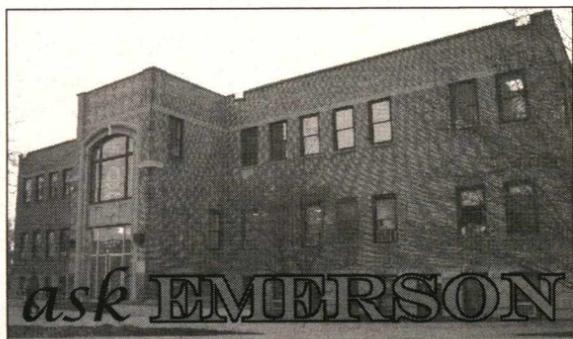
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## Chapel and the office of spiritual formation



by GENE SCHANDORFF

**Q: What's so special about the number 32?**

A: I was asked recently why we require 32 chapels

per semester, why not 30 or 28, or maybe even 36?

There has been a fairly long-standing tradition of expecting a student to attend approximately two of three chapels per week. Years ago, when NNU transitioned from a "quarter" calendar to a "semester" calendar the total number of chapels required for the year was reduced from 72 to 64. Our feeling has been that, with the variety of options available to students 32

is "about right" for keeping folks engaged in the program throughout the semester. There's certainly nothing "spiritually significant" about the number 32. (Number of disciples times the age of Jesus at the time of his death divided by the number of commandments -7.6) We're always open to ideas on this one.

**Q: Can students suggest speakers for chapel?**

A: Absolutely! Some of the best potential speakers for our chapels would never have gotten on our "radar" unless a student had brought them to our attention. Feel free to drop us a note and make your suggestion.

**Q: Is there anything new in the works for next year?**

A: At the start of the year President Alexander appointed a "Taskforce on Christian Discipleship across the Campus and across the Curriculum" to study the future direction of spiritual life programming at NNU. The first outcome of the taskforce's work will be a new small-group opportunity for upper-division students. These groups will be made up of four to six students with a member of the faculty or staff of the university as a facilitator. Groups will meet a couple of times a month. The focus of the group will be on the development of an authentic relationship with God through prayer, active listening and spiritual community. Sign-ups for those interested will be early in the fall semester.

## Recycling shouldn't have to begin with the students

STAFF EDITORIAL

The next time you see a recycling box in the Student Center to place your aluminum can in, don't thank the school. Instead, thank your peers. As a school that promotes a stewardship to the earth, it has taken students to truly make this possible, and only recently.

Junior Jaimee Haaland, president of NNU Recycles (established in 2007), said she hopes that the university will further the mission her club has started toward making NNU a contender in the world of recycling.

Haaland and the rest of her club members have done an excellent job of opening the eyes of the administration to recycling, a foreign term to the campus prior to the club's existence. Through this drive in the past year and a half, Haaland said NNU Recycles has been meeting with administration to start this process.

"Currently custodians and grounds crews are emptying most of the recycling on campus to the large green bin behind the student center which is emptied by Allied Waste," said Haaland. Haaland said the university and Sodexo pay for this process.

NNU Recycles has also done work to clean up the campus as well. A few Saturdays ago, Haaland and her crew cleaned up the Elijah Drain near the upperclassman apartments. "The drain is horrendous. There were bags and bags of trash that we pulled up from there. Some of the items found included: carpet, doilies, rusted metal pipes and grates, as well as a Dell Laptop complete with software and carrying bag." Haaland said these findings were reminders of NNU's past lack of attention toward its role in environmental awareness.

It is great that the university is finally helping Haaland make this dream a reality, but it's disappointing that it took students to spark this change. And, said Haaland, NNU has played a lot of catch-up concerning recycling. If the school pays for sprinklers to keep the grass green and scolds students for riding Howard the Elk, they should care about other aspects of keeping our campus beautiful as well.

### THE CRUSADER'S LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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## Think twice before putting all your eggs in one basket

For most women, \$5,000 for a small egg donation might seem to be a way for quick cash. Ladies, think twice before signing up.

The process is long and the payout is anything but quick. After being accepted as a donor, all the women undergo rigorous psychological, physical and medical screenings. If they pass, then they must wait to be selected.

Most women who are looking for egg donors, look for women who share their physical traits. Clean medical histories and intelligence are popular factors as well.

After being selected, the donors begin preparing their bodies. A month before the eggs are to be harvested, they begin taking drugs to stop ovulation. Two weeks before, donors begin taking injections of hyper-stimulation medicine that will increase the number of eggs they can donate.

The actual retrieval only takes about 15 minutes, but what are the long-term effects on the body of all the drugs and on the emotions of donating potential offspring?

I'm not stupid, I know I have more eggs stored up in my ovaries than I could ever possibly use (females are born with around 7 million). However, I'm not sure I'm willing to gamble with my health just to get five G's.

The chemicals and hormones that are given before donation have been linked to higher risks for certain kinds of cancer,



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

with breast and ovarian being high on that list, and also infertility. Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome is a risk that effects up to 20 percent of donors; it can be as simple as cramps or as complicated as death.

According to the Journal of Fertility and Sterility, up to 14 percent of egg donors have problems with infertility later in life.

These numbers may seem relatively low, but the risk is still there.

How sadly ironic would it be to donate eggs in college for money, then find out later that the drugs you took have caused infertility? Sure, you made \$20,000 donating, but then you have to shell out \$50,000 for in-vitro because you can't get pregnant?

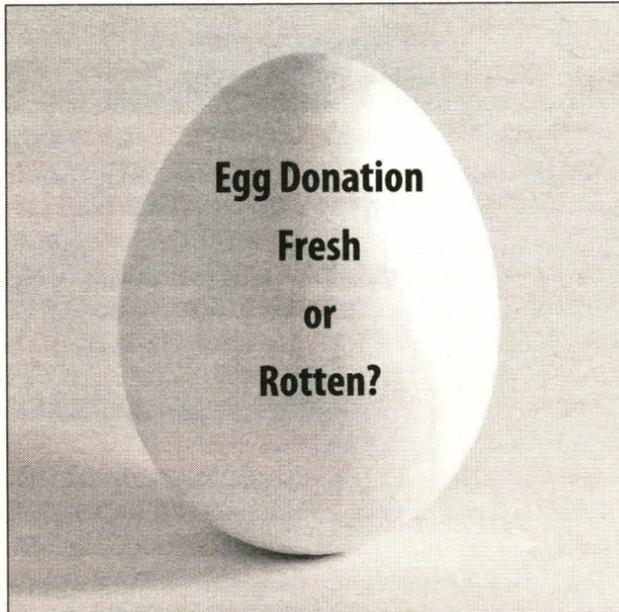
It just seems like a silly risk to me.

The emotional side of the question is hard to fathom. You aren't donating a child, just an egg. Still, it is a potential child—your potential child.

On the ethical side of the issue, I don't have too many qualms. But if you do have problems with embryonic stem cell research or you believe life begins at conception, then this is a process you want to think twice about.

Couples who buy your eggs and get pregnant early on in the process can elect to donate the embryos to stem cell research—and you get no say in the matter. Or the embryos could be disposed of after being frozen for years.

I don't want to walk down the street and see



some child that looks remotely like me and wonder—is that one of mine?

If my sister or best friend couldn't have children the question would be different. There are risks I'm willing to take for my sister or friend that I wouldn't just for money.

I'm not against egg donation itself, just the process of paying young, vulnerable women who may not be aware of all the risks entailed.

Money is a poor motivator to take risks with your health and your future.

Pause for a second before you blurt out your willingness to donate your young ladies.

## Leave it to the women: they know what's best for them

With the economy leaving few in a state of comfort, people are beginning to go to any means necessary for a few extra dollars. A new trend facing females, namely college students, is harvesting their eggs for money in return. The donation can pay wom-



**Witty title coming later**  
by  
**ANDREA SCHILLING**

are more than aware of the road ahead of them. Prior to the procedure, prospective donors are required to sit through orientations, presentations and a tour through the facility. Before the women even go through this introduction process, said OHSU, they must complete a 14-page profile. As a female, I see this process as canceling out any sort of ignorance to the procedure in its entirety. A 14-page application tells me I shouldn't take egg harvesting lightly, that in fact this is a serious procedure.

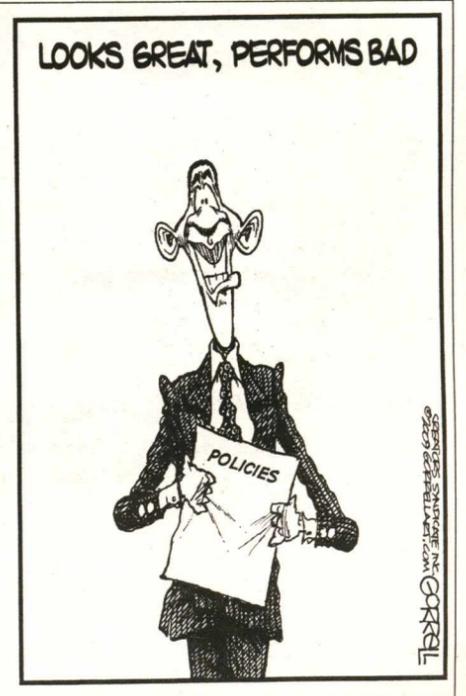
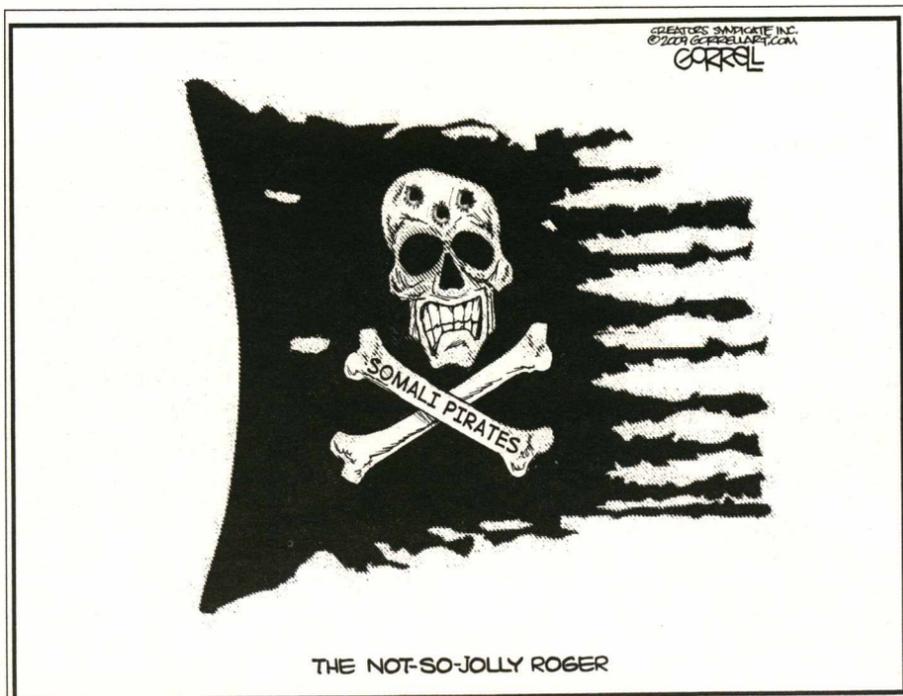
This is no McDonalds application, everyone. Now, granted, not every facility is OHSU. I hope that any females interested in the procedure will act like the adults they are and ask questions at their chosen facility prior to the course of action. This is something women are very capable of. It's rather patronizing to say women do not know what they are getting themselves into. These are the same women who are teachers, lawyers and writers, or at least aspiring to be. I would hope they know what they are doing in these areas as well.

Another argument against egg harvesting is one's motivation for participation. Certainly a hefty

paycheck is a bonus, but it needs to be acknowledged that despite the money, people are always being helped because of it. Women aren't paid for their donation until after the egg is going to be used. A little trip back to our sixth grade sex education class: women have a limited number of eggs. Because of their limitation, said OHSU, they are a commodity and therefore able to come with a monetary bonus; much like blood plasma.

Many have argued that donors can't fathom the physiological impact of process down the road. This is a fair statement to make. However, when it comes to egg harvesting I stand by the cliché that it "isn't for everyone." As for myself, I'm not particularly attached to my eggs. For another woman, perhaps it's a different story. You see, it's unfair to put a permanent label of "good" or "bad" on the physiological impact of egg harvesting. There are women who are just fine doing this for a living; just as there are women I'm sure who completely regret their decision to go through with it. Either way, women know what's best for them. If they don't, they probably don't have insurance to cover the procedure anyway.

Egg harvesting is controversial. Egg harvesting is a serious procedure. However, I have faith in my fellow females that if they do go through with this, they have weighed all the pros and cons. We are adults, so we can make adult decisions.



## Student studies marine biology in Australia for the semester

by ANDREA SCHILLING

What do cuttlefish and trailer parks have in common?

For sophomore biology major Danielle Rogers, her semester has been just that.

"I've always wanted to go to Australia, so when the AustraLearn study abroad program came to NNU it was my perfect chance," she said.

Rogers has been attending James Cook University in Townsville, Queensland-Australia where she is continuing her studies in biology.

"I chose JCU because it has an amazing science program, specifically marine

biology," said Rogers.

Rogers said she has been able to take courses NNU could never offer her, such as classes on Australian vertebrate fauna and Australian Indigenous people.

Despite Roger's long journey to JCU, she said she hasn't experienced much culture shock.

Instead, the biggest change came from her school's dynamic.

"It's incredibly different going from a small Christian private university to a public university with about 13,000 students and its own bars and clubs on campus," said Rogers. "However, I

feel like it's a little more realistic to what life will be



Danielle Rogers visits the Great Barrier Reef earlier in the semester (photo courtesy of Danielle Rogers).

like outside of the shelter of NNU."

Rogers said another big shock was that, because of

safety issues in the residence halls she was set to live in, she was placed in a trailer park, known as "dongers" with other students.

"It turned out to be great and so much fun. We all make such a fantastic little community," said Rogers.

When not busy with studies, Rogers said she's been able to explore various locations of Australia such as Whitsunday Islands and Cairns.

Rogers said she is looking forward to visiting Gold Coast and Sydney at the end of the semester.

Rogers also said she's been able to go snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef, where she said she was able

to see a variety of animals like turtles, sharks, string rays and cuttlefish. Rogers said she is several weeks away from earning her diving certification.

As Rogers prepares for departure from down under, she comes away with valuable life lessons.

"I've learned to be more laid back and just go with the flow of things. Australian culture in general is really relaxed and so I've learned to just take things as they come and not worry too much," said Rogers. "I wouldn't change this experience for the world. It has been amazing and completely surpassed everything I would've imagined."

## SIFE's entrepreneurial fair raises money for Kenyan village

by BREANNA GOLDSMITH

SIFE put on its second annual Entrepreneurial Fair Saturday, with all profits going to Ndumberi, a village in Kenya, to help set up a water filtration system for the Ndumberi Children's Center, said Lisa Bloomquist, SIFE president.

Amy Bloomquist, project coordinator for the fair said, "It is our hope that with the money raised we are truly able to make an impact and

show Christ's love to the individuals who will be impacted by this project."

The fair was composed of around 30 booths set up by a variety of local businesses.

The various booths ranged from marketing and financial services to jewelry and photography.

There were businesses from all over the Valley, with some booths set up by students from NNU.

Those who participated said they thought the fair

was an overall success. Brenda Garrett, who had set up a candle and jewelry booth, said she would love to come back next year because the event had "a lot of potential."

Many looked at the fair as a good way to increase business, but more than that, one lady said she was particularly drawn to the event because all the profits would be benefiting a village in Kenya.

Amy Bloomquist said the

profits from the booths, fees paid by the vendors and funds from a donation box where individuals were able to give money all went to a local organization, Expansion International, which travels to Kenya biannually.

Arlene Hardy, executive director for Expansion International, said the money will go to help set up a water system that will pipe water from a clinic in Ndumberi, Kenya to the nearby children's center.

This will provide clean drinking water for the children that go there and help with the water-borne diseases that a lot of them suffer from, said Hardy.

Last year the profits from the SIFE fair were donated in a similar way as this year. Lisa Bloomquist said, "We found an opportunity to help entrepreneurs on the other side of the world succeed and provided enough money last summer for a small sewing business to

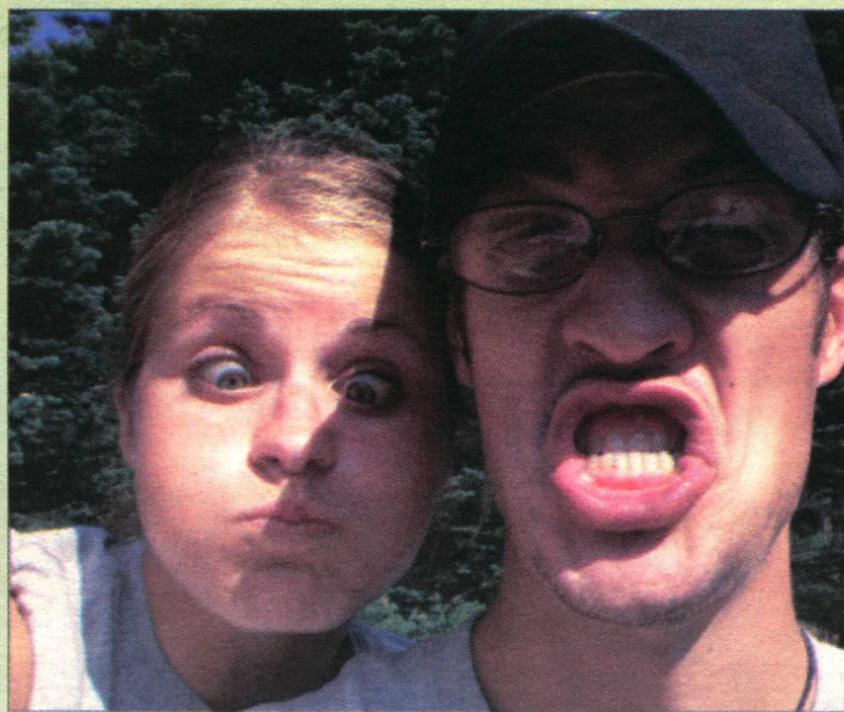
purchase a new spinning loom." She said, "I can't wait to see who we are able to help in the future."

Not only will the event benefit the community in Kenya, but it will also benefit the local community.

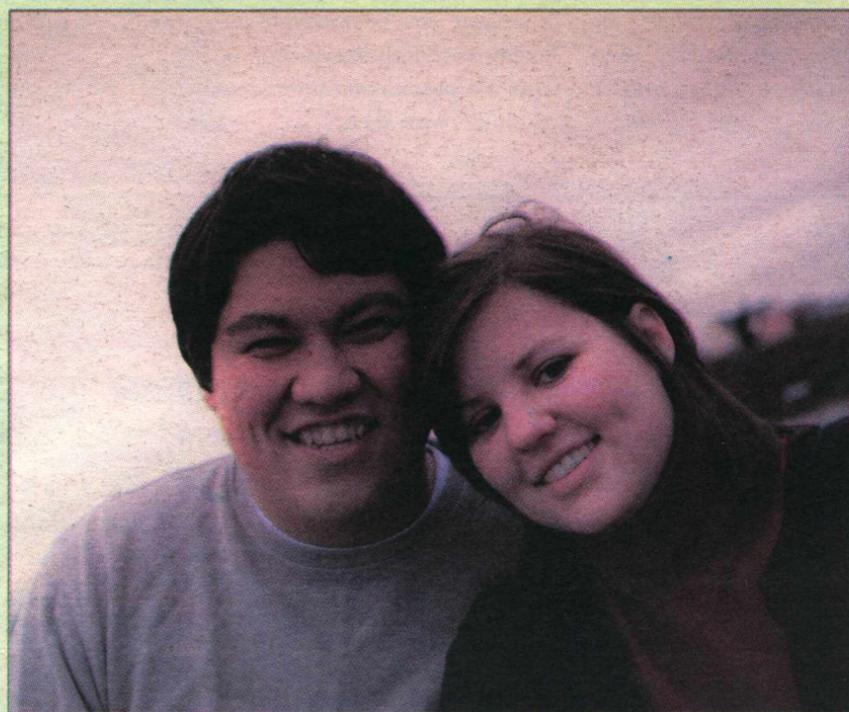
Lisa Bloomquist said, "With the rough economy we are in, we hope to provide networking opportunities for our vendors. We also want to help our community stay afloat with the rough year we have been having."



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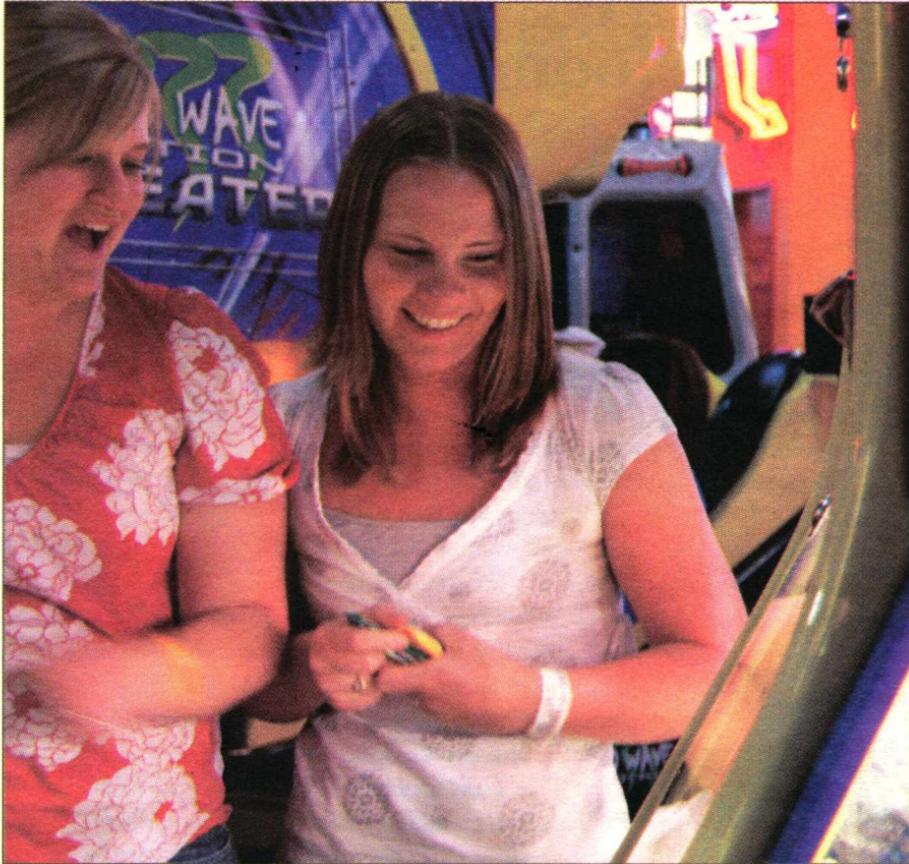


Becky Holston & Daniel Flemming  
June 6  
Enumclaw, Wash.



Joseph Sumi & Ree Armstrong  
May 30  
Meridian, Idaho

# Ladies come together for a night at Wahooz and Zac Efron



Above: Kari Penrod and Teresa Jones enjoy the arcade at Wahooz. Right: A group of freshmen girls enjoy miniature golf (photos by Kelly Sandlin).

by AIMEE NILES

On Saturday, 50 NNU girls crawled through the laser tag center at Wahooz and swooned over Zac Efron at "17 Again."

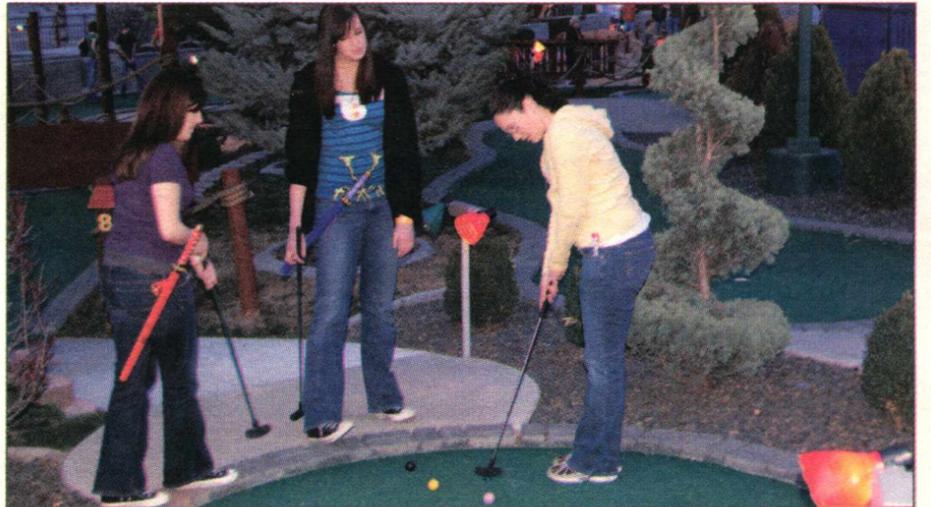
This year's event featured a trip to the amusement center formerly known as "Boondocks" and a group movie at Nampa Edwards.

Senior Ann-Jean Pillers said she went on the event because she "really wanted to get out of the apartment and away from homework." As a senior, Pillers said she also enjoyed spending time with other girls since graduation is soon.

Girls' night was planned by SGA as a whole after

former Social Vice President Brandon Haskins left his position.

Secretary Amber Ford said President Lacey Smith took a lot of the responsibility for planning the event. Ford said she "received positive feedback from the girls that went" and was glad everything went so well.



## continued from page 1: the career center can ease your summer job hunt stress

"making sure kids know how to swim, behave and have a good time."

For some this might sound like purgatory on earth, but Tuttle said she looks at it as a way to let girls know that no matter how bad life might seem to be "it's okay to be who you are and have fun."

Other options for the more philanthropically

inclined include working with inner city kids, as freshman Christian ministries major Savannah Johnson will be doing. Johnson will be working with a church in the inner city of Denver, Colo.

She said, "It is a ten-week journey in the place God has called me to go, to the poor, the broken, the downtrodden."

Now for the manly men out there looking for a job that meets all their testosterone-filled requirements, Larkin Shrader, freshman political science major, has the job for you: heavy equipment maintenance for a lumber company. What could be manlier than big trucks, grease and more big trucks? Watch out for that grease, though,

because, as Shrader said, hot days and grease is a bad combination.

If none of these noble examples of summer jobs sound appealing to you, philanthropy and manliness aside, here is a list of other possible choices. There is Squeaky Clean Car Wash, McDonald's or, if you're feeling more high class, Carl's Junior.

Walmart, Target and Safeway are other options, just take your pick. Or you can always apply to work at Liberty Tax, where you'll get to dress up like the Statue of Liberty and stand by a busy street. If you are still feeling like you need more guidance, even after all these prime examples, talk to Amanda Marble at the Career Center.

Marble said, "The important thing about a summer job is to do it well, you'll never know when you'll need a reference, and to earn money, you'll have to buy those textbooks." She leaves you with this parting tip: "Be professional, work hard and be positive, those traits will take you far."

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Moses Timofeyev & Holly Hutchinson  
August 16  
Ephrata, Wah.

Are you getting hitched this summer, too? Send us your wedding information along with a photo to [asniles@nnu.edu](mailto:asniles@nnu.edu).

\*More announcements to appear in next week's issue

### Student Life Events

**Wednesday, April 22**  
8p.m.-Senate  
9p.m.-Time-Out in SLH

**Thursday, April 23**  
Regional Main Event  
9-11p.m.- Brickhouse

**Friday, April 24**  
Regional Main Event

**Saturday, April 25**  
Regional Main Event  
9p.m.- Sons of Day & The Republic concert in JSC

**Sunday, April 26**  
Regional Main Event

## Chocolate milk is the new beverage of champions

Track and field coach John Spatz loads up the fridge with the sweet drink for his athletes

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Did you know that chocolate milk has now been titled the #1 Sports Drink?

According to recent studies, including one from the International Journal of Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism, the syrup and dairy combination is the best recovery drink for after-exercise refueling.

"Chocolate milk contains an optimal carbohydrate to protein ratio, which is critical for helping refuel tired muscles after strenuous exercise and can enable athletes to exercise at a high intensity during subsequent workouts," said Dr. Joel M. Stager from Indiana University in Bloomington where one study was conducted.

John Spatz, track and field coach, keeps a



healthy storage of the drink in his office and each athlete after workout comes in and gets a small 8oz container for post-exercise relief.

"It's not just chocolate milk that has fueled our success, but it seems to have definitely helped and also keep the athletes smiling. If it takes chocolate milk to get a win, then we will ride chocolate milk all the way," said Spatz.

The healthy and delicious drink has been spotted around many universities in the country including University of Washington, University of Indiana and University of Minnesota.

So next time you're feeling a bit drained after a heavy workout, choose the yummiest, and cheaper, glass of chocolate milk to bring your body back to full speed.

## Regular track season wraps up; conference looms

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

It's nearing the end of a victorious season for track and field and the GNAC Conference as well as Nationals is all that await the 80-athlete team.

"Our team is capable of doing some damage at the GNAC outdoor conference meet this year and I am excited to see how we'll score," said triple jumper Laura Von Arx.

Arx said she is pumped about the conference coming up and joining her teammates in one of the biggest events of the year.

"It's basically our state meet. Forty-five to fifty of the athletes have/will qualify for the GNAC Conference and we already have some kids going to Nationals," said coach John Spatz.

Currently guaranteed for Nationals is running star Ashley Puga, who qualified for the Championship a couple weeks ago. She will most likely be running both the 800 meter and 1500 meter races at the games. During the interview we

were informed that Puga just won the University Open Mount Sack Races down in Los Angeles in the 800m with a time of 2:05:23. This has given her a new school record, a GNAC all time record, and is currently ranked fifth in the outdoor 800m in the United States.

Puga will be joined by javelin thrower Josh Heidegger, who is ranked second in the nation with a javelin throw distance of 207' 9". He holds the second farthest throw in GNAC history. The two hoped to be joined by Laura Von Arx (in the triple jump), Lakeisha Nilles (in women's javelin), Grant Miller (javelin and hammer throw) and Zac Bartley (hammerthrow).

The GNAC Conference will be held May 1 and 2 at Western Oregon University.

Senior 10k runner Shannon DeBoer said that she will greatly miss the experience she has had while on the team.

"Being able to do what you love while being in fellowship with your

teammates is an experience of a lifetime. It has been great to have someone to share victory, fear and lots of miles with!"

Spatz said that this year the team has bonded really well and that starting the year off by switching up coaching has proven to be very effective.

"There have been so many motivations for the team to improve their goals. With Puga winning the national title, it brings the whole team together to push to get that far too."

Spatz also has enjoyed seeing the team members build with each other and work together in their events.

"I'm proud of every athlete on our team, it takes every single one of them to contribute. They have all sacrificed a lot of energy and time, and that is what has made this team so successful. Can't wait for the end of the season for the Conference and Nationals!"

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## Warriors show NNU no mercy in two-game battle

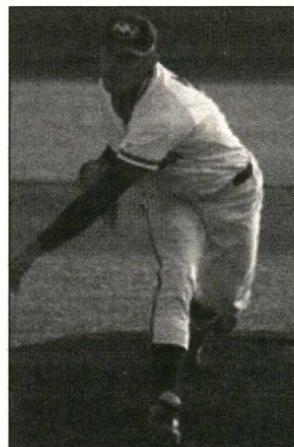
by JESSICA BOBANGO

NNU lost both games to Cal State Stanislaus Friday, ending 8-1 and 18-3.

According to NNU Sport Information, NNU's Charles Pollock fell in the second game to 2-3 with the loss while Dakota Watts took the win after "four inning of five-hit baseball for the Warriors."

CSUS scored six in the first inning and ended with 18 runs on 14 hits, according to Sports Information.

On Saturday, NNU



Jon Keller, pitcher (photo from NNU Sports Information).

came back to win the final game against Cal State 10-7.

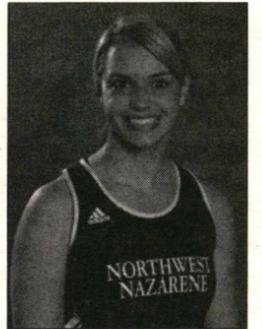
The Crusaders outthit the Warriors 15-9.

The men continue their season this weekend as they travel to Monmouth, Ore. to play Western Oregon University.

*Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information*

## PLAYER PROFILE

Ashley Egger



**Sport:**

Track & Field—pole vault

**Major:**

Pre-Med

**How long have you been in track?**

"I have only been in track since last year. It's new to me."

**Do you do other sports?**

"The only sport I have competed in other than track is gymnastics, which I participated in for ten years."

**What is your favorite movie?**

"A Walk to Remember"

**What is your favorite quote?**

Psalm 62: 5-8, "Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge."

**What is your favorite junk food?**

Anything with chocolate and peanut butter.

**What is your favorite weekend activity?**

"Well, last weekend my favorite activity was a soap/suds fight with Jennie and Charlie due to the malfunctioning of a washer in our laundry room."

**What is your favorite running song?**

"I just run to the shuffle setting on my iPod because I love surprises."



## Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of April 20

### SOFTBALL (W-L)

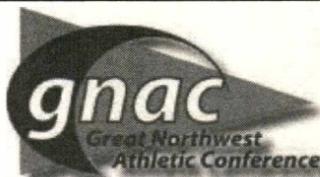
1. MSU Billings 24-6
2. Central Wash. 23-7
3. Western Ore. 17-12
4. Western Wash. 14-16
5. Saint Martin's 5-22
6. Northwest Nazarene 5-25

### BASEBALL (W-L)

1. Western Ore. 17-2
2. MSU Billings 14-10
3. Saint Martin's 10-13
4. Central Wash. 9-15
5. Northwest Nazarene 5-15

### GOLF

Apr. 13-14 @ Jim Hanny Stanislaus Invite  
Team score: 952 (12th place overall)  
Jeff McDonald 74-81-84  
Aaron Van De Hey 80-78-78



## Softball has rough weekend against CWU

by JESSICA BOBANGO

Central Washington University beat out the Crusaders in both games Friday, with final scores 4-2 and 11-3.

According to CWU

Sports Information, NNU scored one in the first and two in the second with only two hits over the final three innings.

In its final two games on Saturday, Central Washington took both wins again

with "identical 3-0 scores," according to NNU Sports Information.

Holly Rossman got a home-run in the first and Danielle Monson "singled two in the sixth," according to Sports Information.

Haley Havern and Vanessa Shaw each had two hits.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

Right: Cara Duckworth, pitcher (photo from NNU Sports Information).



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Sports Blurbs

### CAPITALS-RANGERS NEW YORK

Coming off a shutout victory, Henrik Lundqvist and the New York Rangers look to take a 3-0 lead over Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals. The Capitals, the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference, dropped the first two games of the opening-round series at home.

### BOSTON MARATHON BOSTON

Ethiopia's Deriba Merga and Kenya's Salina Kosgei win the Boston Marathon, with Kosgei capturing the women's race by less than a stride. Americans were third in both division

### DOPING THE DRAFT

The Detroit Lions didn't get to 0-16 by drafting wisely—think Charles Rogers, Joey Harrington, Mike Williams and the like. Now they face a problem when they make the first pick Saturday, a decision that could prolong their decade of agony

### IN THE PITS CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Statistics make it difficult to find much wrong with Richard Childress Racing, which has three drivers in the top 16 in points. But a poor showing at Phoenix International Raceway, where their cars are typically strong, proved RCR has a ways to go before it can realistically win a championship.

### BULLS-CELTICS BOSTON

The Boston Celtics will again be without Kevin Garnett when they face a Chicago Bulls team that got 36 points and 11 assists from rookie point guard Derrick Rose in the playoff opener. The NBA champions are trying to gain a split at home before the series shifts to Chicago

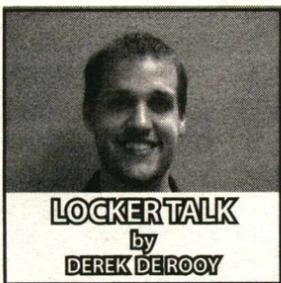
### JAZZ-LAKERS LOS ANGELES

Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers begin their quest for the team's first NBA championship since 2002 when they open the Western Conference playoffs against the Utah Jazz, whose coach Jerry Sloan admitted it "looks pretty bleak" for his team to pull the upset.

## NFL draft: a new national holiday for sports fans

It's out of hand. Really. Teams' futures are built, at least in part, through the NFL draft, which takes place this weekend.

My beloved Chiefs, who



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by  
DEREK DEROOY

hold the third overall pick, have much to gain: it appears as if the Lions and Rams, drafting first and second, will pass on Wake Forest LB Aaron Curry

to fill larger holes, rather than simply taking the best player.

The draft is the league's most influential day of the year—everyone plays a part, teams feed off the choices made (both right and wrong) of every other team, etc. And some great players are found every year in later rounds, "diamonds in the rough," I suppose.

But this isn't 1989, or even 1999, when the top picks in the annual draft were typically going to be the teams' stars, the ones who turned everything around.

This is 2009: most every player is a role player. Each position has a particular job, and no one is above

the team.

While you might find someone more talented than expected, you won't find players who can turn around a franchise by themselves. You don't find a Barry Sanders...you get Reggie Bush. You won't find Elway...you'll have to be content with Joe Flacco. And while Bush and Flacco are fine players, they can't do everything, and it is hard to consider them the focal point of any offense.

In the 21st century, the draft is more about finding the right players for your system, the best complements for your philosophy and the best foils for the players you drafted the previous year.

That isn't to say that drafting the right players isn't important. But it is often only as important as any other acquisition a team makes via free agency or trade.

Yet football writers, journalists, bloggers and fans all treat this as the biggest day of the year for their teams...unless they happen to play in the Super Bowl.

The draft, the hope of what might be, what is to come, is on the mind from February (and that's a generous estimate) until April.

Though it's hard to expect beat writers to ignore any material that can make a living, too, after all—I find it shameful that fans

place such emphasis on a day when teams are making educated guesses or simply filling a hole.

The only other description one could possibly make of the draft is that it is luck, luck that a player's value may not be as high as estimated, luck that a player's hips can handle the rigorous NFL.

As for me, the best day of the year is opening day.

Finally, after months of waiting, we get to see what our teams have been doing to prepare, a chance to see a finished or almost-finished product. Instead of hoping for what might be, I'll be focused on what is.

## Veterinarians search for clues to 21 polo horses found dead

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

WELLINGTON, Fla.

Organ by organ, veterinarians are taking apart 21 prized polo horses to uncover what killed them mysteriously over the weekend during preparations for a match in one of the sport's top championships. Simultaneously, state authorities have opened a criminal probe to determine whether the deaths were intentional, a result of negligence or simply a terrible accident.

They're removing the hearts, lungs, livers, kidneys and spleens, and cutting small samples to be tested for toxins. The process unfolds much as it would for a dead person.

State officials believe the horses died from an adverse drug reaction, toxins in their food or supplements, or a combination of the two. Two days after the horses' deaths, authorities say they have not uncovered any crime but continue to investigate.

"We want to make sure from a law enforcement standpoint that there was no impropriety ... no

purposeful harm or laws violated in Florida," said Terence McElroy, spokesman for the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned team began collapsing Sunday as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach, with some dying at the scene and others hours later. They were set to compete in the sport's U.S. Open tournament ahead of the finals this coming Sunday, and were seen as top contenders.

While veterinarians work with their scalpels, investigators are interviewing everyone who encountered the horses the day of the game and gathering evidence such as feed and supplements from the stables where the horses were kept.

"Should criminal activity surface, we don't want to be so far behind the eight-ball that we're playing catch-up," said sheriff's Capt. Greg Richter.

The exhaustive process included more evidence collecting Tuesday at the

stables used by the Lechuza Polo team, said Dr. Michael Short, the state's equine programs manager who is helping coordinate the case.

The investigation hinges on a combination of interviews with players and groomers, tests of feed and a history of the horses' training regimens, Short said. Information gathered there and during the necropsies will help investigators refine their approach to the toxicologies.

Officials said the necropsies were completed by Tuesday night, and revealed some bleeding but offered no definitive clues. Short expects that testing blood and tissue for toxins will be more important in pinpointing the cause. But results from toxicologies could take weeks.

Short had said earlier in the day the necropsies may not reveal much, given officials suspect the culprit to be "some type of toxin or poison."

The team's owner, prominent Venezuelan banker Victor Vargas, has not spoken publicly since the deaths. In fact, it's unclear

if Vargas, president of the Venezuelan Banking Association, or the team are still in Florida. Authorities would not say.

The team issued a statement Monday night that it does not know the cause of deaths, but is helping with the investigation.

While it's not clear exactly how the Lechuza horses were fed or trained, several people involved in the sport say that keeping the horses on a strict routine is a key to winning games. Trainers rarely stray, especially not hours before a match.

Kris Bowman, manager of the Vero Beach Polo Club, said the animals are generally given grain and hay in the morning, then in the evening and more hay around noon. Some ponies also are given electrolytes in their water, Bowman said.

"Everybody has their own style," he said. "Just like any athlete would have for a warm-up."

The teams spend months fine-tuning their daily routines, said Owen Rinehart, a polo player and breeder in Aiken, S.C.,

and it would be unusual for a successful team like Lechuza to deviate at the last minute.

"They certainly have done everything right in the past," Rinehart said. "I don't think that there's any way anybody would compromise a situation like that."

He said trainers for top teams wouldn't risk giving a potentially dangerous performance-enhancing drug to an entire group of horses. The 21 Lechuza horses have been estimated to be worth more than \$2 million.

"It's just not worth it," he said.

However, the U.S. Polo Association doesn't require drug testing of horses.

"There are no rules," the association's director, Peter Rizzo, told the South Florida Sun Sentinel.

He did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press.

The club said games would resume Thursday with a moment of silence and a wreath laying ceremony. Finals are still set for Sunday. The Lechuza team has withdrawn.

# Psychobilly coming to a venue near you



## REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

What is the result when a rockabilly band listens to too much punk rock, too much goth rock and consumes way too much caffeine?

Reverend Horton Heath, of course, and this

hyper, back-woods meets city slicker band is coming to The Knitting Factory (The Big Easy) July 16.

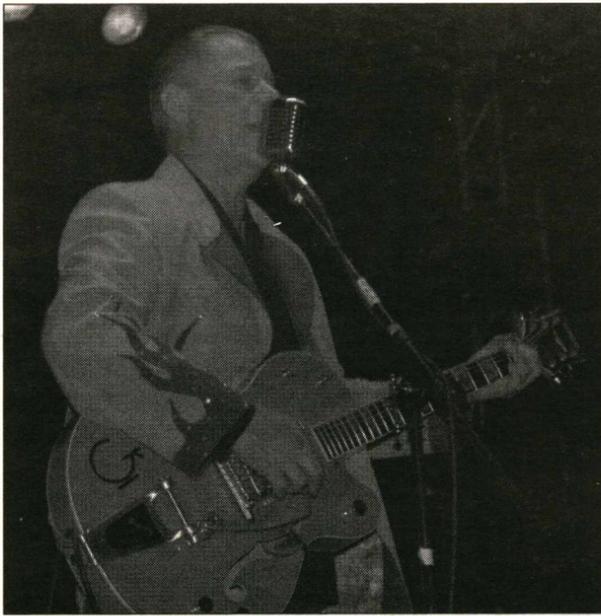
Rockabilly is a genre stemming from the 1950's that was influenced primarily by country, blues, swing and rock.

"Psychobilly," as Reverend Horton Heat is often called, is a modern offshoot of rockabilly.

Imagine punk rock with a steel guitar and an upright bass that you can swing dance to.

Essentially, it is a Southern version of punk rock or ska on a country-wide rampage.

Reverend Horton Heath's albums scream



Reverend Horton Heat performs earlier this year. The Psychobilly artist is currently touring the United States, stopping next in New Mexico (photo from Wikicommons).

out of control swing dance party, so if its concerts have

even half that energy they should be an adrenaline

rush of a hoedown.

The band, from Dallas, Texas, is Jim Heath (vocals, guitar), Jimbo Wallace (upright bass) and Paul Simmons (drums). Formed in the 80's (what better time for the revival and revision of music trends gone by?), the band has recorded and released at a steady pace.

"Revival" (2004) is the band's most recent release of original work, followed by a Christmas album in 2005 and an Interscope collection in 2006.

In all, the band has nine albums, two collections, and they appear in numerous soundtracks and compilations.

Do not let the band's name be misleading: this is not a Christian or religiously affiliated band. Heath picked up "Reverend" as a nickname and the band's name followed from that. They are, however, socially responsive (yes, that is a sly, albeit cheesy, reference to a most important university outcome).

Since 2008 the band has been taking donations at all its shows for Nothing But Nets, an organization that sends mosquito nets to Africa to prevent the spread of malaria, according to the band's Myspace blog.

## Choirs close the year with spring concert

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

This week the music department presents its end of the year concerts. Monday night was the chamber ensembles concert. The band concert was last night. And Thursday, the Spring Choral Concert will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Lecture Hall. The concert will feature the Crusader Choir and Bella Voce.

The Crusader Choir, under the direction of Professor Barry Swanson, will perform, among others, pieces by Beethoven and

Brahms. And Bella Voce's performance will include two compositions based on Blackfoot Indian texts by composer Deborah Lynn. Bella Voce, NNU's women choir, is directed by Professor Judy Marlett.

Whitney Brown, a member of Bella Voce, encourages everyone to attend the concert. "This is our last performance of the year," Brown said, "come and experience the magic."

Brown commented that both choirs have put tremendous work into their concerts, and are eager to

see how their performances are received by the faculty and students of NNU.

Kyle Miyauchi sings in the Crusader Choir and said that the concert will be a fun experience for both the performers and the audience. Miyauchi said, "This will be a great opportunity to come and see what the music department is up to."

The Spring Choral Concert is open to the community and will cost \$5 at the door.



Lindsay Macias and Kendra Hughes perform at the Spring Concert last Thursday (photo from Barry Swanson).

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personalities," said Dennis.

Blowers's show "Noise," which was displayed from March 30 to April 3, was an installation piece that included large letters painted over the gallery walls, as well as six framed pieces that were placed on top of the painted walls, said Blowers.

Spears's show, "Ashes to Ashes" is photographic, including 28x42 commercial transparency prints mounted on lightboxes, personally made and designed to coordinate with the gallery framing, Spears said.

The artists also received inspiration from other artists, nature, faith and God.

"It is the hope of God that truly inspired this

collection. The hope I see in their faces. The hope I feel when I draw a child with such open innocent eyes. There must be hope in this world and I praise God for allowing me to feel some of it," said Dennis.

Dennis said she just hopes that people have a response or a connection of some kind to the artwork.

"These are drawings of human beings. Do we know them? Do we like them? Do we care? Why don't we care? What would bring us to care? If we have a response what may have triggered it? Could the size variations of the work increase the range of possible reactions? All the things I wonder, but what one gets from a piece well,

that's on them to decide. It just tickles my curiosities greatly," said Dennis.

Blowers was inspired by faith, journaling and several artists including Ed Fella, Paula Scher, Stefan Sagmeister, Barbara Kruger, Blowers said.

"I was hoping that people would be able to relate to similar 'noise' in their own life. Also, I was hoping that people would take time to look at the 'quiet' spots throughout the gallery (the framed pieces) and see what they said. Most people missed it. Most people do," said Blowers.

"Ashes to Ashes" was inspired by a field trip to some fire-damaged land in an amphibians class, said Spears.

"In addition, I wanted to discuss the human relationship with destruction and devastation, both in our environment (a very relative subject) and in our emotional lives (a very spiritual subject). I think the work successfully addresses all of these," said Spears.

"I hoped to give people the room to consider how they feel about such things and to challenge our perceptions of beauty, change and even hope. Also to at least think about our human connections to creation, the environment. In a word personal contemplation."

The group show reception will be April 30 from 5 to 8 p.m.

## quoteoftheweek

“Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them.”

-Bill Vaughn, quoted in John Winokur, "The Portable"

## continued from page 1: Music students complete their senior recitals

Dick have performed their recitals.

Violin emphasis music major Melody Christensen and vocal performance major Heather Reeves performed Sunday. Scott King, who is a piano performance major, also performed Sunday.

On April 28, vocal performance majors Katie Zook and Lindsay Macias will be performing at 6 p.m. On May 2, Jillian Palmquist, who is a senior

percussion major, will be performing at 8 p.m.

These recitals, which are being held in the Brandt Center's Swayne Auditorium, are open to the public, said Marlett.

"I think it's important for music majors to gain experience performing in front of an audience regardless of their emphasis. In almost every music profession one will find oneself in a performance situation," said Palmquist.

These junior and senior music majors will be playing a variety of classical pieces and a few will be performing songs of their own composition.

Palmquist, who will be performing several of her own compositions at her recital, said, "Being on stage and performing is the biggest high I get. Performing as a soloist just puts me on cloud nine."

## Zac Efron's '17 Again' is entertaining, but worth the dollar movie wait



### REVIEW

by AIMEE NILES

"17 Again" is quite possibly the most awkward movie I have witnessed on the big screen.

If the goal of this film was to make the audience yell "NOOOO!" at the screen, then this one succeeded several times over.

Matthew Perry and Zac Efron play the elder and younger version of Mike O'Donnell—a guy who knocked up his high school girlfriend and married her.

Now, 40, almost divorced and bitter, Mike looks back on his life and wishes he could do it over again.

A burly, geriatric custodian grants Mike his

wish and suddenly he is 17—again.

Mike transforms into "Mark" and—with the help of Ned (Thomas Lennon), the quintessential nerd and Mike's best friend—tries to connect with his kids and win the basketball scholarship he missed out on.

Completely cliché, "17 Again" was nonetheless delightful.

I'm going to take a wild guess and say that most men wouldn't appreciate Zac Efron in all his "High School Musical" glory, but Ned and his awkward ways supply an endless stream of laughter.

Look for Jan from "The Office" (Melora Harmin) to supply some amusement as well.

In terms of craft, I'm less than thrilled with this movie.

There are several plot holes that just strike me as lazy.

The movie claims—through an onscreen clue

saying "today"—to take place in 2009, however, the film starts in 1989. If that were true, his oldest child would be 19 or 20.

Either way, she would be out of high school and much of the movie wouldn't take place.

Any time warp, body swap movie is going to follow the same formula—hero goes back to fix his awful life, hero learns his life isn't that bad, hero gets back to the present.

Movies that break that pattern—see "Back to the Future" for an awesome 80's example—are set to live on as classics.

Movies that don't are set to be remade by Disney 25 years later—"Freaky Friday" anybody?

"17 Again" was worth a few chuckles, and was an excellent choice for this year's Girls' Night.

However, it isn't one of those must-see films. Redbox it in four months, it's worth the wait—sorry Mr. Efron.

## Miss California takes sides on 'Today'

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Miss California says she stands by her anti-gay-marriage comments, even if they may have cost her the Miss USA crown.

Carrie Prejean defended her views Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show, telling host Matt Lauer that she spoke from the heart during Sunday's pageant when she said that "marriage should be between a man and a woman."

The beauty queen's response to a question from openly gay pageant judge and celebrity blogger Perez

Hilton has received more attention than the winner, Miss North Carolina Kristen Dalton. During the pageant, Hilton asked Prejean if every state should follow Vermont in legalizing same sex marriage.

"I think it's great that Americans are able to choose one or the other," Prejean responded. "But in my country, and in my family, I think that I believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised."

Hilton, who also appeared on the "Today" show Tuesday, said his question

was relevant and that Prejean should have "left her politics and her religion out because Miss USA represents all Americans."

Prejean, who was named first runner-up at the pageant, told Lauer that she knew she had lost immediately after answering the question. However, she stands by her statement.

"I don't take back what I said," she told Lauer, adding that she "had spoken from my heart, from my beliefs and for my God."

"It's not about being politically correct," she said. "For me, it's about being biblically correct."

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### Movies opening 4/24

"The Soloist"  
"Obsessed"  
"Fighting"  
"The Informers"

### Books:

"Highland Scandal"  
by Julia London  
"Four Seasons"  
by Isadore Sharp  
"First Family"  
by David Baldacci  
"The Last Thing I Remember"  
by Andrew Klavan

### Music:

"Sounds of the Universe"  
by Depeche Mode  
"Rebirth of Venus"  
by Ben Lee  
"Hell or High Water"  
by As Cities Burn  
"Living Thing"  
by Peter Bjorn & John  
"Sweet Sweet Sound"  
by Sarah Reeves

### DVDs:

"Frost/Nixon"  
"Daredevil"  
"The Wrestler"

Movie information from MSN.com  
Book and DVD information from borders.com

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# CONCERT BOX

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**ALEXIS GIDEON + SHELLEY SHORT** 4.23.09 @ **FLYING M**

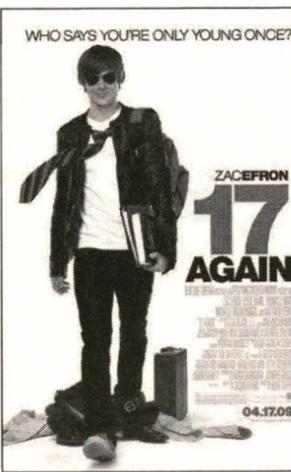
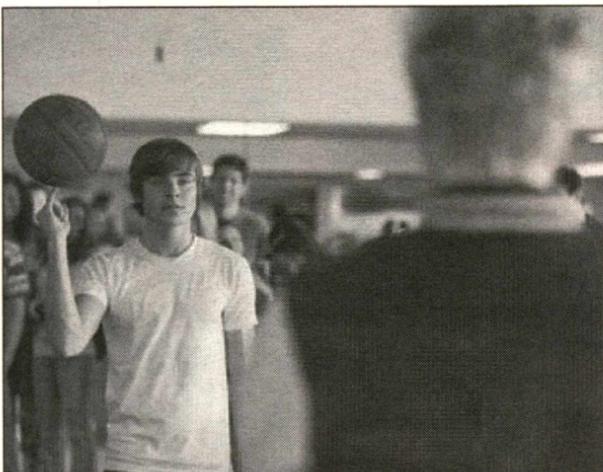
**DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE** 4.25.09 @ **MORRISON CENTER**

**AUGUST BURNS RED** 5.05.09 @ **KNITTING FACTORY**

**BOOMSNAKE + ALASKAS** 5.09.09 @ **FLYING M**

**AMBER PACIFIC** 5.28.09 @ **BOISE VENUE**

**MEWITHOUTYOU** 6.27.09 @ **BOISE VENUE**



Zac Efron stars in "17 Again" (photos from Fandango.com and Wikicommons).

# Things at NNU I hope I'm not alone in doing

by Nick Ratliff

TOP TEN

10. Lost a staring contest with Howard the Elk.
9. After 3 years, I still don't know the names (let alone the abbreviations) of the buildings on campus.
8. Park my car as close to my dorm room so I can peek out the window and hit the panic button and set off the car alarm when people walk by.
7. I still think about how awesome a campus-wide paintball/airsoft game would be.
6. The child in me cries a little every time I pass the big tree at the far end of the soccer field and I don't climb it.
5. Never once prayed in the prayer chapel.
4. Pretended to pray in the prayer chapel many times to avoid late night security.
3. When I'm crossing the Olsen bridge with oncoming long-boarders/bikers I get tempted to push them over the side into the canal.
2. Will use shampoo as regular soap to save money but will drive across campus to save the extra 90 seconds.
1. Get grossed out when people "napkin" their pizza, not because of all the grease but because now they have little pieces of napkin on their pizza.

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### Newsday Crossword

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  - 4 Disputes
  - 9 Suspect's story
  - 14 "That's disgusting!"
  - 15 Carnation location
  - 16 Odometer count
  - 17 Sis' sibling
  - 18 Monthly mail
  - 20 Sandwich filler
  - 22 Nev. neighbor
  - 23 Assign a value to
  - 24 Arena attraction
  - 26 Thin nails
  - 28 Queue
  - 30 Takes risks
  - 33 Deck the halls, perhaps
  - 35 Functions
  - 36 Pal of Tom and Huck
  - 39 Words to live by
  - 40 After-school org.
  - 41 Minute amount
  - 43 Beer alternative
  - 44 More like a fox
  - 46 South Pacific nation
  - 47 Giants of rock
  - 49 Landlord's collection
  - 50 Wholesale quantity
  - 52 Fries and onion rings
  - 54 Advance
  - 55 Shoebox letters
  - 58 Features of some sports cars

### MARKET BASKET by David W. Cromer

Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- DOWN**
- 1 Servers of
  - 2 Taj Mahal city
  - 3 Music symbol
  - 4 Irrigation channel
  - 5 Feast activity
  - 6 News serv.
  - 7 Supermarket section

- 8 Lost traction
- 9 Author Tan
- 10 Virgo neighbors
- 11 Trojan War epic
- 12 Auto parts
- 13 Wight, for one
- 19 Coffee or water follower
- 21 Turn aside
- 25 Downtown L.A. attraction
- 27 Sits down
- 28 Priest of Tibet
- 29 Teen fave
- 31 Tour-book listing
- 32 Sounds loudly
- 34 They smell
- 36 Daniel Craig character
- 37 Computer-screen image
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- 60 Stitched up
- 62 Language ending
- 63 "What have we here!"

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# Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

My girlfriend of two years just ended it by saying she needed more of a roller-coaster-type-relationship.

She said she thought I was too safe—too stable of a guy—and that she wanted to find someone a little less nice.

The girl I dated before that, broke up with me after I drove 500 miles to surprise her at home over her Christmas Break. She told me that she loved spending time with me, but wished I didn't get along with her family so well.

Since when did being a good guy become grounds for dumping?

-- Disillusioned Dater

Dear Disillusioned,

I really only have one thing to say to you: forget those chumps and marry me! "Too stable of a guy?" What does that even mean? "Find someone less nice?" Seriously? Don't go throwing your Emily Post books out just yet. E-mail me your number, we'll set up a date.

In love,  
Nana Bobango

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to [crusader@nnu.edu](mailto:crusader@nnu.edu). Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.

