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WE GOT YOUR BACK. The sader women come home to a red, black and white full house this year.

In honor of the seventh man

RACHEL BEERS
The Crusader

All volleyball fans need at NNU are a few good words written in chalk and an electric 30-second pep rally at chapel to put their feet in the direction of the Johnson Sports Center this fall.

Barb Robertson, the assistant athletic director of NNU, said, "Visiting coaches have never seen anything like this [cheering section], they wish they had the support we do. It's amazing."

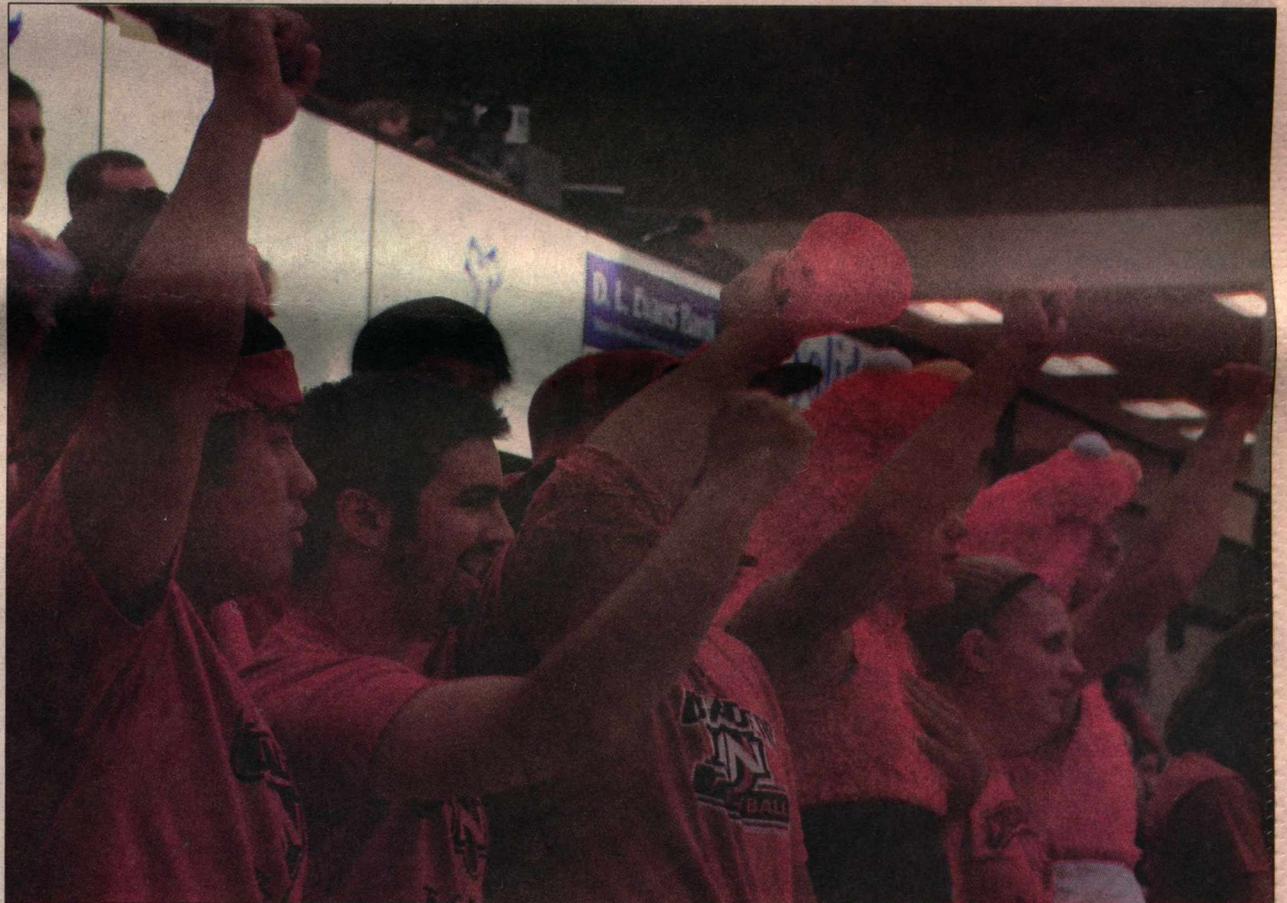
Following the headache that one may leave a game with, many fans would agree.

With a support system that large, one would expect it to be somewhat rude in how it shows its support to the girls.

However, Robertson said she is "especially proud of the fact that the support has been channeled toward the support of our players, instead of negative energy to the opposing team."

Sophomore Kaley Lione, a Crusader volleyball fan, said, "The atmosphere of the game is really intense and the crowd

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Alex Corn | The Crusader

Students await a serve from the Crusader side at last week's home game against Montana State-Billings. The women won the game 3-2.

Gay,
lesbian,
bisexual

Changes foreseeable for both on and off campus students

What's
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students talk about their faith, lifestyle and the NNU community

Editor's note: Names of students have been changed to respect their privacy.

BRANDON HASKINS The Crusader

According to the U.S. Census Bureau roughly 1 percent to 2 percent of the population identify themselves as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Comparable statistics for NNU's student body aren't available, but some people who attend this school do identify themselves with these sexual orientations.

For Molly, "being a homosexual at NNU is basically just an extension of growing up in a Christian home. One of the biggest challenges in both is lack of understanding. When the thought of homosexuals at NNU is brought up, everybody's response is, 'Why would they even come here?' Might as well be saying forget that it is a good school, that even preaches of love and compassion; if somebody is homosexual they can't belong," Molly says.

"NNU can be a hostile environment for LGBT students," says Dan, a senior. "I have decided not to come out completely while I am an NNU student because I feel there is a tremendous lack of understanding about homosex-

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Holly Beech | The Crusader

Freshmen Stephanie Kuykendall and Joanna Walker make conversation outside Ford Residence Hall on Monday. Ford is a four-story dormitory for freshman women. These women, as well as the rest of the freshmen class will be the first to abide by the off-campus age requirement of 22.

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President David Alexander and The Board of Trustees are drafting an initial housing enhancement plan that would revise the student regulations for off campus housing, Alexander said.

The Board of Trustees is NNU's governing body, which consists of alumni, friends, pastors and lay persons.

Forty elected members are on the board with Alexander reporting to them.

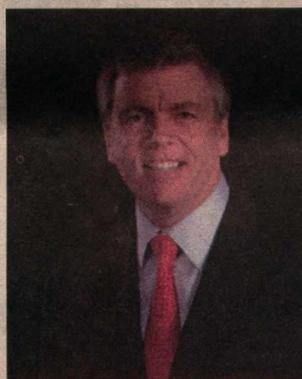
The Trustees will be meeting at the university Oct. 14 - 16.

During their meeting, they will discuss and evaluate plans for changing off-campus living regulations.

Director of Residential Life Karen Pearson said this agenda could be discussed with the Student Development Committee.

Alexander calls this plan a "Long Term NNU Residential Village."

Their goal is to develop a comprehensive plan to enhance



Courtesy of NNU.edu

NNU's community atmosphere, Alexander said.

Pearson said the "Village plan" has been an ongoing process for NNU, and that no drastic changes would be made in the near future.

She did say, however, that beginning with this year's 2013 freshman class, students will have to remain on campus until they are 22 years old, instead of 21.

Pearson said it is still being discussed whether or not senior status makes a student eligible for off-campus living.

Pearson also indicated that if and when NNU considers removing an existing building,

Sutherland will be the first one to go. She said the "Village plan" is designed and intended to bring our campus more together.

NNU should purposefully and properly plan and invest in the quality of students' residential living experiences while on campus, making it a place where everyone wants to live, Alexander said.

This change would happen gradually and in phases. This month's Trustee meeting will formalize the initial comprehensive plan.

Early "Village" discussions among some campus leaders focus on revising existing campus housing buildings.

Alexander said that they are considering building new living quarters called suites, semi-suites and apartment living to effectively address student living expectations. Alexander said he would like to see living enhancements begin to happen on campus.

A recent circulating rumor associated with "Village plan"

development is the notion that scholarships would be limited to students living on campus only. This rumor is only half true, Alexander says.

The intent of the university is to have students who are in leadership positions live on campus, who receive scholarships for their work, like student government officers.

Alexander said our campus would benefit from student leaders living on campus, with it being difficult for some to serve when they live off-campus.

Alexander said that change is inevitable.

Effective planning, with students' best interests in mind, will always continue in every aspect—including safe, desirable and well-designed housing on campus.

The goal of the Trustees, Alexander and the Residential Life Departments is to make highly successful plans that are easily implemented and create a more unified campus and advantageous living atmosphere, Alexander said.

Businesses wanting your attention in the Student Center come screened.

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Partly cloudy.
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MONDAY
Partly cloudy.
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Cloudy.
Hi: 60° | Low: 40°

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Career Center says students shouldn't break a sweat when seeing employment booths outside The Dex

BRANDON HASKINS
The Crusader

We've all been there before, you're walking to lunch at The Dex and you notice some recruiter set up right outside of the Career Center.

You pick up speed, avert eye contact and walk on the other side of the couches.

Many of these businesses are looking for students to work for them, mostly over the summer, but with business models that are often confusing, how does a student really know what they are getting themselves into?

According to Amanda Marble, Director of the Career Center, most of the

organizations that contact them are ministry opportunities, and almost all organizations have an existing relationship with the university.

This generally assures them to be respectable organizations that students can trust.

When an unfamiliar organization contacts the Career Center, Marble typically meets with the organization and discusses hiring procedures and the type of company pay, among other things, to make sure that students are being presented with the best possible opportunities.

Marble stated that as the Director of the Career Center,

>>> What to look for in the Student Center this year

This week:

- Sen. Mike Crapo's Office
- Oct. 9, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Previous Spring Recruiters:

- Peace Corps
- Golden Bell Camp & Conference Center
- Pinelow Park & Conference Center
- Twin Rocks Friends Camp
- Christian Camp & Conference Assoc.

she avoids pyramid schemes as well as any situation that might put liability on the student.

Marble does state that not all opportunities are great for all students, and says that "while

we filter a bit for students, we are hoping that students are smart enough to be able to filter

a bit for themselves as to what would or would not be a good fit for themselves."

Currently, the Career Center offers this service to organizations for free while some other schools have moved to having companies pay for such opportunities.

Marble says that because of NNU's size the center may not be offering as much "bang for their buck," but she is currently looking into what other schools do in these situations.

Most of the recruiters NNU receives throughout occur during spring semester, Marble said.

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uality on our campus. Until more people understand homosexuality, I won't take the risk of being subjected to misconception and stereotyping."

A number of students expressed concern about the possibility of being kicked out of school if the administration were to find out about their sexuality.

But according to Karen

being kicked out in regard to their sexual orientation.

Joanne Rittmueller, director of the Wellness Center, says some students have left on their own because of problems regarding their sexual orientation, but she cannot think of any within the past few years.

Rittmueller does express concern for LGBT students, as homosexuals tend to have a higher suicide rate and deal with a number of difficult issues regarding acceptance, spirituality and religion.

While Rittmueller does believe that NNU is becoming

Soulforce, an LGBT advocacy group, visited NNU's campus in the spring of 2007.

"My personal views on homosexuality have changed enormously since Soulforce visited. At the time, I had no desire to be out and lived as if I wasn't gay. Soulforce bothered me because they reminded me that I was in fact gay, and they asked for a level of honesty I wasn't yet ready to give. Now, however, I have become more comfortable with my sexuality and am out to my close friends," Dan says.

As a gay Christian, Jared has had a difficult time reconciling

network as hate speech. I have started up the program again and have decided that if it doesn't work, I'll be celibate for the rest of my life. My faith in God comes first."

For Sarah, celibacy was not something she felt was possible.

"After spending so much time in the closet, hiding who I am, it just becomes too hard," she says. "I got really lonely, and turned to Craigslist. ... It was just the first thing I could think of. I thought it would be a place that I could maybe find an actual relationship, but it seems like most people just want sex, and sometimes I just

that despite who I find myself attracted to, that God loves me just the same," says Brian, a bisexual student. So, I might have the occasional thought about some guy. It's no more sinful than someone having the same thoughts about someone of the opposite sex, or cheating on their taxes," he says.

"I can't help my attraction, but I control my actions. I've never acted upon any homosexual tendency and have pursued a number of relationships with girls. I'm lucky enough to have the luxury of being attracted to both genders. I can't imagine how difficult it would be for

a wonderful alternative lifestyle. I just am tired of seeing doors of churches slammed in the faces of people who are searching for truth."

>>Need to talk to someone?

NNU's counseling center offers confidential counseling to help students resolve whatever issues

life, the university does not punish any student for their sexual orientation.

Referencing the student handbook, Pearson says that a student engaging in any type of sex outside of marriage, homosexual or heterosexual, can be punished under NNU's institutional guidelines.

She also states that since she has been employed at NNU, she cannot think of anyone ever

environment, she does think there is a ways to go.

Dan agrees: "I can sometimes feel extremely out of place here at NNU, where the Christian-conservative majority has a pretty decisive stance on homosexuality. However, I refuse to be denied the experiences or education unique to NNU because of my sexual orientation."

Dan remembers when

his sexuality with his faith.

"It was extremely hard, and I don't know what will happen with me in the future, but I know that I believe that it is the action, not the feeling, that is a sin," Jared says.

"I've tried therapies that claim to help gay men turn straight, but it is hard, especially since the program that I was working with (Exodus International) was blocked last year on NNU's

get to a point where I can't take it anymore. I just need to feel like someone is there, however shallow it is. Sure, I would love to be able to be part of a loving, monogamous relationship, but don't believe it is possible to do without coming out."

Some students say they don't see a conflict between their faith and their sexual orientation.

"I don't believe I choose who I am attracted to, and believe

someone that didn't."

Molly agrees with Brian's view: "I believe it is a complete misconception that homosexuals cannot be Christian. I realize that statement causes conflict in the church and I think that is great; conflict is the source of change. The church has not achieved perfection, so it is in need of change," Molly says.

"I am not saying the church should start preaching that it is

they need to in a way that allows the student to explore any possibility they choose.

Appointments with the counseling center can be made by contacting Sue Bankston at 467-8466 or scbankston@nnu.edu.

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TAYLOR ALLEN

The Crusader

Imagine walking in the footsteps of Bill Clinton, John Wesley and J.R.R. Tolkien. For junior Arielle Askren, no imagination is required.

Askren is studying at the University of Oxford this semester in the United Kingdom.

Askren went over there to take classes in political theory and history.

Although she is a communications major, Askren has minors in political science and psychology.

Oxford does not use the semester system like the United States does – instead they use three, eight week terms.

Askren has quite the load over in the U.K. as she is not only going to class and doing homework while there.

She also has to attend tutorials where she meets one-on-one with a tutor and writes essays in addition to going to lectures during the week.

The nice thing about these classes is that they are unique to Oxford, she says.

“The classes over here are completely different than what is offered in the states,” says Askren.

She is studying politics and history while there because they have no type of communications degree.

“I have had to explain it several times to people I have met,” says Askren.



Courtesy of Arielle Askren

Arielle Askren stands in front of the prehistoric monument Stonehenge in Wiltshire. Askren is studying in England for the fall semester and will return to the NNU campus next semester.

Before she arrived at Oxford, Askren had different expectations about the university.

She said she thought it would be a central system, when it is actually made up of 38 colleges, "making it more like the U.S. under the articles of confederation," she said.

Askren, like others who have chosen to go to another country

to study abroad, discovered that the United Kingdom is nothing like the United States.

"This was shot down very quickly," says Askren. She says that England has different words, different foods and different coins.

Even though English people speak English, it is very different than the way we speak

in America, Askren says. "Not only do they have different words, but they also announce differently," she said.

"The English people have very soft voices, so at times it sounds like they are mumbling and it is hard to understand them," says Askren.

Askren said she is making

some close friendships across the ocean.

She lives in a house with 23 other people, so she has immediate access to people all the time.

"I have also found a very good church that I am enjoying quite a bit," she said.

So far, Askren has found her experience a life changing one.

However, no matter how fantastic she may find her adventure to be, Askren is excited to come back to the United States next semester.

She said she "cannot wait to come back and continue the relationships that I have made at NNU."

She wishes to thank everyone who helped get her to the

United Kingdom. Askren is studying abroad via Best Semester, an organization giving students of Christian universities opportunities to study abroad.

Best Semester provides various locations for students to study, such as Russia, Uganda and the Middle East.

It's an icy world out there



Whitney Brown | The Oasis

Students came prepared in gloves, hats and jackets on Saturday as SGA hosted broom hockey at Boise Ice World. Class versus class hockey, soccer, dodgeball and shoot-out games occurred throughout the evening. Broom hockey is a tradition at NNU as an annual campus life event.

In this picture: Freshmen Trevor Douty and Kaitlin Mansuetti slide on the ice at broom hockey this past weekend.

STUDENT LIFE

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 7

Senate - 7:45pm @ Wordsworth

Time-Out - 9pm @ SLH

Wednesday Night Live - Game Night

10pm @ The Perk

THURSDAY, Oct. 8

Diaries of Adam and Eve - 7pm

@ Science Lecture Hall

Brick House - 9-11pm

FRIDAY, Oct. 9

Diaries of Adam and Eve - 7pm @ SLH

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Men's Soccer vs SPU - 4pm

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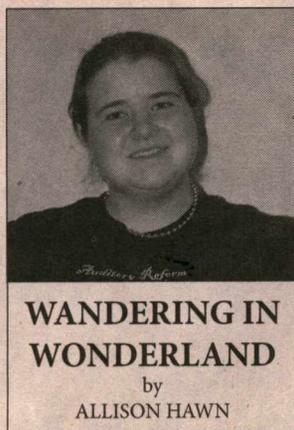
Show a little compassion

I thought, attending a Christian university, that I would never hear disparaging comments about those who are less financially fortunate.

I guess this is why one should never make assumptions about anything. I heard a group of students actually talking about the poor, in general, as if it was completely their fault that they were in their predicament.

The sad thing is, this occurrence was not the first time I've heard NNU students talk this way. Shouldn't compassion play into the way we approach such issues?

I would like to say that I'm



WANDERING IN WONDERLAND

by
ALLISON HAWN

not shocked merely because I'm hearing NNU students talk this way, but that a human being would look at someone else's unfortunate position and blame it completely on them.

Yes, there are those who make bad decisions and those who abuse the system, but by and large those who live in an impoverished state are not in one of those two groups.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau 37.3 million American citizens are living below the poverty line.

Please come and tell me to my face that every single last one of those 37.3 million persons chooses to live in poverty.

This is not a simple matter of those who are living on minimum wage or less positively wishing their way out of their predicament.

In a time of economic

recession, job shortages and people losing their jobs left and right, it frightens me that there are those who are willing to look on those who are poor as social pariahs.

What happened to the ideas of charity, compassion and empathy? These are not merely Christian ideals.

These are widely accepted values that span cultures, religions and lifestyles.

Even if people have never been poor themselves they can still realize what poverty does to others who live it as a reality every day.

Show a little compassion.

STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

On- or off-campus? Older students deserve the right to choose

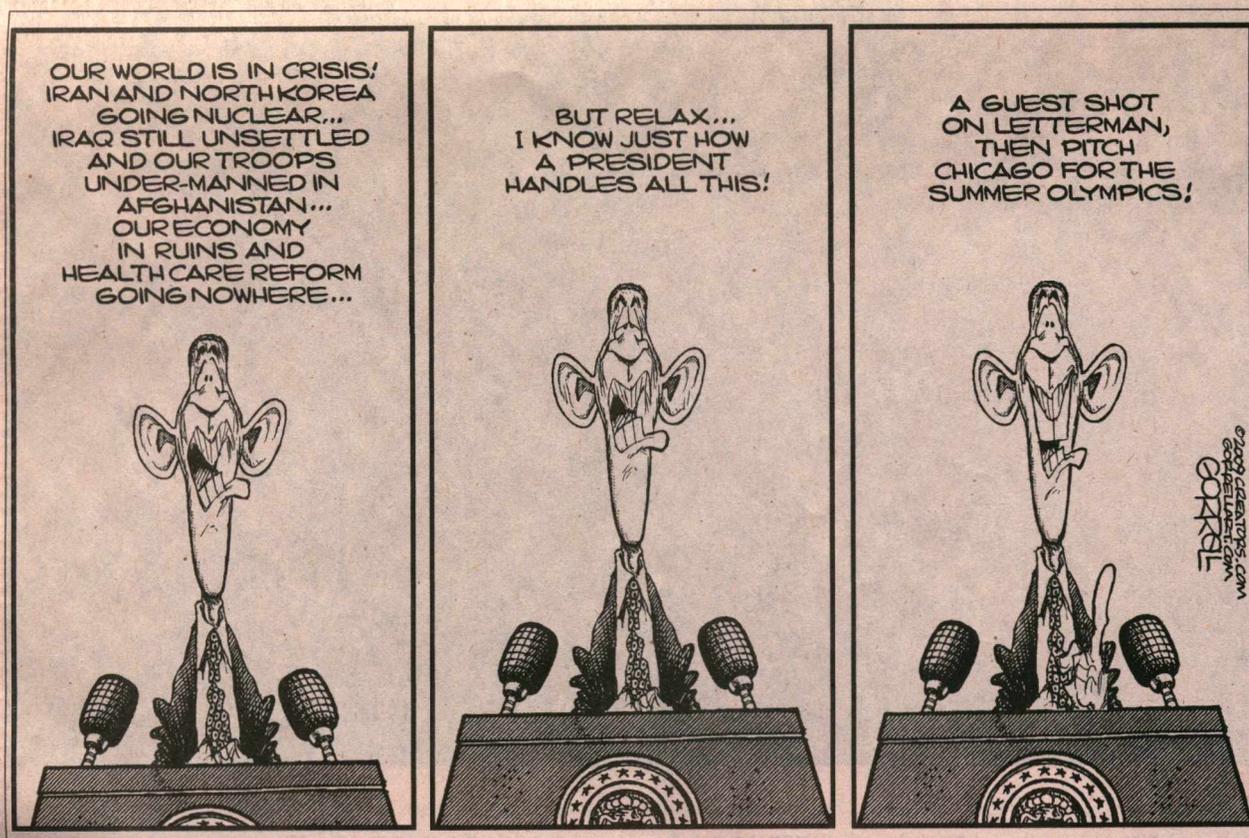
Residential Life Director Karen Pearson said that this year's freshman class of 2013 is the first class required to be 22 years old, instead of 21, to live off-campus. In previous years, students who have senior credit standing or have been out of high school for at least 36 months could also live off-campus. Whether or not having senior status will still enable students to live off-campus is still being discussed, Pearson said.

We believe that students with senior standing should be able to choose whether or not they live off-campus. Although living on-campus, surrounded by friends and the buzz of activities, is usually a fun and bonding experience, living off-campus has its perks, too.

It can be a lot cheaper, for one thing. Also, senior year is a good transition from the cushion of college to the real world, where you will be responsible for paying monthly bills and dealing with non-student neighbors. Lastly, older students should be able to make their decisions about morals and spirituality without an RA or RD watching over them.

Just because students live off-campus does not mean they will lose all interest in campus activities. It just means they will be responsible to take that extra initiative to be involved. Several off-campus students this year are still involved in clubs and various NNU student organizations, and some still socialize at The Dex by having meal plans.

There are advantages to living both on- and off-campus. As seniors, students deserve the right to choose which living situation best suits them and their needs.

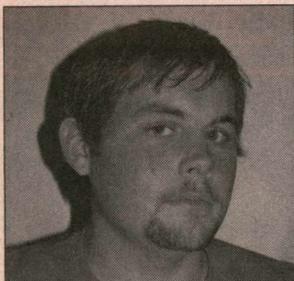


CORRECTIONS

Molly Breland was elected freshman class secretary. A story on class elections in our Sept. 30 issue on page 6 was incorrect.

Elise Vaughn is the owner of The Brass Razoo. Her name was spelled incorrectly in our Sept. 30 issue on page 2.

Don't let a stressful situation leave you feeling trapped



IF I WERE KING

by
TREVAN HAUCK

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations that seem impossible, where we cannot

understand how we got there or how we are going to get out.

You know that feeling you get when a test is tomorrow morning and you are already at the Reel Theater with friends and the movie is about to start and you didn't drive so you can't leave and you know there's going to be an essay so you can't just fake your way through it?

Or maybe you're just driving down the road and you see those police lights that give everyone panic attacks and you think maybe he is going somewhere

else but as you pull aside to let him by he pulls up right behind you.

Finally you are hit in the pit of your stomach with the realization there is nothing you can do. You're trapped.

It is in these impossible situations where I used to feel like there is no way I can go on.

The music I am about to face is going to be so loud that I will go deaf and then die.

My stress level would sky rocket, my mind racing, along

with my heart, replaying every step that led up to this horrifying moment.

I would often promise God all sorts of devotion and piety if he would just save me from the mess I had gotten myself into.

Now I am sure I lost some readers because I just reminded them that they have a test tomorrow and now they are fervently praying.

For those of you still here, there is a point to be made and a lesson to be learned.

It was during one of these

times I had what is called a moment of clarity.

I realized that in all my anxiety, I accomplished nothing. In all the steps I retraced, I still arrived at where I was, and in all my pleading to God I still had to face the consequences ahead.

When it comes down to it you know you should have your priorities in order; I am a big believer in the old adage "you reap what you sow."

However sometimes we really do get trapped, but getting worked up is not the answer.

In college this seems to happen a lot, I am not sure if there is more going on in our lives or if we just have a heightened sense of responsibility.

Whatever the case may be remember that there is a peak to every hill we must climb.

God is there with us, though many times he lets us face what's coming so that we can learn.

I hope realization will give you peace about all the hard times to come and make life a little more bearable, it has for me.

Christians need to love all people of all sexual orientations



GUEST OPINION

by
NATHANIEL HOWE

Why are some of us right handed, and some left? Why are some of us short and some tall? Why are some of us geeks, and some jocks? Why are some

of us gay and some straight? I don't know the answers to any of these, and maybe it isn't really important to know why, but I'm disgusted by the way we sometimes differentiate between people based on their actions or traits.

The worst thing about Christians is how a very small number of them can turn a huge amount of people against Jesus.

This is obviously evident in a part of the Christian Community's treatment of gays. "We" treat them like dirt. "We" are repulsed by their actions,

and sometimes regard them as subhuman. Using the word "gay" has become a derogatory term, as if somehow a gay person is less valuable than a straight one. "We" crack gay jokes and are homophobic for the most part. Having homosexual friends is seen as one step from becoming evil incarnate.

When I first came to NNU, I hated gays. I was repulsed by them, disgusted by them and had never actually met one. I remember being proud of my hatred toward them. However, over the last three years at school, I've become a rabid

fanatic of one truth. It is the most important truth I think that can exist in this universe.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Bible doesn't say, "love your neighbor as yourself, but only if they are white, rich, straight and Christian."

It makes no distinction between loving anyone different. Love is the most powerful thing that has and ever will exist on this planet.

Why don't we love gay people? Why do we look down on them so much?

Is it because we are afraid to

realize that they are just like us, and we could actually identify with such a "wicked" person?

When asked what the most important law was, Jesus said that it is to love God with all your heart, mind and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself. If you aren't willing to love a gay person, you are breaking the most important commandment in the Bible.

You don't have to be gay. You don't have to pretend to like the idea of being gay. But you do have to be willing to look past your bias and recognize the person who is just like you

underneath.

How is it that we are willing to forgive a murdering psychopath, but when we are confronted with someone who is attracted to their own sex, we suddenly view them as less than human?

Some of my best friends now are gay. Some of them actively practice it, and some don't.

However, that doesn't change my opinion of them at all. How can I judge someone else when I have so many things wrong in my own life? How can we as a society, as a community, be that hypocritical?

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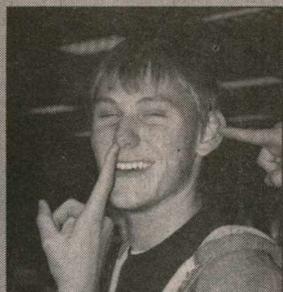
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If you could change what the acronym TWIRP stands for, what would it be?



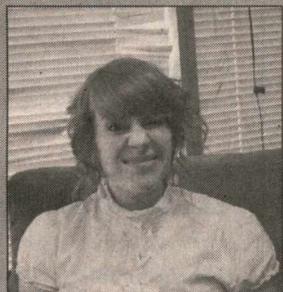
Katie Howard
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“Tasting Waffles In Relaxing Posture”



AJ Sevier
 senior

“This Will Inevitably Ruin People”



“Thirty Wallabies Intimately Record Phenomenons”

Dear student: you are blessed



FROM THE LESS
 CYNICAL
 JOURNALIST
 by
 ANDREA SCHILLING

There are a few things I remember about freshman year.

One, when the sophomore girls put fish in all our toilets and Bengay on the toilet lids.

Two, when Seth Ott was duct taped to Ford Hall's main door, much to the dismay of sleepy 7:30 AM class goers.

Three, realizing the admissions counselors were wrong when they told me as a prospective student most of the school wasn't Nazarene.

Shockingly enough, I even remember a chapel or two. At one of those chapels Gene told

us how blessed we were to be at NNU. At the time, I couldn't grasp that concept. I was still adjusting to college life and, really, I probably didn't know what it even was at that point. I think I still thought I was at church camp.

As a senior, I've seen Gene's statement as reality. I've witnessed friends come and go, and not at their own will, but because of tuition costs.

I've spoken with high school friends who say how much they wish they could be in college like myself.

We are blessed to be attending this school. I think about how much I've grown academically, emotionally and spiritually while being at NNU and my hope is that my fellow seniors can look back and really see a growth in themselves as well.

The community alone at this school makes the realization hard enough that my time here is closing in.

When I was a senior in high school and deciding which college to attend, I felt God's

movement pushing me in the direction of Nampa.

Believe me, that was a big deal. (I'm a city girl, we don't do this sugar beet factory business.)

Nevertheless, here I was three years ago and here I am today. I am here not because I have to, but because I want to.

It's truly a blessing to be exactly where you want to be, don't you think? I thank God every single day for that.

The point of this article isn't a marketing tool for the school, but rather a reminder to all of us of how good we have it.

The fact that a higher education is even feasible for each of us is a blessing.

Considering NNU's tuition is higher than the average institution's, I guess we're pretty darn spoiled.

It's already October. Exams are starting to hit, as are the papers. It's easy to just wish the semester away.

I ask that we stop, look around and give God a little thanks.

For some of us NNU has been our life for the past three years, and we must like it somewhat to still be here.

Just think about how much you have learned and will continue to learn.

I also ask that you think about your life had NNU not been a part of it.

I don't know about any of you, but that thought doesn't seem comprehensible.

I've seen God work in my college experience far too many times to question my college decision four years prior.

I've heard students say some pretty harsh things about this school, and I ask that these students take a step back and see the big picture.

So many people would give anything to be at this school, or at any college in general.

Regardless of how boring that 8:00 AM class is, we are so blessed.

Make the most of this blessing you've been given.

There's no way around it, each of us is living in luxury.

NNU society is needlessly naïve

Presuming that the copy of The Crusader that you are presently reading is fresh off the presses, today is my 22nd birthday. I mention this in part because it reminds me that I have been here for three years, even though I don't feel like I have yet.

Originally I came to NNU expecting my education and



GUEST OPINION
 by
 ANDREW KNAPP

(which earlier I departed from) is often held as a paradigm of NNU's values. Yet how often do you find upperclassmen who are ministry majors and not white and middle-class? I am dumbstruck by how blithe NNU students can be. Last summer, I had a conversation with someone I admired and considered to be a friend. I

effects of civil war and poverty could be cured with curling irons, I must demure.

NNU society has dropped the ball when it comes to facing many of these serious issues, often by simply letting God deal with it. Religiously, many students I have talked to find it impossible to imagine that if they grew up somewhere like

Autumn Tustin
freshman



“Taylor
Will
Intentionally
Rip
People”

Taylor Hauck
admissions



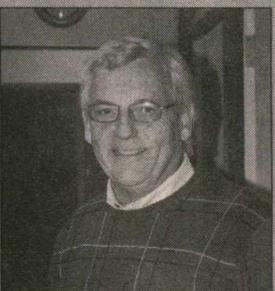
“The
Woman
Is
Rarely
Punctual”

Kenton Lee
campus life



“They
Will
Infinitely
Ride
Ponies”

Marissa Gubbe
sophomore



“Tim
Wants
It
Real,
People”

Gene Schandorff
chaplain

interpersonal life to provide an adequate answer to the issues that nettled my conscience as a teen: injustice, cruelty, domestic abuse, et cetera, or better yet, to quote Vladimir Nabokov, “My loathings [were] simple: stupidity, oppression, crime, cruelty, soft music.”

If life were a gastronomic adventure, each of life's events a meal out, then my time at NNU would be a large dish of questionably prepared sushi. Both exotic and expensive.

I have invested much of myself in being here: my life savings on freshman year, with the next two summers spent working 55 hour weeks in my hometown, and every year going into even more student debt. I don't regret the bill; I've

received an excellent academic education here, and that is important to me.

The food has been great. But the atmosphere, I must contend, has been disgusting at points, with gadflies buzzing over my meal and the occasionally bad table-neighbor.

NNU is a Christian university, and of course, they reserve the right to adjust the menu, tell us what is “unavailable” (I'm sorry, Sir, we only have middle-class white bread) and banish the wine selection. To borrow from the radio-evangelist Ravi Zacharias, the word “university” is a portmanteau of “unity” and “diversity.” NNU lacks the latter, if not both.

The religion department

had studied in Egypt for the semester last fall, and part of my semester involved teaching English to Sudanese refugees.

The same semester, my sister attended NNU on a track scholarship and dropped out after two weeks because she “didn't feel like going to college.”

Every last one of my Sudanese students would kill for the same opportunity, but here many treat it as if it were some nasty and avoidable chore. I mentioned this to my friend, and was crushed when her response was the following: “It's like hair for girls; if you have straight hair, you want curly hair -- if you have naturally curly hair, you want straight hair!”

As much as I wish that the

Egypt, they would probably be Muslims rather than Christians.

As many don't realize that their attending NNU and their believing as they do is largely a result of the safety bought by their parents' money and the no-longer-as-openly-violent past of the United States. It's easy to be nonviolent when nonviolence means nothing in the day-to-day.

There are exceptions, but I believe it would be seriously detrimental to our purpose as a community to continue to ignore how small our collective perspective is and how often we as a student body are guilty of replacing the substance of serious holiness with blithe spirituality.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I would first like to say that I greatly appreciate The Crusader and the entertainment it gives me when it comes out. But in this last paper I found something

that very much offended me. In your Top Ten column the paper remarks on several different groups of people and singly points out/picks on “fat” people. This may not bother some people, but being a person of the “fat” group I

find that this remark was uncalled for. One could also simply point out that older people or pregnant women, or even a small child, is as slow as a “fat” person. It would have been far better, in my view, if The Crusader had simply

printed “people in general who are slow.” Please be more aware of how things may come out to certain people and be more inclusive in your language.

Melissa Horton

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Campus League play-offs are coming up

CAMDEN BLOWERS
The Crusader

Intramurals takes on new activities and a new name. Now called Campus League, this year's activities are not limited to traditional intramural sports, but consist of chess, checkers, Rook, pingpong and other events such as the successful Chili Cook-Off.

Campus League sports include ultimate Frisbee, flag football, powderpuff football and outdoor volleyball. Participants this year number close to 250.

Campus League hired eight student workers to referee and organize the structure of the games.

Director of Campus League, Kenton Lee, is optimistic about the sports.

"I think that sports has been going great so far. I think NNU is a great place to build traditions," Lee said.

The play-offs for volleyball and ultimate Frisbee are Oct. 13 and 15. The play-offs for powder puff and flag football are Nov. 7 and 14.

"Play-offs and championship



Whitney Brown | The Oasis

NNU women get serious about powderpuff as team Rip Their Heads Off (left) battles The Animals on October 26.

games will be enhanced this year," said Lee. Champions will be recognized with trophies. This year will also offer a picture day in which teams and individuals will have their pictures taken, "like in T-Ball," Lee said.

Josh Siverson is captain of the undefeated 4-0 ultimate Frisbee team Ultimo Equipo. Siverson looks forward to intramurals against College of Idaho.

"We want some revenge because we lost last year in a

fierce game," Siverson said.

Plaxico Bures Runnin' Gun, captained by Preston O'Malley, is undefeated 2-0.

Powderpuff captains include Emily Van Stone of The Animals, Katelyn Shaw of The

Bruisers, and Krista Webster of Rip Their Heads Off.

Lacey Smith is captain of The Punishers, previously known as Blood Bath. The team is 3-0. Smith says this year's Campus League is "spifferrific."

PLAYER PROFILE

Matt Larson



Major:
Graphic Design

Hometown:
Fairview, Ore.

Classification:
Sophomore

Sport:
Soccer

Occupational goal:
"My dream would be to own a smaller independent design company."

Dream Car:
"Trek Madone 5 Series."

Favorite Food:
"Most seafood dishes."

Favorite hobbies:
"Cycling."

Roller derby is back

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PAUL, Minn. — They wear lipstick, tattoos and roller skates and go by tough names like "Kim Jong Kill," "Shiv & Let Die" and "Mary Tyler Roar." They race around in

one, are not paid and are not professionals.

But many rules are the same as the old-school game. Each team has a pack of five skaters on the track, including a "jammer" wearing a star on her helmet



VOLLEYBALL
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is amazing. It's fun to go to something that brings the whole school together."

Sophomore Haley Abbott, an outside hitter for the team said, "Having the fans there is such a huge deal. The crowd we get out there is so great."

while the crowd cheers.

Women's roller derby — a TV fixture in the 1960s and '70s — is back. Leagues such as the Minnesota RollerGirls have sprouted up around the country.

But this is not your mom's roller derby. Instead of the theatrics of old-school roller derby, which could resemble pro wrestling, the new skaters bring a tough, yet feminine attitude of pride and independence.

"I can wear bright red lipstick and go out and play because I want to look good while I'm hitting somebody or while I'm taking somebody out," said Lyndsay Trader, an education administrator who skates for the RollerGirls.

Trader, who wore blue eye shadow and her red hair in pigtails for a bout in the Brawl of America, a division championship, said this new edition of roller derby appeals to her because "you can be tough and still feminine."

The Minnesota RollerGirls started in 2004 at a roller rink in suburban Minneapolis before moving a year later to Roy Wilkins Auditorium in downtown St. Paul. Tryouts are in the summer and the season starts in the fall. The RollerGirls averaged just over 3,000 fans a bout last season, RollerGirls spokeswoman (and skater) Lyndsey Lyford said.

Another Twin Cities roller derby league, the North Star Roller Girls, skates at the Minneapolis Convention Center and both leagues are part of the Women's Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA), which has 78 leagues in the U.S. and Canada. There are about 400 roller derby leagues worldwide.

Today's skaters race on a flat track instead of a sloped

score points. The players still zip around on four-wheel skates instead of modern inline skates. Although there are penalties for illegal hits, it gets physical.

"Crowds love big hits. They absolutely love them," said RollerGirl Hanna Belle Lector. Her real name is Jennifer Plum, a 29-year-old mental health counselor from Minneapolis.

"There's nothing like going and hitting somebody, having them hit the ground," Plum said, slapping her hand for emphasis, "watching people stand up and scream. It's fantastic."

Crowds also get close to the action. At September's Brawl of America, fans sat on the floor next to the track as the skaters whizzed by to the sounds of the Jackson 5 and Wilson Pickett.

Erin Lusti, a RollerGirls captain and jammer who skates as Suzie Smashbox, grew up playing hockey — good training for a new sport that has given the 29-year-old a fractured spine, a broken foot and pulled and torn muscles.

And while she likes the aggression of roller derby, Lusti takes pride in the team's charity work. Since their beginning, the Minnesota RollerGirls have donated close to \$38,000 some of which came from leftover sales.

"We don't get paid to do what we do. We do it because we love it," Lusti said.

With its freewheeling style, modern roller derby gives women a different way to express themselves, said Bob Jarvis, professor of law and popular culture at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"They're doing it because it's fun," Jarvis said, "it builds camaraderie, it's a way to work off stress, but it's very niche."



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

Senior Lindsay Grant, outside hitter, prepares herself for contact with the ball in front of a cheering student section during a home game last week.

a rest, as the women will be back at home Oct. 15 when they play the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Alaska Fairbanks is currently ranked seventh out of nine teams.

The Sadlers, with an 11-7 record, are currently in fourth place.

Idaho gets two named as top players in WAC

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE, Idaho — An Idaho safety and the Vandals' kicker are among this week's top players in the Western Athletic Conference.

The conference on Monday picked Vandal safety Shiloh Keo as the top defensive player for his performance in Saturday's 31-29 victory over Colorado State.

The conference also tapped Idaho kicker Trey Farquhar as



Courtesy of Wikipedia

the special teams player of the week.

Keo had 15 tackles, including

12 solo, and an interception against the Rams Saturday night. His interception came in the final minute, sealing the victory and helping the Vandals improve to 4-1.

Farquhar, a freshman, was good on all four extra-point attempts and added a 47-yard field goal in the closing moments of the first half, putting Idaho up 20-7. The kick ties for the second longest of the season so far among WAC kickers.

What do you like about NNU:

"My friends, the art department, and Nampa."

What is one music album everybody should own?

"De-Loused in the Comatorium' by The Mars Volta."

Favorite movie:

"O Brother Where Art Thou?"

How do you get ready for a game?

"Simply focusing on the warm-up, prayer, and loud noises."

If you could have any super power, what would it be?

"To be invisible when no one is looking."

Favorite Bible Verse:

"Proverbs 16:3."

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Men's Soccer

1. Montana State Billings
2. Saint Martin's
3. Seattle Pacific
4. Western Washington
5. Northwest Nazarene

Women's Soccer

1. Western Washington
2. Seattle Pacific
3. Montana State Billings
4. Saint Martin's
5. Central Washington
6. Northwest Nazarene
7. Western Oregon

Volleyball

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Western Washington
3. Alaska Anchorage
4. Northwest Nazarene
5. Montana State Billings
6. Western Oregon
7. Alaska Fairbanks
8. Central Washington
9. Saint Martin's

*Standings as of Oct. 5



Men's team has close calls; weather delays in Montana

TAYLOR ALLEN

The Crusader

The men's soccer team is over halfway through their season with three wins, six losses and one tie as of last Saturday.

The team has had some close calls throughout the season but is still hoping for a conference title.

Saturday the team tied with Montana State University Billings 2-2.

The game was a Great Northwest Athletic Conference game.

Sophomore Alex Mangeac said the biggest goal the team is hoping to accomplish this season is to take the conference title.

The goal, he says, is feasible

but will be a challenge as all the teams in the league come with some great skill.

The men have six games left to battle before the title is decided.

Mangeac says the losses the team has acquired this season haven't come without hard work.

He says many of the games have been very close and have come down to the wire.

Regardless, Mangeac says "there's always room for improvement."

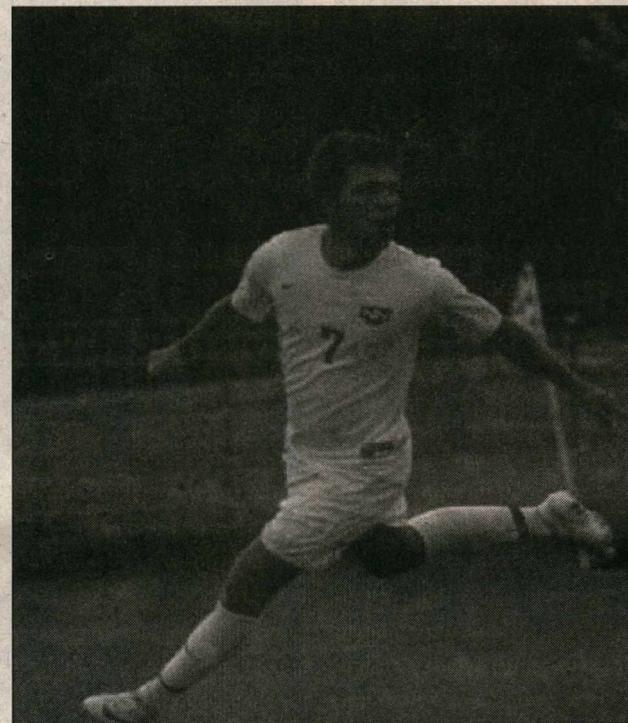
The team experienced a bit of winter weather despite it only being October following their match against Billings, where two inches of snow fell Sunday night.

The teams had to wait an additional day to play University of Mary and Rocky Mountain College, two schools they also faced on the road. Scores were not available at press time.

The next GNAC game on NNU territory will be this Saturday against Seattle Pacific University at 4 PM.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

Sophomore midfielder Alex Mangeac gets pumped up during a Sadlers game against Academy of the Arts.



Courtesy of Alex Mangeac

AP
Sports Blurbs

Man accused of filming Andrews released

on bond

CHICAGO — An Illinois insurance executive accused of secretly making nude videos of ESPN reporter Erin Andrews apparently uploaded videos of other unsuspecting nude women to the Internet, a federal prosecutor said Monday.

Michael D. Barrett, 47, of Westmont, was released on \$4,500 bond but was ordered to wear an ankle monitoring bracelet, to adhere to a strict curfew and not to use the Internet. He is due in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles on Oct. 23 to face federal charges of interstate stalking.

Miles embraces big-game feel of LSU vs. Florida

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU coach Les Miles won't deny that he can feel a certain excitement on campus and around town.

The visit by No. 1 Florida to Tiger Stadium this Saturday night is anything but just another game.

"It's going to be a great week. This is why you come to LSU — to play in games like this," Miles said Monday. "Certainly, when No. 1 Florida comes to town, we'll prepare well, and it'll be a great game. I want Tiger Stadium to be as loud and as enjoyable and as noteworthy as any venue at any time."

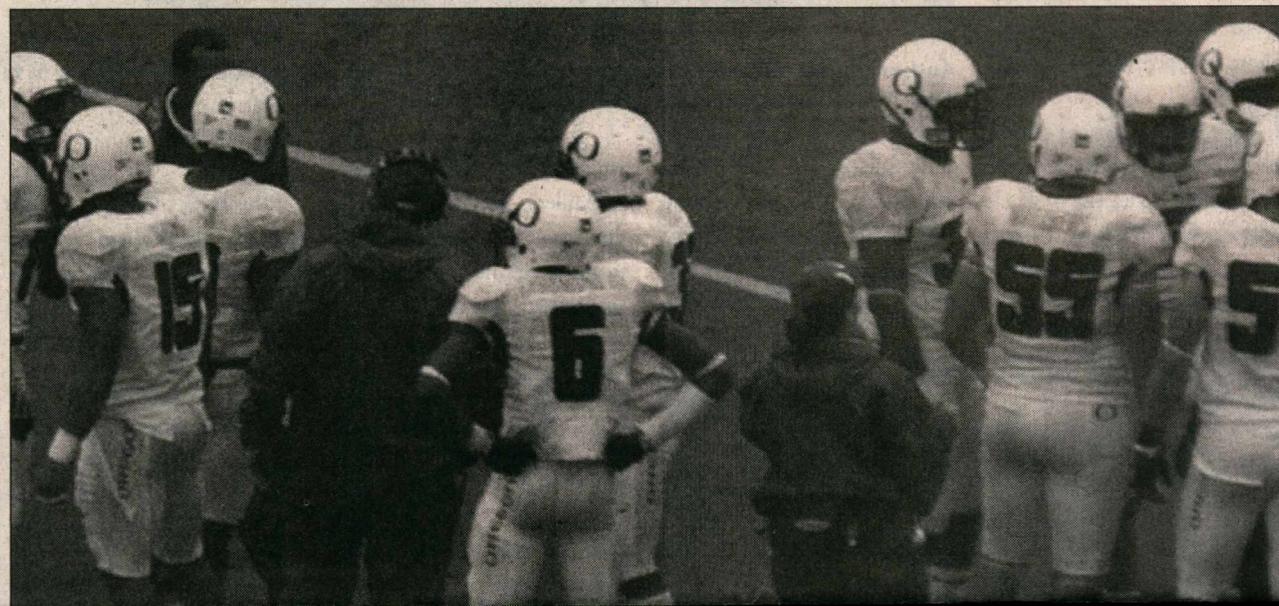
Blount gets second chance



BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by
DEREK SEPE

Remember when Boise State beat Oregon to begin the start of the college football season? Remember the post game brawl



between LeGarrette Blount and Byron Hout?

It was the most talked about event in the country let alone on campus since the game was nationally broadcasted.

Blount, because of his misconduct, was suspended for the entire season by the Ducks after the incident.

Just recently however, Head Coach Chip Kelly announced that Blount will be given the opportunity to be reinstated on the team.

"It's not a football decision, it's a human being decision. It's about that individual," Coach Kelly said to ESPN reporter Ted Miller.



The University of Oregon Ducks huddle during a game last season.

Courtesy of Wikimedia

The fact that Blount is even getting a second chance shines good light on the program.

Since the original decision, Coach Kelly has had the opportunity to meet with several others and observe how Blount carried himself off the field.

After monitoring how Blount reflected on his actions, Kelly changed his mind to give Blount a second chance.

At first I was all gung-ho for the full season suspension. I strongly oppose any form of bush league — be it taunting, smack talking, show boating, whatever — it just doesn't belong in the sports arena.

If you're going to play the game, play the game. Don't belittle a team or try to prove your superiority with your ridiculous ego — if you're that

good your superiority should be reflected on the scoreboard.

Celebrating, however, is not bush league. Celebrating after a touchdown, big play on the offense or a clutch defensive stop is having fun within the game. It's taking it to the next level that is wrong.

Now I appreciate giving Blount the second chance. After all, a full season is a little harsh

especially since it was only the first game and a really tough loss for the Ducks. However Blount isn't guaranteed a spot.

He needs to prove himself to Kelly, the athletic director and the commissioner of the Pac-10.

Only then will he get his second chance, and he must be willing to accept and fill any role he is given.

Judge: Suspect in Iowa coach death can stand trial

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A judge has ruled the man accused of gunning down a legendary Iowa high school football coach is mentally competent to stand trial.

Butler County District Judge Stephen Carroll filed an order Monday that says 24-year-old Mark D. Becker can appreciate the charges against him, understand the proceedings and assist with his defense.

Becker had been scheduled to stand trial last month in the June shooting death of Aplington-Parkersburg coach Ed Thomas.

The case was put on hold pending the mental competency ruling after experts agreed Becker hallucinates and suffers from paranoid schizophrenia, but offered different opinions on whether he was mentally fit to stand trial.

Carroll has ordered a new trial date set.

Twins host Tigers for title

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Twins seem to think that 162 regular-season games aren't enough. The Twins will host the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday in a tiebreaker for the American League Central title and a trip the playoffs. It is the second straight season that the Twins have needed a 163rd game to finish the season, a first in league history.

One year after losing a 1-0 heartbreaker in Chicago to the White Sox in a one-game playoff, the Twins will get the homefield advantage this time around as they look to cap their remarkable September rally.

"It's like *deja vu*," second baseman Nick Punto said.

Olympics loss forces Chicago to rethink city plans

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chicago's dream of an Olympics-sized stimulus was dashed when the 2016 Summer Games were awarded to Rio de Janeiro, and the loss amounts to more than a bruised ego for the nation's third-largest city.

Officials can no longer trumpet the \$13.7 billion citywide economic impact local Olympics organizers estimated would come of games-related jobs, construction, tourism and transportation.

They'll also have no excuse for distraction in a city grappling with a mounting deficit and violence that has led to dozens of deaths of city teens each year.

The loss marked a stunning defeat for Mayor Richard M. Daley, who spent three years working to sell Chicago residents on the games, often highlighting job creation and a financial influx that would help the city emerge from a recession slump.

"I just know so many construction workers who thought their next seven years were going to be full of work," said Jane Zefran, 63, a semi-retired Chicago resident. "Now, heavens only knows what will happen. It's such a shame."

People around town seem doubtful the loss will scar Daley as he mulls whether to seek a seventh term in 2011 — at which point he will have 22 years in office and become Chicago's longest-serving mayor.

"I don't think he will be looked at like a loser," said Angela Byrd, 40, a teacher's assistant from Chicago.

Still, a recent Chicago Tribune/WGN poll showed Daley's approval rating had sunk to 35 percent in part because of skepticism over the Olympics and an unpopular deal to lease city parking meters to a private contractor.

And the mayor was in Copenhagen as an unwelcome spotlight again shone on his city after a 16-year-old honors

student was beaten to death while walking to a bus stop after school.

Back at home, one of the first big issues the mayor will have to deal with comes Wednesday, when U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan meet with school officials, students and residents to talk about chronic school violence.

Daley is likely to be asked yet again what can be done to address the issue.

As for jobs, at least some of the anticipated construction still should materialize because the city has pledged to move forward with redeveloping the site that would have been the Olympic Village.

The plan calls for transforming the site of a shuttered South Side hospital complex into a mixed-use, mixed-income neighborhood. City contracts already are out for some demolition work and the city plans to sell the land to private developers.

But without the games, many improvements to infrastructure, like public transportation, won't see the speed-up of federal assistance the city expected if were it chosen.

"Unfortunately, not having the bid means that many of those projects will take much longer to complete, but they are still on the table and we will move forward," said Chicago Alderman Brendan Reilly.

Advocates hoped the Olympics would provide the leverage needed in lobbying for funds to overhaul aging transportation systems that support trains on old tracks and crowded roads that need work.

"It doesn't diminish the need to figure out how to fund this stuff, but it is disappointing," said Barry Matchett of the Chicago-based advocacy group Environmental Law & Policy Center.

The Chicago Transit Authority's elevated subway system is perhaps the most troubled. Some of the worst

track has been recently fixed, partly drawing on federal stimulus funds.

But some stretches of the more than 240 mile-network remain so shoddy that trains must slow to the pace of a horse at trot.

Chicago's Metra commuter trains are better off, but hardly trouble free. The International Olympic Committee's evaluation report had singled out Metra, saying it would be hard-pressed to handle what would be more than double the peak commuter traffic during the games.

Alderman Tom Tunney said the city must move on quickly and refocus efforts on other growth areas like green technology, manufacturing and its reputation as the country's freight rail hub.

"In this economy there is no time for sulking. No, no, no, no, no," he said.

Freeing conversation of unconventional faith



REVIEW

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

On author Donald Miller's blog site, he said when he started writing "Blue Like Jazz," he "just wanted to end up with something like Anne Lamott's 'Traveling Mercies,' because in 'Traveling Mercies' it felt like she was free, free to be herself, to tell her story, to just vent, to rant, to speak as if she were talking to a friend."

Miller successfully carries out the same conversation-type feel in "Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious thoughts on Christian Spirituality," one of six books he has written since 2000.

Throughout the book, published in 2003, Miller seems to plop down on the couch beside you and sort through all the thoughts he has about God, Christianity and people.

He has a unique, refreshing way of looking at aspects of life, which is reflected in chapter

titles like "Faith: Penguin Sex" and "Church: How I Go Without Getting Angry."

It's not a typical book about God to fill your mind with Biblical truths and convince you to try to believe harder.

Miller is surprisingly vulnerable with his audience because, according to his blog, he wrote the book without really intending to publish it.

He talks about those hard subjects that can get a bad rap in the faith like homosexuality, hippies and atheism.

Miller explains his progression from being too religiously focused and self-centered, to wrestling with the problem of self-addiction, to reading the Gospels and not liking Jesus very much, to finally coming to a point with the influence of Scripture and several close friends of falling in love with Jesus.

"I liked the idea of Jesus becoming a man, so that we would be able to trust Him, and I like that He healed people and loved them and cared deeply about how people were feeling," (page 34).

His main focus of the book is how he learned to love people as well as how to accept love. He tells much of this story through his experiences at Reed College in Portland, Ore., one of the



Courtesy of Wikipedia

Author Donald Miller discusses the ups and downs he has experienced in his journey of faith in his book "Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious thoughts on Christian Spirituality."

most liberal and nonreligious schools in America, and his church Imago Dei also located in Portland.

One thing to watch out for

while reading "Blue Like Jazz" is Miller's use of hyperbole. Some points he makes are over exaggerated and made to look more drastic than real life might

suggest.

This book offered a place for me to sort through struggles with life and the Christian faith, and to find encouragement

that I am not alone in those thoughts. I am excited to read Miller's most recent book, published this year, "A Million Miles in A Thousand Years."

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Movies opening this week

"Do Knot Disturb"

"Wake Up Sid"

DVDs

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"

Bond mixes the classics
with a bit of a twist

"Invention of Lying"

Books

"The Associate"

by John Grisham

"Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World"

by David Jeremiah

"The Time of My Life"

by Patrick Swazey

"Just After Sunset"

by Stephen King

"X-Men Origins: Wolverine"

"Monsters vs. Aliens"

Music

"Boy Who Knew too Much"

by Mika

"This is Us"

by The Backstreet Boys

"The List"

by Rosanne Cash

"There is No Enemy"

by Built to Spill

Movie information from MSN.com

Book and DVD information from borders.com

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TWO GIRLS (\$2)	10.08.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
THE MURDERS (\$2)	10.10.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
SNOW PATROL	10.11.09	KNITTING FACTORY
INGRID MICHAELSON	10.15.09	KNITTING FACTORY
MAE	10.19.09	BOISE VENUE
DEF LEPPARD	10.24.09	IDAHO CENTER
DARIUS RUCKER	10.26.09	IDAHO CENTER
MIRAH	10.22.09	VISUAL ARTS COLLECTIVE
MAT KEARNEY	10.29.09	KNITTING FACTORY
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Courtesy of Wikipedia

The four women of Bond use electric string instruments to bring a unique feel to classical and contemporary music pieces.



REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN The Crusader

When someone mentions classical music, a few of the more famous composers like Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Bach being played by an old fashioned orchestra are bound to come to mind.

What normally does not pop into peoples' heads is four young women with electric instruments flying through well known classical pieces with precision, skill and an awesome

electronic backing.

Bond, the four woman electric string quartet, gives the world a unique way to hear classical pieces.

The group -- made up of violinists Elspeth Hanson and Eos Chater, viola player Tania Davis and cellist Gay-Yee Westerhoff -- hails from various places in Europe and Australia.

The group was formed in 2001 by producer Mike Batt who wanted to give a new face to the classical music genre, said Bond's official Web site. The group's instruments are fully electric, giving the group a unique sound.

The group has released five albums to date: "Born," "Shine," "Remixed," "Classified" and "Explosive."

Their song "Kismet" was featured on the Rowan Atkinson James Bond movie spoof "Johnny English."

The group also appeared in the movie "XXX: State of

the Union" with their song "Victory."

The group also did a re-mix of the James Bond theme in their song "Bond on Bond," said their official Web site.

The group takes classical pieces, like Vivaldi's "Winter," and adds electronic, dance, jazz, hip-hop or Latin beats to it.

The women do not limit themselves to reinventing classical or soundtrack pieces, they have also reinvented modern rock songs like Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir," said their official Web site.

"These women take center stage and are entrancing performers, grabbing the full attention of the audience, men and women alike," said an article in Road and Travel Magazine.

The women of Bond provide a new way to hear classical music; it literally is a clash of the modern and the traditional and it works splendidly.

Community Member Spotlight

Elise Vaughn

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Ever since she was a little girl in Warranambool, Australia, Elise Vaughn has made her own clothes and toys.

"Growing up, we always made everything ourselves. We didn't have a lot of money," Vaughn said.

Now she uses her creativity to run her own business -- The Brass Razoo -- in downtown Nampa, which opened in July 2007.

She does not buy items in bulk to sell, but rather finds one-of-a-kind pieces of clothing and jewelry and redesigns them.

She said she loves being creative and bringing beauty out of things other people might just discard.

"People will walk away with a piece of symbolism that you are also one-of-a-kind with potential for even more beauty," she said.

Vaughn has a master's in counseling psychology and has no business or retail experience except working at a mall in college.

But when she felt God open the doors for The Brass



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Australia native Elise Vaughn creates one-of-a-kind clothing and jewelry pieces for her store The Brass Razoo in downtown Nampa.

many incredible people and have never been so amazed by

that hard, so you have to love

to be a dog. Real dogs are bigger," Vaughn said

of faith into adulthood, which was one of the reasons

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News Blurbs

UN shuts offices after Pakistan attack

ISLAMABAD — A suicide bomber who killed five staffers at the U.N. food agency's offices in Islamabad was dressed as a security officer and allowed to enter the building after he asked to use the bathroom. The noontime attack on the heavily fortified World Food Program compound prompts the U.N. to close all its offices in Pakistan temporarily.

Imprisoned journalist's wife is pregnant

BEIRUT — He's a Newsweek reporter, imprisoned in Iran for more than three months. His wife is 40 and pregnant. When Maziar Bahari first called from prison, his wife held back the truth: There was trouble with the pregnancy and she was hospitalized. Doctors now say the baby must be delivered soon, and Paola Gourley has told her husband, even though she worries it will make his confinement more difficult.

West Virginia diverts more child support

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington are among the states taking advantage of a recent change in federal law that allows child support

Razoo, she jumped right in. "Just because you study something doesn't mean that's all you are," Vaughn said. "God's movement is very fluid and I think it's great when you can be flexible and move with him.

A lot of times that means going in a different direction than you originally started out in."

Her goal is to create a "refuge" where girls can come and feel confident, accepted and good about themselves, Vaughn said.

She has built close relationships with many of her supporters, including several NNU students, through talking about life and praying together.

"The relationships I have made through the store have been life changing," Vaughn said. "I have never met so

such a dynamic community." Vaughn said the reason she named her shop The Brass Razoo is because in World War I, soldiers would say they were so poor they didn't have a brass razoo.

She said for her store, this title symbolizes taking something without much value, seeing potential in it and drawing out its beauty by restoring it.

Vaughn did not open the store to make money.

"It's not a bank-rolling store by any means," she said. "The emphasis is providing quality for people at affordable costs."

She works "extraordinarily long hours," usually seven days a week, and when she is not at the store she has to keep up on paperwork, books and inventory.

"It takes a whole lot of self-

what you do and know that God has called you to it," Vaughn said.

She said she gets through the long hours with the hope that God is working through her to send a message of restored beauty and worth.

Her husband Wade is the most "wonderful and supportive husband in the world," she said.

"I never understood when people said that 'you just know' regarding Mr. Right until I met Wade," said Vaughn.

"We have been best friends for eight years now and love each other more and more every day."

The couple has no children, but have had Nacho, their Chihuahua, for the past two years.

"I think of him as a little alien because he's too small

Elise grew up sandwiched between two sisters in a close knit family, she said.

Together they moved all over, from Australia, to Missouri, to England and then back and forth between Australia and California until she graduated from high school and attended college in Costa Mesa, Cal.

For three months around her fourth grade year, Vaughn and her sisters studied on the road as her family explored Europe.

She said her childhood taught her that the world is a very big place and life is always changing.

"We prayed through each move as a family," Vaughn said. "It was neat to see my parents so ready to jump for God."

She said she brought that concept of taking big leaps

she was willing to open the store, despite her lack of experience.

Vaughn, 28, got her master's at age 21 and worked in the social work field for several years, but she is not sure if she will return to that career.

"I feel blessed for the years that I spent working in the field," Vaughn said.

"[God] may lead me back in that direction later on, in which case I would not be opposed. But truthfully, I absolutely love everything that I am doing right now and really feel blessed to be able to wake up everyday and have so much fun with what I do."

In her free time, Vaughn loves remodeling her home, sewing, painting and taking walks.

payments to go directly to parents on welfare rather than to reimburse the government for social services. For some, it means hundreds of extra dollars a month.

Samoans flock to churches to mourn tsunami victims

LALOMANU, Samoa — Hundreds of survivors of the Samoans tsunami gather at a church on high ground to mourn lost relatives while pledging to rebuild their obliterated communities after a disaster that killed 177 people.

Child-porn arrests: 'Shooting fish in a barrel'

BARTOW, Fla. — When one Florida county rounded up dozens of men from all walks of life on child pornography charges, some worried the place had become a haven for deviants. But experts say the only thing unusual about Polk County is that its sheriff happens to pursue child-porn enthusiasts with more fervor than most. Child pornography is so pervasive on the Internet, they say, that police agencies all over the country could easily spend every day finding and arresting offenders.

Swine flue vaccine in no large supply just yet

WASHINGTON — An ambitious effort to vaccinate over half the population against swine flu in just a few months begins with squirts in the noses of some doctors, nurses and other health workers in Indiana and Tennessee. But don't start bugging your doctor about an appointment just yet: This vaccine is rolling out slowly, to key populations first.

Burger buff greets mayoral candidacy

CAMDEN BLOWERS The Crusader

Bradley Blamires, 44, is married and has two grown children. Born in Moscow, Blamires is a thirty year Nampa resident. He owns and operates Blazen Burgers and Generations Restaurant and Lounge.

Blamires spent five years in the United States Army from 1985 to 1989. Most of his tour was spent in West Germany in which he attended a leadership-oriented school where he placed third in his class. Blamires was awarded numerous certificates and awards abroad and in the U.S. Army Reserve in 2006.

For numerous years, Blamires has cooked for the Nampa Christian Auction Dinner.

He has volunteered with



Courtesy of Bradley Blamires

the Nampa Youth Programs as a coach and has served as a board member of the Boise River Volleyball Program.

Because of the police department's qualitative job reducing crime, Blamires believes medium police officers' salaries should be increased though the police chief's salary should not.

From January to June, rape, burglary and other violent crimes have decreased since

the last recorded six month period.

Blamires disagrees with city management right now, especially the 15.5 million dollar publicly-funded, privately-operated Nampa Development Corporation, part of the current administration's Nampa Urban Renewal Project.

"It's just plain wrong. It's unconstitutional," Blamires said.

The constitutionality of the Urban Renewal Project will be ruled by the Idaho Supreme Court this November.

Blamires supports the proposition of a new library, but he believes it should be put to a bond vote. 36 million dollars is allotted for the three-story library, which will serve as a multipurpose building,

said Blamires.

"Why do they need a kitchen and those things? I'm not sure that all that they want to do with it is necessary," he said.

Blamires declared mayoral candidacy September 4 in addition to Melissa Sue Robinson and incumbent Tom Dale.

Blamires is the only mayoral contender nominated by five tax-paying citizens.

"I thought it was more proper to get the citizens' signatures declaring for mayor versus paying the check," Blamires said.

Blamires has not appointed a treasurer for his campaign.

"I'll just be doing the reports myself. I haven't accepted money from anybody; I'm running my campaign on my own financial expense."

10 ways to have fun with wrong number calls.

by nick ratliff

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10. After letting them know they've got the wrong number, respond with, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. Why so quick to hang up? I felt a real connection here."
9. Call them back an hour later and say in a serious monotone voice, "The chicken is in the pot. I repeat, the chicken is in the pot. You know what to do."
8. Text them knock-knock jokes that don't make sense.
7. Cry desperately, and through the sobs ask the stranger why no one wants to talk to you anymore.
6. Thank them for calling Sears, read off the Sears catalog and ask if anything sparked their interest.
5. Try to carry on a conversation as the person they asked for, eventually revealing an unhealthy addiction to the TV show *Boy Meets World*.
4. "BILLY MAYS HERE!"
3. Answer every one of the caller's questions with mashing keys on the phone's keypad.
2. Angrily demand the caller explain *Donnie Darko*.
1. In a scratchy voice ask, "Do you like horrible films that somehow used to pass in the '90s as scary movies?"

GOOD WITH NUMBERS? SUDOKU ME.

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Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

I went on a TWIX date with this girl a couple weeks ago. We hit it off pretty well and we've been hanging out quite a bit since. We do homework

together or grab some coffee somewhere, nothing too big. Now she's asked me to TWIRP. I want to say yes because I know we'd have a lot of fun, but I'm worried she's been given the wrong impression.

She's a great girl, and I love spending time with her, but I don't really see us becoming more than just friends.

If I say no to her TWIRP invite then I'll be acting like a jerk, but if I say yes will I be leading her on?

--TWIRPED Twerp

Dear Twerp,

I really only have one thing to say to you: Don't flatter yourself. I feel like even Gene Schandorff would be disappointed in you right now.

Contrary to popular belief, not every girl on this campus is only here for her MRS degree. You said yourself that you have fun together. Did you ever think that maybe she asked you to TWIRP for the same reason you ask her to do homework with you?

Get over yourself, go to TWIRP with her and have fun.

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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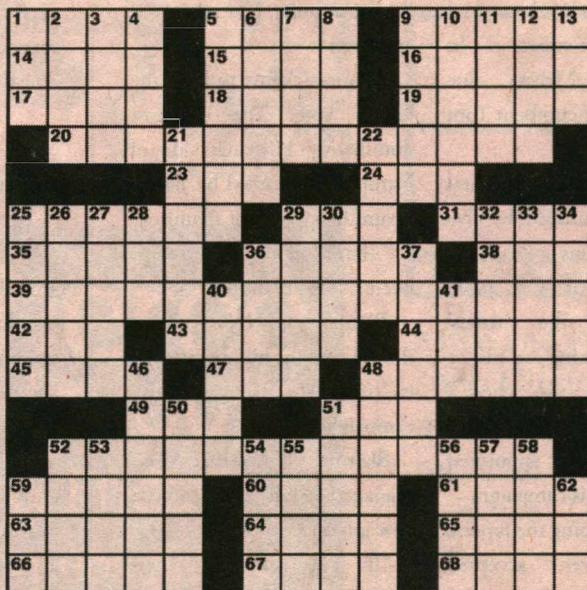
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GOOD WITH WORDS? CROSSWORD IT.

Newsday Crossword

AT AN END by Fred Piscop
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Itty-bitty
5 Golfer
9 *Star Wars* genre
14 Creme cookie
15 Maltese moolah
16 Present with a plaque, perhaps
17 Like crayons
18 Gulf of _____ (Mideast strait)
19 Form of oxygen
20 What a bell may signal
23 Former
24 GPS suggestion
25 Loose-fitting shirt
29 Early afternoon
31 Campus military grp.
35 Eye-bending designs
36 Had in mind
38 By way of
39 Attorney's summation
42 Sharer's word
43 Midsection, so to speak
44 Great Smokies, e.g.
45 Buyer's caveat
47 44 Across components: Abbr.
48 More thickly packed
49 Bach's Mass _____ Minor
51 "Get it?"
52 Small-headed fastener
59 Pig out
60 AOL customer
61 Lacking slack
- DOWN**
- 1 Drag from behind
2 401(k) alternatives
3 Barber's bellow
4 "Walk the dog" toy
5 You and me
6 Sticky, in summer
7 Tehran's land
8 Suit specification
9 "Go ahead, ask!"
- 63 Military data, for short
64 Sheer delight
65 Eye impolitely
66 Aromas
67 "Take this!"
68 Author Émile
- 10 More snug
11 Barge _____ (interrupt)
12 Typeface selection
13 Ill temper
21 Sticky note
22 Pitchfork part
25 Après-ski beverage
26 Highest mark
27 New Zealand native
28 E-file org.
29 Lions and Tigers and Bears
30 On one's guard
32 Kitchen fixtures
33 Hint of color
34 Provide a spread for
36 CEO, CFO, etc.
- 37 Stew holder
40 Deprives of feeling
41 Fellow
46 Bass or tenor
48 Graduate's prize
50 Nobel physicist Bohr
51 Derisive look
52 Stumble onto
53 Gung-ho about
54 Actor Grant or Jackman
55 Castaway's home
56 The gamut
57 *Othello* villain
58 Break in the action
59 Dust-jacket blurb
62 Afternoon social



quoteoftheweek

“ We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. ”

-Aristotle

