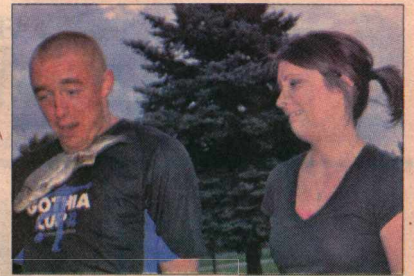


WEEK ONE FRENZY!

What's with the crazy costumes and wacky competitions? It must be that time of the year again. | CAMPUS LIFE, 6



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DON'T PARDON OUR DUST. Just in time for the new school year, the campus completes several summer projects creating a bit of a metamorphosis.

Extreme makeover.

RACHEL BEERS The Crusader

It may have been just a few months, but the campus got a major face-lift over the course of summer, just in time for fall— changes affecting housing, academic buildings and landscaping.

NNU has updated several campus buildings over the break to better accommodate students in a more livable space.

Over one million dollars have been put into this effort. Karen Pearson on residential life said that the most drastic changes have been to freshman boys' dorm Culver and sophomore girls' dorm Dooley.

Both buildings received new carpets, windows that are energy

efficient, paint, carpet in all the halls and lights in the lobbies.

The residents of these two buildings thank residential life for these new upgrades.

An amphitheater was also built between the two dorms, connecting them.

Pearson said that residential life surveyed students and found they wanted a place to gather and hang out.

Thus the amphitheater. Karen and the rest of NNU's staff hopes the amphitheater will bring students together and help in building relationships and memories.

Why all the changes? The answer that seemed most popular was that it was needed.

The livability of the buildings

needed to be improved and made more comfortable, and social living quarters were desired. Adding energy efficient windows was a cost effective move.

Pearson said in regard to the new upgrades she wants it to be a place where students want to live.

Dooley resident director Robbyn Lande commented on the remodel saying "It was a great thing for students, it was nice to hear all the positive comments."

Carey Cook the Vice President of student development said the money for Dooley and Culver came from a bond refinancing and the other upgrades came from a general fund.

No money came out of student's tuition for these projects.

Landscaping was also added to the campus.

The new science building was landscaped and twenty-nine new trees were planted around campus.

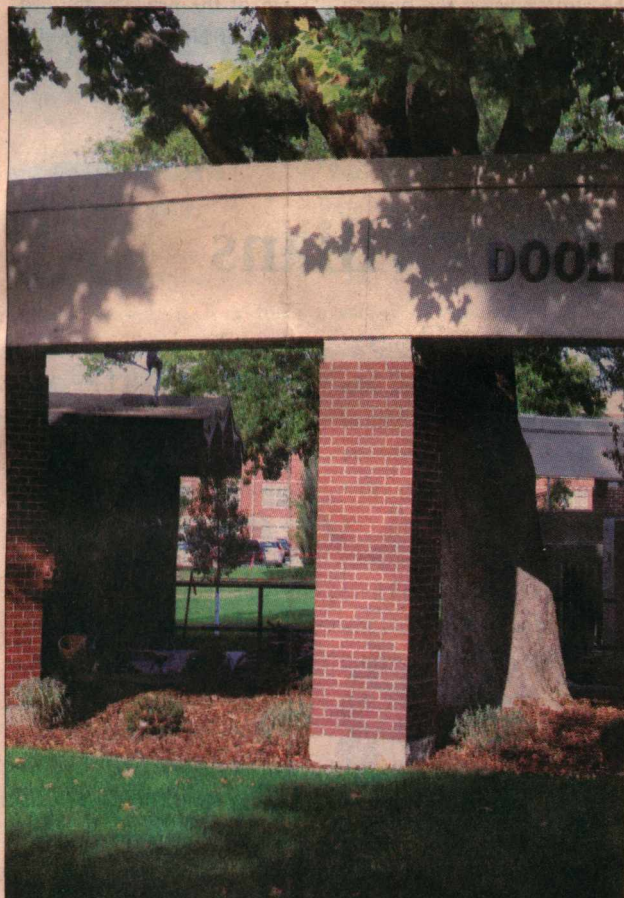
They also upgraded the electric system in William's Hall.

Cook said the planning for phase two is in the works.

Phase two will consist of fixing the rest of the sidewalks and redoing the parking lots.

Also the old science building will be remodeled and turned into three different academic areas for students.

The old social work building is becoming the new Wellness Center.



Photos by Alex Corn | The Crusader

The amphitheater between Culver and Dooley Residence Halls was a major project for the campus over the course of the summer aiming to encourage student community.

Freshman
retreat
is a first;

Past ASNNU president becomes part of faculty

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brings class together

BRANDON HASKINS The Crusader

Returning students this year have noticed many differences this year opposed to those previous, one of the most notable being the inclusion of a freshmen class retreat following the first week of classes.

Incoming freshmen were notified that they had an expectation to attend this retreat, although Carey Cook pointed out, they were not required.

The retreat which took place over the Labor Day weekend at Bethel Park in McCall, Idaho, was attended by 217 freshmen students, 17 student leaders, as well as a number of faculty and staff.

Cook, Vice President of Student Development said the retreat had been a dream of his for many years, and was introduced this year as a time to build a sense of community among the class, to help freshmen to understand the goals of NNU and to give them an opportunity to get to know some of the NNU faculty and staff.

Cook said the reason the retreat had not happened previously was due to funding issues, because such a large expenditure was outside of the normal operating cost of the university.

As of yet, it is unsure where the \$30,000 for the retreat will come from but Cook said that "it will be fund-raised throughout the course of the year— it will not come out of

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HOLLY BEECH The Crusader

Starting this school year, Kenton Lee, an NNU alum and former SGA president, fills the university's new position of Assistant Director of Campus Life.

Lee will be working alongside Tim Milburn and SGA (Student Government Association) members to administrate campus social events, clubs and intramurals.

"My student experience during college had a huge impact on my life, and I know what important years those are. I want to help students reach their full potential and have an awesome experience," said Lee, who graduated in 2007.

He plans to do this by providing more social events and opportunities on campus, and making those quality experiences, he said.

Within the month he has been working at NNU, Lee has already initiated changes.

Malibu Days is now called Week One, and intramurals has broken up into two leagues: Campus League Activities and Campus League Sports.

"There are more things for students who aren't into athletics as much but still want to be involved," Lee said.

"His vision is broad enough that more activities are brought into the mix," said Social Vice President Katie Thompson.

"He also hopes to bring more recognition to the winning teams. It should make for an exciting year."

Lee also plans to help start two new clubs on campus this year, but is leaving it up to the students to decide what the topics of those clubs will be, he said.

As far as long standing traditions go, like TWIRP and the Valentine's Banquet, Lee



Photo by Aubrey Webb | The Oasis



Photo courtesy of Kenton Lee

Top: Kenton Lee gives instructions to a parachute game to student leaders at Lead Retreat. Above: Lee takes a picture with locals in Africa where he visited for five months following his graduation from NNU in 2007.

foresees no drastic changes.

"My job is identifying old traditions and developing new traditions," he said.

Tim Milburn, Director of Campus Life, said that toward the middle of last semester,

Student Development realized the need to hire an assistant. Now that Kenton is on board, Milburn will be focusing more on student leadership development across campus.

"I'll be giving more of the

activities and involvement responsibilities over to Kenton," Milburn said.

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Cross Country loses valuable runner to graduation, but gains hope from recruits.

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THURSDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 83° | Low: 53°

FRIDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 89° | Low: 54°

SATURDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 92° | Low: 55°

SUNDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 94° | Low: 55°

MONDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 88° | Low: 54°

TUESDAY

Sunny.
Hi: 86° | Low: 54°

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New professors and faculty members flood campus

CAMDEN BLOWERS The Crusader

With a new year comes new faces—and they aren't all freshmen and transfers, either.

Eleven new full-time faculty members join the NNU staff this year.

The list includes: Catherine Beals in Education; David Chaplin in Business; Carol Coose, Sarah Patterson and

Bonnie Zoraban in Nursing; James Cresswell in Psychology; Fred Fullerton in Spiritual Leadership; Jill Macauley in ESL; Kevin Tempe in Philosophy; Gary Waller in Extended University Services and Ben Gall in Kinesiology.

Ben Gall, assistant coach for track and field, has been teaching at the university for four years, instructing classes such

as Fundamentals of Wellness. He has just officially received a faculty contract.

The nursing department's Carol Coose returns to NNU following seven years of teaching at University of Alaska Anchorage. Coose said she received her doctorate at Idaho State University and jump-started the nursing program at NNU before leaving for Alaska.

In addition to the similarities in the plant life and scenery of Alaska, Coose says she appreciates Idaho's comparatively easily accessible mountains.

Bonnie Zaroban, a new nursing professor, teaches junior-level medical-surgical classes. She also has twins attending NNU, whom of which are freshmen.

NNU graduate Sara Patterson, also a new nursing

professor, is teaching senior-level medical-surgical classes. Patterson is the mother of a five-month-old and continues to study at NNU for her master's in Nursing and Health Science with an emphasis in Education. She also manages the nursing skills laboratories.

Kevin Tempe, is teaching philosophy classes such as ethics, as well as online courses.

Tempe admits that he prefers facing his students, instead of online classes.

The administration is "very pleased with the quality of faculty this year-- full time and adjunct," says Patricia Kissell, Dean of the newly-established School of Nursing and Health Science.

Afghan group says NATO strike killed 70 civilians

ASSOCIATED PRESS

An Afghan rights group said Monday a recent airstrike on a pair of hijacked fuel tankers killed as many as 70 civilians in northern Afghanistan, as the German troops whose commander ordered the bombing defended the action.

Afghan Rights Monitor, an independent human rights group, reported that its survey of the area following Friday's attack shows it killed as many as 70 villagers who were siphoning gas from the vehicles after they became stuck on a sand spit in the Kunduz River.

The group's report came as the German government backed down from its previous insistence that only the Taliban hijackers had died, conceding some civilians likely were killed.

But Germany defended the decision to call in an airstrike, citing fears the tankers could

have been used to mount a suicide attack on its troops.

Mohammad Omar, the governor of Kunduz, has also said he fully supported the airstrike, which he said killed up to 72 people — likely all militants.

The Taliban, however, issued a statement calling on the U.N. to join an international investigation of the bombing and claiming that 150 villagers had died.

"If they respect human rights and the blood of human beings, they should determine the truth or falsity of this situation," the statement said.

German soldiers in Kunduz on Monday rejected criticism that their commanders acted rashly in calling in the U.S. warplanes. Three soldiers from Armored Infantry Battalion 391, who spoke on condition of anonymity under German

military rules, said they went to the scene of the airstrike hours after it occurred and found Afghan police carrying broken weapons away from the smoldering tankers — proving, they said, the dead were linked to insurgents.

The soldiers, interviewed at their Kunduz base, were eager to defend their commander, Col. Georg Klein, who asked U.S. jets to attack the hijackers.

But that decision has come under intense criticism, inside and outside Afghanistan.

In another incident where NATO coalition troops were criticized for their use of force, a charity Monday accused American soldiers of storming through a provincial hospital, breaking down doors and tying up staff and visitors.

The U.S. military said it was investigating the allegation.

Civilian deaths have

undermined support for foreign forces among many Afghans. Growing public anger prompted the top American and NATO commander in the country, U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal, to draw up a new doctrine aimed at limiting such casualties.

McChrystal has pledged to investigate Friday's air strike. The attack on the hijacked tankers provoked outrage in Germany, where newspapers ran graphic photos of badly burned victims, stoking opposition to the war.

Germany, which has some 4,200 soldiers in northern Afghanistan — the third largest contingent of foreign forces behind the United States and Britain — has been reluctant to commit more troops.

At the same time, the U.S. and its NATO allies are considering a major expansion

of their troop levels here.

For many Germans, the country's role in the Afghan conflict raises unwelcome memories of their country's past militarism.

The German public also fears losing more soldiers — 35 have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. Battalion 391's third company has already lost two soldiers in combat since arriving in Kunduz three months ago.

Sitting in a shady courtyard in the Kunduz base, the three German soldiers said they hoped voters and politicians would rally behind their work, which is under intense scrutiny as the country gears up for Sept. 27 parliamentary elections.

They added that they are proud of their record in Afghanistan. German troops operate under more restrictive rules of engagement than some other NATO forces, and until

last week had a reputation for caution. They have even drawn criticism for their restraint. U.S. military expert Anthony Cordesman has said the Germans' low profile has contributed to an increase of militant activity in the north, particularly around the Kunduz region where support for the Taliban is strong.

Omar, the Kunduz governor, told senior German officers Monday that the people of his province want them to take a tougher stand against militants.

But the German soldiers said they have engaged militants whenever necessary and would continue to do so.

They also said their caution has resulted in fewer civilian casualties than U.S. troops operating farther south.

"There's not one cowboy among us," the officer said, as other soldiers nodded assent.

Penn St asking merit scholar parents for donations

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Students who are accepted into Penn State University's prestigious honors college get more than academic feathers in their caps. They get \$3,500 annual merit scholarships.

But given the tough economic times, the school is making an unusual request: Would parents consider donating that money back?

The fundraising appeal for Schreyer Honors College leans on parents who have not applied for financial aid for their children, encouraging them to share their good fortune with needier students. It appears to be working. The first appeal to 75 families last year raised about \$228,000.

"I have not heard of this kind of an approach before," said Lee Andes, president of the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs. "It doesn't surprise me to hear people getting creative."

Penn State's appeal may be unusual, but the economic downturn has forced colleges around the country to rethink a decades-long shift toward using scarce financial aid dollars to lure high-achieving students.

Some schools and states have tightened criteria for merit aid or eliminated it altogether to focus on students with the most need.

The University of Texas at Austin plans next fall to withdraw from the National Merit Scholarship Program, which relies solely on standardized test scores to choose semifinalists and has been criticized for steering money to students who don't necessarily need it most.

Still, merit aid helps colleges lure top students and improve their rankings and reputations. Penn State is continuing the scholarships but hoping to persuade recipients' parents to return the favor.

Schreyer parents, with administrators' backing, made their first appeal in a letter to other parents as the recession worsened. Students had begun turning to the college for additional financial help; in all, there was more than \$1 million in unmet need at this time a year ago, said Dean Christian Brady.

After the success of that campaign, parents this year doubled the number of solicitations, which went out a few weeks ago.

"When you pay that tuition bill, I am asking you to assess whether you 'need' the scholarship and, if you do not, please join me and my husband by making a donation in the amount of the scholarship to the Schreyer Honors College," reads the letter from Kristin Hayes, mother of a junior in the program. "In these challenging economic times, many of our children's fellow Schreyer

classmates have significant needs that are becoming increasingly difficult for Schreyer and Penn State to meet."

In a telephone interview, Hayes called the letter a "heartfelt plea" to help those in need.

"These are my daughter's friends and roommates and colleagues," Hayes said. "People help their friends and their neighbors. That's all it's about."

Hayes, whose husband serves on the Schreyer board, did not write last year's letter but made follow-up phone calls.

No parents reacted negatively, even if they declined to make a donation, she said.

Schreyer is the only school at the central Pennsylvania university to use this approach, Brady said. So far this year, 11 responses have raised about \$13,000.

He stressed that students do not relinquish their awards. "The students are not being asked

to give up their scholarship. We would never ask that of anybody," he said. "This is to the parents, not the students."

Last fall's campaign yielded \$128,000 in donations plus a \$100,000 gift to endow a trustee scholarship. Thirty-four students received a combined \$120,000.

Brady called the appeal an "unintrusive" way for more affluent families to help defray costs for students with hardships.

Annual undergraduate tuition at Penn State ranges from about \$13,000 to more than \$29,000 depending on a student's year, major and state of residence.

"These are students with very high need," Brady said.

Schreyer has about 1,750 students, many of whom receive a \$3,500 merit scholarship per year. Honors students are chosen based on academic performance, leadership skills, community service and global

experience. There were 2,700 applications for 300 freshman slots, Brady said.

Megan Krench, 22, graduated from Schreyer in May — too late to benefit from the appeals — but was thrilled to hear about them nonetheless.

In addition to the merit scholarship, which was only \$2,500 annually during her four years, Krench said Schreyer donors helped her enormously over her undergraduate years with research and travel — all to fulfill the college's mission of teaching students global perspective and civic engagement.

"When you're in need, you can sort of turn to the honors college and they'll help you achieve those goals," Krench said.

Krench added that without the base merit scholarship, she would have graduated with \$28,000 in student loans instead of \$18,000.

KENTON LEE FROM PAGE 1

Though Milburn is still the man in charge, Lee is now the "most direct overseer of SGA," said current SGA President Grant Miller.

"Kenton brings a wealth of experience in student leadership and will help bring new insights and ideas for our work and for the student experience," Miller said.

Lee said he is excited about SGA this year because of all the "passionate seniors" who are involved.

Lee graduated from NNU with a bachelor's in business management and religious studies.

He spent ten months traveling through Ecuador and Africa, and then obtained a master's

in nonprofit management from Regis University.

In August of 2009, Lee completed another master's in organizational leadership from Regent University.

But don't let all the degrees intimidate you.

Lee said students are welcome to drop by his office anytime to talk.

His Facebook status recently read, "If NNU added a huge social event — what would you like it to be? Dream big! Ideas are most welcome!"

Lee said it has been an interesting transition to move from having a student's perspective at NNU to now having the perspective of a staff member.

He said he loves his job and feels like it is where God wants him to be.



Lee poses for picture with fellow SGA member Mike Blowers during the 2006-07 school year.

Photo courtesy of Kenton Lee

Journalism department loses adviser

BRANDON HASKINS
The Crusader

When journalism students returned to NNU this semester, they were met with some surprising changes. Returning students learned very quickly that their major advisor was no longer a faculty member.

According to Dr. Grinder, Professor Roebuck, an English professor and head of the journalism department, decided to leave NNU over the summer in order to move to Arkansas to be near his family in a time of crisis.

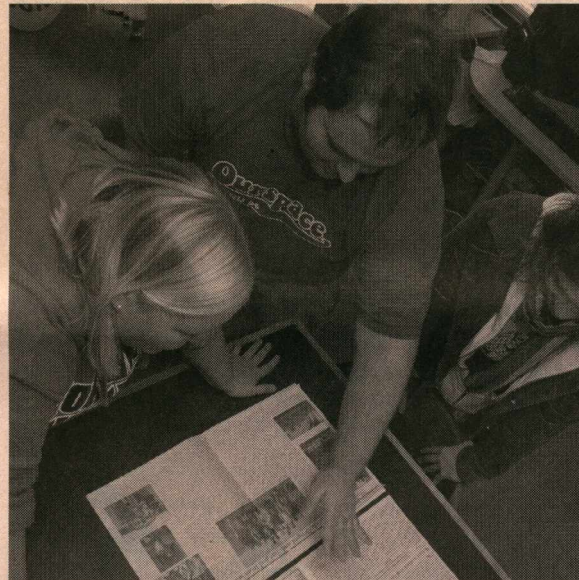
For some time now Roebuck's mother-in-law has been experiencing health complications and during the spring semester his family had spent a great deal of time apart, with Professor Roebuck teaching here at NNU and his family spending time in Arkansas.

When a position opened at John Brown University, Roebuck's Alma Mater, Roebuck applied for and accepted the position. The new position as

Director of Communications allows Roebuck the time needed with his family in their time of need.

At the same time, this means some changes for both the journalism department and the Crusader Newspaper. Grinder says that for the time-being, a class has been postponed until second semester, an adjunct professor (NNU Alum David Bomar) has been hired and Dr. Grinder has taken over as advisor for journalism majors. The postponed class, introduction to editing, will be taught by Bomar who will also be taking over as advisor to the Crusader. Bomar has been the Senior Editor at the Idaho Statesman for 10 years.

Dr. Grinder says "[he] intends to hire a new professor at latest by next year" however, no immediate plans have been made. Grinder does specify that there are no plans or intentions to remove the journalism major, and that students should not worry about that as a possibility.



photos courtesy of journalism department

The 2007-08 newspaper staff goes over critiques with adviser, Lucas Roebuck.

1 dead, others injured following Mississippi prisoner van crash

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prisoners were being treated under guard at a hospital after a private prisoner van crashed in southern Mississippi, killing the driver and injuring several others.

The van was carrying three guards and nine inmates when it drove off an interstate Sunday, hitting an embankment and trees before flipping over,

shattered amid broken trees.

"The vehicle left the roadway on the right shoulder, collided with a raised embankment and slid and hit a couple trees before landing on its roof," Hattiesburg police spokesman Synarus Green told The Associated Press.

The van's driver, a 50-year-old security officer for a private prisoner transport agency, was

Hattiesburg police officers were helping guard the prisoners at the hospital, Green said.

"We will make arrangements to get them back to where they came or the locations they were headed to," he said.

The van was operated by a company called Prisoner Transport Services, police said.

"Most of the prisoners were either from Louisiana or Texas

only vehicle involved in the crash.

He said the van landed amid broken trees, complicating rescue crews' work.

"The front nose of the van is kind of short. So when it crushed back it kind of pinned both doors and so both of the front passengers had to be cut out.

And they cut off the front

AP News Blurbs

A defiant Lubna Hussein — wearing the offending outfit in court — says she won't pay the fine and will take a month in prison to protest Sudan's morality laws.

Afghan-Election

KABUL

At one Afghan polling station, every one of 725 ballots cast went to President Hamid Karzai. At another, he received each of precisely 400 votes cast. An examination of returns posted by the country's election commission shows unlikely voting counts that add weight to widespread fraud claims.

Kennedy-Successor

BOSTON

Former Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, the eldest son of Robert F. Kennedy, announced Monday he would not run for the U.S. Senate seat held for nearly 50 years by his late uncle, Edward M. Kennedy.

Britain-Airliner Plot

LONDON

Three British Muslims are found guilty of plotting to murder thousands by downing trans-Atlantic airliners bound for the U.S. and Canada in what was planned as the bloodiest terrorist attack since 9/11. Authorities say the plot — which changed the face of airplane travel and led to tough new security restrictions for passengers — was directly linked to senior al-Qaida militants.

UN-Nuclear Agency

VIENNA

Iran veered closer toward the possibility of being slapped with tough new international sanctions Monday after its president refused to stop enriching uranium and the U.N. nuclear watchdog warned of a "stalemate" with the country.

France-No Kissing

PARIS

It's a ubiquitous French tradition, as familiar as a baguette or an espresso. Now, the cheek-to-cheek peck that the French use to say hello or goodbye, has come under pressure from a globalized threat: swine flu.

Internet Privacy

WASHINGTON

Privacy watchdogs warn that too many people have no idea that Internet marketers are using technology to track us online and then mining that data to serve up targeted ads — a practice known as behavioral advertising. Now Congress could be stepping in.

Obama the Bridge

WASHINGTON, Pa.

They've heard it all before — the tanking economy, the bleeding of jobs, the creeping hardship that never seems to ebb. And the desperate hope that hangs over everything and whispers that maybe, just maybe, tomorrow might be a tiny bit better. In the river valley where Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia meet, the anticipation of change never really goes away.

Obama School Speech

WASHINGTON

police said. One guard and two prisoners were in critical condition late Sunday.

The van was carrying prisoners from Texas and Louisiana to different detention centers located along the East coast. All 12 occupants had to be cut from the crumpled wreckage of the white van, which lay on its roof with its windows

pronounced dead at the scene of the single-vehicle crash off Interstate 59 in the Hattiesburg area, police said.

Green said another security guard and six other prisoners remained hospitalized with various injuries. Another prisoner was treated and released Sunday and was being held at a regional jail in Forrest County, he added.

and going to some portion of the United States," Green said, adding injured prisoners reported they were asleep when the crash occurred around 7 a.m. Sunday.

Green had no further details on where the prisoners came from, nor their identities and where they were headed.

He said no foul play was suspected and the van was the

end of the vehicle so where the prisoners were it's all closed off with the mesh gates over the windows so those they had to be cut out as well," Green said.

Green said authorities were not releasing further information about the driver until relatives have been notified.

Other occupants also were not identified.

Wisconsin police have 'person of interest' in homicides

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Milwaukee newspaper reported Monday that local police had arrested a suspect in connection with the killings of seven women, including six suspected prostitutes, over a 21-year period that started in 1986.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that the suspect, a 49-year-old Milwaukee man, was arrested Saturday and booked on a temporary felony warrant.

Police spokeswoman Anne E. Schwartz would not confirm an arrest Monday, telling The Associated Press only that police were talking with a "person of interest" in connection with a number of

cold-case homicides.

The police department scheduled a news conference for Monday evening.

Terry Williams, a brother of one of the victims, said Monday that the family has carried a great burden since his sister, Joyce Mims, was strangled in 1997 at the age of 41.

Williams, 49, of Madison, said the family thinks the killer might have been related to his sister's boyfriend at the time. That man has since died.

"We just hated that it had taken so long for them to find her killer, those women's killer. But you know, justice one day is better than no justice at all," he said.

Police Chief Edward Flynn and Milwaukee County district attorney John Chisholm announced a new investigation four months ago after DNA evidence linked the women's deaths to one person.

Police said then that they never stopped investigating the cases, but scored a major breakthrough when DNA technology suggested the same person killed six of the women and had sex with the seventh.

The victims were six black women between the ages of 19 and 41 and a white 16-year-old runaway. Their bodies were found within a 3-square-mile area of Milwaukee's north side between 1986 and 2007.

The investigation produced

breaks in other cases. Detectives resubmitted numerous DNA samples taken from prostitutes in unsolved homicide cases to the state crime laboratory to check for links to the killer.

That work led to progress in at least 10 unrelated killings, authorities said.

Two people were charged in a pair cases from 1990 and charges were being considered against a third suspect, Chisholm said late last month.

Five other suspects have been identified in other cold cases, four of whom are currently serving life terms or extended terms, Flynn said.

Police were continuing to gather more evidence in those cases, he said.

In a speech that drew fire even before he delivered it, President Barack Obama is telling the nation's schoolchildren he "expects great things from each of you." The White House posted Obama's remarks on Monday and he's scheduled to deliver the talk Tuesday.

Health Care-Safety Net CHICAGO

To all the knotty issues involved in health care overhaul, add one more: Proposals in Congress may threaten the funding and future of the nation's already-struggling safety net hospitals.

AP Impact: East Timor- Where's the Money

DILI, East Timor

A decade after tiny East Timor broke from Indonesia and prompted one of the most expensive U.N.-led nation-building projects in history, there is little to show for the billions spent.

Healthbeat-Doing Care Better

WASHINGTON

If you pay the mechanic \$1,000 to fix your transmission and it breaks again next week, the garage should find and fix the problem for free. So if you get an infection because the doctor forgot an antibiotic, why must you pay to clear it up? Under one health system, those who pay a flat fee for bypass surgery get essentially a 90-day warranty on their heart fix.

Sudan-Women Trousers KHARTOUM, Sudan

A judge convicts a woman journalist of public indecency for wearing pants and fines her \$200, but he doesn't order her flogged, apparently trying to quiet international outcry.

Wildflowers-Environment LOS ANGELES

Southern California's huge wildfire has turned nearly a quarter of the 1,000-square-mile Angeles National Forest into a moonscape of barren mountains looming above thousands of homes that now face the threat of flash floods and mudslides.

Kidnapped Girl Found

SAN FRANCISCO

A clean-shaven young man with flowing hair and a nice smile began violent sexual attacks in the 1970s and is now accused along with his wife of kidnapping, raping and imprisoning Jaycee Lee Dugard for 18 years in his backyard.

Climate '09-Frigid Front Line TUKTOYAKTUK, Northwest Territories

The villagers of Tuktoyaktuk are caught between the rising sea and the land melting beneath their mukluk-shod feet. They're not alone. Arctic peoples are feeling climate change in a wide circle at the top of the world, from Siberia to the Canadian north, where a newspaper this spring advised readers those red-breasted birds are called robins.

Afghanistan

KABUL

A Swedish charity accuses American troops of storming through a hospital in central Afghanistan, breaking down doors and tying up staff in a search for militants. The U.S. military says it is investigating. The allegation follows the reported deaths of Afghan civilians in a U.S. airstrike in the country's north last week.

ON THIS DAY...

The Second Continental Congress officially made the term "United States," replacing the previous term "United Colonies." www.on-this-day.com

... IN 1776

Magazines shouldn't be corrupting body image

This summer the first issue of "Love Magazine" was released with a partially nude cover picture of Beth Ditto, the lead singer for the band The Gossip.

Immediately, there was outrage from several sources. Why? Because the picture was too risqué? No, people were outraged because Beth Ditto is overweight.

Several articles published by "Nuffield Health," which were distributed in many American newspapers and BBC magazines, said that having obese celebrities of either gender on the covers of magazines, starring in positive movie roles or even being public role models, will make



WANDERING IN WONDERLAND
by
ALLISON HAWN

being obese socially acceptable and even desirable to some audiences.

What these articles fail to mention is that the role models which they laude and extol are just as unhealthy, if not more so, than those they condemn.

The "Huffington Post" said that this August marks the two-year anniversary of super-model Luisel Ramos' death due to complications caused by anorexia; when she died, the woman weighed the same as an average seven-year-old child.

Since then, many more have died from eating disorders promoting fashion's perfect body image, the article said.

The fashion world gives us a slim view of what is socially acceptable. Everything the media hands us on ideal body image is not a fair representation of healthy women or men.

Heaven forbid a man not have rock-hard abs or a woman fit exactly into a size two.

We, the consumers, are

allowing the media to demonize body diversity.

I'm not just talking about people who might be obese; the media is criticizing all body types that do not fit the prescribed one-size model.

This means if a person is too tall, too short, naturally lacking in any muscle tone, average weight, or a more curvaceous body type, then that person is not considered acceptable.

I personally am thankful for "Love Magazine's" courage in putting Beth Ditto on the cover of their first issue.

It shouldn't have to be a daring act though. It should not be a rare occurrence to see a real human being on the cover of a magazine.

STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

SGA spiced up welcome week

If you haven't noticed Student Government Association has changed things up during welcome week. What most of us have always known as Malibu Days, the first week of each school year, now is dubbed "Week One."

Changing traditional events can be a risky move, but SGA did a good job deciding which events to keep and which ones to give the boot.

Two events, Malibu Café and the Luau, have waved their goodbyes, (hence the "Malibu Days" name change), and been replaced with newcomer, Friday Night Lights.

Around 190 students came out to Finkbeiner Park for Friday Night Lights to compete in tug of war, speed-walking, dancing and sculpting, trivia, obstacle course racing, and ultimate basketball.

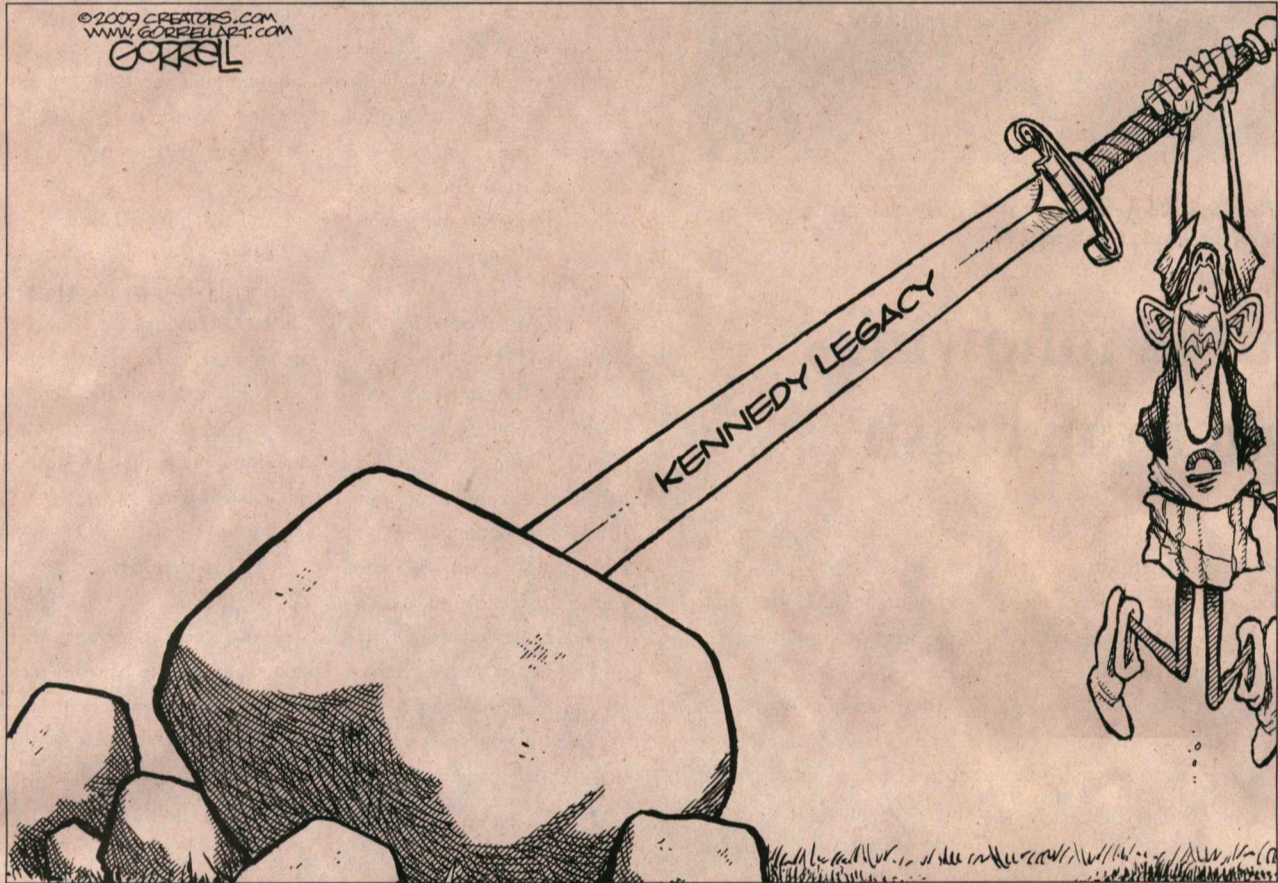
After the competitions, students dressed as miners and gold nuggets crammed into the Nampa Roller Drome for Rollerscamming, a longstanding tradition. Over 270 students showed up, one of the best turn-outs in years.

Also, SGA revived the SGA Open House, which hasn't happened in six years. Around fifty students came up to Student Development to feast on pancakes, waffles, bacon and fruit prepared by SGA and to get better acquainted with their student government.

Week One's schedule also involved the usual (and potentially awkward) Icecream Social, New Student Scavenger Hunt, SGA bonfire, Rootbeer Fest, and Jazz on the Lawn.

Along with name changes and remodeled events, SGA has altered the price of Slap cards. They now go for 30 dollars a piece, compared to 45 dollars last year. Slap cards offer discounts to students of almost 70 bucks. Obviously, money must be raised to cover the expense of events, but the mindset of SGA seems to be encouraging students to participate rather than making money.

Friday Night Lights and the SGA Open House added a more interesting flavor to Week One than the usual Malibu events. We applaud the swap, as well as lowered prices, and hope SGA continues to use this good judgment throughout the rest of the year.



Dear freshmen: make the most out of your time at NNU



IF I WERE KING
by
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by
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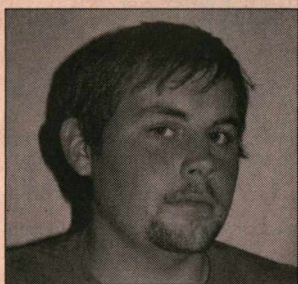
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If you were to go on his Facebook page, you'd get the idea that he's missed greatly and was loved by a lot of people. If you've caught on by now, you'd see this next statement coming: I learned a lot from this dear

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And here's some even better news: no textbook or syllabus is required for this particular course either. (However, I cannot promise you an easy A.)

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People Poll

Only freshmen were given planners this year. Where do you stand on the issue?



Lander Grow
senior

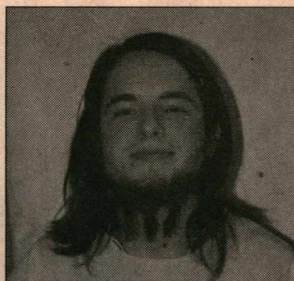
"I've used the planner a couple times in the past. I kind of miss it."



Preston Ake
freshman

"I do not plan on using the planner. I use the planner in my head."

Two Clintons and a Farmer



GUEST OPINION
by
CAMDEN BLOWERS

Depending on which party line you square-dance, you either heard of Hillary Clinton's "public expression of frustration," or that Clinton addressed human rights abuses in the DRC, Democratic Republic of Congo.

I prefer the Secretary of

State's expressive frustration the month before, concerning the "nightmare" of a "vetting" process required of her USAID administrative choice, co-founder of PIH, Partners in Health, Paul Farmer. As the recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" Award, with numerous doctoral degrees, Farmer has worked toward global health equity in more than a handful of nations, including the US, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Russia and Rwanda.

As a qualified physician and liberation theologian, Farmer has been the foremost critic of backward, bureaucratic foreign aid and refused the offer, or was dismissed, of both the USAID and a general global health program.

Though Dr. Farmer is not on board with the Obama administration, he adamantly supports its proposed universal health-care, and August 11 Farmer officially accepted the United Nations' deputy position of Special Envoy for Haiti with former president Bill Clinton.

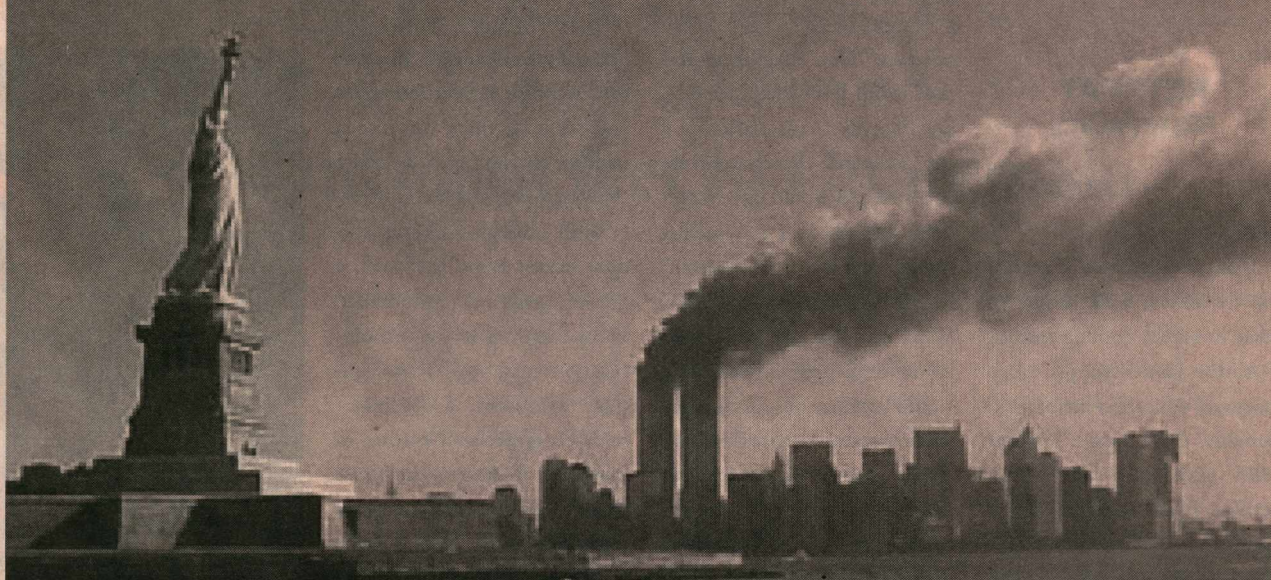
Preceding the announcement on August 10, Hillary Clinton expressed her frustration at the conference in the DRC. Acting USAID administrator Alonzo L. Fulgham addressed Haitian Diaspora August 8 committing \$300 million to the Haitian government and two million dollars in small enterprises-- only a third of estimated agricultural damage, he acknowledges.

It would be terrific if Haiti was assisted in governing itself; considering the eight-year aid embargo of the Bush administration, which also approved the expulsion of two of Haiti's sitting heads-of-state and actually executed the kidnapping of Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

I want to publicly express my ecstasy-- but I can't help but wonder what the Clintons' cut is.

One official said when Clinton discussed with the White House whether it would be possible to announce Farmer when she spoke at USAID last month, she was told there was an issue and that is what led to her public expression of frustration with the process.

The Crusader remembers the eighth anniversary of September 11th



Forget the troubles of party lines: Health care is our moral obligation



Stefie Wilkes
senior

“It’s stupid. I have to buy a planner not specific to NNU’s event schedule. There will be less students at the events.”



Chris Davis
junior

“We should have at least been given the opportunity to purchase one.”



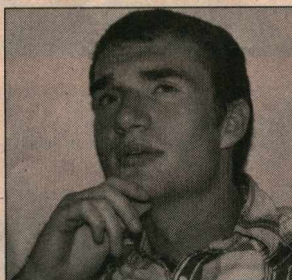
Bailey Osborn
junior

“My entire life was in that planner. There’s not another one like it sold in stores.”



Kathy Burns
Learning Resources

“The planner was a great way for students to have a hard copy of what’s due. A lot can be forgotten.”



DREW’S CLUES
by
DREW McCULLEY

Today President Obama wants to address Congress on the issue of healthcare.

He will no doubt continue his efforts to make non-partisan compromises to work with the Republican Party.

I half appreciate the President’s efforts to reach across the aisle and not just force this bill through with a Democratic majority.

However, the word “healthcare” has been tossed around so much recently it

has nearly lost its definition; that Democrats want it and Republicans don’t is all but what gives the word meaning now.

If national healthcare will ever be made into fact, the President needs to stop trying to appease a minority that will never be appeased.

Here’s why: I believe we have a moral obligation to reform healthcare.

Anyone who has had a class with Professor Wheatley learned that history does not judge nations by the wealth they accumulated or by the amount of dirt they managed to conquer.

Rather, as Professor Wheatley so indefatigably reminds us, nations are judged on how its citizens are accommodated.

Similarly, I feel history will not judge America by our once prodigious GDP or by the number of Terrorists we killed in that one war, but by the

number of citizens whose needs rapidly, and nearly 50 million Americans already go without health insurance.

By adopting a national healthcare program, we have an opportunity to meet the needs of those fellow citizens, the widows and orphans in their distress.

This isn’t a matter of finding the cheapest or easiest or most efficient path.

This is a matter of basic civility: we need to take care of one another, and if we refuse to do so, we need to take a hard look at our nation and its priorities.

Reforming health care will be a protracted, difficult process where many mistakes will be made.

But that doesn’t change the fact that the state of our country’s healthcare is pitiable.

America is one of the last industrialized countries to adopt a national healthcare program.

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rapidly, and nearly 50 million Americans already go without health insurance.

The value of human life in America is determined by a handful of greedy insurance companies geared only to produce a profit.

National healthcare will cost money, but that should not stop us from adopting reform.

We spend an inordinate amount of money, as a nation, on budget items that, if we were to prioritize, fall far below providing healthcare to those who need it.

I’m talking mostly about our defense budget.

No country can claim that it has no money for a healthcare program while it’s off fighting a trillion dollar war.

Before we take up another fight, we should remember we have an obligation to heal our sick and turn our cheeks.

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Travel groups hit the curious Internet world

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

NNU's three travel groups again spent their summer ministering to Nazarene youth, but their journey was much more easily documented this time.

The newest member to the ministry groups was a blog that was made available for the groups to update for others to follow.

Parable's Daryl Gonzalez, a senior, updated the blog as often as she could – about 16 entries in all.

She said, "My intention with the blog was to make it short and sweet and to give every single person on the team a chance to be in the spotlight. I tried to keep our blogs on the funny side."

Sophomore Tim Streight, who traveled with Witness, said, "I attempted to find time on the weekends to update the blog. I tried to update about every week to two weeks."

With this new addition,

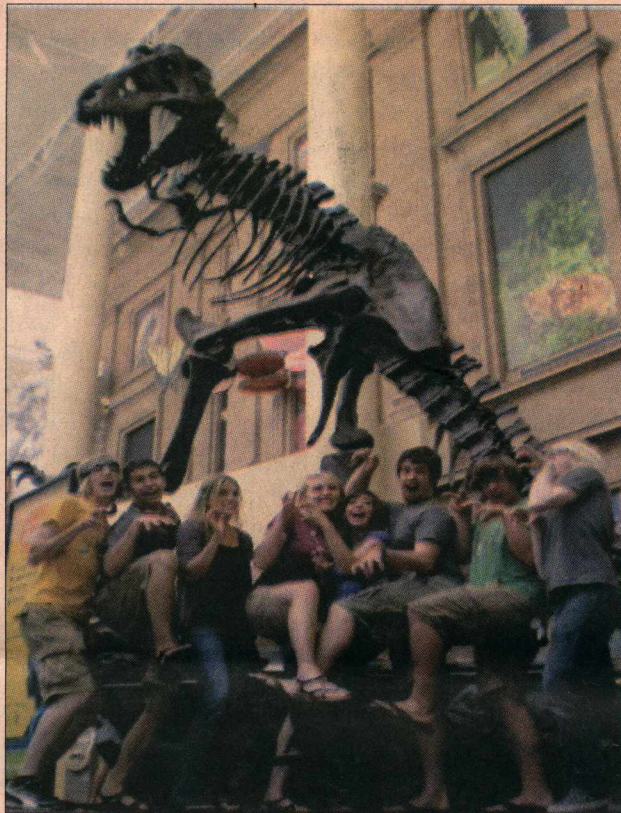


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there were mixed feelings about whether the blog was a good thing or a bad thing. Gonzalez thought that the blog was a great addition.

"It gives people an opportunity to see what's going on when they can't talk to Parable," said Gonzalez.

"It's a communication tool



Photo courtesy of Toni Bestul

Left: Covenant does their best T-Rex impression at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Above: The Witness team prepares for the next chapter on their roadtrip.

that allows the team to communicate with the outside world. I definitely think it helps and I would encourage the continuation of the blog because we live in an internet world."

Streight, however, did not feel that the blogs were helpful. "I don't think that the blogs made much of a difference at all except adding more work to the load," he said.

To celebrate the end of the summer's journey, the travel groups are gathering together once more at their Homecoming Concert on September 13 at College Church.

RETREAT FROM PAGE 1

tuition costs."

Many freshmen attending the retreat were unsure of what to expect coming into it. Freshman Jamie Keopple, an elementary education major from Bethany, Okla. said, "I wasn't really excited for the retreat, because I had no idea what it was about or what we were doing, but I expected some quality fun".

Lindzay Ramos, a secondary

however. Tim Stieglitz a premed major from Medford, Ore. said that he "was expecting a run of the mill church camp experience and would have rather spent one weekend at home before getting into the semester." Angela Thompson from Seattle, Wash. said that she "expected a lot of organized activities that would be time consuming, [and while] I enjoy the church part of things, I thought it was going to be a lot of that, and I was excited for that. I really just wanted to relax over the weekend."

The retreat offered a lot of opportunities for freshmen to

other personal stories. In addition to these interaction times and sessions, there was also a concert by The Invasion, and a showing of the movie "Up."

Most students and even student leaders came back with a greater sense of community. Lacey Smith, a senior communications major and SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator said, "I appreciated getting to know the freshmen, and think that they will now have a closer bond."

Tanner Roggenkamp, a political science major, said he enjoyed the retreat because "you



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Above: Craig Stensgaard, Sports Information Director, participates in a

ton, Ore. said her expectations were "to be able to relax because the first week was a hard adjustment with classes and everything." Ramos was also excited "to have some fun and meet new people."

Not all freshmen were looking forward to the retreat

cluding group games, small group times and plenty of free time both at the camp and in McCall. There were also a number of sessions that offered opportunities for the freshmen to hear from upperclassmen students and faculty and staff about why they chose NNU or

with just the freshmen, without upperclassmen around."

Emily Schulz, from Lake Tapps, Wash., also said she thought "it was cool to get to know all the students in my grade, and it made us more unified as a school because it forced you out of your box."



team-building activity with the freshmen.
Left: A group of freshmen enjoy lunch while up at the retreat.

Highlights from Week One 2009



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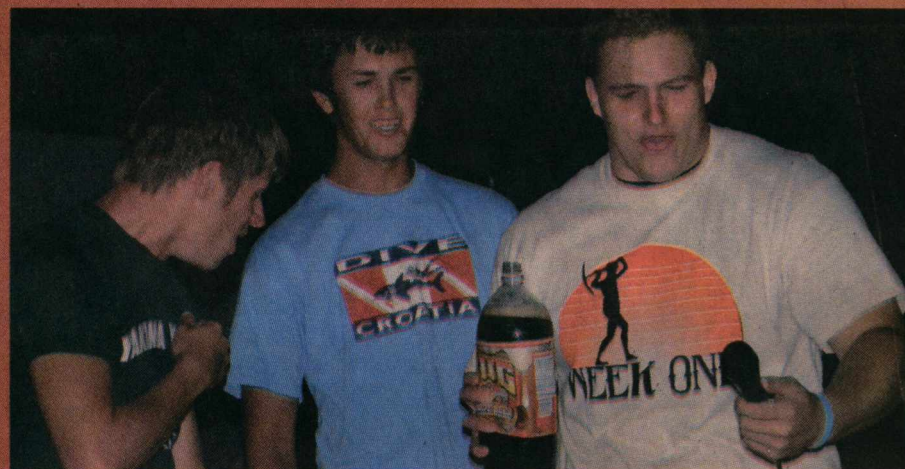


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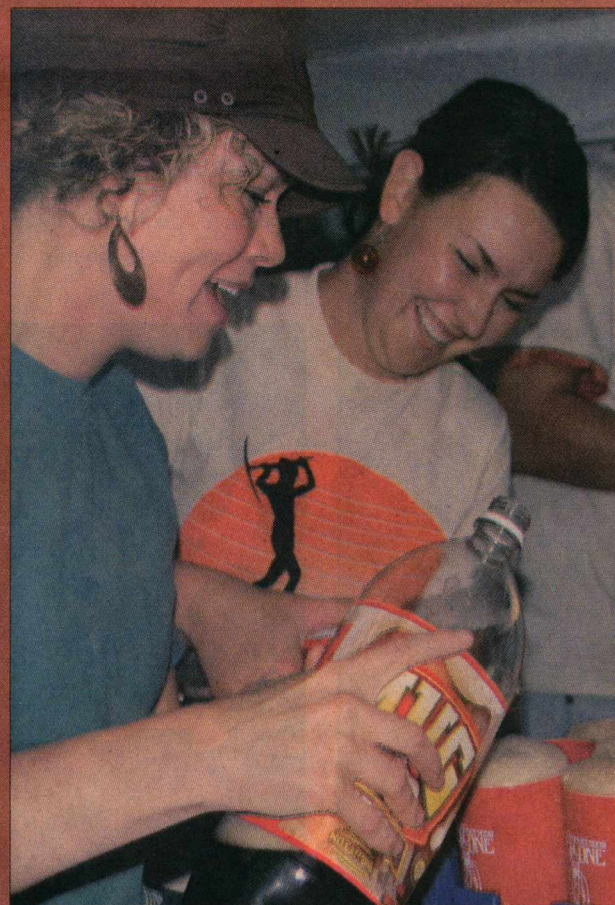


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Top left: SGA members and Scavenger Hunt leaders Lacey Smith and Trevan Hauck display their team spirit for team 9 and team 6 prior to the milk-chugging competition.
Top right: SGA President Grant Miller hosts the tie-breaker burping competition between junior Caleb Reynolds and senior Seth Ott at Rootbeer Fest.
Bottom Left: Freshmen build a pyramid in order to complete a station during the Scavenger Hunt.
Bottom Right: Admissions Counselor Carly Peck and junior Ariel Glover make rootbeer floats at Rootbeer Fest.

The brickhouse ladies prepare for tomorrow's opener

ALLISON HAWN

The Crusader

The Brick House, the campus getaway for students, will host its first Underground of the year tomorrow night.

It's been four years since women represented the house, and this year they're back.

Seniors Daryl Gonzalez, political science major, Vanessa Evans, Christian ministries major, Joelle Friesen, international relations major and Miriam Reardon, social work major welcome students to their home.

The Brick House is vastly different from that of years past.

The walls have received a light colored paint job upstairs and a soft, dark tone downstairs.

Gonzalez said that with the upstairs, the women went for a very open summer or spring afternoon feel, while downstairs they were trying for a more fall or winterevening motif.

The new paint job includes black birds, cats and other shapes on the walls that Gonzalez said are actually chalkboards for people to write on.

A lot of the furniture has

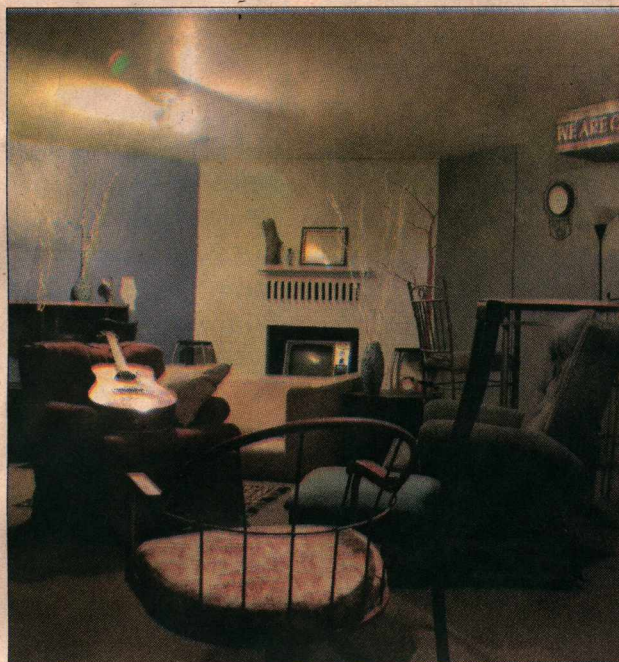


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Left: The entire house, including the downstairs got a fresh coat of paint to go with the new school year. The painting project was done during the summer by the women, along with family and friends. The women wanted the basement to represent more of a wintery-feeling, while the upstairs is more bright, signifying spring and summer. Right: The women display their school spirit at the Scavenger Hunt during Move-In Weekend.

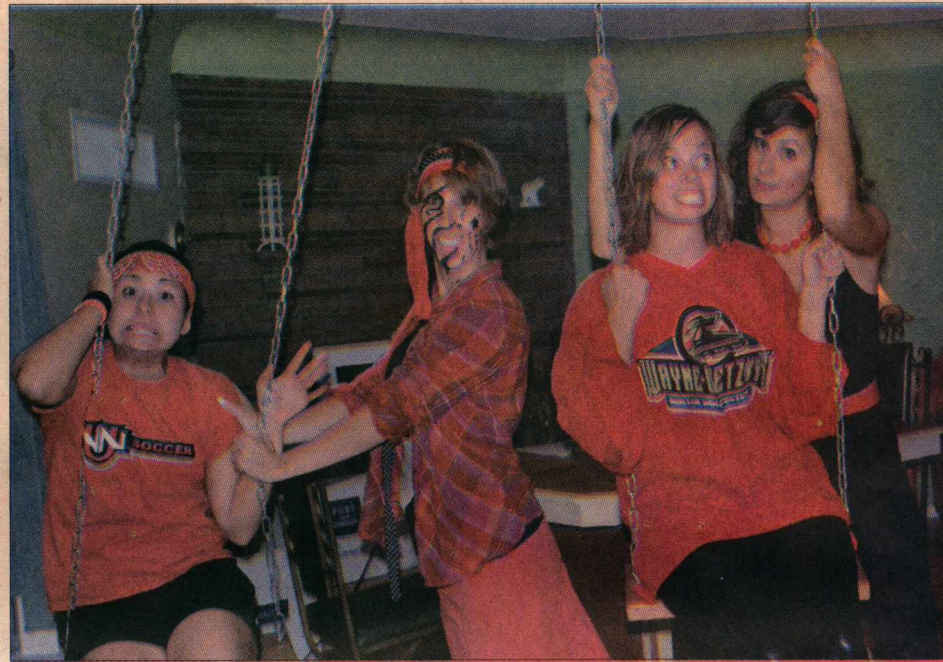


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been removed, or pushed to the edges of the room to provide for more open space.

Reardon said she is excited to see people there.

"My hope is that this will be a home," Reardon said.

Another change is the addition of a bulletin board in the

living room, which will hold information about upcoming campus events.

"We're really big on community," said Gonzalez.

The Brick House girls have a lot planned for this upcoming year. Gonzalez said that they anticipate concerts, poetry slams

and mattress slidings, among other possible events.

They are also trying to get two new student-gathering nights started for the year.

Multi-Tasking Movie Mondays will be for students who want a place to hang out and chat while doing their

homework.

Free Tea Tuesdays will be another time for students to discuss topics with their colleagues, said Gonzalez.

Tomorrow night the Brick House will be offering the normal Brick drink.

They will also be providing

a new surprise drink, said Gonzalez.

Reardon said that she was excited for people being in the house and being welcomed.

Brick House Underground begins at 9 P.M. A variety of drinks, such as the famous "Brick," will be served.

Women's soccer offers hands and feet in Guatemala

HOLLY BEECH

The Crusader

In May, coaches Jamie and Rachel Lindvall took all ten returning members of the women's soccer team to Guatemala for two weeks to work alongside missionary Nathan Hardeman.

"We want everyone who plays for us to have a chance to go on a trip," said Coach Jamie



Their houses are built on an old trash dump and there is no sewer system."

During the second week, the girls shifted work sites to a three-story school building, where they worked on building a fourth floor, said sophomore Macey McGovert.

They helped haul 30,000 pounds of concrete, gravel and

carried buckets, shoveled dirt... right beside us."

Apart from manual labor, the team spent down time with a variety of people in Guatemala City.

"We...put on youth soccer camps and went to a women's prison to play and spend time with the abused and abandoned women," said junior Liz Gross.

the biggest impression on me," Bowen said, "was when we went to the Oakland mall and saw the 'Spanish' descendants buying Nike, Gucci, Abercrombie, Coach and many other high end name brands-- and they were only a few miles away from Paradise where people lived off of 25 cents a day and lived in cardboard or tin houses. This

Lindvall grew up in a missionary family in Honduras and Guatemala. He and Rachel plan on making this an every-other-year event.

The couple took members of their 2007 team to Guatemala two years ago, but this trip consisted of more manual labor

The crew of ten stops for picture during their mission trip in Guatemala this summer.

projects, Lindvall said.

During the first week, the players helped build cement bleachers for a soccer field in the

middle of a slum called "Paradise", said junior Kim Bowen.

"This place was far from paradise," said Bowen.

a puny system up to the third floor, Lindvall said.

"I wore through a pair of heavy-duty gloves in a week," said junior McKenzie Bailey.

"The kids down there... were starving and dirty, but all they wanted to do was help us work. They wheeled the wheelbarrow,

and they were amused we could jump right in and play."

Sophomore Macey McGovern said one of her favorite parts about the trip was exploring the ancient Mayan ruins and the pyramids in Tikal.

"The part of the trip that left

ed that for every goal they score, they will donate 27 dollars to a missionary fund, said Gross.

"This fund is going to help use the tool of soccer to reach out to the youth of Guatemala City and help bring them to Christ."

You and your wallet can survive college

RACHEL BEERS

The Crusader

Letterman's top tens can be a tough and sometimes rocky experience. Many times, college life decisions can be equally so.

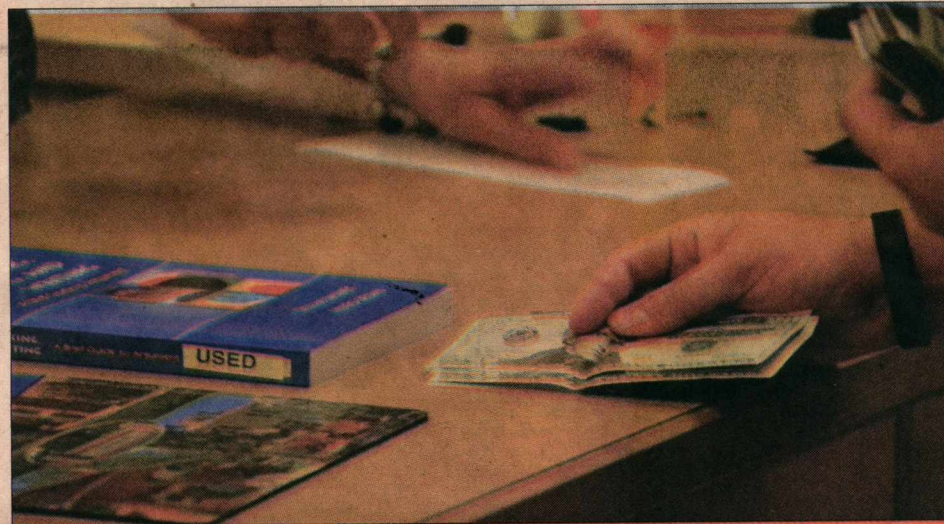
While far more important than Dave's humor, here are ten tips for making college life a little more flexible, less anxious and reasonably enjoyable-- both for you and your wallet.

Make a Goal. Life moves forward better with a purposeful plan where you set your goals along with realistic ways to achieve them. Like studying for that big test in Bib lit, make a goal to study at least 30 minutes every day for it.

Live with what you have. If your money is not there to buy something-- don't buy it! Seems pretty simple, right? Wrong, many college students get caught up in the spending experience and feel as if they need to buy something whenever they want. Find cheap alternatives like catching a dollar movie at the Reel Theatre.

Save your money. College is four years compared to the rest of your life. Any saving you do in those four years will help when it really matters. Instead of going out to coffee, use your Perk budget.

Pay your bills. Never use credit to pay your bills. Acquiring debt, which stays with you month after month,



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A student pays for a book at the university's bookstore last week. Mindingthecampus.com says the average college student pays \$450 on books each semester.

places a much larger drag on you than the proportional enjoyment experience that brought it about. Debt is not something you want looming around in the future.

Start investing. Make what you purchase worthwhile. If it is going to last and be useful to you in the future it is more than likely a good investment. Make these smart choices and your financial situation will be much easier after college.

Build up your credit. Credit is the ability to pay when the bill comes. Debt means you can only pay a portion of what you owe each month. By building personal credit, you can help insure a more stable future for when your credit means the most-- such as buying a house.

Establish Yourself. Your personal qualities are what a future employer will evaluate you by for employment. People like a person who is well established and confident. Employers, friends and fellow colleagues all want to know your best qualities. Pay attention in ethics class, or listen to what Gene has to say in chapel.

Branch away from Mommy and Daddy. Shockingly, your parents will not always be there. It is good to start spreading the wings early, but sensibly. Be smart about how you mature and don't be afraid to ask for advice from those who love you the most and have already been down the path you are starting on as you mature. This is what college is all about.

Date wisely. It seems to be a reoccurring trend in the NNU society, or perhaps just dating. Have numerous friends, but date only those whom you know would complement you and know who you are and have similar beliefs. Identify a person you believe is compatible with you, someone who shares the same goals and has the same mind set.

Don't forget to live a little. Maturing in college and living through your twenties is supposed to be fun. Don't get too stressed about the inconsequential by keeping a level head about everything. This makes for a most enjoyable life filled with fun. Make Meritt's runs at two in the morning.

STUDENT LIFE

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9
Time Out - 9pm @ SLH

Wednesday Night Live with the
Josh Cremer Trio - 10pm @ The Perk

THURSDAY, Sept. 10
Brick House - 9-11pm

FRIDAY, Sept. 11
Last day to drop a class without a "W"

SATURDAY, Sept. 12
Women's Soccer - 2:30pm v. Lewis & Clark

Cross Country 2nd Annual Roger Curran
Invitational @ West Park, Nampa

SUNDAY, Sept 13
Travel Group Homecoming Concert - 5pm @
College Church

MONDAY, Sept. 14
Community Chapel - 10:20am @ Swayne
Auditorium

Lady saders have high hopes for the season

CAMDEN BLOWERS The Crusader

Women's soccer has begun the season with two ties and one win, 3-2 against Eastern Oregon University, 1-1 against Corban College and Wednesday's game 2-2 against Southern Oregon.

"It's a good start," says head coach Jamie Lindvall, "We've come up fighting every game."

Struggling from last year's lowest recorded scores in 10 years and losses, says head coach Jamie Lindvall, the one-win campaign of last year included national champion opponents such as Seattle Pacific U. and Western Washington, who were in the top 8 teams of 2008's GNAC women's soccer title.

This year the Saders began with a shaky start in its exhibition games with Idaho State University's 3-0 victorious opening and Westminster College's final exhibition win of 1-0.

Eight saves were made by Lauren Delameter and Tanya Zickefoose against Idaho State



Photo by Andrea Schilling | The Crusader

Crusader Liz Gross, junior, defends the ball against a Southern Oregon University player last week. The Lady Saders suffered two injuries during the game.

University and six combined saves against Westminster.

"I'm encouraged by how we've been playing," says Jamie Lindvall, "We have really solid returning players."

Returning starters are juniors Kendra Courcy, who scored 35 yards out free-kick in the first 13 minutes against EOU, Kim Bowen, Stacey Beckman, Marie Smith, Liz Gross, McKenzie

Bailey and sophomore Jessie Cahill. Also returning is sophomore Macey McGovert and the team's only senior, Molly Tipton. This year's transferring junior Lacey Thompson is

"doing wonders" for the outside forwards, says Bowen.

Freshman goalie Zickefoose and returning sophomore Susana Contreras were both injured at last Wednesday's game against Southern Oregon University.

Zickefoose suffered a contusion from an apparently fair scuffle, and later Contreras was taken away in an ambulance with a fractured tibia.

The Nampa game against SOE climaxed when each team had two goals within the last 10 minutes.

As with the EOU game, freshman Sarah Staropoli scored the winning goal of the game, with only five seconds left in regulation.

Assistant coach Rachel Lindvall and the team have several bond-building activities to bond them together, including camping and white-water rafting and class empowered nights.

"I think our team definitely works well together this year," said Bowen. "We don't have a player that doesn't contribute."

Boise State's Hout not expected to be punished



Cross country loses star, embraces recruits

RACHEL BEERS The Crusader

Pounding pitter-patter of feet running once again graces the campus of NNU. Cross-country season is in full stride and running well.

Coach Ben Gall, the head coach of the NNU Cross Country team, said his goal this year is to separate the men and women's teams to better work on individual team goals.

the men, he hopes to crack Regional top ten rankings.

All the cross country coaches are also calling this their transition year, with their team shifting their focus.

Gall said he wants to focus and improve on what is already there and build on what the team has already accomplished.

"I want to set things up to do the best NNU has ever done," Gall said.

biggest recruits ever.

Jordan Powell is joining the women's team and is another one Gall is confident in and expects to see great things from this season.

With the graduation of Ashley Puga, one of the greatest runners NNU has ever seen, Gall seems optimistic and positive that the team will use Ashley's legacy to only improve.

Ashley is still around and serving as a volunteer assistant

PLAYER PROFILE

Justin Webb



Major:
Pre Med

Hometown:
Weiser, ID

Sport:
Cross Country and Track

Why do you like this sport?
"I love the feeling when you finish a good race, it's addicting."

What awards have you received?
"I was a two-time district champion and a state champion."

Favorite food:
Strawberries

Favorite movie:
"Without Limits"

What do you like most about NNU?
"The people"

What is your dream car?



Photo courtesy of Wikimedia

University of Oregon's LeGarrette Blount was suspended for hitting a Boise State player during Thursday's game.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOISE - State defensive end Byron Hout will not be suspended after taunting Oregon's LeGarrette Blount before getting decked with a punch.

Boise State spokesman Max Corbet told The Associated Press in an e-mail Friday that head coach Chris Petersen won't suspend Hout.

Instead, Petersen will spend time with Hout this week to help him learn from what happened.

Hout was knocked to his knees by Blount after No. 14 Boise State's 19-8 win over No. 16 Oregon on Thursday night.

Hout yelled in Blount's face and tapped him on the shoulder pad before catching the right to the jaw.

Petersen was trying to pull Hout away when he was hit.

Blount was suspended for all remaining games on Friday, effectively ending his college career.

"We do not condone Byron's action," Petersen said in a statement released by the school Friday afternoon. "There will be disciplinary consequences for Bryon as a result of the incident last night and they will be handled internally."

ninth last year in the conference title and fifth two years ago. Gall said he wants to be in the top five range or better. For

is freshman Barak Watson. Gall calls him the top freshman and one of the top runners on the team. He is also one on NNU's

coach. She is still running and training with the team.



Photo by Aimee Niles | The Crusader

As a junior last year, Seth Clark, ran in the Roger Curran Invitational.

"1967 Ford Mustang GT500"

What is one music album everyone should own?

"Anberlin: Blueprints for the Black Market"

How do you get ready for a competition?

"Run 15 minutes, do some form running, sprints and pray."

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?

"The moon"

Favorite Hobby?

"Drumming"

Embarrassing moment?

"I was on the megatron at a Mariners' game picking my nose."

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

"To control time and teleport."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

1. SEATTLE PACIFIC
2. NORTHWEST NAZARENE
3. SAINT MARTIN'S
4. MSU-BILLINGS
5. WESTERN ORE.
6. WESTERN WASH.
7. CENTRAL WASH.

MEN'S SOCCER

1. SEATTLE PACIFIC
2. MSU-BILLINGS
3. SAINT MARTIN'S
4. WESTERN WASH.
5. NORTHWEST NAZARENE

VOLLEYBALL

1. CENTRAL WASH.
2. WESTERN WASH.
3. ALASKA ANCHORAGE
4. MSU-BILLINGS
5. NORTHWEST NAZARENE
6. SEATTLE PACIFIC
7. ALASKA FAIRBANKS
8. WESTERN ORE.
9. SAINT MARTIN'S

*Standings as of Sept. 8



Men's soccer team jumps into season with several returners, works to refine skills

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

The men's soccer season has already taken off this year with a busy schedule ahead of them.

"Preseason has been a time for development and refinement of what we need to work on," said sophomore Matt Larson.

Since a majority of last season's players were not seniors, many of the same players are on the team this year, plus some new freshman and transfer students.

The Crusaders lost only one starter, Jose Oregon, and welcomed back four GNAC all-stars: senior Alonso Avila, and sophomores Brock Ogami, Alex Mangeac, and Ben Mangeac. New-comers to the team include juniors Renatto Brito and Cesar Lira, both transfers from North Idaho College.

According to Larson, the new additions make things more competitive.

"We have a great crew, just as last year, with many guys trying to make their mark in the men's soccer program," Larson said. The men take themselves very seriously on the soccer field, challenging one another to live up to their fullest potentials.

"Our team is fun and easy going, but when we step onto the practice field or game field we get to the point and perform our best, constantly pushing one another to become better players," said Larson.

The team currently has a pre-season win-loss record of 2-3.

In last month's games, the Crusaders fell to Colorado School of Mines in a 1-5 loss, and was defeated 2-6 by Regis University. Against Colorado



Photo courtesy of NNU Sports Information

Crusader Renatto Brito, junior, battles against Treasure Valley Community College in a scrimmage last month.

Christian University, the Crusaders shut down their opponents, winning the game 3-0. On Sept. 5, NNU beat Academy of Art University 5-1.

On Labor Day the team narrowly fell to University of Mary in a 2-3 loss.

The Crusaders are scheduled to play this Saturday against

Dixie State College at Westminster College at 4:00 pm.

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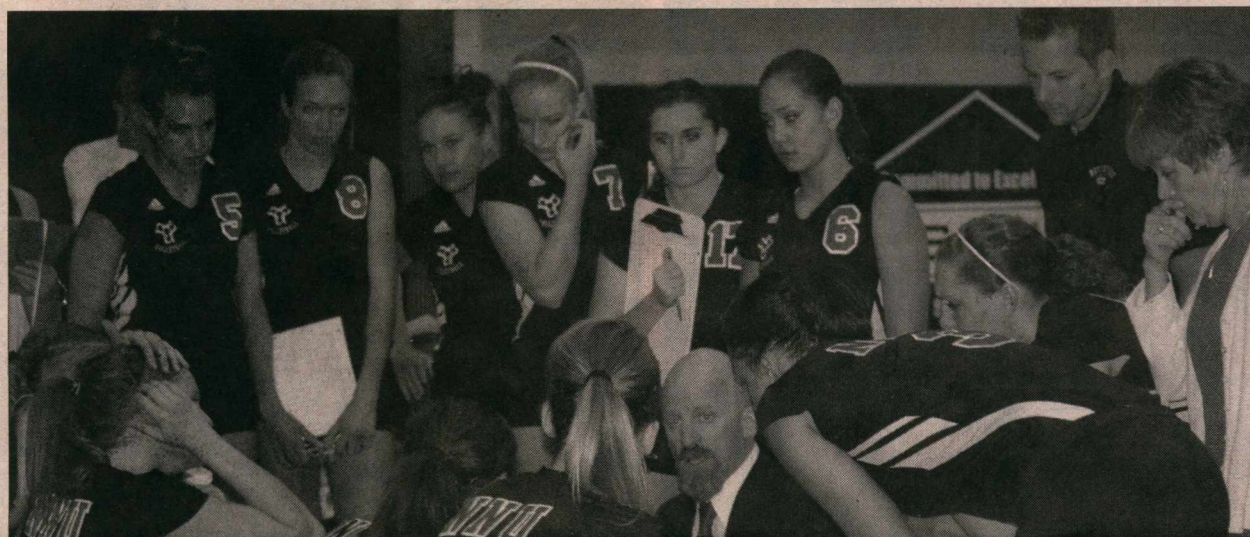
Upperclassmen lead Sader volleyball to strong preseason

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

Having graduated only one senior, the NNU volleyball team enters the 2009 season with experienced players and a strong sense of "identity," said Head Coach Jared Sliger.

The Crusaders won all but one of their four games last weekend at the Premier Challenge Tournament at Regis University.

Last month, the Lady Sad-



AP Sports Blurbs

VICK'S RETURN

NEW YORK

Michael Vick got the green light for full reinstatement by Roger Goodell on Thursday, when the NFL commissioner said the disgraced quarterback could play later this month after sitting out two games instead of waiting until October.

RACING CRASH

FLORIDA

Police in coastal Florida say three people were killed in what they believe was a street racing crash.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

NEW YORK

BYU makes the biggest jump in the first regular-season college football poll by The Associated Press. The Cougars, on the strength of a 14-13 upset of Oklahoma, are ranked No. 9, moving up 11 spots in the Top 25.

TENNIS U.S. OPEN

NEW YORK

Kim Clijsters keeps her comeback on course and is now two victories from a U.S. Open title hardly anyone saw coming.

Serena Williams plays a quarterfinal at night.

Teenager Melanie Oudin's amazing rise is one of several in

games at the Seawolf Spike tournament at Sonoma State University, compared to their 2-2 outcome last year.

"Last year we really struggled trying to find our identity as a team right from the jump," said senior Eki Punimata. "This year we have a ton of leadership from upperclassmen and...talented new additions to complete our roster."

Four freshmen join the team this year along with a junior transfer from Treasure Valley Community College.

Senior Lindsay Grant said, "The [team] dynamic is completely different this year... because we are older and more experienced."

Having older players on the team makes a big difference not



Photo by Andrea Schilling | The Crusader

The Crusaders, led by Head Coach Jared Sliger, gather in a huddle during a game last season.

only on the court, Sliger said, but also in the players' "perspective, maturity and confidence levels."

It also affects the way the players interact with each other.

"Last year the team was divided and you could feel tension between people," said junior Haley Hevern, "but this year everyone is friends and it's easier to play together."

This season, instead of the National Championship being the team's most consuming focus, Sliger said the players are concentrating on small, everyday goals, like reaching the five-point mark in a game before their opponent and winning all the big rallies.

The GNAC coaches predicted in a poll that the Crusaders will earn third place this season,

and two coaches ranked NNU as coming in first place, Sliger said.

"When we're working hard and playing together we are one of the best teams in the conference," said senior Cammy Dranginis.

The Crusaders will face top rivals including Western Washington, Western Oregon and Seattle Specific universities. But

the team's biggest challenge this year will be "the mental aspect of the game," Punimata said. "At this point we have all the physical elements we need, so staying mentally engaged every repetition will be something we have to really...focus on."

The Crusaders' first home game is September 17 at 7:00 p.m. against Seattle Pacific University.

**GOLF ON THE FRINGE
LEMONT, ILL.**

Steve Stricker owns one PGA Tour record that is sure to never be broken: He was voted comeback player of the year in back-to-back seasons. Now it's time for him to set his sights a little higher.

**GOLF-DEUTSCHE
BANK**

NORTON, Mass.

Steve Stricker, Retief Goosen and Sean O'Hair share the lead going into the Labor Day finish at the Deutsche Bank Championship, where a dozen players are separated by three shots. Tiger Woods shoots a 63 after entering the day nine strokes behind.

**MIAMI-FLORIDA STATE
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**

No. 18 Florida State plays Miami in a rivalry that has lost some of its steam. Monday night's opener could serve as a springboard to the national picture. For the loser, well, let the doubting begin.

**PATRICK RETURNS
CHARLOTTE, N.C.**

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out Danica Patrick will be in NASCAR next season. Why would she use her summer vacation to tour North Carolina race shops if she had no intention of trying out stock cars?

**BRADFORD
OKLAHOMA CITY**

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops says it will be a week or two before the No. 3 Sooners have a timetable for the return of Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford from a sprained throwing shoulder.

Campus intramurals get a face-lift

I am sure you have all noticed the many changes and upgrades around campus this year. One of the more subtle changes this year involves intramurals.



BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by
Derek Sepe

No longer called just "intramurals," it takes on a new name and more structured approach, which if nothing else gives it more curb appeal.

Campus League – as it is now called – incorporates two different branches of events, Campus Sports and Campus Activities. Campus Sports still operates

the same way it has in the past, whereas Campus Activities will integrate new events and activities already participated in by the student body such as campus golf, rook, and also hosting a chili feed.

"It's a good way for students to get involved in fun things instead of just the 'games' for those who still want to have a good time," says Kenton Lee, the SGA Director about Campus Activities, "We wanted to provide opportunities for everyone, not just athletic people to participate in the festivities. The Campus Activities has simply taken events that students already enjoy in their leisure time and given it more structure."

Last year, intramurals was run by athletics and not Student Development. The change in management was in essence to help promote involvement at all levels of the student body and even some staff members as well. "We may even like to see a



Photo by Andrea Schilling | The Crusader

Ryne Phillips competes in the intramural football championship game last year.

team out there of all staff members hopefully," says Lee. The last time Student Development managed intramurals was four years ago.

Kenton Lee (NNU grad 2007) is entering his first year

as director for the SGA. Continuing the traditions of previous years, he plans to have the champions of flag football, powder puff and ultimate Frisbee play the College of Idaho for an ultimate championship.

When asked what he thought about the new changes, junior Dan Hill said, "I think it will be great for those who like the other activities and have some structure."

Art professors get chance to show off work

BRANDON HASKINS

The Crusader

The Brandt Center holds more than just chapel.

Just up the stairs from where students convene every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, are the Friesen Art Galleries which are currently housing the Department of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition.

According to Amanda Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Drawing and Painting in the Department of Art & Design and Director of the Friesen Galleries "a faculty art exhibition is something that every university does... [our] goal would be to show that every

professor in our department is a practicing professional, because it is really important to us in the art department that we are actually doing what we are teaching."

The exhibition displays works from all of the art and design professors in a variety of mediums, including graphic design, video, ceramics and photography.

The varied works of the professors show the variety available in NNU's art department, and also show how truly professional each of the professors are, with credentials and previous gallery showings listed along with artist statements.



Photos by Cassie Carlson | The Crusader

Art professors' art work is shown in Friesen Art Galleries through Sept. 18.

Included in the show is a series of photographs by Jamie Tucker entitled "Chinglish". Tucker, in her artist's statement

states that "in this series I have combined place with the telling of a story through image." "Chinglish" combines place

with portraiture.

Another notable piece in the exhibit is a short film by Hamilton entitled "Beautiful

Terrible" which depicts the sudden disappearance of White Lake (Bolotnikovo, Russia) in May, 2005.

According to her artist's statement she "attempted to depict both the beauty and humility that nature can inspire by using the instance of this lake, [as] a reminder that nature is far more mysterious, dangerous and volatile than we can admit each day."

The exhibition, which opened August 27, is open through September 18, with a reception to be held Thursday the 17 from 5-7 P.M.

The reception is open to the public and students are welcome to attend.

The Treasure Valley gets extra special musical attention this fall

TAYLOR ALLEN

The Crusader

The Treasure Valley is hosting several concerts this fall for music lovers of all types.

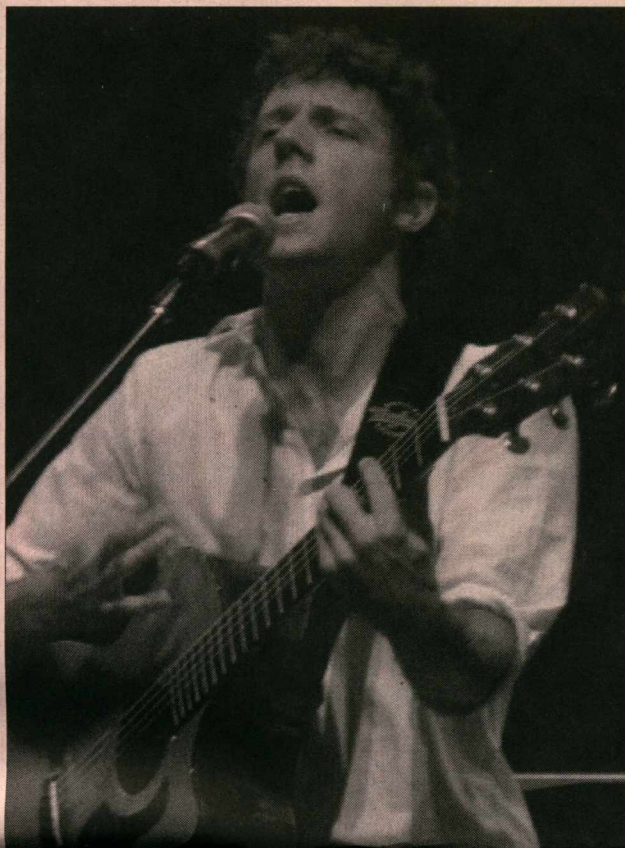
The Idaho Center is bringing big names to town this fall as are other great concert houses such as The Venue, The Knitting Factory, and Qwest Arena.

To kick off the fall, Jason Mraz will be returning to Idaho with his Gratitude Café Tour on September 26 at the Idaho Center.

His latest album, "We Sing We Dance We Steal Things" was released last year featuring the hit song "I'm Yours."

Opening for Jason will be G. Love & Special Sauce and Bushwalla.

For the country fans, Darius Rucker will make an appear-



ance at the Idaho Center on October 28.

As a new addition to country music, his album "Learn To Live" debuted at number 1.

The Lost Trailers will open for Darius's concert.

The Awake and Alive Tour is hitting Qwest Arena on November 5 featuring four Christian rock bands: Skillet, Hawk Nelson, Decyfer Down, and The Letter Black.

Skillet is headlining the tour with the release of their newest album "Awake."

Metallica, the well-known



metal band that has been around since the 1980s, is coming to the Idaho Center for

their World Magnetic Tour on December 7.

Helping Metallica promote



Photos courtesy of Wikipedia

Left: Jason Mraz, to be visiting Boise Sept. 26. Right: Metallica, playing in Boise Dec. 7. Above: Colbie Caillat, performing Sept. 21 at the Kitting Factory.

their new album released last year, "Death Magnetic", are the opening acts of Machine Head and Volbeat.

Music fans of all types can find someone to satisfy their concert needs this fall.

Check out all of the concert

venues for more artists coming to the Treasure Valley, such as The Venue, The Knitting Factory and Idaho Center.

Big names to hold Jackson tribute

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA — Artists such as Mary J. Blige, Akon and Chris Brown will sing some of Michael Jackson's greatest hits at a Sept. 26 global tribute that also will feature a virtual duet between the King of Pop and one of his brothers, organizers said Tuesday.

But the much-anticipated lineup was a disappointment to a throng of reporters who had speculated that superstars such as Madonna would be part of the show to be staged in front of a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital.

"Just hold your horses!" Jackson's brother Jermaine said at a packed news conference in Vienna's city hall, suggesting that some major names might still be added to the list.

Event promoter Georg Kindel said that up to 25 performers are expected to participate in concert that is being billed as the main global tribute for Jackson, who died June 25 in Los Angeles. More names will be unveiled later this week in London and Berlin, Kindel said.

Sister Sledge, Natalie Cole,

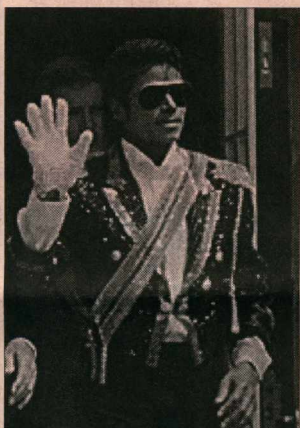


Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

Angela Bassett, and the Germany-based boy band US5 also are among the 13 artists confirmed so far, Jermaine Jackson said. In addition, Jackson's original band and dancers will take part.

"We're very excited — the list is growing more and more," Jermaine Jackson said, adding that "many major Bollywood names" and artists from the Middle East also would be involved.

All the artists will play some of Jackson's greatest hits at the concert, including "Thriller," "Billie Jean," "Black or White" and "Bad."

"We will honor on this night not only the musician and artist Michael Jackson but also

the humanitarian," Kindel said. "He's really someone who changed the history of music."

Jackson's family and children — as well as 65,000 fans — are expected to attend the tribute to be held on a large stage with a crown on its roof and two runways in front of Vienna's former imperial Schoenbrunn Palace, one of the Austrian capital's top tourist attractions, Kindel said. A "significant portion" of the proceeds from the event will be donated to charity, he added.

Over the course of the evening, Jermaine will sing a duet with his late brother, probably with video of Michael to be projected onto walls, organizers said. All artists will sing either "Heal the World" or "We are the World" as a grand finale.

Bassett, an actress, will present one part of Michael Jackson's life, a statement said.

When asked why stars such as Madonna and Whitney Houston — mentioned in Austrian media reports — were not on the list made public Tuesday, a defensive Kindel stressed the list of performers was still not set in stone. "This is not the

final lineup — maybe some of the names you mentioned you will hear within the next couple of days," he said.

Jermaine Jackson, meanwhile, acknowledged in response to another question that organizers were "in contact" with artists such as Madonna, Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross.

The absence of major musicians was stressed by some Austrian news outlets.

"Jackson Tribute: The superstars are still missing," broadcaster ORF headlined on its Web site. "Jackson tribute in Vienna as yet without a mega star," echoed the Die Presse newspaper.

Jermaine Jackson has said Vienna was chosen as the venue because his brother "loved castles," and because Jermaine was impressed with how a smaller tribute held in July outside a mothballed nuclear power plant was organized.

"The beauty of the city is what just really knocks us out," to keep Michael's legacy alive, Jackson said.

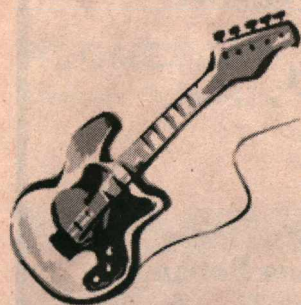
Tickets went on sale last month.

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“Don't criticize what you can't understand.”

-Bob Dylan
"The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Sleepthief's new album is a collage of genres



REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN

The Crusader

Sleepthief is not your normal electronic sound, it is a full experience. The American artist behind the music, Justin Elswick, takes great lengths

to make sure that his music is not like anything else you will listen to. Elswick developed his musical operation of Sleepthief while working as a lawyer.

He added on producer Israel Curtis as a producer, and soon after they released their debut album "The Dawnseeker" in 2006, said his official website.

"The Dawnseeker" was a diverse album with everything from the very haunting number "Eurydice" to a drum and bass fueled remake of the Duran Duran song "The Chauffeur."

The debut album featured a variety of vocalists including Jody Quine, Kirsty Hawkshaw, Kristy Thirsk and Jerri Eckert, said Sleepthief's official website.

The music itself has a very emotional feel.

The lyrics are literally poetry set to some of the most gorgeously composed combinations of instruments one could ever hear.

Sleepthief's new album, "Labyrinthine Heart," is no different. The album, which was released August 31 of this year, features more talented vocalists like Zoe Johnston and Joanna Stevens and reappearances from Jody Quine and Kirsty Hawkshaw said Sleepthief's official website.

The album carries a variety of tracks from the more pop or trance driven "Rainy World" to the piano and strings of

"Ariadne."

The album offers music for a variety of moods and style preferences. This newest album has influences from folk to dance music.

Sleepthief's work has been described as a "lush and delicate masterpiece," said "Musical Discoveries," which is an accurate description of both albums.

Elswick, who still works full time as a lawyer, hopes to continue creating his music as he works, pulling in popular and new breakthrough vocalists for his projects, said his official website. Sleepthief's music is perfectly described as suspense film soundtracks and DJ Sylver.

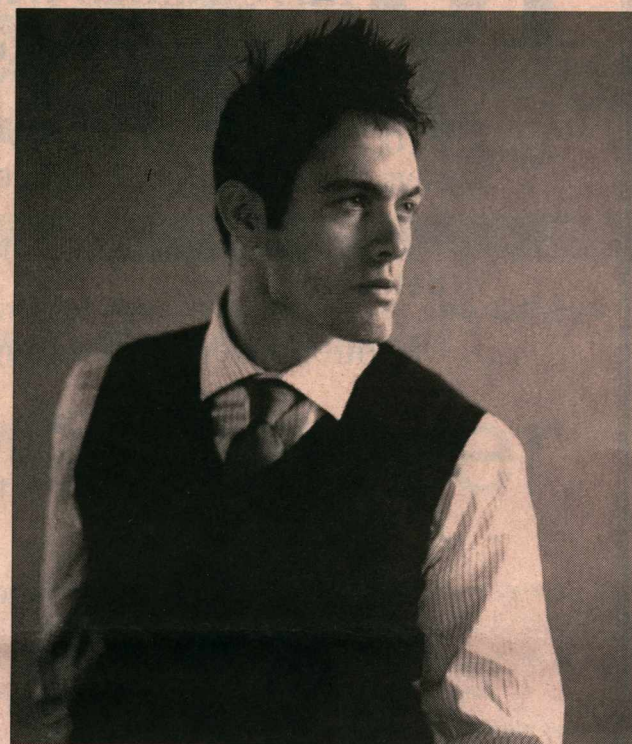


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'Jon & Kate' drama continues

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK —The reality TV star told ABC News' Chris Cuomo on "Good Morning America" that he set down his ring one day and it vanished. He says no one else could have taken it.

He also accuses Kate of



verbally abusing him and beating him down during their marriage.

Jon's remarks came from his

JON & KATE PLUS EIGHT

Photos courtesy of Wikipedia

first TV interview since divorce papers were filed in June. Kate has made a number of her own interview appearances in recent weeks.

The Gosselins continue to co-star on TLC's hit reality show "Jon & Kate Plus 8," which documents the challenges of raising their twins and sextuplets.

A longer version of Jon's interview airs tonight on ABC's "Primetime: Family Secrets."

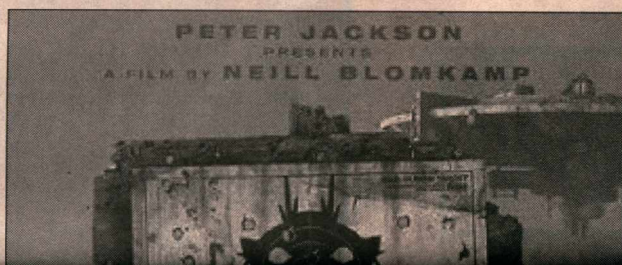
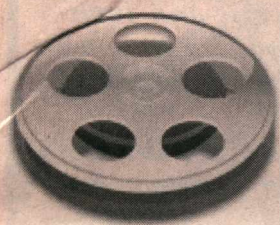
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'District 9' gets creative points



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Movies opening this week

"9"
"Sorority Row"
"Whiteout"
"Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself"

Music

"Breakthrough" by Colbie Caillat
"Humbug" by Arctic Monkeys
"Twang" by George Strait
"Ellipse" by Imogen Heap
"Ursa Major" by Third Eye Blind

DEREK SEPE
The Crusader

I cannot remember a summer that was more jam-packed with great blockbusters.

This was a great summer for a night at the movies and the movie that stuck out in my mind as one of the best was "District 9."

The last movie I can remember Peter Jackson being involved with was "King Kong." So I was glad to see a production with his name in it again.

The plot for this movie was completely off the wall and intriguing.

We have all seen our share of alien movies, but when was the last time you saw an alien movie where the aliens lived side by side with humans?

That is what I liked about this movie, it was original and unique. The cast is virtually unknown as far as I know which makes it so much easier to connect with the characters and really praise or condemn the ones you like or dislike. "D-9" starts out not like your traditional movie. At first I thought I was watching a Michael Moore film the way it was formatted.

The transition from



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

Computer Generated Images to real life action was flawless – he must have great editors because the cinematography in "The Lord of the Rings" was flawless as well – and everything alien looked as if it could have actually been happening before my very eyes.

The aliens (Prawns as they are called) seemed very real and lifelike.

Throughout the film there were many twists and turns and several times when you think all will end in happiness. But, then the plot shifts and the characters find themselves in a place you didn't think was going to happen.

There was a lot, and still is a lot, of mystery surrounding the actual plot of this movie which makes me question whether or not I should spoil it for those who haven't yet seen it.

Nevertheless, the shifting from documentary format to standard movie then back to documentary to end the film had great flow and the ending was bittersweet.

Here is what you need to know: it was good. Surprisingly good. If you haven't seen this movie I recommend that you somehow find a way to see it at least once. I am sure that you won't be disappointed. This flick gets nine stars out of ten.

Economy doesn't hinder donations

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TUCSON, Ariz. – Despite the tough economy, officials with the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon say contributions and pledges from this year's Labor Day event totaled nearly \$60.5 million.

Officials say the funds will allow the Muscular Dystrophy Association to continue funding research to find treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy and related diseases.



Photo courtesy of MDA.org

Lewis, the national chairman, thanked the American people for their generosity Monday.

He says that even though the total was down from last year's record \$65 million, it was an amazing accomplishment

considering the state of the nation's economy.

The 44th annual telethon originated for the fourth consecutive year from the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa in Las Vegas.

Books

"A Mercy" by Toni Morrison
"On the Line" by Serena Williams
"Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt
"The Old Farmer's Almanac 2010"

DVDs

"Heroes: Season 3"
"House: Season 5"
"Duplicity"
"17 Again"
"Gran Torino"
"Sunshine Cleaning"

Amistice by MO TEMAH
"Shaka Rock" by Jet
"Curse Your Branches" by David Bazan
"Imperial Blaze" by Sean Paul
"Come Alive" by Mark Shultz

Movie information from MSN.com

Book and DVD information from borders.com

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10 signs you're going to have issues with your new roommate. by nick ratliff

- T** 10. The wing RA asks who you're rooming with, snickers and says, "Have fun with that one."
- O** 9. Your roommate has put a plastic baggie over the smoke detector.
- P** 8. Introductions include any mention of a paladin or warlock.
- T** 7. You can translate, "Hey guys, I don't want to be that guy but..." to its real meaning of "I AM that guy and I'm about to ask you to be quiet because I'm the freak of nature that goes to bed at 8:30."
- E** 6. Your roommate seems to be perplexed by the shiny knobs and dials of the shower.
- N** 5. You can know the true meaning of the phrase "Hi-can-I-borrow-that-thanks."
- 4. Unexplained tears... and he's a guy.
- 3. Unexplained rage... and she's a girl.
- 2. If at any point during a meeting about room assignments Ronda Seward asks, "You have health insurance, right?"
- 1. Your roommate refuses to talk. Instead he/she just stares at you while twirling a blunt object.

**GOOD WITH NUMBERS?
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Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

The first Culver open house was last night and I couldn't help but notice how much more popular my neighbors' rooms were than mine. I propped my door open and stood in the doorway the entire time, but only a couple girls stopped by to say hi. Even then they wouldn't come in. I really want to make a good impression on the ladies. How do I make my room seem more inviting?

--Hopeless Host

Dear Hopeless,

Admittedly, it's been a while since I've had the pleasure of visiting the Culver dorm rooms. However, if memory serves me correctly, the area in question is probably pretty dark, and more than likely quite smelly. These may be the first issues to address.

As far as the lighting situation is concerned, the simple purchase of an extra desk lamp can work wonders for any space. When added to the overhead lighting, a lamp will provide a less cave-like appearance. Your room will suddenly appear much more cheerful and inviting. This technique is suggested for when trying to impress a religion or psychology major.

A lamp used on its own will create a softer effect-- an appearance suggesting that you're looking for someone

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GOOD WITH WORDS? CROSSWORD IT.

Newsday Crossword

LOST AND FOUND by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

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- 1 Facts
5 Prepare a present
9 Word of warning
13 Located above
14 Angel topper
15 Farm storage sites
16 Supreme Court count
17 Monkey relatives
18 Run out of
19 Found, as a new organization
21 Computer-desktop symbols
22 Was in first place
23 Numero ___
24 Puts on, as a play
28 Chinese antique
33 "I'm impressed!"
34 Fleming's spy
35 Greek vowels
36 Low in fat
37 Museum piece
38 Overwhelming victory
39 Pennsylvania port
40 Soft "Hey, you!"
41 Therefore
42 Make wedding plans
44 Late-night flight
45 Bro's sib
46 Wide shoe
47 Reckless speed

- 50 Lost, as one's eyeglasses
56 Paying attention
57 Otherwise
58 Spanish bull
59 Brainstorms
60 Narrow valley
61 Vocal
62 Lord's spouse
63 Helper: Abbr.
64 Annoying one

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- 1 Completed
2 Hertz competitor
3 Camper's shelter
4 Field of expertise
5 Largest mammals
6 Speedy

- 7 Pub quaffs
8 Luxurious
9 Found, as a new cure
10 Margarine
11 Word that can be pluralized
12 Recipe amts.
15 Taking to court
20 Erupted
23 Reverse, as an action
24 Shoe bottoms
25 Yonder
26 Look forward to
27 Lost, and needing directions
28 Telegrapher's ___ code
29 Monogram pt.
30 Make amends

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32 Lauder of cosmetics
34 Boom alternative
37 IRS experts: Abbr.
41 Scoundrel
43 Food plans
44 Feel contrition
46 Curvy letters
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48 Alan of M*A*S*H
49 Flower starter
50 Prefix meaning "million"
51 Misfortunes
52 Located above
53 Apple center
54 Historical periods
55 Knucklehead

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with whom you can have a deep and meaningful conversation. Use this for philosophy or English majors. Alternate between both lighting schemes depending on which girls happen to be roaming the halls that night.

In regard to the assumed odor, I suggest investing in a small air freshener. Go for a plug-in option and you'll also be creating a nice ice-breaker for your guests, "oh, my roommate and I use that," or "I love this scent, where did you find it," for example.

One final suggestion: Be aware of the vibe you may be emitting. A stationary door lean says desperate, while a relaxed bed sit says interested.

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to crusader@nnu.edu. Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.

