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They've got a plan

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. It's still a while out, but the NNU campus can look toward some serious changes in the upcoming years, both with add-ons and construction of new buildings.

BRANDON HASKINS

The Crusader

In October, the Board of Trustees met to discuss the Campus Master Plan.

While the majority of the Master Plan will be presented the fall semester of next year, two stages of the plan are already in the works -- the learning commons and the student commons.

"The learning commons has within it the library, IT media tech, academic support center and a small café, small group study rooms and video viewing rooms and will also become the hub for distance education," Joel Pearsall, Vice President of University Advancement, said.

The learning commons would extend what is now Riley Library across the street to the east (in front of the current art and music building).

The student commons is not nearly as planned out, but Pearsall describes it as being "a Student Center on steroids."

While offering everything that the current Student Center

a number of student hang-out spaces, taking the place of the Brick House.

Whenever a new building is being constructed, a number of steps must be taken.

First comes the programming stage, where discussion takes place as to who will be in the building and how those individuals, offices or departments relate and interact with one another.

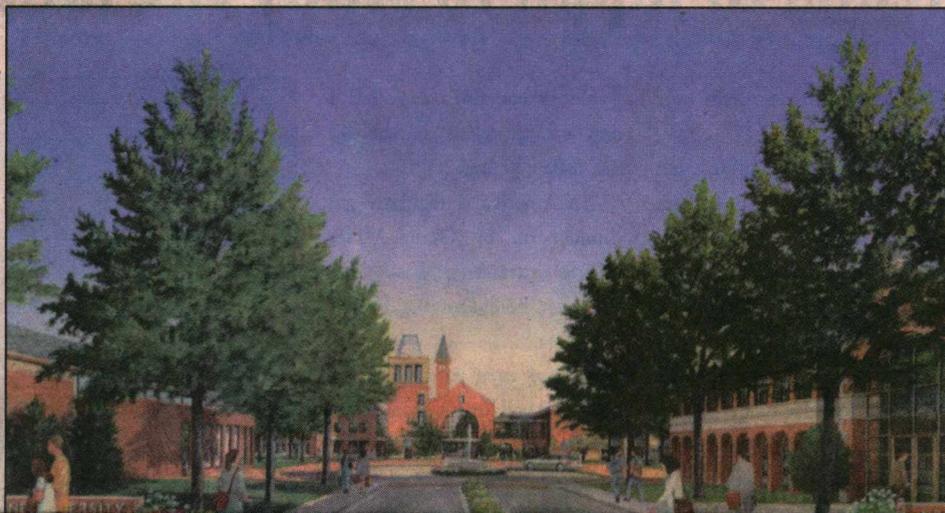
This is the stage that the student commons is currently in.

Next, a floor plan is developed outlining where each department is and how it can be laid out to best suit everyone's needs. This is the stage that the current learning commons is in.

After the floor plan is developed, the building's design is created and then construction can begin.

Running parallel to this process is the financial aspect of things.

No tuition expense will be used in construction. All



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Senate tonight

7:45 p.m. in Wordsworth

NO OLD BUSINESS.

looked at including in the space the Admissions Office, Financial Aid Office and the Business Office.

The space would also have

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Top: Renderings for the future Dewey Promenade. Above: Renderings for the future Holly Street Gateway. >>> WHAT DOES THE CRUSADER THINK? SEE THE EDITORIAL, page 4.

Courtesy of Joel Pearsall

NUU students selected for Opera Idaho

JINELL VAN CORBACH
The Crusader

A vocal performance major, music education major, business administration minor, Crusader Choir and Bella Voce member, former track team member and now a chorus member of Opera Idaho -- Mandi Dick has been a busy college student for the last four years.

Just a few weeks ago, Dick auditioned for and made it into Opera Idaho, a company that seeks to promote the art of opera in the Boise area by providing training and performance opportunities to talented singers, both young and old, in the Boise area.

Opera Idaho has produced shows with both faculty and students from NUU, such as music professor Dr. Judy Marlett and student Lindsay Macias.

Dick said she had to miss the first audition night for Opera Idaho, due to a case of Swine Flu. Opera Idaho was very understanding and was happy to reschedule her audition.

Dick auditioned with her own accompanist, which she was glad to have because it was nice to

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Homecoming made for an eventful weekend



Alex Corn | The Crusader

Some of the members of the 2009 Homecoming Court participate in the Homecoming Parade on Saturday. Seniors Trevan Hauck and Miriam Reardon (not pictured) were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen during the women's basketball game on Friday.

RACHEL BEERS
The Crusader

This weekend NUU hosted its 96th year of Homecoming festivities.

The theme was "Celebrate," and it allowed for a time to honor and remember former students and classes.

Luncheons and planned events were held on campus and an awards chapel was held on Friday to honor the winners of the Alumni awards.

Amongst all the formal business of the weekend, students had the opportunity

to have some fun as well.

Families and friends were welcomed onto the campus, the university put on their annual fall play and the Homecoming carnival -- held at the Johnson Sports Center -- provided the opportunity for a parade to show support for the school's clubs and organizations as well as some of the majors offered on campus.

Also, on Friday night there was a bonfire held at Finkbeiner Park.

The student events were planned by NUU SGA

President Grant Miller.

Another main event to hit Homecoming was the debut of both the men's and women's basketball teams.

The women's team played on Friday night against the College of Idaho and was victorious with a 95-58 win.

The men played on Saturday night against Northwest University and were also victorious with a win of 89-62.

However, one of the most exciting parts of Homecoming was the annual crowning of the Homecoming King and

Queen.

Each class had a prince and princess leading up to the senior nominees for king and queen.

Queen nominees included Aubrey Webb, Vanessa Evans and Miriam Reardon.

Men nominees were Trevan Hauck, Philip Westlund and Blake Wenner.

In the end, the crowns went to Hauck and Reardon.

The coronation took place during the women's basketball game on Friday night.

elects three Senators to make up the Senate. These Senators decide how money in the Student General Fund is distributed each semester. Money in this fund comes from student fees. If you are curious of how your student fees are being spent, come to Senate!

Senate is open to all students.

Weather

THURSDAY

Few showers.

Hi: 46° | Low: 21°

FRIDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 43° | Low: 20°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 43° | Low: 22°

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 46° | Low: 25°

MONDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 45° | Low: 28°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy.

Hi: 46° | Low: 24°

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Talent must be a sister act for the Andreoni sisters

JINELL VAN CORBACH

The Crusader

Two talented sisters -- two very different girls. Freshman Elena Andreoni and sophomore Christina Andreoni grew up singing with each other and younger sister Sofia, and they're not stopping now that they're in college.

Although the Andreoni sisters are musically-talented, they claim it didn't come from their parents.

"My mom and dad suck musically," Christina said. "They were both shocked when all the kids were musically-talented. They were like, 'Where did this come from?'"

Though the talent didn't come from their parents, there have been a few famous opera singers in the family, which Christina thinks could be where the musical talent came from.

This summer, Elena, a business major, had the opportunity to be a part of the Harmony Choral Vocal



Courtesy of Christian Andreoni

Elena Andreoni (left) performs at Freshere last month with freshman Kaitlin Mansuetti.

Showcase. She performed two songs for a panel of judges -- one solo and one with backup vocalists that included Christina and a friend, Elena placed second in the competition.

Elena is currently in Bella Voce and taking private voice lessons through NNU. She also recently performed at

Freshere.

Both Elena and Christina commented on their different tastes in music.

"We're very different. Her genre's, like, opera and classical and mine is country and yodel," said Elena.

On singing together and with their younger sister, Christina

said, "It's fun to do three-part harmony, but for the most part, we do our own thing because Elena's so country. She sings country, listens to country, eats country and breathes country."

Christina, a political science major, decided against majoring in music, saying, "I'm horrible in music theory, and I don't play many instruments. I wouldn't know what to do with a music degree."

Her senior year of high school, she decided she would like to be a lawyer, as she had had experience in student government and has always enjoyed politics.

Taking voice lessons for the past 10 years, and now teaching lessons, Christina has always loved to sing -- particularly Broadway music and Disney songs.

Some of her Broadway dream roles include Christine from "Phantom of the Opera" and Maria from "West Side Story."

Christina is no stranger to

the stage. She has sung at many community events, which include Boise Hawks baseball games, Steelhead hockey games, Stampede basketball games and opening for the God and Country Rally for the last five years. Christina was also with Music Theater of Idaho for 10 years, but unfortunately had to quit.

"I really miss it. It was a big-time commitment. I couldn't do college and plays at the same time," Christina said.

Through her connection with Music Theater of Idaho, Christina learned of a competition that Broadway was sponsoring.

The grand prize was to sing a song with a touring Broadway group at the end of their tour. To enter the competition, Christina had to make a video of herself singing, then upload it and submit it online.

Christina won the competition and sang with the group, who later asked if she

had a CD. Christina gladly gave them her CD, and they offered her a spot on Broadway and told her, "All you have to do is move to New York."

"I would love to, but I'm only a sophomore," Christina said. "Maybe while I'm in law school I'll get to go to New York and do Broadway."

Christina has been working with her current vocal teacher on putting demos together to send to various talent agencies and big companies, such as Disney, and has even sent a CD to Oprah.

Last year, Christina won NNU Idol, and this summer placed second in Idaho Idol. She's thinking of auditioning for America's Got Talent or American Idol in the near future.

Catch Christina, along with Whitney Brown, next Thursday at the Brick House where they will be performing for the Harvest Party.

Senior heads to Japan to study the language for semester

TAYLOR ALLEN

The Crusader

Senior Matt Henry, a mass communications and history major, has been in Japan since July studying the Japanese language at KCP International Language School in Tokyo.

Henry has been studying Japanese on his own since junior high, but has never had formal training until now.

He is diving into the language

in his class. Most students over there are Korean.

"I'm definitely thankful that I studied before coming here, because knowing the language makes the experience much more rewarding," Henry said.

Japan can be a confusing place to be when someone does not know the language, Henry said.

Japan is a busy place, but everyone has been nice to

Henry has also discovered a new athletic talent that he did not realize he had.

"In America, I regularly get dunked on by Grant Miller during intramural basketball, but over here I'm like Kobe," Henry said.

He was even voted MVP at a dodge ball tournament. "It's bizarre," Henry said.

Henry has loved his experience in Japan, but will



by taking three-hour classes each day with special classes for an hour a few times a week.

"All the teachers work really hard and expect the same out of the students," Henry said.

Henry puts in about three hours of homework a day outside of class so that he can succeed.

"It's a really nice environment for learning," Henry said.

Henry is the only American

Henry so far. The country, although small, is very diverse with a lot to do. "It's a place you can spend a lot of time exploring and not get bored," Henry said.

Henry got the chance to spend some time talking to a commercial director at one of the major television stations in Tokyo about the broadcasting industry in Japan, which he enjoyed thoroughly.

return to Northwest Nazarene University in January to finish his senior year.

Matt Henry (right) takes a picture with classmates at an observation tower on Eno Island in August.



Courtesy of Matt Henry

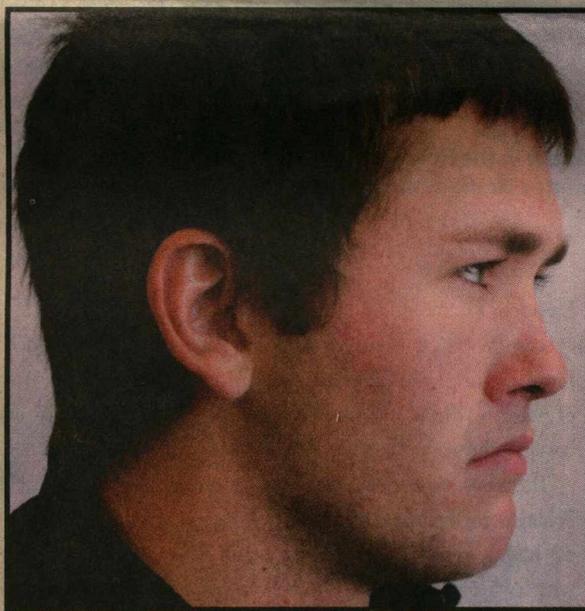
NO SHAVE NOVEMBER 2009

For the month of November, The Crusader is following two senior men who are participating in the no-shave challenge. Check back every week to see their progress!

DAY 8: The more-than-stubble shuffle

**Seth
Ott**

"Yeah, I would've thought Flanders had more hair than that, too."



**Brian
Flanders**

"I thought I'd have a little more hair than this."



Hairy word of the day Peach Fuzz (n): The facial hair you need a magnifying glass to see. The hair is soft, and fine in texture.



**My life as a:
freshman
again** with reporter
Brandon Haskins

I remember back to my freshman year and think of all the fun I had. I think about sneaking in late, or turning the bathtub into a hot tub or turning the bathroom into a wing lounge complete with couch, T.V. and fish tank. Freshman year was a good time.

Needless to say, I was rather excited to relive my freshman experience.

Moving in I realized that things were going to be strange when I discovered that, once again, I would be living with a curfew.

I figured that it would be easy enough to deal with, after all, as a senior my life has become a lot calmer -- or so I thought. Throughout the week, I found myself only making it in before curfew three of the seven nights, signing out once to my own apartment because I wasn't sure how I would make it back in that night.

Curfew wasn't the only arbitrary rule that I found myself having trouble with. Quiet hours, which in Culver officially begin at 11, was another rule that I found difficult to deal with. I'm not exactly a quiet person, and most people can hear me coming from

a ways away, so making it to my room each night without my RA hearing me was something rather difficult.

Being a freshman was an experience I didn't skimp on. In addition to moving into the freshman dorm for the week I also attended Cathy Burns' Cornerstone class. Showing up to class -- unprepared, of course -- I found myself in the middle of a quiz over reading that I did not do.

After borrowing paper and a pen from my neighbor I was rather surprised to discover that even without reading, I still wound up getting 10 correct answers out of 12 possible.

I'm still not entirely sure what the purpose of Cornerstone is, but sitting in the back row of that particular class, I remembered how much I enjoyed my freshman Cornerstone experience with Mark Gismondi, professor of international relations.

Overall, being a freshman again was not at all what I expected. I expected crazy times to be had and late nights to be a norm. Instead I found people taking naps all the time, no crazy adventures and not a single light on past curfew for the entire first floor.

Seriously, what kind of freshman isn't awake at two a.m. on a Thursday?

I guess you really can only

and potentially the student commons, will begin early in the fall semester of next year, Pearsall said.

The trustees discussed the Campus Master Plan, including the learning commons and



Courtesy of Brandon Haskins

Brandon Haskins makes Culver Second West's bathtub into a hot tub with his wingmates Thomas Barnett, AJ Sevier and Nate Berrian freshman year.

have a single freshman year try, that part of your life leaves adventures, harder classes and only savor the time you have and no matter how hard you after a year, giving way to new eventually adulthood: You can and not try to relive the past.

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money for these projects must be raised through donations.

First a lead gift is found. This is generally done after a building

CAMPUS BRIEFS

NNU holds Art Sale by students, community members

the Brandt Center Lobby from 4-6 p.m.

Regional eLearning

in online learning in Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Keynote speakers Dr. Lisa Dawley, chair of the

Washington as a user group for the Blackboard course

management system and

The lead gift for the learning commons has already been given from the Leah Peterson estate.

After a lead gift has been found, a fund-raising campaign is developed to raise the remaining balance of funds.

Once the fund-raising is completed, The Board of Trustees votes on the building before construction begins.

The fund-raising campaign for the learning commons,

October meeting. They also discussed the foundational values of NNU, as well as concepts that they would like seen in the university mission statement.

Next semester, the trustees will meet again and vote on the newly rewritten core values, as well as a tightly crafted mission statement. These will be presented, along with the Campus Master Plan, in fall semester of next year.

On Thursday the Fall Art & Fine Craft Sale will bring together artisans from NNU's campus as well as the Treasure Valley.

Their work includes handmade purses, boutique jewelry, scarves, ceramics, photographs and paintings providing a great opportunity to shop for unique one-of-a-kind items.

The sale will be located in

NNU

Dozens of educators and instructional support personnel from around the region converged to campus at the end of October for the 4th annual Northwest eLearning Conference. The conference was organized by the Northwest eLearn Community, a consortium of institutions with an interest

department at Boise State University, presented "Let's change the world! Leveraging participatory culture in the online classroom for powerful learning," and Dr. Helen Barrett, an educator and recognized authority on electronic portfolios, addressed "Interactive ePortfolios: Using Web 2.0 tools to Provide Feedback on Student Learning."

is today," said Crystal Nielsen, an Idaho representative for the consortium and NNU's instructional technologist for e-learning. "The initial conferences were held in Washington and then Oregon."

She said this was the first year it was held in Idaho.

The Crusader staff

Across party lines



Cassie Carlson | The Crusader

Last Wednesday afternoon, the College Republicans and College Democrats created a bit of friendly competition as they organized a kickball game between the two clubs. Above: Sophomore Sam Hart, playing for the Republican side, plans to get freshman Democrat Spencer Williams out on his run toward the next base.

STUDENT LIFE

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 11

Etiquette Dinner @ 6p.m. - Brandt Center

Senate @ 7:45p.m. - Wordsworth

Time-Out @ 9p.m.

WNL: Pie Night @ 10p.m. - Student Center

THURSDAY, Nov. 12

Art Sale 4-6p.m. - Brandt Center

Night of the Arts 6-9p.m. - Brandt Center

Brick House @ 9-11p.m. - Poetry slam night
with Peter Johnson

FRIDAY, Nov. 13

Chapel with John Cossel @ 10:20a.m.

MONDAY, Nov. 14

Community Chapel @ 10:20a.m.

TUESDAY, Nov. 15

Concert Band and Bella Voce Concert

@ 7:30p.m. - Brandt Center

Numbers don't always equal truth



WANDERING IN WONDERLAND

by
ALLISON HAWN

There's an old clichéd joke that says that 87% of statistics are made up on the spot. We all chuckle when we read it on a bumper sticker or T-shirt, or hear someone say it, but the

cliché makes a valid point. How many of the statistics that are presented to us can we trust?

Let's face it, the world is full of people who want to make us think one way or the other, everyone from politicians to advertisers to even religious groups.

What is one of the best ways to get people to believe a position or idea? Have numbers to back it up. Before I go on I would like to say that I do believe that there is factual and representational data available.

However, as the targets of such data, we need to be skeptical and ask ourselves some questions about the numbers being shown to us.

For instance, if there are results from a survey saying that 52% of Americans believe that bears really can learn to tap-dance there are some things that need to be questioned concerning that study.

First of all, how many Americans were surveyed to represent the population in this study? If several thousand people were interviewed the statistics are going to be a lot more credible than if the researchers asked five people.

Another excellent question to ask is, "Were the participants of the study from all over the U.S., thereby making it more representational of Americans at large, or were they all from

the same weird cult in the middle of Arkansas?" One can also look at what kinds of questions were asked. Did they have clear understandable questions, or were the questions muddled with jargon so that the participants just nodded in agreement to finish the survey and get out of there?

My example is an extreme, it is true, but honestly questions like, "How many people were included in the study and where were they surveyed?" can play a huge role in determining how valid any statistic you read is.

We shouldn't take everything we're given in the way of numbers for granted. We need to be skeptical.

STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

New buildings may weaken NNU's unique character

Upon learning of the Board of Trustees' Master Plan to build a new student commons and learning commons, we felt a sense of sadness that the atmosphere of this campus will apparently be transformed in the next few years.

The old brick buildings around campus give it a personal, small town feel, which fits well with the rest of the Nampa community. This "feel" is one of the things we have grown to love about NNU.

We still know little about the Master Plan, and we are excited about the prospect of more places for group study sessions besides noisy dorm rooms and the library.

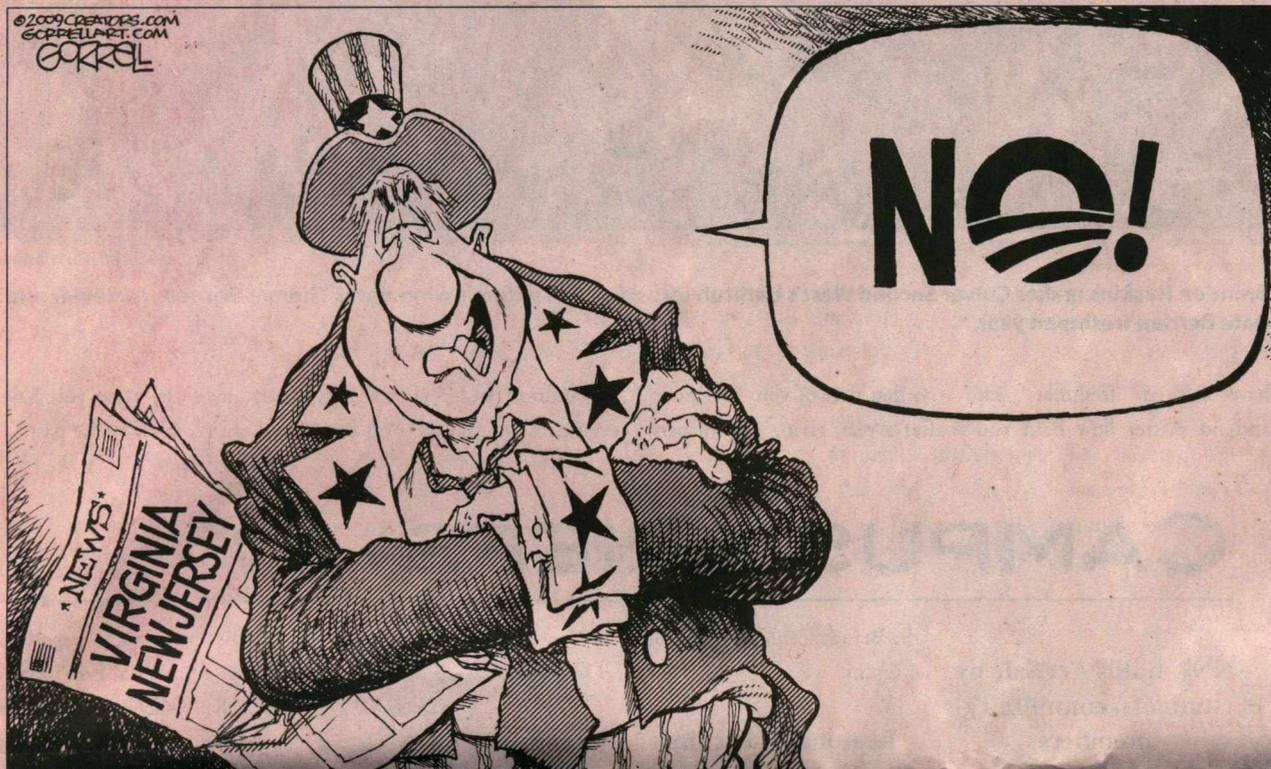
However, a disheartening aspect of the Master Plan is the tentative plan for the student commons to replace the Brick House. Four men or women living in the Brick House and redecorating it with their own style -- opening it up to students to hang out, watch movies, play music and enjoy Brick coffee drinks -- has been a popular tradition for the past several years.

A "student center on steroids," as Vice President for University Advancement Joel Pearsall described the new student commons, just doesn't seem to fit with the NNU culture.

It's not big fancy buildings that make this campus home for us, it's the atmosphere of friendship and common experience.

NNU has already done an outstanding job of creating this atmosphere, so why make drastic changes that will potentially diminish some of NNU's unique character?

We want future students to be able to experience the same simple, laid-back culture we have enjoyed during our time here. We hope



The unborn are more than just an issue



PONDER FROM A BLONDER

by
HOLLY BEECH

Several of you have commented that you want to see a more diverse range of opinions in the Crusader and not just one side of issues. Well, the issue of abortion was recently brought up on our opinion page. I disagreed with the opinion

given -- that abortion should be a woman's choice -- so I'd like to share another view.

This subject is painful to write about, mainly because it affects people so deeply and personally.

The idea of abortion is an idea I have wrestled with, but abortion itself has never been a reality in my life. I have never been a scared, single, pregnant teenager who doesn't know how to face the fact she will bring a child into an unprepared world. I have never had to hear that if I don't abort the barely developed fetus inside me, I will likely get an infection and die. I have never become pregnant as a result of rape. I do not pretend to know how these women feel

when people say they should not have the choice of having an abortion.

I do not think this is an issue we should brush off or take lightly. It is just as important as other political topics, like the state of our economy, because it involves future lives. Real lives.

I may have flaws in my argument, but I will tell you why the thought of abortion makes me ache. I have a friend who is beautiful, vibrant and actively enjoying life. Her parents planned to never have kids, so when they found out they were pregnant, they seriously considered having an abortion. Fortunately, they changed their minds and now adore all their kids.

But it's not all black and white like that. As I write this, questions weigh on me. What about those women whose health is in danger? Shouldn't they be allowed to have an abortion? Isn't it better to lose a life that is not yet established than a life that has years of experience and built-up relationships? What about those babies who will be born into unhealthy homes -- babies who will grow up hungry, abused and neglected? Is it better for them to never be born? And if it's illegal for women to have an abortion, are they going to attempt to abort the fetus on their own, dangerously hurting themselves? Also, this is a free country, shouldn't women have

the liberty to choose?

These are big questions to face as a 20-year-old with a limited viewpoint and range of experiences. And the point of this column is not to answer those questions; everyone must do that for themselves. I know there are several gray areas to abortion, such as the health of the mom. Those special situations should be handled on a case-by-case basis.

My goal here is to emphasize the importance of this issue. I believe a fetus is a life -- a person, not an issue. Aborting them out of fear, insecurity or simply because being unprepared for a baby is wrong and selfish, and I do not think it should be legalized.

You may ask, "Shouldn't women be able to choose what they do with their bodies?" In this instance, my opinion is no. Women should not have the right to choose whether or not a potential person is allowed to see the light of day or dies before he or she gets the chance.

You may also ask, "What about living in a democracy that should give women this freedom?" Well, every law takes away a freedom of some kind, whether it be the freedom to speed or steal or murder, but it's to protect people. The law to forbid abortion would protect people, like my friend, and give them the chance to experience life that otherwise may have been taken away.

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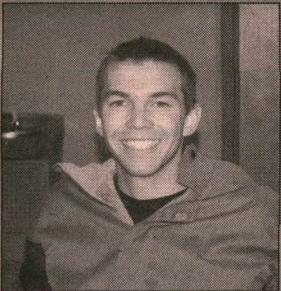
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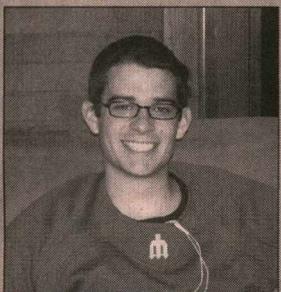
People Poll

**What is your
 biggest pet
 peeve?**



“Blake Wenner’s underwear in the shower”

Greg DeSimone
 senior



“The Dex not being open 24/7.”

Jared Trygg
 sophomore



“When people

When PDA goes too far



GUEST OPINION
 by
 BRANDON HASKINS

I’m a pretty affectionate person. I give my friends hugs, I jokingly hold hands with people and I’m generally okay with public displays of affection. But sometimes there is a line that just gets crossed.

When you’re eating your boyfriend’s tongue while waiting

in line to get your actual meal, it’s a little too far, and when that continues for a few minutes, it’s downright inappropriate.

I don’t want to sound like some sort of prude, but it seems that publicly sucking face has become some sort of epidemic recently.

At TWIRP I watched as a freshman couple two rows in front of me chose to choke on each other’s tongues in favor of watching the play.

I don’t care what you think of the production, it’s not an appropriate setting.

I was willing to ignore this, however. Perhaps they thought a play was more like a movie -- which I’m sure they enjoy in much the same way.

A few days later, while waiting in line to get lunch, the young couple behind me was going at it like the band kids from high school.

Seriously? In a well-lit area with plenty of onlookers? At a certain point, public displays of affection just become bragging. A “look what I can do” type action that shows an immaturity that we as college students should be past.

I understand that there is a physical aspect to dating relationships, and that physical aspect includes hand holding, cuddling and yes even tongue wrestling for some, but please, there is a time and a place.

Some types of affection are meant to be private, they are

supposed to be special things that aren’t shared with everyone -- tonsil hockey is a prime example of this.

I know that finding those times is difficult, particularly those with limited open-house hours, but be creative. Gentlemen, a lady will appreciate it more if you turn your make-out session into something a little more romantic.

Grab a thermos of hot cocoa, some blankets and a laptop and watch a movie behind the prayer chapel, or take a random drive to nowhere, find a secluded spot and look at the stars. It will make some memories and save the rest of us from watching a show we didn’t buy tickets for.

**Politicians and the press
 can’t be best friends**



**FROM THE LESS
 CYNICAL
 JOURNALIST**
 by
 ANDREA SCHILLING

Everything changed between journalists and United

history to describe one of the greatest roles the journalist has -- that of holding our leaders accountable.

These are the leaders we the people have elected. We believed in their cause, and so we remembered their name on Election Day.

Like it or not, these are the people who represent us and are making the decisions that affect us.

People deserve to know what’s going on with their elected officials, hence the journalist’s magnifying glass on such figures. It happens at the

exactly how this accountability works.

Politicians have quite the job. Serving people in the spotlight isn’t an easy task. And with this spotlight comes criticism. If one is so brave as to be a politician, they must be brave enough to handle the media as well.

This comes in the form of tabloids (AKA journalistic embarrassment) to a clever joke David Letterman’s writer gave him this morning. And of course, we can’t forget my favorite: a leading market newspaper or periodical.

And both parties get the heat

their skin is thick enough. Some columnist will probably hate them, or hate some action they took last week even more.

To be quite frank: it happens all the time. Journalists tend to have the double-c threat: critical and cynical. It’s a politician’s worst nightmare, as they strive to climb the ladder of public opinion.

Presidents, senators, majors -- and everyone in between -- have dealt with the inevitable: Journalists will always be sticking their noses in their business.

Without politicians, media



Deborah Freitas
junior

chew their gum
with their mouth
wide open."



Joby Berry
senior

"People
whispering in
class."



Kyle Blaser
junior

"People who
fart and don't
claim it."



Mark Baas
Sutherland Hall
RD

"People wiping
their boogers on
the walls."

States politicians merely 35 years ago when Washington Post reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward broke the news of the Watergate scandal with President Richard Nixon -- eventually leading to his resignation.

It was a heroic example of press coverage under fire, and the world of journalism will never be the same.

Now, I don't take this step back in history to wildly claim some sort of distrust in our government. Instead, I use this moment in U.S.

state capital, and it happens on this campus.

It truly is a love/hate relationship. Newsrooms are abuzz following the big night's results. But heaven forbid those same victors lose their footing -- it just might land them on the front page.

And it isn't this way to sensationalize an issue. As journalists, we must hold our leaders accountable for their actions.

The fear of the media covering such events, or at least shedding light of the possibilities, is

from the media -- womanizer Bill Clinton, to George W. Bush's suffering IQ.

Politicians are under a microscope, and they will, without a doubt, be poked and prodded to no end -- as they should be. It's part of the job. Even with a record clean of Monica Lewinskys or new vocabulary words making any English professor shudder, the politician will still find himself on the beloved opinion page at least.

It is here that politicians find their doom, unless of course

sources would certainly be a little bare. And without journalists, the voter probably wouldn't know the politician's name. What it comes down to is two very different groups of people doing two very different jobs. And so, let's let each other do our jobs.

We'll probably tick each other off at some point if we haven't already, but it's all part of this delightful mess.

If all else fails, my dear frustrated politicians, blame it on Bernstein and Woodward for doing their job.

Confrontation is important in our relationships



IF I WERE KING
by
TREVAN HAUCK

I was recently told that I was a very confrontational person and that it seemed as though I enjoyed bringing up things that made settings awkward for some.

Now this is not the first time I have been told this and I do agree that I confront people often. I would not agree that I enjoy it.

This statement about me did,

however, get me thinking about conflict and group dynamics amongst friends and peers.

I do not enjoy the act of confronting others; on the contrary, I often wish I could avoid it.

Confronting people, however, is very important in terms of living a life that is true to yourself and all those around you.

There are times and situations in which confronting someone may not be the best choice to keep the peace. I will argue, though, that eventually you will need to confront the situation.

Without conflict resolution -- which nine times out of 10 comes from confronting a problem, not ignoring it -- we risk the following:

First, we feel hurt by the person because they do not see

it our way or understand our point of view. Second, we begin to feel anger, and this is due to the fact that we have let this problem sit like a cut without a bandage. Finally, we develop hate for the person because we have gone so long without addressing the problem that all we can see or feel when we meet that individual is frustration.

I have seen two people go from best friends to bitter enemies because both refuse to address a minor issue.

Both are perfectly pleasant on the outside when in each other's company, but when out of earshot the hate for the other flows into the nearest ear.

Confronting each other is the only way to open up a dialogue that can lead to resolution and understanding.

Many times the people that

hurt us are not even aware of the fact, and while we stew over it, they go on oblivious -- which usually increases our anger.

It's true that confrontation can lead to differences of opinion that may drive us apart, but honesty is the way to go even if it hurts.

I have seen people who love each other part when one is confronted by the other, but I have never seen two stay together while they hide their feelings.

Confrontation causes agitation, but with this movement comes growth and with growth comes an enlightened perspective.

This perspective will lead to better treatment of our peers as well as a better understanding of who we are and how we affect those around us.

Be a part of the discussion!

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Exhibition games test basketball team's chemistry

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

On Saturday afternoon, the Crusaders defeated Northwest University 89-62 in an exhibition game, which was part of Homecoming Weekend.

This was the second game of the season, but the first win for NNU. The Crusaders lost their first game 51-85 on Oct. 30, an exhibition game against Utah State University.

Against Northwest University, the Crusaders stayed ahead the entire game, with several players scoring over 10 points each.

"We wanted to apply a lot of pressure on their guards defensively, and make it a fast paced game offensively...[posts] Robert [Lippman, senior,] and Brian [Barkdoll, junior] combined for 34 points," said Anthony Golden, sophomore guard.

"On the negative side, we gave up too many offensive rebounds," he said. "It is still early in the season, and with nine new players, counting red shirts, we have a long way to go until we have a complete chemistry. With that being said, I think we have made promising progress in practices."

The Crusaders played an exhibition game against rival

College of Idaho last night. The score, and stats were unavailable at press time.

NNU faces off against C of I a second time this season on crusader turf Dec. 8.

The Crusaders' next game is against Walla Walla University at home on Tuesday, Nov. 24. Last year, the Crusaders took a major victory over Walla Walla, winning 109-42.

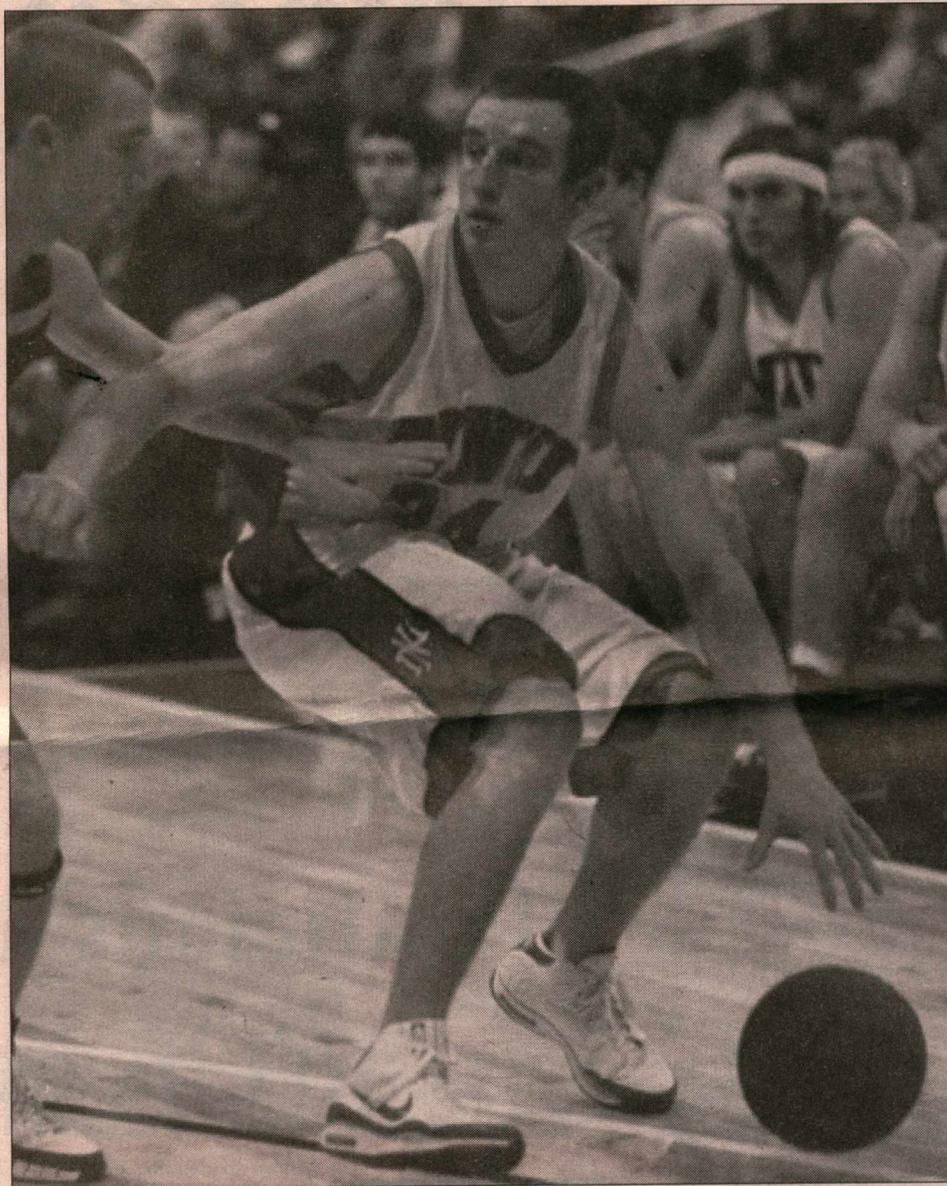
"The biggest difference between this year's team and last year's is we have a lot more athleticism inside and out. Around the perimeter we have more versatile players who can not only shoot the three, but penetrate efficiently," Golden said. "Like years past all the guys are coachable and eager to get better, which makes us a more solid team in the long run."

NNU red shirt freshman post David Recher was optimistic about Saturday's game.

"We came out real strong and laid the smackdown on Northwest," he said.

"We played tenacious 'D' and [Coach Brandon] Rinta was looking very handsome. I thought we looked pretty good in our uniforms."

Information courtesy of NNU Sports Information



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

NNU senior guard Louie Beech protects the ball against a Northwest University player in Saturday's game.

PLAYER PROFILE

Krista Oliver



Sport:
Basketball

Position:
Wing

Hometown:
Oregon City, Ore.

Class:
Senior

Major:
Business

Occupational goal:
Health Care Administration

Favorite thing about your team:
"My teammates!"

Favorite hobbies:
"Tennis, skiing, camping, doing hood-rat things with my roommate."

Saders place in top ten at Cross Country Regionals

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

Out of 20 teams in the men's race and 25 in the women's, Northwest Nazarene University men and women finished in 7th and 6th place, respectively, in Sunday's NCAA Division II



Watson is optimistic about a better team finish next season.

"We were hoping to place a little higher, but our region is really tough, and hopefully we can qualify as a team next year."

The NNU men, running

West Regional Cross Country Championships.

The championship took place at Speedway Meadows at the Golden Gate State Park in San Francisco. This race was what the team had been working up to all season, said freshman Christine Harwood.

Freshman Barak Watson's time of 31:39.8 qualified him to go to the NCAA National Championships in Evansville, Indiana on Nov. 21st.

"The last two miles were really tough, and there were quite a few times that I was ready to give up, but I prayed for the Lord to give me strength and the Lord carried me through,"



Courtesy of Ashley Puga

The Cross Country team poses for a group picture. The team went to Regionals this past weekend.

Watson said. "I had one of my best finishes ever and I passed the last guy that I needed pass to qualify for Nationals with about 200m to go."

Watson's teammates were also excited about his qualification.

"I am extremely happy for Barak. I feel like our team could have done a little better but we

still ran really well and we left everything out there on the course, and we had so much fun," sophomore Neil Easter said.

10,000 meters, finished with 212 points, and the women, running 6,000 meters, finished with 200 points.

"I was excited with how my team ran," said junior Jaclyn Puga, who finished 24th with 22:16, the fastest time for the NNU women. Following Puga were freshman Jordan Powell (22:21) and senior Michelle Phillips (22:30).

"Both men's and women's teams executed their plan well, and the race was a good finish for the 2009 cross country season," redshirt junior Matt Stark said.

Information courtesy of NNU sports information.

Dream vacation spot:

"Europe...specifically Germany, Auch JA!"

Hidden talent:

"If I told then it wouldn't be hidden..."

If you could be a character from any movie, who would you be?

"Well, it's not from a movie but I would be Cookie Monster from Sesame Street (see below)."

Favorite junk food item:

"COOKIES!!!!!!"

What was your favorite childhood memory?

"When my sister and I used to fake fight just to get Mom mad...we were little punks."

How'd they do?

Men

Barak Watson (11th, 31:39) Matt Stark (29th, 32:51), Jesse Baggenstos (50th, 33:45), Neil Easter (61st, 34:07), Kyle Gray (65th, 34:17), Seth Clark (66th, 34:18), Luke Hetrick (67th, 34:20)

Women

Jaclyn Puga (24th, 22:16), Jordan Powell (27th, 22:21), Michelle Phillips (29th, 22:30), Christine Harwood (52nd, 23:18), Ashley Rendahl (68th, 23:39), Meagan Swenson (125th, 25:03), and Elisa Decker (129th, 25:18).

SPORTS BOX

Volleyball

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

*Standings as of Nov. 9

Men's Soccer

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

Women's Soccer

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

Men's Basketball (Exhibitions)

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

Women's Basketball (Exhibitions)

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8. Montana State Billings
9. Alaska Fairbanks



Bowl Championship Series or playoffs?



BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by
Derek Sepe

Should the decision of who competes for a national title be left to the computers and the polls? Or should there be a playoff system implemented that is used in all levels of football except at the collegiate level?

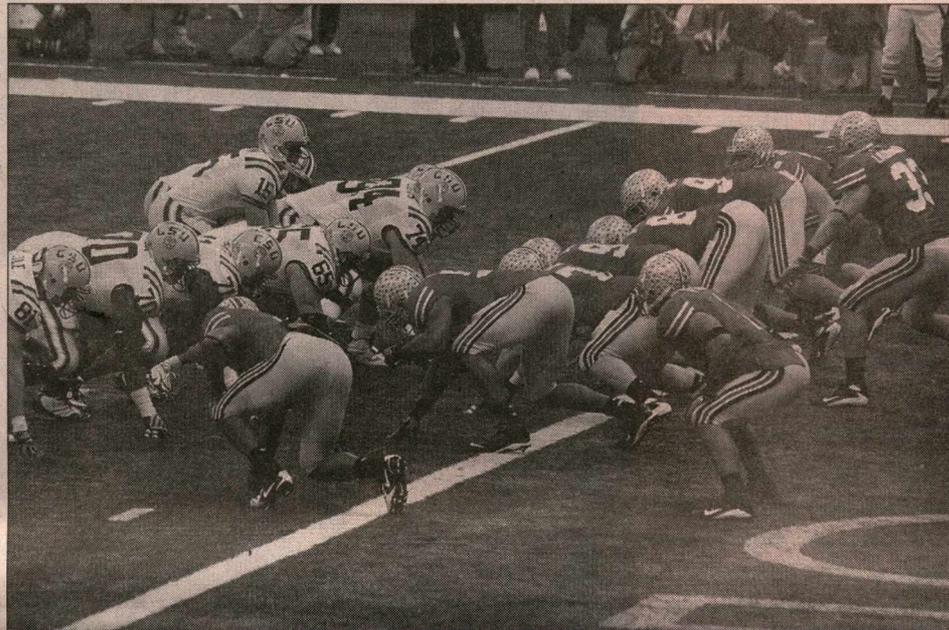
I haven't chosen sides on this issue because in all honesty I just want to watch football. I could give a rip which team plays for what as long as it is a good game. However, let's look at some basics of both points of view.

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is a system that integrates a computer analysis of

teams as well as rankings from the polls. I am not an expert on the BCS because to me it's just a bunch of politics. I miss the old days when football was two teams battling to decide a winner.

From what I know, the BCS is flawed mostly because the polls throw off the computer's analysis. One thing to think about is that some teams get automatic bids to bowl games leaving other teams missing out on rightfully earned opportunities.

For example, the Rose Bowl is almost always the Pac-10 versus the Big-10. The next non Pac-10/Big-10 team with the most victories is Alabama with six. This brings up another point that Pac-10 teams will rarely play for a national championship because the conference is so hard (UW over USC, Stanford over UO, and OSU over Cal). The Pac-10 is the only conference where every team plays each other, unlike other conferences where that is not the case.



Courtesy of Wikipedia

The Louisiana State Tigers face the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 2008 Allstate National Championship Game. LSU won 38-24.

Now let's look at the playoff aspect. In theory, every team gets the same opportunity to move on and play for a national championship. The major question is how do they decide how many seeds to offer and what do they do with the other bowl games? Do they keep the bowl games for other teams that

didn't make it into the playoff so they can still bring money to their program, or do they nix the bowl games entirely to have everyone play for the national title?

"Most people express the need for a playoff system," said NNU sophomore Nathaniel Leslie. "They don't like how

mid-major conference teams get passed up on opportunities or how large bid teams miss out because of too many other larger bid teams."

Whether you love the BCS or hate it and want a playoff system, this is one sports issue that won't go away and has many fans in heated debate.

Pac-10 reinstates Oregon's Blount

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount, who was suspended for the season after punching a Boise State player in the wake of the season opener, has been allowed to rejoin the Ducks.

Five seniors complete NNU volleyball careers

ALLISON HAWN
The Crusader

The Crusader volleyball team faced off against two other teams this past week.

Thursday, Nov. 5, the team played against the Western Washington University Vikings losing 3-1.

The Vikings were led by Marlayna Geary who had a match-high of 20 kills.

Lindsay Grant, senior outside



AP Sports Blurbs

WAC suspends replay official who goofed

DENVER — The Western Athletic Conference has suspended a replay official for one game after he failed to overturn a call in a game last weekend between San Jose State and Boise State.

Official Michael Goshima's one-game suspension will go into effect this weekend.

The suspension — the first of a WAC replay official since the NCAA implemented instant replay in 2006 — was based on a play where a runner was ruled short of a first down and Goshima's review incorrectly upheld the ruling on the field. The WAC said that upon further inspection, "the runner clearly made the first down and the call should have been reversed."

The World Series

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees win the World Series.

No. 5 Boise State survives Louisiana Tech 45-35

Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore threw for 354 yards and three touchdowns, and Boise State remained unbeaten and in contention for a BCS bid with a 45-35 victory over Louisiana Tech on Friday night.

Tech had pulled within 30-28 early in the fourth quarter

The university requested Blount's reinstatement, which was approved by Pacific-10 Conference commissioner Larry Scott.

Blount will be able to play for the No. 14 Ducks on Saturday night when they host Arizona State. He missed eight games.

Blount issued a statement saying he was grateful to Oregon coach Chip Kelly for giving him a "second chance."

"Now it is up to me to prove to people that their lasting impressions of me are not what they saw in Boise," he said.

Blount punched Byron Hout on the field at Boise State following the loss, bringing the Broncos defensive end to his knees.

The next day he was suspended for the season by Kelly, but he was allowed to keep his scholarship and practice with the team.

Kelly later said that if Blount met certain academic and behavioral conditions, he would be allowed to return.

The earliest possible date for his reinstatement was last Saturday's game against Stanford, but the Ducks waited until this week to bring him back.

Kelly recommended Blount's reinstatement to athletic director Mike Bellotti on Sunday night. It was approved by university President Richard Lariviere before being turned over to the conference for approval.

Blount said in his statement released by the university that he would not speak to reporters.

"Until that time, I feel my actions can speak louder than anything I could say. I just want to help my teammates who have been supportive of me," his statement said.

hitter for the Crusaders, had 12 kills. Freshman Carly Dranginis and senior Cammy Dranginis each had 11 kills.

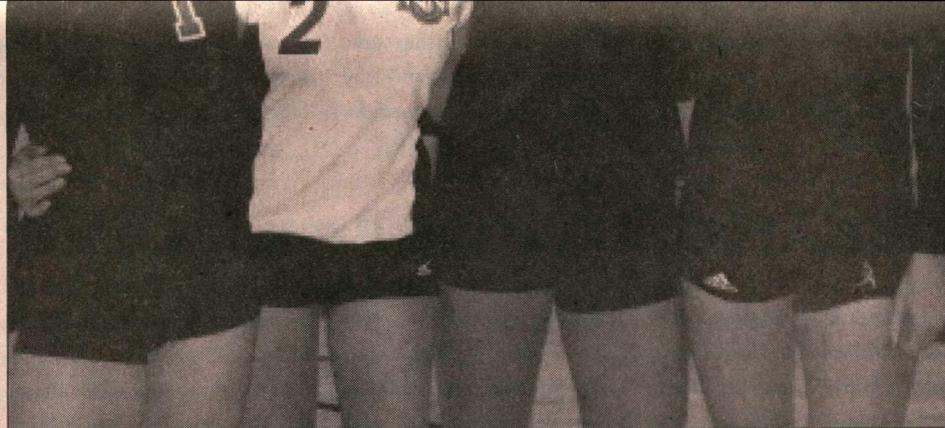
Junior psychology major and Crusader libero Haley Hevern said, "I feel like this season a lot of good things happened, but I felt it was a bit of a let down. There were some games that we should have won that we didn't, which was frustrating."

On Saturday, the Crusaders faced off against the Western Oregon University Wolves in the Homecoming game held in the Johnson Sports Center.

The Crusaders won 3-1 in front of over 1,500 NNU supporters.

Saturday's game marked the end of home games for seniors Grant, Dranginis, Eki Punimata, Jackie Bourdon and Karlyn Jones.

Dranginis led the team with



Courtesy of Jaclyn Bourdon

(Left to right): Junior Amy Higginson and seniors Jackie Bourdon, Cammy Dranginis and Lindsay Grant play on Saturday in NNU's last home game.

15 kills and five blocks. Grant contributed 12 kills and 17 digs.

Punimata and Higginson led the offense with 25 assists and 20 assists, respectively.

Bourdon led the defense with 22 digs.

"All of the students that come to the games, you are huge in how we play, so cheer loud and get us going," Hevern said. "We need you guys."

The Crusaders will go on to the University of Alaska, Anchorage and University of

Alaska, Fairbanks next week in their final two matches of the season.

Information courtesy of NNU sports information.

Lady Saders start season off with a win

RACHEL BEERS The Crusader

To start the season off, the women's basketball team beat rival College of Idaho in an exhibition game on Friday. The game was part of NNU's Homecoming.

NNU shut down the Yotes with a 95-58 win. Large student sections from both schools filled the bleachers.

Redshirt senior guard Jane Olds led NNU in three areas, with 4 steals, 4 assists, and 20 points, going six for six at the free throw line. Seniors Lindsay Brady and Brittney Roggenkamp each contributed 16 points. Senior post Kristin Hein pulled down 10 rebounds.

The team is really good and it's hard to say who stands out among them, they are

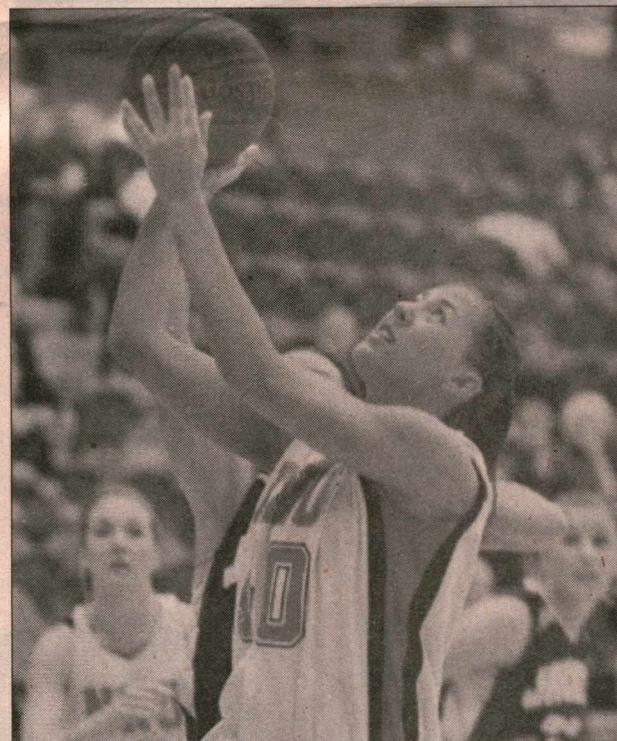
all so deep in their positions, freshman center Katharina Schulte to Buehne said, who scored 9 points and led with two blocks.

The Sader's improved their field goal percentage from 41.9 percent first half to 60.6 percent overall. C of I shot 33.9 percent for the game. Junior guard Nicole Gall led the Yotes with 14 points.

NNU left Sunday morning for Weber State University for another exhibition game Monday night. The Saders pulled through with a 83-80 victory.

Their first qualifying game is Nov. 20 at a tournament in Oregon against Cal State Monterey Bay.

Information courtesy of NNU sports information.



Courtesy of NNU Sports Information

Senior post Kristin Hein drives the ball to the hoop.

on Dennis Morris leaping catch in the corner of the end zone. The Broncos defense buckled down long enough after that for Boise State to pull away with touchdowns on consecutive drives, first on Moore's 12-yard pass to Austin Pettis and then on Jeremy Avery's 44-yard touchdown run.

Idaho Vandals face nation's top rusher

The nation's leading rusher comes to the Kibbie Dome on Saturday when Fresno State plays surprising Idaho.

Ryan Mathews is averaging 164 yards per game, and will pose a major challenge for a porous Idaho rush defense.

Idaho coach Robb Akey said the problem is basically a vision thing.

"We've got to do a better job with our eyes getting to where we belong," Akey said of his defense.

The Vandals hope to limit Mathews' big gains, and come up with a few big plays of their own as they seek their eighth win of the season.

Idaho (7-2, 4-1 WAC) is enjoying the nation's biggest turnaround, and has already won five more games than last year.

Cowboys topple Eagles 20-16

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — On the final day of the 2008 regular season, the Eagles dominated Dallas 44-6 in a do-or-die game for both teams. Philadelphia earned a wild-card berth with that victory, won two playoff contests on the road and advanced to the NFC championship game, losing at Arizona.

'Cinderstein' tickles audience's funny bone



REVIEW

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

Northwest Nazarene University students brilliantly performed in Kameron Klitgaard's "Cinderstein" last Thursday, Friday and Saturday during Homecoming Weekend.

Within a cast of 33 members were stunning and gifted actors and actresses.

The play itself is a play within a play.

The story is evidently set in a high school drama class as the class is rehearsing a play.

The production that is being rehearsed has been written by the high school director -- played by senior Grant Miller -- who is fighting the students for cooperation the entire time.

The cast of characters in the play was performed practically flawlessly by the NNU cast.

The high school characters included stereotypical groups of students from drama queens to athletes to tech guys.

One of the most memorable scenes involved the entire cast,

except one, trying to speed up one of the scenes.

Everyone sped their lines up to an almost incoherent speed in order to get through the scene faster.

That is, everyone except for the queen, played by Miriam Reardon. The scene, except for Reardon's part, looked as if someone were fast forwarding a video -- a comical sight to behold.

"Cinderstein" kept the audience laughing through the entire evening. The cast was so into character that it was difficult to tell if the lines were improvised on stage or truly memorized -- a mark of a good performance.

All of the actors, in particular the main actors, did a phenomenal job at entertaining the audience.

The love of the play could be seen in the actors' eyes as they joyfully performed each role with delight.

Cinderella was played beautifully by Rachel Allen -- a natural stage presence, and Dr. Frankenstein was played by Ryan Donley, who vividly got into character.

Miller took on the role of the frustrated director who was about to have a coronary.

The infamous Fairy Goshmother was performed

lot of difficult situations. It brought me closer to God, and so I figured that since God is leading me this way, I'll do it," Dick said.

Dick said that when she was younger, she had the opportunity to be a member of



Alex Corn | The Crusader

A brawl erupts amid the Prince's Ball during the NNU Homecoming 2009 play, "Cinderstein."

by Joelle Friesen who kept the audience laughing whenever she was on stage.

All 33 actors and actresses did a phenomenal job at each

individual role.

The Cinderella story is predictable for many, as is the story of Frankenstein.

However, the ending of the

play came with surprise to the audience as it combined the two common stories into one unpredictable finish.

This witty, clever, and one-

of-a-kind play was directed by Rick Strader and co-directed by Karissa Ellingson.

OPERA IDAHO FROM PAGE 1

audition with a friend.

Dick has been singing since she could talk, so majoring in vocal performance was no

church and was involved in her high school choral program, as well as church choirs and ensembles.

Dick is currently in both Bella Voce, which she has been a member of for the past four years, and Crusader choir.

Dick.

Dick said she gets to the music department by 7:00 a.m. to sing or practice the instrument that her instrumental methods class is working on.

Dick sings for two hours a day and studies for three. The

"Singing is exhausting," Dick said. "I don't know how I did it sophomore year when I was getting two to four hours of sleep."

Dick loves to teach voice lessons, she said. "I have taught private voice lessons, but it's

competition. It was great."

Dick attributes all of her accomplishments to God.

"None of this would be possible without God's loving hand leading me and for me putting Him first every single day."

surprise.
 "I've always loved singing and it's been such a part of my life. It's been my way out of a

the Missoula Children's Theater, a group in her hometown of Tacoma, Wash.
 She also often performed at

At her church in Meridian, Dick sings on the worship team. Waking up between 5 and 5:30 in the morning is the norm for

studying includes translating, transcribing and reading music magazines such as "Classical Singer."

never been for money. I love teaching voice. I was able to teach some students at Vallivue High School for their solo

Macias, a senior, was also selected to participate in Opera Idaho. She was unavailable for comment.

Night of the Arts fills up the Brandt Center tomorrow evening

BRANDON HASKINS The Crusader

Tomorrow evening the Brandt Center will host the 5th annual Night of the Arts.

This annual event is a collaboration of the NNU music, art and communications departments in which those in attendance can celebrate art in its various forms.

According to Amanda Hamilton, assistant professor

of drawing and painting and director of the Friesen Galleries, students can expect, "A great evening starting at 7 p.m. with an hour long performance in Swayne, followed by a casual dessert of pie and coffee while the Thelonious Monk Trio plays in the lobby. There will be candlelit tables and a warm social atmosphere for just enjoying the galleries and jazz."

Presenting in the Swayne

Auditorium will be the NNU Jazz Revival and Northwesterners, who will lead the music department's jazz program in a night of gospel, Dixieland and swing-style jazz. Showing in the Friesen Galleries will be an exhibition of John Taye's work "Seasonal Passages."

Also included in the night will be a presentation by the NNU Storytellers, a reader's

theater group led by Professor Brooke Adamson.

"I work to try to connect the literature the Storytellers perform to what is being presented in the gallery. This year artist John Taye has beautiful still life and landscape paintings that show the passage of time and seasons. So, the literature helps tell the story of how time plays a significant part of our lives, both in good

ways and bad. The progression of time is important to analyze and the literature will provide stories to hopefully help the audience think about how it affects each of us," Adamson said.

Also, the night will include The Fall Art & Fine Craft Sale, which brings together artists from NNU's campus as well as local Treasure Valley artists.

According to Hamilton,

work available will include handmade purses, boutique jewelry and scarves as well as ceramics, photographs and paintings.

"It's a great time to do some Christmas shopping for unique one-of-a-kind treats," Hamilton said.

The art sale will be open in the Brandt Center lobby from 4-6p.m.

concert box

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Community Business Highlight

The White Pine

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HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

Walking into The White Pine, a clothing boutique in downtown Nampa, is like walking into a little shop on the streets of downtown Portland.

Racks of cozy sweatshirts, bold patterned skirts, vintage boots, ruffled cardigans and fitted T-shirts are neatly arranged throughout the softly lit, simply-decorated store. Tables are filled with accessories, journals and fun random items.

A bookshelf, sitting next to an old TV and comfy chair, is filled with classic literature like "The Plague" and "The Great Gatsby."

Owner Diana Shafer described the boutique as "urban, but with a rustic twist, earthy and industrial." The store's atmosphere, with its concrete floors and local artwork hanging on the walls, was inspired by Portland, Shafer said, where she got her associates degree in fashion design at The Art Institute.

The White Pine's most popular product is a battle between TOMS shoes and Alternative Apparel, Shafer said.

"Both have a pretty big cult following," she said with a smile. The boutique also offers

friendly items, like journals made from recycled paper, hand-crafted jewelry and clothing made from organic cotton. TOMS shoes, priced around 50 dollars, benefit impoverished children all around the world. For every pair of TOMS shoes sold, the TOMS company, based in California, donates one pair of shoes to a child in need.

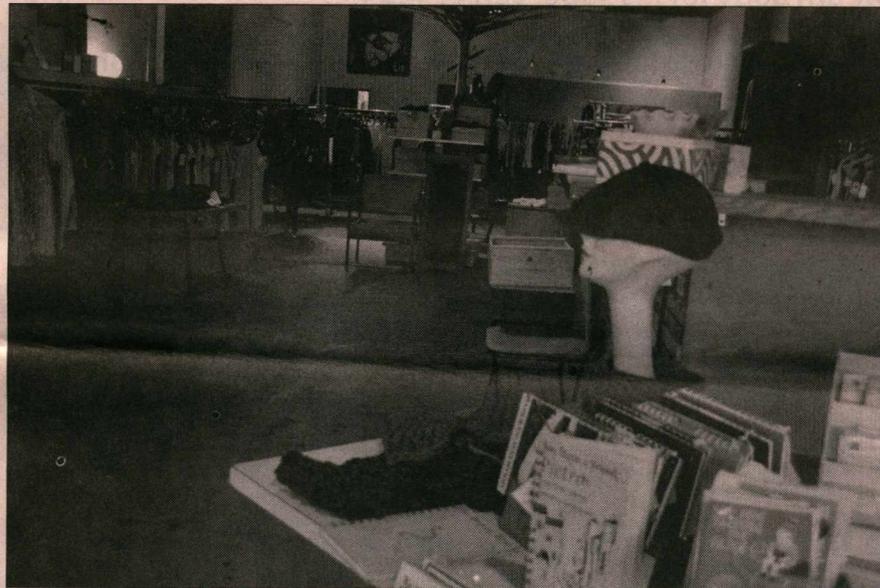
"I try to do things that have a purpose," Shafer said. "I try to choose locally-made products over ones that are made somewhere else."

Go onto The White Pine's Facebook page, and you'll see that this is one business that interacts with its neighbors. Shafer and her husband Joe, who works at the store once a week, plan events with other locally-owned businesses in downtown Nampa, like the Flying M Coffee Garage and Puffy Mondaes.

Coming up on Dec. 1, The White Pine and Puffy Mondaes will co-host a TOMS shoes decorating party at Puffy Mondaes.

For 35 dollars, participants will receive a pair of TOMS shoes, and Puffy Mondaes will supply the fabric markers. If interested, contact The White Pine by Nov. 16 to register.

Also in December, The White Pine and Flying M



Holly Beech | The Crusader

The White Pine, which celebrated its one-year anniversary in September, is a clothing boutique in downtown Nampa.

The Re:Use Market will be open this Friday 2-5 and Saturday 12-3.

The White Pine also has hosted three to four craft shows, Shafer said, where local artists and crafters set up tables in the front of the store to display and sell their art and creations.

Shafer said she tries to stay involved with other downtown businesses.

"It keeps things exciting, plus we help each other out."

She said The White Pine also has good relationships with The Brass Razoo and Downtown Skate Shop.

Downtown Nampa has

local.

"If you shop at [a national chain store], all the excess money goes out of the state to people higher up who won't put it back into the local economy," Shafer said.

"It's slowly leaking money out of your state. But shopping local preserves the town's unique environment. I see so much potential in Nampa, but if people can't appreciate local businesses, they can't survive and it'll be a boring old box-store town."

Last year, Shafer bought Sparrow Clothing and turned it into The White Pine.

About two weeks before The

"It's something I always wanted to do...I took the chance to jump in."

Since its opening in Sept. 2008, business and sales have been like a roller coaster, Shafer said, with sales high some months and low others. She said hopefully in the next year people will start to feel safer again about spending money.

>> Check out the merch

115 13th Ave. S.

Lawyer asks investigators not to question Hasan

FORT HOOD, Texas — The Army psychiatrist accused in the Fort Hood massacre is awake and able to talk, as a radical imam from a mosque Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan visited praises the Muslim soldier in a blog post as a hero who couldn't bear "serving in an army that is fighting against his own people."

Iran accuses 3 detained Americans of espionage

TEHRAN — Iran accuses three detained Americans of espionage, signaling it intends to put them on trial. The decision provokes a sharp U.S. response and could set up the three — who relatives say were hiking and strayed across the border from Iraq — as potential bargaining chips in Iran's standoff with the West.

Obama pays tribute to fall of Berlin Wall

BERLIN — Germans re-enact the electrifying moment the Berlin Wall came crashing down — sending 1,000 graffiti-smearing 8-foot-tall dominoes tumbling along the route of the crumbled Cold War icon. Angela Merkel, reunited Germany's first leader from the former communist east, retraces the giddy steps first taken

baby clothes, hats, headbands, bags and used books.

"A lot of people come here just to look for a good book because they're all hand-picked literature," Shafer said. Book prices range from about three to 15 dollars.

The White Pine offers several locally-made and eco-

are putting on a photography show benefit to support the re-opening of the Pix Theater on Twelfth Avenue in Nampa.

One weekend a month, The Re:Use Market, directed by Tracy Cochran, opens up in The White Pine's back room to sell donated fabric, beads, paper, tile and buttons.

good vibes, Shafer said. "It's quaint. It's easy to get to know each other and so small that owners later remember customers when they come in."

Shafer sees a lot of potential in downtown Nampa, but said it can be frustrating to try to convince people to shop

White Pine's opening, news of the dropping economy hit.

"It was terrifying because I hadn't even opened yet and the news said the stock market was plummeting," Shafer said.

She faced the decision of whether or not she should continue on with the store.

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by thousands 20 years ago, accompanied by former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Solidarity hero Lech Walesa.

Gulf Coast preps as Ida weakens to tropical storm

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Ida, the first hurricane of the season to menace the U.S., weakened to a tropical storm as it churned toward the Gulf Coast, bringing a threat of heavy rain and flooding to a region still sodden from one of the wettest months on record. Residents from Louisiana east to Florida brace for up to 8 inches of rain.

D.C. area relives terror as sniper's execution nears

WHEATON, Md. — Serial sniper John Allen Muhammad's upcoming execution has residents in the Washington area reliving the fear they felt during his three-week killing spree seven years ago. Muhammad is set for lethal injection Tuesday night in Virginia for shooting a man at a gas station. It was one of 10 deaths in and around the nation's capital blamed on Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo.

Big cities see burglary decrease

CHICAGO — Some big cities and small towns are seeing an unexpected upside to the grinding recession: The number of home burglaries is falling because more people are unemployed and staying home to keep watch. The phenomenon has surprised both police and crime researchers, who had expected thefts to climb as the economy declined and jobless numbers rose.

Vatican on Anglicans: celibacy rule unchanged

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VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican on Monday confirmed that opening the door to married Anglican priests doesn't mean the Roman Catholic church is easing the requirement for celibacy for its clergy.

The Holy See press office released rules and guidelines, known as an Apostolic Constitution, as part of efforts to make it easier for disillusioned, traditionalist Anglicans to cross over to the Roman Catholic fold.

Under the Vatican's initiative, Anglicans, turned off by their own church's embrace of openly gay clerics, women priests and blessing of same-sex unions, can join new parishes, called "personal ordinariates" that are headed by former Anglican prelates

Vatican officials had previously stressed that married Anglican priests would be allowed to remain in the priesthood on a case-by-case basis as they join the Roman Catholic fold.

Still, the Vatican's decision to allow Anglicans to keep some aspects of their liturgy and identity had raised questions over whether the Roman Catholic requirement for celibacy might change.

On Monday, the Vatican reaffirmed its resolve to leave the celibacy requirement unchanged.

"The possibility envisioned by the Apostolic Constitution for some married clergy within the personal ordinariates does not signify any change in the Church's discipline of clerical celibacy," the Vatican said.

It praised priestly celibacy

as "a sign and a stimulus for pastoral charity."

Apparently seeking to squash any speculation that Rome had been courting the disaffected Anglicans, the Vatican said the "Holy Spirit" inspired Anglicans to "petition repeatedly and insistently to be received into full Catholic communion" individually and as a group.

The Vatican also sought to justify setting up new structures to accommodate any Anglican desire to convert.

Simply assimilating Anglicans in existing dioceses would have led to the "loss of the richness of their Anglican tradition," the Vatican said.

Allowing them to keep liturgical, spiritual and pastoral traditions, with Vatican approval, brings the Catholic church "a precious gift," the

new document said.

The rules also confirmed statements by Vatican officials that while married Anglican bishops could be ordained as priests after converting to Roman Catholicism, they will lose bishop's rank.

But Rome said these former bishops could be invited to participate in meetings of local Catholic bishops' conferences "with the equivalent status of a retired bishop."

Without elaborating on the theology involved, the new rules said "many doctrinal questions have had to be addressed, and such questions will continue to arise" as the Anglican converts join their Roman Catholic brothers.

Pope Benedict XVI, at the helm of a 1.1 billion member Church, has made it a priority of papacy to press for unity of

ON THIS DAY...

Washington became the 42nd state of the United States. www.on-this-day.com

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10 ways to make yourself feel better after realizing you've spent too much time putting off term papers . by nick ratliff

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10. Turn up the heat in your dorm until you get sweating hot and then go outside until you're freezing cold...repeat.

9. Remind your roommate that he's not going to graduate on time and that he won't know anybody for his super senior year.

8. Throw tennis balls at your neighbor's door every night at midnight for the next week.

7. Sit down next to someone in the library who didn't put off his homework and talk very loudly on the phone about how an imaginary significant other doesn't seem interested anymore.

6. Park in Dr. Alexander's parking space just once to prove to the world that you have the chutzpah to go for the spot we've all coveted for so many years.

5. Eat a McDonald's double quarter pounder with cheese in front of a vegetarian.

4. See who can stay on Howard the Elk for the full 8 seconds (respond to anyone who does number 5 to you, by getting a salad and being content knowing that you will live a longer and healthier life).

3. Wal-mart. Burritos. 1 dollar. 'Nuf said.

2. Annoy and run away from security as a way of reminding yourself that even if you fail out of college, there will still be jobs available for you.

1. Work on your paper. (Yeah, nothing funny here ya bunch of slackers.)

GOOD WITH NUMBERS? SUDOKU ME.

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Dear Nana Bobango...



I went out with this guy a couple weekends ago and I thought the date went pretty well.

We laughed a lot, and the conversation never hit a lull.

At the end of the night I invited him in for coffee and he ended up staying for three hours (I live off campus, so there were no time constraints). He hugged me goodbye and told me he'd give me a call.

I didn't hear from him again until last weekend (exactly seven days after our date) when he called to let me know that he found my planner in his car. I went to his place to pick it up and he invited me to stay and watch a movie. He had just ordered some pizza too, so he even offered me a slice. Again we had a good time, and again he hasn't called.

Is he playing hard to get?

--Dazed Dater

Dear Dazed,

I'm sorry to have to be the one to tell you this, but he's not interested. I mean, clearly he's interested enough to know that watching a movie and eating pizza with you would be more fun than doing it alone, but other than that he's really not interested.

He waited an entire week to tell you about your planner. He was probably using that time to debate whether or not he could simply send the item through campus mail.

Take the hint -- or in this case the outright answer. He's not into you.

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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GOOD WITH WORDS? CROSSWORD IT.

Newsday Crossword SEASON TO TASTE by David W. Cromer

Edited by Stanley Newman
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5 Rum mixers
10 53 Down at a party
14 "High" or "low" water
15 Take as one's own
16 Waikiki dance
17 Biblical shepherd
18 Royal headgear
19 Lode rocks
20 Perfection for collectibles
23 Out of style
24 Downhill vehicle
25 Natural spring
28 Galoot
31 Wear on one's conscience
33 Mascara target
37 Words of wisdom
41 Black and white predator
42 As a companion
43 Bullring cries
44 Use flattery
46 Egg holder
47 Die down
48 America's uncle
50 Perch for a tyke
51 Prepare presents
55 They're caught by goalies
60 Sherlock Holmes in '40s films
64 Portal

- 66 "Ta-dal"
67 Sign of things to come
68 Very funny one
69 Finish
70 Iowa city
71 Lodge
72 Swarms (with)
73 Story to tell

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- 1 Post-office purchase
2 Fibula
3 neighbor
3 Perfect places
4 Loses solidity
5 Roman orator
6 Valhalla VIP
7 Washer fillers
8 Tax month
9 Cabinet department
10 "Go on, git!"
11 Ballpark entry device
12 Tankard filler
13 Tank filler
21 Cartoon collectible
22 Checked credentials, briefly
26 Gait rates
27 Alamogordo blast
29 Mil. fliers
30 Big party
32 Bard's river
33 In the area
34 Island near Venezuela
35 Album with clippings
36 Lyricist Lorenz
38 www.
39 Son of Seth
40 Taj Mahal city
45 Evergreen trees
49 Dashboard letters
52 Steelworker's fastener
53 Dateless
54 Group that roars
56 WWII craft
57 Notation to pause
58 Prepare to pray, perhaps
59 Logic
61 Crafts partner
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Fun Day by Malissa Martinez

The sky, hanging low above the houses
and suburban streets was a gunmetal gray.

Its clouds loomed large and billowy; self
important guardians determined, on this day
to block out the invasive sun.

The wind cut cold and clean reminding of
human fragility. He pulled his scarf around
his throat, its wooly warmth snagging on the
stubble of his neck.

Days like these are when he truly felt alive.

