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Column One

I was introduced to a new computer game last week: *Diamond Mine*. This new game is very reminiscent of Nintendo's *Tetris* but 103 times cooler. Perhaps some of you know it, have played it, have it downloaded onto your computers. However, I don't believe that you are the people reading this column. No, you are probably home or in the lab playing it right now to the exclusion of all else, because that is what I would be doing if I didn't have this nasty work-ethic thing working against me.

I sit down at my computer, fully intending to type up my lab reports (or Column One), but end up spending two hours making multi-colored gems disappear. My productivity level has dropped so drastically in past days that I've found myself thinking angry thoughts about the game's creators.

There are numerous people that would accuse me of wasting my time on a "stupid computer game." However, I believe that is unfair; after all, golf is acceptable and takes far more time. Even so, while I was zipping through levels, making row after row disappear, the work-ethic part of me gained control and forced me to draw a comparison about life from this game.

I began to notice that when one row of gems disappeared, the entire board changes and a whole new realm of possible moves opens up. In essence, I found myself staring at a fantastic example of how one action can change the entire outlook of the game.

Apart from *Diamond Mine*, I live my daily life mostly oblivious to all the possible ramifications of my mundane actions. However, in retrospect, I can see that my attending an event or simply being in the right place at the right time changed the entire direction of my life. One action influences and forever changes the outlook of our lives. Sometimes the move that makes the difference is completely unintentional – in fact, I think that God enjoys working through actions we never dreamed would be significant.

I want to do the best I can in this *Diamond Mine* of life, and I imagine you do too. After all, when the word comes down that there are no more moves, the game will be over. And by the way, it's your move.

Allyson Ogilvie
Editor-in-Chief

Familiar Face of Music

Brent Cashell shares his talent with the world

Offshore Entertainment Press Release

Brent Cashell, Northwest Nazarene University student, has begun an intensive semester of study at the Contemporary Music Center (CMC) on Martha's Vineyard. This talented musician will spend the next three months gaining performance experience and knowledge of the music business under the direction of two long-time industry leaders, Warren Pettit and Tom Willett.

In addition, Cashell has signed with Offshore Entertainment Group, a management, booking and public relations firm. Since signing, he has been hard at work on his debut album of original works. On this album, he collaborates with various artists and experiments in such genres as jazz, rock and alternative rock.

His semester will also in-



Offshore Entertainment Group

Brent Cashell poses for a promotional shot. Cashell has signed a recording contract with Offshore Entertainment and will produce an album to be released within the year.

clude regular concert appearances in the Boston area as well as a multi-city tour of the East Coast.

The Contemporary Music Center offers an opportunity to live and work with fellow musicians, music business students and industry professionals in a

creative and intellectually challenging environment. Students gain hands-on experience in recording, performing, producing and marketing contemporary music while earning college credit. The CMC is one of ten off-campus study programs offered by the Coun-

cil for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Warren Pettit, Director of the CMC, said, "As if it's not enough to wake up in one of the most beautiful places on the planet, I also get to work with artists like Brent, who has a passion for art and music that is both thoughtful and contagious."

Cashell added, "Working under such excellent instructors has been the perfect blend of hard work and reward."

For further information, contact Courtney Somerville or Josh Sauder at Offshore Entertainment Group, (508) 696-3804 or the Contemporary Music Center. For more details about the company or recording information see their website at http://www.cccu.org/students/cmccatalog/cmc_intro.htm.

Anthrax virus threatens Senate, ABC News

By Jayna Poe
Off-Campus News Writer

The nation's anthrax scare widened Monday, Oct. 15, as a new infection was reported in New York City and a letter containing the deadly substance was opened on Capitol Hill. President Bush said there may be a link to Osama bin Laden or his terrorist allies.

In a news conference, David Westin, President of ABC News, announced that a seven-month-old boy who had been at the network's offices on West 66th Street in Manhattan late last month was later found to be infected with cutaneous anthrax. Westin said the boy, the son of an ABC News producer, had been hospitalized and was responding well to treatment.

Westin said he assumed that the boy had been infected at the network's office. Last week, officials announced that an employee at NBC News was also treated for the disease, which was traced to a letter sent to that network. It has been reported that one attack was aimed at anchorman Tom Brokaw.

Earlier this week, officials announced that aides to Senator Tom Daschle, Democrat of South Dakota and the Senate majority leader, had opened a letter in his office that preliminary tests indicated was laced with anthrax. The letter was postmarked from Trenton, the same city from which the letter containing anthrax was sent to NBC.

The incidents appear to be part of a wave of threats nationwide. Suddenly, for many Americans, the fear of being exposed to the deadly anthrax germ, a fear that

seemed remote a few weeks ago, overshadowed the continuing war against terrorists in Afghanistan.

As a result of the incidents, the police quarantined Daschle's office, shut down the Capitol's mail delivery system and suspended all public tours. The letter was sent to an Army laboratory in Fort Detrick, MD for analysis, and 50 people, most of them aides to the senator, were prescribed an antibiotic.

President Bush said that there could be a link to bin Laden, "It's clear that bin Laden is an evil man. He and his spokesmen are openly bragging about how they hope to inflict more pain on our country."



Nytimes.com

Dr. Norman Lee, left, leading a medical team into the anthrax-contaminated office of Senator Tom Daschle.

Public health officials urged people to remain calm and to take common sense health precautions.

The letter to Daschle came just two days after the Senate Sergeant at Arms had alerted all Senate offices that the authorities were taking extraordinary precautions with the mail.

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Chaplain Schandorff Speaks

“Out of my mind”

By Gene Schandorff
Campus Chaplain

Okay, this time it is a confession. You've got to be a little bit out of your mind to drive nine hours to go to a concert. Unless . . .

1) Unless the concert is in the town where you were born

2) Unless the concert is on your birthday

3) Unless it's a Dylan concert.

If I was just a little bit “new age,” I would have to say the planets really lined up on this one. Since I am closer to “old age” than “new age,” I will just say it was too bizarre an opportunity to miss.

So, there we were, me and the reference librarian (my date), sitting on the second row with the biggest bunch of old hippies you have ever seen.

I can't pass up the opportunity to share a few observations from a great evening.

First, old hippies do not look like old hippies. The one next to us was a lawyer, the one next to him was a University Chaplain. Go figure.

Second, the “No Smoking” sign outside the Jackson County Expo building (a rodeo arena) didn't really mean “no smoking.” Let's just say the “answer” was not the only thing “blowin' in the wind.”

Third, you still can't understand most of what Dylan

says when he sings, but you just know it has to be really significant.

Fourth, the “old man”



Gene Schandorff

(Dylan, not me) still ROCKS!

So, what does it all mean? Probably not much, except that it is still alright for a Chris-

How amazing is this, that the only way Jesus tells us we will ever really see Him in this life is not while we are praising Him in song in the sanctuary, but it is while we are serving Him.

tian, even an old one, to have a great time just hanging out at a good old rock concert. And it might mean that if you live

long enough, and the people you can't afford to see in concert keep making music long enough, someday you just might get together.

Now, all I have to do is go out and buy Dylan's new CD so I can finally figure out what in the world he was saying.

So, what can I say to add some sort of spiritual significance to what has already come “out of my mind?”

Maybe this: I would like to say thanks. Thanks for listening Monday in chapel. I knew you were listening while I was speaking, and it was confirmed when I began to read your chapel card comments.

Everywhere I go, I am reminded that the King has come and that the King has called

and that the King has sent. God, in Christ, by the Holy Spirit lives in us to live through us. God works in us so that God can work through us.

Every time I stop to love God, to praise, to pray, to sing (okay, to worship), God reminds me that as much fun as we are having in that sacred setting, the real work, the real life, the real blessing, the real experience of God's presence will always be “out there in the streets.”

How amazing is this, that the only way Jesus tells us we will ever really see Him in this life is not while we are praising Him in song in the sanctuary, but it is while we are serving Him in the person of one of “the least of these.”

Oh, and by the way, the reference librarian (my date) is also my wife. Thanks for the great birthday present, honey.

Circle K club prepares to be “fishers of men”

Northwest Nazarene service club plans to take local children on fishing trip

By Sarah Emerson and Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Writers

There is a little-known club on Northwest Nazarene University campus called Circle K. Although it is not often on center stage as far as clubs go, the Circle K club is involved in some pretty amazing things around the community.

Circle K is a service club dedicated to the ideal of servanthood. They give their time and energy to help out other people.

The club is sponsored by the local chapter of the Kiwanis

club. The Kiwanis contribute money to the club which they use for different service projects. One idea for the use of this year's money is to encourage children to read. The club hopes to purchase children's books that they can read with underprivileged children and then give to them.

Circle K meets every month to discuss future community service projects. They have already done quite a few great projects, and they have lots of good ideas for the rest of this year. It should prove to be a productive and gratifying year for the club.

Circle K's treasurer, Shelley DeBoer, is especially excited about this month's activity. She says that this month, the group will be participating in a project called “Fishers of Men.” Circle K, in cooperation with SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise), will be taking out a group of local children on a fishing trip this coming Saturday, Oct. 21. They plan to use the trip to build relationships with the children as well as try to teach them about saving money. They hope to give the kids an idea about the importance of saving money for college. They have planned several games and activities to encourage saving. This is an awesome chance to reach out to the children in our area.

Circle K has already helped out with several service projects this year. Two of the

major ones were the Avalon concert and “Give Me 5.”

At the Avalon concert, Circle K members helped set up all of the equipment, worked as ushers and worked in the booth where merchandise was sold.

The “Give Me 5” project was an immunization party. Children who had already completed all of their immunizations were able to come to this special party. The Circle K members were there to hand out cookies and get to know the kids.

Another exciting aspect of Circle K is that it is soon go-

ing to be regaining international status. This will enable the club to be more involved with other Circle K clubs around the world. It will also enable them to attend international conventions.

The club is always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming involved in this wonderful opportunity to change our community, you can attend one of the monthly meetings. The meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 in the evening at the Brick House. Come and enjoy some refreshments while you see what Circle K is all about.

Forum to discuss Islam, U.S., Middle East crisis

NAMPA – The public is invited to a dialogue at Northwest Nazarene University. The dialogue will be on Islam, the United States, the war in Afghanistan and the crisis in the Middle East.

The event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 pm in the Northwest Nazarene University Brandt Center Lobby. Admission is free and chapel credit will be given to all NNU students in attendance.

Panelists will include representatives from the Islamic and Jewish faith communities, professors from the NNU History and Political Science Department and the Boise State University History Department and an NNU student who recently returned from study abroad in Israel.

The event is sponsored by Northwest Nazarene University's Department of History and Political Science

and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. For more information on the forum, call 467-8873.

Middle East Forum

Thursday, October 18
7pm

Brandt Center Lobby

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Some advice on accepting responsibility for mistakes

By Shawn Jensen
Campus Counselor

As college students, you have each chosen to commit yourself to higher personal and occupational standards. The likelihood that you will be responsible for decisions that later affect others is increased simply because of your education. This in itself is an awesome responsibility. Now add this fact to the equation. Each of you will make mistakes.

There are many names for mistakes, you can call them errors, blunders, slip-ups, oversights and inaccuracies. Regardless of the label, the results are the same; something is "a-

miss" (get it?).

When you realize you have made a mistake, your personal response will often determine the outcome.

What can you do in situations where mistakes are made? Denial, blame or accepting responsibility are all options available. Yes, believe it or not, personal responsibility is a choice. Realizing that we are not forced into taking responsibility is the key to understanding our reasons for using denial and blame.

Why are we afraid to take personal responsibility? Is it the fear of being a failure? Is it the fear that someone (including yourself?) will find out that you



Shawn Jensen
Counselor

are not perfect?

The approach commonly used by those who choose denial or blame sounds something like "My paper is late because there were not any available computers in the lab, and I couldn't get it typed." What about "I blew it because I waited until the last minute to

work on the assigned paper?"

Holding yourself accountable for a decision you made, good or bad, will ultimately be a self-lesson. In the example above, the student who took the chance increased the possibility of not completing the project on time. We learn as we go. That is our job.

Now that we are ready to take personal responsibility for our mistakes, what can we do about those times when we did not?

Think about what you wish you would have done, and identify the value or quality you will use next time the situation arises. Then forgive yourself.

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Northwest Nazarene well represented in Harvest Classic run

By Sarah Emerson
Campus Writer

The city of Nampa held the Harvest Classic Fun Run this past Saturday, Oct. 13th. Jason Grenn, Northwest Nazarene University's Community Relations Coordinator, was in charge of campus involvement in this city event.

The City of Nampa organizes the event each year as a way to bring the community together. People from all over Nampa and the rest of the Treasure Valley gather together to get some exercise and have a good time.

Grenn was excited about NNU's involvement. He says that Northwest Nazarene students are a "good source of volunteers."

Getting involved in city events and showing that NNU students are interested in more than just on campus life makes a very good impression on the outside community.

Around 30 students from Northwest Nazarene University participated in the annual event last Saturday. It began at 8:00 in the morning at Karcher Mall in Nampa.

Runners and volunteers were served donuts before the races began, although it seemed that the volunteers enjoyed the donuts much more than the runners. The events concluded three hours later at

11:00 that morning.

Some of Northwest Nazarene's students participated in the actual running. Both the winners of the two mens races were from NNU.

Nathan Wilkinson, a member of the cross-country team here on campus, finished first place in the ten kilometer (six mile) race. He was joined on the winners stand by freshman Ryan Meier who is also on the cross-country team. Ryan won the two-mile race.

Although running was the main event of the day for the NNU students, it was not the

only part of the activities that they took part in.

Some students helped out by letting the runners know where to go during the race. They

stood in crucial parts of the race course and made sure that no one took a wrong turn. Others held up the stop signs for the traffic in the area.

Everyone who was involved enjoyed the time shared with the people from around the Nampa community. The Northwest Nazarene University students are already looking forward to next year's Harvest Classic.

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If you happen to be

someone who is interested in writing campus news stories, please contact me at anwiggins@nnu.edu or call me at ext. 8129.

Writing news stories involves conducting interviews, attending campus events and then completing the story by deadline. It

can be a very rewarding activity.

I am also happy to hear from anyone who has any story ideas. If you have something of interest that pertains to campus life, please let me know, and I will get a story on it. Feel free to contact me at any time.

Men's Cross-Country team Wins NNU's first NCAA Division II regional championship

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The men's cross country team once again made Northwest Nazarene University history this weekend. On Saturday, October 13, the team won NNU's first NCAA division II championship.

Competing not only against other teams but against a hilly course and Alaskan weather, the team pulled together and blew away the competition.

Although the cross country team will still be competing at NAIA nationals for one last year, they were required to run at the NCAA Division II Great Northwest Athletic region meet as part of the transition process between divisions.

The race was held in Anchorage, Alaska. This location alone presented a unique set of challenges. The team found this out during their very first step onto the Alaskan race course. During the warm up at the race site in Kincaide

park, the athletes had to slow to a walk and edge quietly around moose that were standing in the trail. There was also the added challenge of running in temperatures that were much colder than what has been experienced in Nampa so far this fall. The morning of the race was one of the coldest there had been yet and there was a sharp wind to make it even worse.

Despite and maybe even because of all the challenges, there were many amazing accomplishments during the weekend.

Northwest Nazarene's very own Francis Kimeli (formerly of Kenya) won the men's race setting a new course record with his time of 26:12. He broke the old record by three seconds. The long standing record had been set by a former Olympian.

Because of his outstanding performance, Francis was awarded the "Most Valuable Player" award for the region

as well as the "Most Outstanding Newcomer" award.

Following Kimeli to the finish line with three more outstanding performances were; Aaron Matthias, Juraj Trubiroha and Zack Dwello. All three of these outstanding runners received All-Conference honors for placing in the top ten.

This point of recognition and honor was not reached without hours of intensive practice put forth by all seven of these dedicated athletes.

Matthias placed third with a time of 26:31, Trubiroha was only a few seconds behind running 26:46 and Dwello followed with a 26:54.

The NNU harriers ran an almost perfect race. All seven runners on the team finished in the top 16. Because of this, NNU won the team title with 32 points, followed by West-

em Washington with 76 points.

This point of recognition and honor was not reached without hours of intensive practice put forth by all seven of these dedicated athletes. Each of these runners has given up many things for his team and his sport. This sacrificial attitude has also been seen by Coach Dalzell all the way through the season. Dalzell has invested hours of his time and personal funds into this program. It all paid off for him as well this weekend. Dalzell received the Great Northwest Conference "coach of the year" award. And in the teams opinion no one could deserve it more.

The women's team was not as outstandingly successful as the men but they ran a solid race. They placed seventh in the team standings.

The team is still struggling with injuries and sickness but hopes to bring back two of its key runners for next week's race. Kristi Lund and Rachelle

Conrath will hopefully be running at the NAIA regional conference preview meet next weekend.

This weekend NNU's top female, Ann-Marie Wiggins missed all-conference honors by two places, finishing twelfth with a time of 24:46. Erica Madison and Kristin Lane were the second and third runners for the team, both running solid races.

The women's team still has a good chance of qualifying for nationals. They have put a lot of hard work into this season and no matter what the outcome there have been many personal goals met.

Other finishers for Northwest Nazarene University's men were: Ben Wornell 27:07; Caleb Tubei 27:12; and Brice Roncase 27:14.

On the women's side: Erica Madison 25:34; Kristin Lane 26:07; Susan Young 26:45; Mindy Meier 27:08; Jana Harris 27:25; Jessica Wiggins 27:38; and Heather Esposito 27:44.

Students have weekend adventure in Alaska

The inside story on a Crusader team weekend

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

Many people who are not on the inside of college athletics have mixed views on what it all entails. The glamour, the privileges or just the plain hard work seems to be what is most often noticed.

Often, the very best part of the college athletic experience is completely missed by the observer. That is the friendships, bonding times and just plain fun that goes on during the weekly traveling routine. Here is a little peak into the travels of a very interesting co-ed sports team.

On the weekend of October 12-13, the Northwest Nazarene University cross country team traveled to Anchorage, Alaska to run in a regional race. The race may have been the reason for the trip, but it was definitely not the highlight for most of the students.

Friday night and Saturday morning were dedicated to the race, but after that it was purely fun and games. On Saturday afternoon, the whole group bundled up in their warmest clothes, put on their remaining pair of dry running shoes and

headed out of town to find a hill to climb.

The goal was to reach the top of some hill and get a good view of the city, but the process proved to be just as enjoyable as the final goal. The hill was steep, the air was cold and there was snow on the ground.

Caleb and Francis, the teams two Kenyan athletes, were especially interested in this thing called snow. Caleb had never seen snow before and as soon as he stepped outside into the Alaskan air all he could say was, "It's too cold!"

But after getting used to it for awhile, he began to understand what snow is for. It did not take him long to start throwing snowballs and then throwing the girls into the deep drifts. There was one point during the hike that Erica Madison was thrown so far into the snow that she could no longer be seen.

After the mountain was conquered, it was time for some hockey. Most of the team went to a UAA hockey game on Saturday night, which was free to all the cross country teams who competed that day.

The next day, the team went



Ann-Marie Wiggins/Crusader

The cross country team enjoys a relaxing afternoon together on one of their many weekend trips.

to church at Chapel of the Cross Nazarene Church and then rested for the long plane ride home.

Some of the highlights for the student athletes themselves were quite interesting. Susan Young says that her favorite part of the whole trip was "eating meece burgers." Susan had a hard time figuring out how to pluralize moose so she made up her own word for it.

The moose burgers were a special treat for the women's team after they were frightened to death by finding a large moose and baby moose in the

middle of the course as they were warming up.

Zack Dwello was definitely most excited about the climb up the mountain. But the rest of the team will likely remember him most on this trip for being called a "curly bunny" by the stewardess on the plane.

Juraj Trubiroha an international student from Slovakia also enjoyed the climb up the mountain. His fondest memory was when he buried Erica Madison in the snow about half way up the mountain.

Even Coach Randy Dalzell

had a good time and made some good memories on the trip. Of course he still had to be coach and that meant trying to discourage the team from eating brownies and ice cream, trying to enforce mandatory nap time and convincing the team that they should eat more onions to strengthen their immune systems.

Although the trip ended in an exhausting overnight plane ride, the fun times outweighed everything else. College athletics are not all fun and games, but it definitely creates life long friendships and great memories.

Avalon joined by other groups in performance on Brandt Center stage

By Sarah Ardedt
Campus Writer

Last Tuesday, Oct. 7 the Oxygen tour, featuring Joy Williams, Zoe Girl and Avalon, was scheduled to play at the Brandt Center.

The day did not start off easy. It was full of set backs, starting with the tour showing up a few hours late and ending with sound checks done a few moments before the doors opened. But with lots of prayers and diligent volunteers, the concert went on. As unprepared as some felt, the concert was everything it was cracked up to be and maybe even more.

Many Northwest Nazarene University students helped out at the concert in numerous ways. Some helped backstage and had the opportunity to meet the members of the bands. Others took tickets or sold merchandise to crazed fans. One thing is for sure, almost every seat in the house was filled.

Fans varied from young children to senior citizens, and no matter what the age the whole

audience quickly became involved in the concert experience, even singing along with the band.

When asked who the favorite featured artist was at the concert, the answers varied but there was a slight preference to one group.

Fans varied from young children to senior citizens, and no matter what the age, the whole audience quickly became involved in the concert experience.

Avalon seemed to be everyone's favorite with Zoe Girl in a close second. These two popular groups were both excellent.

The audience really seemed to appreciate Joy Williams as well. One young fan was heard to say, "Wow! She has a pretty voice," and that she did.

Joy Williams was the only solo artist at the concert and gave an outstanding and spiritually uplifting performance.

"As a newcomer to Christian bands she is definitely holding her own" said a member of Zoe Girls on Joy Williams performance.

All of the bands gave spectacular performances. Zoe Girl added in hip-hop and had the crowd dancing. It was the kind of music that "makes you want to move for the Lord."

Avalon performed the most songs and their styles varied from old to new.

One of the featured performances included one of the lead singers playing keyboard while the others sang.

Everyone who attended seemed to agree that it was a successful performance and worth seeing again. The groups did well in presenting themselves as Christians and also as suburb musicians.

Annual variety show to be held Saturday

By Ann-Marie Wiggins
Campus Editor

The annual sponsored comedy-variety show known as Fresheree will be coming to campus again this week. It will be hosted by the Sophomore class on this Saturday, October 20 at 7:30 pm.

Try-outs were held last Thursday, Oct. 11 and the best talents and comedies have been chosen for the big night.

The night is guaranteed to make you laugh until you

cry. Come see all of your friends show off their uniqueness or weirdness.

The show will be held in the Science Lecture Hall. Tickets are being sold this week at lunch and dinner outside of the Dex. They are only \$3, but there is reserved seating, so buy your tickets as soon as possible.

The first fifty freshmen who go to buy tickets will get in free. So, all you freshmen, rush out and get your fresheree tickets! Come break out of your normal routine and join in the fun!

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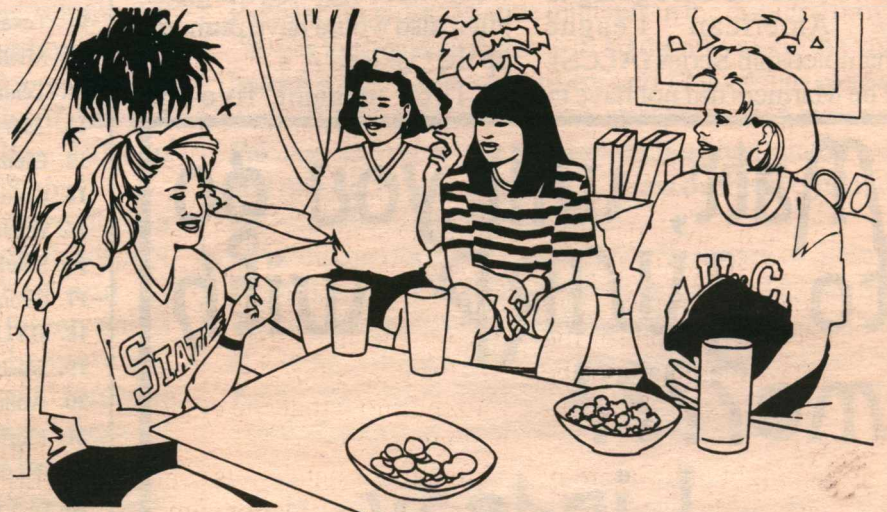
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Rams, Packers, Niners triumph

By David Alban
Sports Writer

The Rams remained the only undefeated team in the league by squeaking past the New York Giants. Kurt Warner was sacked six times but made some big completions on the winning drive. The Rams recovered a fumble with 1:04 on the clock to seal the victory.

Favre and the Packers proved their worth against a solid AFC team. The Packers did not let the Ravens defense get to them. Favre passed for 337 yards and three TDs. He also hit nine different receivers on Sunday.

The Bears defense won the game for them. Arizona seemed lost until the final quarter but Chicago's McQuarters



AP photos

Jeff Garcia was the Niners' man in their overtime win.

returned a fumble 69-yards for a TD to seal it up. This gave the Bears their first three-game winning streak since 1995.

Jeff Garcia led the comeback over the Falcons. The Niners were down 20-7 but managed

to come back and win in OT and beat Atlanta for the second time this season.

Owens caught the game winning 52-yard TD in overtime. Garcia threw for 332 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions.

The Saints won a close battle on the last play of the game with a Ricky Williams one-yard touchdown run.

The Patriots kicked a field goal in overtime to upset the now struggling Chargers. The Seahawks defense shut down Denver to hold out 34-21. The Raiders defense had some big plays against the colts in a big AFC match-up. Oakland handled the colts 23-18 in Sunday night action.

Power houses, power failures

A weekly commentary by David Alban

Team (W-L)	Notes	Last Week
1. Rams (5-0)	Warner and Rams just slide by the Giants. Defense makes a big stop to preserve victory.	1
2. Packers (4-1)	Favre comes up big and Ravens defense is not as tested as we thought.	2
3. 49ers (4-1)	Garcia to Owens, this is becoming quite the connection. Niners need a defense, though.	NR
4. Raiders (4-1)	Coming up with big wins against quality opponents. Offense needs to step up a little, defense doing well.	4
5. Steelers (3-1)	Using running back Jerome Bettis very well in ball-control offense. Can they pass?	NR
6. Saints (3-1)	Ricky Williams is key to the team. He stays healthy: playoffs are likely for the Saints.	NR
7. Bears (3-1)	That's right. The Bears are doing well. Games are won by the defense. Bears have one of the best.	NR
8. Giants (3-2)	Only team on the list that lost. Giants defense was impressive against Rams. Strahan was incredible, Warner and he met frequently.	8
31. Bills (0-4)	At least they didn't drop a spot this week. No defense. There is no way 42 points should be scored in the NFL.	31
32. Redskins (0-4)	They got to slug it out against another winless team on Monday Night. They should have called it a draw.	32

Baseball Playoffs: This is why they play the game

By Josh Zickefoose
Sports Writer

Let us go to the Championship Series: Yankees and Mariners, Arizona and Atlanta. Atlanta is still around? That's right, Atlanta is the only team to sweep a divisional series. They did it against the Houston Astros (that is right the Astros still play too).

The Astros, who have a dominant lineup (for a high school team), got beaten by what Atlanta does best, pitch. The other matchups lasted all five possible games. Each of those teams played four games that meant nothing because one game decided the champion.

Arizona was simply cruel to St. Louis because they saved Curt Schilling for the deciding game. He went nine innings (for the second time in the series) for the win in the fifth game.

Now to the American League (where the games actually matter)... Many people have said that in the NL pitching always wins, and in the AL offense wins games. That is true no longer. The Mariners were out scored 26-16 in the series against the Indians. However, the M's are the ones going to the American League Championship Series (ALCS).

The Mariners did not have to

go to the bullpen until the seventh inning. Once the Mariners got to the bullpen the game was safe. The relievers (Nelson, Rhodes and Sasaki) did their job. The Mariners coasted through the season and struggled through the divisional series, but neither of those facts matters now. The Mariners go into the ALCS with a fresh slate to face the Yankees.

How about them Yankees! Many thought the dynasty had come to an end when the Yanks lost the two opening games (at home) against the steaming hot Oakland A's. ESPN constantly counted the Yankees out, "they have won so many and now their season will end." Well, one person who never counted them out was Ziggy (the campus' extreme Yankee fanatic). He had faith in the ever-threatening Yankees. In the third game of the series, the Yankees should have lost, but Jeter (a baseball hero) would not let that happen. When two of the cut off men where hit by the struggling left fielder Shane Spencer, Jeter comes over from shortstop and makes a game saving backhanded throw to the plate. Sure that run, had it scored, would have only tied the game but it also would have pumped up the Oakland A's.

Then in game five the

Yankees were down two runs by the second inning. Many of the commentators counted the Yankees out because Clemens was struggling. The Yankees put men on every inning but the seventh. Costly errors by Oakland and timely hitting by the veteran New York Yankees is what led to the Yankee victory. This is the first time in divisional series history (since 1995) that a team has come back and won three games in a row. Go Yankees.

Like the Divisional Series the Championship Series will be dramatic and fun to watch (at least the ALCS). Will Mariner fans and the few Yankee fans on campus do any homework during this next series? We will have to see. I know I will not!

The AP College Football poll

Rank	Team	W-L	last
1.	Miami Fla (48)	(5-0)	2
2.	Oklahoma (21)	(6-0)	3
3.	Nebraska (2)	(7-0)	4
4.	UCLA (1)	(5-0)	7
5.	Oregon	(6-0)	5
6.	Virginia Tech	(6-0)	6
7.	Florida	(5-1)	1
8.	Fresno State	(6-0)	8
9.	Texas	(5-1)	11
10.	Michigan	(5-1)	12
11.	Tennessee	(3-1)	13
12.	Maryland	(6-0)	22
13.	Clemson	(4-1)	16
14.	Colorado	(5-1)	20
15.	Washington	(4-1)	10
16.	South Carolina	(5-1)	9
17.	Georgia	(4-1)	19
18.	BYU	(6-0)	18
19.	Washington St.	(6-0)	NR
20.	Auburn	(5-1)	NR
21.	Florida State	(3-2)	14
22.	Northwestern	(4-1)	NR
23.	Georgia Tech	(4-2)	15
24.	Purdue	(4-1)	17
25.	Toledo	(5-0)	NR

Miami prevails, Florida falls

By David Alban
Sports writer

Auburn kicker connects on a huge kick to beat the second ranked team in the nation on the road. Damon Duval hit a 44-yard field goal into a solid wind with rain pouring down in the final seconds of regulation to seal the victory for the Auburn Tigers over Florida.

This is Duval's third straight game-winning field goal, but this one might just have been bigger than the rest. The loss dropped Florida out of the top five rankings in the country and most likely out of contention for the national championship.

Another big game went on in the state involving the other Florida powerhouses. Number 1 ranked Miami went to Tallahassee to beat up on the Seminoles of Florida State; they did just that. The Hurricane defense created numerous turnovers. Florida State's freshman quarterback Chris Rix connected four times with the Miami secondary and fumbled twice in the loss. This win solidified Miami's championship run and will bode well for the Hurricanes in the Bowl Championship Series.

UCLA had a big victory at home on Saturday over 8th

ranked Washington. The Bruins opened up their offense early scoring three touchdowns in the first quarter. UCLA's Foster had the game of his life running for 301 yards and scoring four touchdowns. The Huskies could not get anything started against the experienced Bruin defense. Washington never got any closer than their 21-6 halftime deficit.

Undefeated and 16th ranked Purdue traveled to Ann Arbor to face off against the 12th ranked Michigan Wolverines. Purdue scored on their opening possession but only managed one field goal after that. Michigan took over at halftime and did not let Purdue do anything on offense. Wolverine wide receiver Marquis Walker had a big afternoon accounting for 249 yards of offense including a 43-yard touchdown catch.

Fresno State barely held out for the victory against Colorado State. The Bulldogs kicked a field goal in overtime to beat a weak Colorado State team. Despite the win, the Bulldogs dropped in the poles and lost a lot of respect in their weak win.

Boise State travels to Fresno this week to try and end their undefeated season.

Matt, will you go to TWIRP with me????
Lindsay

Men's soccer wins two straight

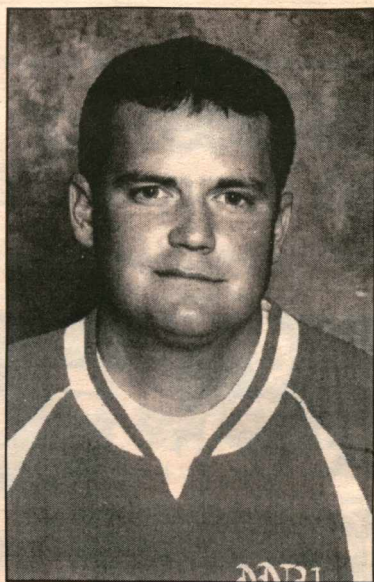
By Matt Fraley
Sports Editor

This last week, the men showed their stuff and got things done. Trevor Stoneberg (Meridian, ID) and Gideon Thomas (Manchester, England) led NNU to two straight wins. The two players combined for five goals, scoring respectively 3 and 2. Chris Pinkerton, Chris Blaine and Aaron Strawser also added goals.

This type of scoring is unprecedented this season but very much expected because of the talented individuals that are a part of the team. This turn around was very welcome by the fans, but also surely by the players and the coach.

The scorers, however, do not deserve all the credit. The team has been playing better soccer: communicating on the field, and passing much more efficiently, which has brought in goals.

The 5-1 victory over Evergreen State College was



Duane Slemmer

Trevor Stoneberg's goals came at a crucial time for the men's soccer team.

the highest scoring game for the Sadlers since the closing of the 1999 season. It was also nearly a shutout for Brett O'Connor, but Geoduck forward Brian Cook stumbled upon the ball and found the way of the net for the only Evergreen goal in

the last six games.

NNU's second win of the season, on Friday Oct. 12, was an amazing demonstration of the Sadlers newfound motivation. Pinkerton and Blaine scored to tie up the score shortly before the end of regulation by constantly applying pressure on the visitors' defense. Stoneberg's goal in sudden death although impressive seemed to surprise the fans because it marked the end of a long losing streak. This win was also the first time in 32 games that Crusaders scored more than two goals.

The men face Albertson College Tuesday at 3:30 PM and will hopefully be able to bring their momentum into the game and apply as much pressure on the opposing defense as they did this last week. Come support the men's soccer team and do not be surprised if they win!

Women's Volleyball wins one out of three

By Carrie Hays
Sports Writer

This was a busy week for Crusader volleyball. The Lady Crusaders took on three Great Northwest Conference teams this week: Anchorage Alaska, St. Martin's and Central Washington.

Monday Oct. 8, the ladies took on Alaska Anchorage Seawolves. The Lady Crusaders came out strong in the first game. The Crusaders were consistently in the lead, playing smart volleyball. Senior Erin Hellberg (Walla Walla, WA) assisted in the last two points by aggressive net play.

Hellberg had a very successful week leading her team with a match high of 26 kills. In Game 2, the Crusaders lost an important lead of 18-11. The momentum was switched over to Alaska as they scored seven of the last nine points.

In Game 3, another close game was ended by four kills from Junior Louise Free (Eagle, ID). The Seawolves played consistently and aggressively to win Games 4 and 5. The Crusaders came back at points but did not win points when they needed to leaving Alaska with the win.

The ladies had a disappointing loss to Anchorage but came back with an exciting win Oct. 11th against St. Martin's.

Game 1 was a close game

throughout and ended with a kill from Hellberg. Game 2 began with a large run from the Saints. This run was followed by 11 ties. The Saints took the second game with a double block and an error by the Crusaders.

Game 3 was decisively the Crusaders with three aces delivered by Hellberg and a run of 10 straight points for NNU. The Crusaders lost the fourth game causing a fifth game to be played.

Game 5 was an intense game with the score being tied 15 different times before the Crusaders pulled away for the win. Free contributed with a match-high of 28 kills followed by Hellberg with 26 kills. Sophomore Mindy Swanson (San Diego, CA) had a great night with 10 kills and 64 assists.

Saturday night, the Lady Crusaders lost to Central Washington, a team rated fourth in the Conference. In Game 1, the Crusaders led 20-17 before the Wildcats came back to a score of 21-20. The score stayed very close for the remainder of the game.

Senior Rachel Roberts (Boise, ID) delivered a much needed kill at 28-26, but this was not enough to win this game. Washington pulled ahead to win 30-27.

Game 2 was won decisively by the Wildcats. Several mental mistakes kept the Crusaders from playing

their best in this game. In Game 3, both Free and Hellberg played aggressively. At 16-21, Free ended a long rally with a down the line kill. Hellberg and Roberts also contributed with kills to keep the game close. The Wildcats came back with consistent and smart play to win the match 30-24.

The Lady Crusaders travel to Alaska this weekend to take on Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Fairbanks. Good luck ladies!

Basketball fans share Midnight Madness with teams

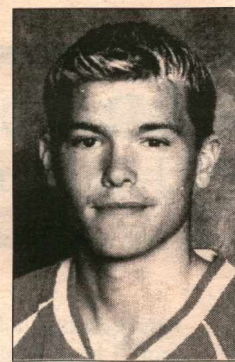
By Matt Fraley
Sports Editor

This past weekend, students came in bunches to watch and participate in Midnight Madness. The stands were packed with fans that came to support their basketball teams and see them practice for the first time this year. That was not all, though. The night was to be entertaining, and it did just that.

Think back to your earlier Sunday School classes, the tale of David and Goliath. Well, no Phillistines were present here, but a giant Frenchman was. He took on the small, but courageous Phil in a one on one battle (by the way, Phil, Vince jumped over the tall French guy to score, not walk under him).

This was arguably the funniest moment of the night, although Mike Wolfe taking on Alysson

Face to Face Brad Simpson



Duane Slemmer

Sport: Soccer

Number: 11

Position: Defense

Height: 5'9.5"

Birthday: 2/26/83

Hometown: Olympia, WA

High School: Northwest Christian (Olympia, WA)

Major: Business

Favorite athlete: Ken Griffey Jr.

Favorite part of game:

"The ball making its way down the field by perfect passes and leading to the goal."

Best moment: *"Winning State Championship and accomplishing every goal we set for the season."*

Hobbies: *Collect Donald Duck paraphenelia, sing, play piano*

Why NNU?: *"I visited the campus and liked the christian atmosphere."*

Goal for season: *"To make it to the postseason and earn a starting position."*

Role model: *"My dad because he is the perfect guy. He is the example of how a man needs to lead his life."*

Favorite quote or Bible verse: *"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1*

Yes, NNU has a softball team

By Dawn Stuvland
Sports Writer

After its inaugural season last year as a club sport, the NNU women's softball team is stepping up to varsity level.

Adding a handful of freshmen as well as several transfer students to the core of players from last year, the team has unified into a solid group who are all excited about the upcoming season.

Coach Duane Miller, an experienced women's softball coach of 12 years, is heading up the team for the second year. He is assisted by Kacie Price, a former pitcher for Linfield College. She is in her first year of teaching at Eagle Middle School. They are both excited for the upcoming season and striving to push the team to its fullest potential.

Fall ball wraps up for the team this weekend as they play in a tournament Friday and Saturday at Skyview High School here in Nampa (This is YOUR chance to come cheer them on!).

They have been playing and practicing since school started and have matched up well against the schools they have played. They have taken on Treasure Valley, Mount Hood, Idaho State, Albertson's, and Columbia Basin. In fall ball, official scores are not supposed to be kept and wins and losses not recorded.

Spread the word, yes NNU does have a softball team, and we will see you, and hopefully hear you, at the park this weekend!

Kollmann was also a humorous sight. Todd Fulcher was quoted saying "Mike was in his prime. The best shape he has been in his career." The one-on-one's have become a classic at this event, but one contest that seemed to catch everyone's attention was the dunk contest.

This year, anyone was free to participate. Even shy Frenchmen (none other than Matt Fraley) could try to show off their skills.

Some left not knowing the tall guy with the dark hair who could jump well. That was Zack Carpenter, a transfer student from SNU. Katie Freeby simply put it: "Zack did pretty good." It is too bad hardly anyone knew him, the crowd could have been quite helpful as it was with the winners Chris Jensen and Kevin Richard.

Maybe next year Zack. A few other events were in order Friday night. The three point shootout, for example, had some interesting "reward" for the loser: a pie in the face. Some complained about the length of the slam dunk contest, while others enjoyed the variety of games, but the main objective was to get the students excited and to get the season finally started! Tyler Gunstream reflected on the night's activities: "They did a good job representing the teams. They got the fans ready for the season." There were plenty of chances to have fun Friday night, but this was above all a time to support our teams, see the new guys and have fun watching the players interact with their fans who will be faithful all year long, as it is tradition here at NNU.

An account of a wild Goose (or Duck) Chase

Thirty NNU Students take a wild trip to Utah in support of the Oregon Ducks football team

Here is one man's account of the 29th and 30th of October when a group of nearly 30 NNU students drove down to Logan, Utah to watch a football game between the Oregon Ducks and the Utah State Aggies.

By Chad Frosland
Feature Writer

Saturday, September 29

11:32 AM Okay, I'm getting a little bit concerned. We're all supposed to be meeting out here by the student center at 11:30,



Shawna McArthur

and right now there is only six of us. Dan Pahlisch and I have a little wager on the table. He claims there is no way that we pull out of here before noon.

11:51 AM We're doing a lot better now. There are 27 of us gathered in the parking lot; Shawna McArthur is trying to get us all together for a picture, but people aren't really paying attention. I'm trying to help so we can get out of here by noon, but Dan is doing his best to be a distraction.

11:55 AM The picture is taken, and even though Dan did his best to try to keep us posed there by continually asking for one more shot, we are finally loading up, and it looks like I've won the bet. Dan has to approach an unfamiliar woman of my choosing at the football game, hit on her, and find out her plans for the evening. I can't wait to pick out one winner of a woman.

4:45 PM We're now pulling off I-84 to

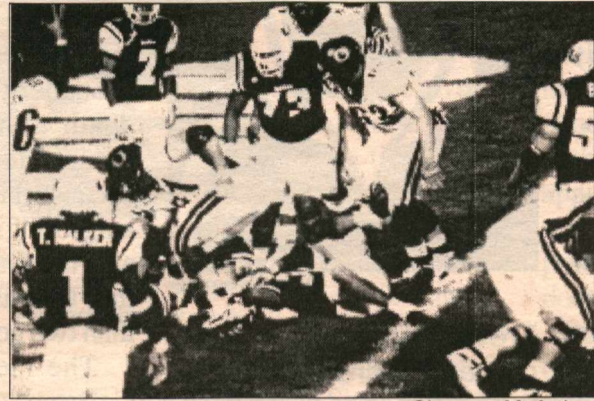
head east on Utah highway 30 toward Logan. I have kept Lance Nelson's (admission officer) pick-up in my sights since our last stop, and we found Shawn Blenker's vehicle but have lost Mort's car and Becky O'Neal's vehicle. We've pulled off the road to converse for a sec. One of the Oregon fans that we passed pulled over behind us to make sure we were okay. They are driving all the way from Portland, and I thought we were die-hard fans. Just as we are pulling back onto the road, Mort and Becky's cars both appear right behind us, and we now have five in our car-

van.

5:23 PM I'm so happy. We've pulled into the parking lot of Romney stadium here in Logan, Utah, and everybody is present. Hopefully there are still tickets left for the game.

6:35 PM A few of us have gone down by the field to watch the teams warm up. Heather Miller is desperately trying to get the attention of Joey Harrington, Oregon's quarterback. She especially wants him to see her shirt that reads "#3 marry me."

7:24 PM Utah



Shawna McArthur

State just scored a quick touchdown to go up 7-0. We're really hearing it from the opposing fans now.

8:42 PM The Ducks are up 17-7 at halftime, but the Aggies are hanging tough.

10:30 PM Oregon wins the game 38-21, but embittered Utah State fans still try to tell us that our team is overrated. "That's funny, we scored more points than your team." They don't have much of an argument.

10:40 PM Shawna, Megan, myself, David Hille and Heather have all made our way down to the field to watch the post-game interviews. Heather comes running up, giddy about meet-

ing Joey Harrington, Oregon's quarterback. Heather was so happy to meet him, but so frustrated that she didn't have anything for him to autograph. A girl gave Heather the letter "Y" from the "JOEY" sign she had made. "That was nice of her," I say, "but you are wearing a shirt that says '#3 marry me.' It seems he could have signed that." "Oh man, I've got to find him again."

10:49 PM Finally, players begin emerging from the locker room to load onto the bus. Joey Harrington gets bombarded by media and fans when he comes out, but Heather manages to get her shirt signed. Megan tries to get a picture with Joey, and Shawna tells Joey to turn around as he is walking toward the bus, signing autographs.

He turns his head a little bit to look back and says, "I'm trying." It was a good effort considering the circumstances; I hope the picture turns out.

11:00 PM We all meet up in the parking lot, and it turns out that only three vehicles are staying to camp, and the rest are heading home at this ridiculous hour.

11:17 PM 17 people are on the highway headed home, and ten of us are sitting in a Teriyaki Stix restaurant grabbing a little dinner. Mort spills an entire Pepsi on his pants. I get some directions to a nearby campground.

End of Day 1...



Shawna McArthur

Levingworth, WA offers a relaxing getaway for NNU students



Jeff Wilson

Josh Fishburne and Steve Roth take a break by the lake from their hike.

By Jen Anderson
Feature Editor

Many NNU students wasted away their long weekend, but a select few made the most out of the time off and went on an adventure.

Steve Roth, Josh Fishburne and Jeff Wilson spent their Columbus Day weekend hiking 22 miles by glacier lakes and

snow fields in Levinworth, WA. They left Thursday night and drove all night, and then set out to begin their hike at 5:00 am. They hiked all day, had a campfire dinner on Saturday and then Sunday morning they came out of the mountains to return home.

But they didn't have everything they had begun with. Jeff Wilson had a very traumatic experience with a terrorizing rodent. Apparently, after feeding this vermin during their dinner (mistake number one) and then leaving their bags out as they went to bed (mistake number two), the boys were awakened in the middle of the night by sounds of a rodent rooting through their personal belongings. They fetched them from outside, but in the morning, Jeff went through his bag to find one sandal and one wool sock missing from his belongings.

Josh Fishburne also had a terrifying experience

with an owl. While sitting around the campfire after dinner, Josh heard some suspicious sounds coming from the woods (they were all frightened because they had just previously been telling Sasquatch stories). Suddenly, an owl swooped through the trees and stole Josh's lantern.

After all of the weekend's commotion, all three of the adventurers came out feeling refreshed, relaxed and ready to take on the challenges of NNU life.



Steve Roth

The three hikers take a picture with the beautiful scenery as background

Students go Sea weekend of sports

By Jen Anderson
Feature Editor

It was an exciting Columbus Day weekend for Jayson Grenn, Matt Chitwood, David Hille, and Paul Clark. Of course, anyone would be excited to drive to Seattle and attend both a play-off game for the Mariners and a Seahawk's football game.

These sports-lovers headed out Friday and



Jayson Grenn

Travelers smile in front of the city landscape.

went directly to Jayson's grandmother's house in Seattle. Luckily, these Mariners fans were pleasantly welcomed by the Mariners' win, and

ball team

ucks and the Utah State Aggies.

Sunday, September 30

12:03 AM We arrive at Green Canyon Campground nestled peacefully at the base of the mountain range. Dan and Ryan Marquez put up their three-man pop-up tent in 13 seconds flat. It takes Lance five minutes single-handedly to start a raging fire. It takes Shawna, Megan and I over an hour to put up a six-man tent. Dan, Mort, and Quez have climbed the hillside and are making animal noises and are throwing rocks.

10:00 AM We rise to find a note from the ranger. "Welcome duck fans! Hope the game was good. Just wanted to let you know we are in a fire closure - that means no fire of any kind on this forest. The fine is \$100, have a good rest of the weekend." After close inspection, we decided it was just a warning, not a fine.

1:45 PM Our caravan of three vehicles has become two as Mort has left us in the dust to get home by 4:00. As we pass Twin Falls, Shawna says, "Ah, I was really hoping we would stop there to eat."

Aaron Foster then comments, "Uh, yeah, I have had to go to the bathroom pretty badly for a while."

I pull ahead of Lance to signal we'd like to stop at the next opportunity.

1:55 PM We finally got on the road again, after one more pit stop at a hospital (for a local passenger, which took an hour or so).

6:15 PM We pull into campus as a one-car parade, much less majestic than the seven-vehicle caravan that embarked only a day before.

Far left: The U of O fan-gang poses for a pre-trip picture.

Upper middle: The two opposing football teams battle it out in Utah

Bottom middle: These fans from NNU stand up and cheer for their team during the game

Far Right: Heartthrob Joey Harrington walks off the field after the team's victory

Little-bound for a sports fanatacism



Jayson Grenn

The guys get acquainted with the Seahawk's mascot.

the Seahawks' win against Jacksonville on Sunday brightened their day even more.

Jayson even mentioned that his group appeared on the Jumbo-Tron (that giant screen that all professional stadiums have) at least ten times. Of course, they were all dancing like crazed children in support of their team, and it was in their worst and most crazed moments that they were shown throughout the entire stadium.

They even lucked out and were able to hang out with the mascot at the Seahawks game.

Columbus Day weekend: Featured in Riggins, ID

Students venture out to the hills of Idaho

By Scott Carver
Feature Writer

Many readers may be surprised to discover that Idaho is home to some of the most breath-taking scenery that one can find anywhere. On Columbus Day weekend we (Willis Cook, Steve Gundersen, and Scott Carver) packed our bags, jumped in the car, and drove toward Riggins, Idaho. Our destination: The Seven Devils Mountain Range.



Scott Carver

These hikers smile on their long walk.

This mountain range boasts some of the most diverse terrain in all of Idaho. The impressive range sits high between the Salmon River Canyon to the east of the peaks and Hells Canyon to the west.

The highest peak (He Devil) sits at a shocking 9,393 feet above sea level! From there, Hells Canyon drops a staggering 8,043 feet from the top of the peak down to the raging Snake River which winds far below the edge of the range's west rim. We drove 17 windy, dusty, bumpy, long miles to where our trail began. We threw on our packs, laced up our hiking boots (tennis shoes), and set out on the 7.5 mile hike into the pristine Seven Devils Mountains.

Willis Cook, a transfer student from California, asked me how many girls we would expect to see along the trail. I responded by saying, "Probably none Willis." It took some coercing to talk Willis into still making the long trudge into Bernard Lakes. But we did see some company along the trail: four grouse, seven sparrows, and two chipmunks. Willis was pretty disappointed.

The highlight of the trip was hiking down the narrow trail to see a beautiful mountain stream flowing down a staircase of mossy rocks. Steve kept reminding us of how it looked like "Upstate New York." We said, "Steve, there isn't any graffiti on those rocks, and that waterfall isn't man-made!"

From there, we climbed up and out of the valley floor to Windy Saddle, and we made a quick trot into Bernard Lakes. When Bernard Lake came into view, we were astounded that we could see all the way to the bottom of the lake. I proceeded to pull out his fishing rod, realizing that I could catch a rainbow trout about every other cast.

After we had set up camp, we headed up the hill to the Dry Diggins lookout. We sat there about an hour with our mouths hanging open, pondering the breathtaking view of beautiful Hells Canyon. We had to force ourselves to leave the ridge and make the hike back to camp.

We all were hungry from the long day, so Steve pulled out his "kitchen" to cook us some hot grub. Willis and I were busy get-



Scott Carver

Hikers get ready for a long day.

ting a campfire started when Steve cried, "I knew I was gonna forget something. I can't believe I forgot to bring a pot to cook stuff in!" Willis and I just looked at each other and laughed. Looks like Steve "Always Prepared" Gundersen wasn't quite prepared this time. Remarkably, Steve was still able to make us some hot dinner, and afterwards, we happily jumped in our sleeping

bags to get some much-needed rest.

The next day we woke up to blue skies and chilly temperatures. We set out for the last leg of the hike up into pristine



Scott Carver

Scott takes a quick break for a picture.

Sheep Lake. Since it was Sunday, Willis lead us in a few rounds of "Amazing Grace" and "Father Abraham." This ended quickly after we realized that our bodies needed maximum oxygen intake while hiking at such high altitudes.

We decided to hike back to the car that day due to the drop in temperatures and the threatening clouds. A couple hikers on the trail warned us that snow was on the way. We were not really looking forward to an October blizzard, so we hurried up over the ridge to Sheep Lake.

With Scott "Wookie Steps" Carver leading the pack, we went huffing and puffing over the ridge in no time at all. Upon arriving at the lake, we ate a quick lunch and headed up an unmarked trail that I knew would take us back to the trailhead. Steve and Willis began to question my guiding skills when I took off straight up a rockslide toward a mountain goat. By the time we got back to the car, it was snowing, and we were ready to get off our feet. We ended the trip by going to Zims Hot Springs and soaking in the 105-degree water. I remarked while relaxing in the soothing hot springs, "This is really roughing it."

Some Suggestions:

Reading: For some more great information on backpacking the Idaho wilderness, check out these books:

-Hiking Hells Canyon and Idaho's Seven Devils Mountains by Fred Barstad

-Idaho: A Climbing Guide: Climbs, Scrambles, and Hikes by Tom Lopez

Directions: Traveling from the Boise area, take I-84 West to US Highway 55 North towards McCall (turnoff at Eagle exit). From McCall, stay on Highway 55 till you reach New Meadows. Then head North on US Highway 95. Riggins is 32 miles North from New Meadows. The turnoff is only a few miles before Riggins on the left. There will be a sign marking the Seven Devils campground. It is a quick 17 mile drive to the trailhead where one can begin hiking. -The Seven Devils/Hells Canyon area is about 150 miles north of Boise, or about a 3-hour drive.

-Zims Hot Springs is located 4 miles north of New Meadows. It is open year-round, has a swimming pool, and a mini-pool hot tub. It costs about \$6 a person and is open from 10am-10pm seven days a week.

On the Road Again

NNU takes advantage of a long weekend to explore the surrounding country side

FBI issues warnings of possible attacks

By Marie Coelho
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The FBI issued a warning last Thursday, Oct. 11 of the possibility of new terror attacks in the United States or abroad.

The stark and urgent alert offered no details about the gravity or nature of the threat and failed to indicate how or where an attack might occur.

"Certain information, while not specific as to target, gives the government reason to believe that there may be additional terrorist attacks within the United States and against US interests overseas over the next several days," the FBI said.

Senior counterintelligence officials have told the White House and Congress in classified briefings that Osama bin Laden's terror network, Al Qaeda, presents a continuing threat fully capable of renewing attacks in the US or overseas.

In the public statement Thursday, Oct. 11 the law enforcement agency said, "The FBI has again alerted all local law enforcement to be on the highest alert, and we call on all people to immediately notify the FBI and local law enforcement of any unusual or suspicious activity."

The statement provided no additional information. Yet a senior government official said that the decision to issue the warning was made after the CIA received information on Wednesday, Oct. 10 about a planned attack.

The information came from a foreign source that the agency had determined to be credible based on past experience. The information has not been confirmed by other sources and did not include any specifics about what would happen or where. The official added that in the current environment, no one in the government was prepared to do

anything but take it seriously.

The FBI and the Justice Department have repeatedly warned of new terrorist attacks, since the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. Attorney General John Ashcroft said that another attack was likely. This most recent statement was the first in which either agency had issued a warning of a possible attack within a specified period of time—in this case, several days.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9 a top aide to bin Laden, Sleiman Abou-Gheith, threatened more violence against Americans in a videotape delivered to a Qatar-based television network.

Thursday night, President Bush said at a news conference that the alert was justified and based on a general threat to the country.

"I have urged our fellow Americans to go about their lives, to fly on airplanes, to travel, to go to work," Bush said. "But I also want to encourage them by telling them their government's on full alert. And that alert put out today from the Justice Department was such an action."

Senior law enforcement officials said the heightened threat assessment, given to the White House and Congress in recent days was based on intelligence gleaned from electronic eavesdropping, as well as evidence accumulated over the past week by the FBI, CIA and foreign security agencies.

The information includes evidence of additional Al Qaeda cells in the United States and



Members of a hazardous materials unit on Saturday tested a powdery substance that was mailed to a house in West Orange, N.J. It was flour. Bioterrorism is one way in which an attack might occur.

overseas which were unknown before the Sept. 11 attacks. The officials said they believed that the hundreds of arrests of Al Qaeda followers in the United States and abroad would disrupt some of the plans for other attacks but also brought up concerns that more Al Qaeda cells might continue to operate undetected.

Documents made public in Alexandria, VA. revealed that on Wednesday, a federal grand jury indicted a 32-year-old Saudi, Khalid al-Draibi, who was arrested on Sept. 11 near Dulles International Airport in Washington. The authorities said al-Draibi had been driving a car with a flat tire and carrying flight manuals and several drivers' licenses. He was charged with lying in his visa application and with claiming to be an American citizen to the FBI.

Federal investigators have been unsettled by the discovery that other people identified as Islamic militants took flight-training courses in the United States and investigated crop-dusting aircraft for purposes that

remain unclear.

American law enforcement officials said the existence of Al Qaeda groups overseas suggested not only a threat abroad but also a threat in the United States. This is because of the investigators' determination that the hijackings were largely planned in Germany and other European countries.

The investigation conducted around

the world since Sept. 11 has resulted in a fundamentally altered conception among senior officials of what Al Qaeda is, how it operates and who guides its followers to commit terrorist acts. The group was once thought of as a dangerous, but largely undisciplined, band of aggrieved Islamic militants whose links to Osama bin Laden were mainly spiritual. But senior counter-terrorism officials said their investigation had produced a starkly different picture.

One senior investigator said that the evidence assembled since Sept. 11 suggested that Al Qaeda had some characteristics comparable to a drug cartel or mafia family.

Like members of crime organizations, Al Qaeda operatives rely on a secretive central hierarchy for money, manpower and managerial expertise.

In the case of the Sept. 11 attacks, investigators have uncovered evidence of a core group by reconstructing the movements of each of the 19 hijackers, concentrating on a few like Mohamed Atta, a central figure in the plot.

"We keep getting a better picture of where the money is com-

ing from and a better picture of who's in charge," one senior official said. "We keep trying to tie people back to ones we don't know, but we haven't been able to take it all the way back yet."

Witnesses and documents have placed Atta in Germany, Spain and the Czech Republic and possibly in Afghanistan, during the planning phase for the attacks, where he had meetings with Al Qaeda lieutenants who appeared to have supplied him with financial and logistical support, advice on false identity documents and personnel.

One senior law enforcement official said the government had not known much about Al Qaeda until after the East Africa Embassy bombings in 1998. Though it began to accelerate in Oct. 2000, their knowledge grew with painstaking slowness over the years after the attack on the Navy destroyer Cole.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, officials said, more than 500 Arab immigrants had been arrested or detained, most on immigration charges that could result in their deportation but not in criminal charges.

Al-Draibi, the indicted Saudi man, is accused of having made false statements to obtain an American visa last January from the United States Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

According to the indictment, al-Draibi lied when he claimed in his visa application that he was coming to the United States for one month to visit his brother.

Al-Draibi's lawyer, Drewry B. Hutcheson Jr., acknowledged in an interview that al-Draibi had no brother in the United States.

Hutcheson said that al-Draibi had consistently insisted that he had no connection with the Sept. 11 attacks and knew none of the 19 hijackers.

Local man asks Nampa Public Library to pull books

By Jayna Poe
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Upon walking into a public library, it is generally expected that there should be a book or reference on the topic being searched for. Some of these subjects are inappropriate for young children, and Allen Marsh is trying to rid the Nampa library of questionable material.

Currently, in the Nampa Public Library, there is some material that could be inappropriate for children. However, it is not available for them to check out without permission. Library cards are issued to minors only with parental consent, and par-

ents are allowed access to information such as what their children have been checking out, be it books, periodicals or movies.

The majority of the materials that Marsh is requesting be made inaccessible to patrons through the library is sexually explicit. "There are materials on sex which have no business in a public library," Marsh stated at a library council meeting last week. To accompany his complaint, he had a petition with nearly 400 signatures supporting his opinion.

The Library has agreed to respond in writing to these complaints and also to consider the

merits of a more conservative library association in accordance with a request made by Nampa City Councilman Steven Kren.

Laurene Stanford, outgoing chairwoman of the Library Board said of the situation, "I'm tired of being called a defender of pornography...I think we work very hard to be responsible." Stanford also pointed out that the library does not allow minors to obtain a library card without the consent of a parent or guardian.

In addition to the precautions taken to keep explicit material out of the hands of minors, the amount of material being com-

plained about is very small in proportion to the Library's entire collection of material.

After presenting their complaints to the Nampa City Council, it was decided that any changes in the Library's policy would be decided by the Library Board.

The concern expressed by the Library Board on Thursday, Oct. 9 was that if they responded to this special interest group by removing books from the shelves, then they would be expected to respond in like manner to other complaints from different special interest groups.

The Board is going to con-

sider Marsh's request that they look into joining an organization called Family Friendly Libraries, which is a conservative library organization catering to the needs of a family friendly public service as opposed to keeping their affiliation with the American Library Association, which offers a comprehensive package of services to members.

Karen Ganske, Library Director said that Family Friendly Libraries sounded more like a special interest group than anything else but agreed that they would look into possibilities with the organization.

US, British forces launch additional airstrikes

By Marie Coelho
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The United States and Britain continued air strikes on Saturday against Taliban military targets near two major Afghan cities. An additional Navy aircraft carrier, the Theodore Roosevelt, passed through the Suez Canal and steamed toward the Arabian Sea.

After a brief easing of its bombardment on Friday due to the Muslim holy day, American attack planes struck the airports in Kabul, the Afghan capital and in the southern city of Kandahar, the Taliban stronghold before dawn on Saturday, Oct. 13.

British submarines fired Tomahawk cruise missiles in the first British attacks since the opening salvos last Sunday.

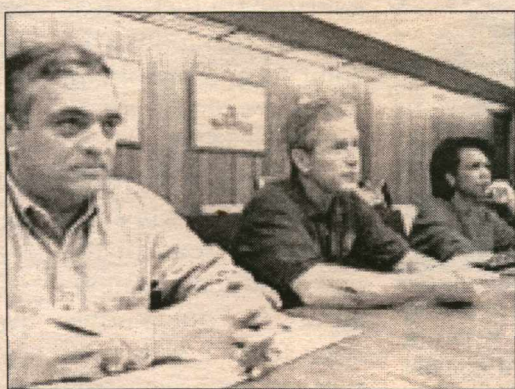
Navy officials said when the Roosevelt and its air wing of more than 40 F-14 and F-18 fighter-bombers arrive, they will have the largest massing of naval air power since the Persian Gulf War when six carriers attacked Iraq from the gulf and Red Sea.

A senior Navy official said the Roosevelt would relieve another

carrier, the Enterprise, after a few days, underscoring the military's recognition that the war on terrorism is a marathon, not a sprint, and that the Pentagon is already working to rotate its forces.

For years, the Navy has held its six-month deployments as an almost inviolate rule, except in wartime, to retain crews and ease the burden on Navy families at home.

The Enterprise had finished its tour in the gulf and was bound for its homeport in Norfolk, VA., when the Pentagon ordered it to stay put after the attacks in the United States on Sept. 11.



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President Bush meets with advisors to talk about recent developments in the campaign against terrorism.

"This is meant to be a global campaign over time, so we have to use our resources wisely," said one Navy admiral.

With the Taliban air defenses largely destroyed, F-14 and F-18 fighter bombers based on two carriers, the Enterprise and the Carl Vinson, are now operating round-the-clock patrols over Afghanistan, said a senior Navy official, ready to pummel any "targets of opportunity" that show up on the battlefield.

These targets, detected by American intelligence working closely with the Taliban's

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Afghan foes on the ground, could include military convoys, aircraft or other forces associated with Bin Laden's Al Qaeda network.

One of the other carriers in the Arabian Sea, the Kitty Hawk, left behind most of its air wing to make room for helicopters that could be used for commando raids into Afghanistan.

"We can and will be operating at any point around the clock," Rear Admiral Craig Quigley, a Pentagon spokesman, said.

Even as the air campaign revved up again, Tajikistan sent reinforcements to its borders with Taliban-con-

trolled areas of Afghanistan. Russian forces stationed in Tajikistan, the former Central Asian Soviet republic, reported fighting on the Afghan side of the frontier. This last week, Tajikistan gave the United States permission to use its air space and bases for military operations.

Afghanistan's opposition alliance claimed fresh victories on the ground against Taliban forces. A commander of the Northern Alliance, the ragtag rebel group that controls 5 to 10 percent of the country, said that three villages in a northern province had been seized by the alliance.

That claim could not be independently confirmed, but senior Defense Department officials attached credibility to reports on Friday that anti-Taliban forces had seized Chaghcharan, an important provincial capital in the north-central part of the country.

There were conflicting reports of whether the renewed fighting on the ground was coordinated with the American air strikes. "Pakistan has asked the United States not to bomb the front line," said a Northern Alliance commander at Bagram, 20 miles north of Kabul. "It does not want the Northern Alliance to go to Kabul."

Other Northern Alliance officials, however, have said anti-Taliban forces would delay an offensive against Kabul until American air strikes softened up Taliban forces.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said that the armed opposition in Afghanistan should move against the Taliban in areas where the United States has bombed — in the north, for example, near Mazar-i-Sharif, but not against front line Taliban troops north of Kabul.

"We feel we have done a certain amount with respect to those Taliban and Al Qaeda military targets and it may very well be more appropriate for ground forces to be moving in areas where we previously have been bombing," said Rumsfeld in Washington.

News Briefs

Anthrax found in Senate leader's mail

A letter opened Monday in the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax, prompting a criminal investigation into a bioterrorism scare that has now spread to Capitol Hill.

Capitol Police Lt. Dan Nichols said the letter, which was opened by Daschle aides, contained a powdery substance. He said two preliminary field tests on the letter were positive for anthrax. The letter was then sent to an Army medical research facility at Fort Detrick, Md., for further tests.

"There was an exposure when the letter was opened," Nichols said.

People who were exposed were being treated with Cipro, an antibiotic, said a Capitol physician. There was no immediate indication whether any of those exposed had anthrax spores in their bodies.

Daschle said his office in the Hart building a block from the Capitol had been quarantined and closed. Emergency medical vehicles were parked outside the building.

He said there were 40 people in his office at the time, but that he doesn't know how many of them may have come in contact with the letter. He said he also was gratified that the response was so quick.

Bush denies Taliban request for negotiations

President Bush forcefully rejected another offer from the Taliban today to begin talks about the surrender of Osama bin Laden if the United States stopped bombing Afghanistan.

"When I said no negotiations, I meant no negotiations," Bush told reporters upon landing on the South Lawn of the White House after returning from a weekend of intensive national security briefings at Camp David.

Bush spoke as American aircraft continued to bomb Kabul and other cities in Afghanistan and while Islamic militants opposed to the campaign clashed with the police while trying to storm an air base in Pakistan.

"All they've got to do is turn him over, and his colleagues, and the thugs he hides," Bush said. He added: "And not only turn him over, turn the Al Qaeda organization over, destroy all the terrorist camps — actually, we're doing a pretty good job of that right now — and release the hostages they hold. That's all they've got to do. But there is no negotiation, period."

Indian army shells Pakistanian positions

The Indian army fired mortar shells and rockets at Pakistani positions across the cease-fire line in Kashmir on Monday and said it had caused "widespread damage and destruction." India said the attacks were launched to punish Pakistan for aiding Islamic militants in the disputed province.

It was the heaviest fighting in 10 months along the volatile border. India's Defense Ministry said 12 guerrillas were killed in the fighting, while an army statement said 11 had died. Pakistan, in turn, said that Indian shelling had killed a woman and injured 25 other civilians. Claims by the two sides could not immediately be reconciled.

The clashes took place while U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was in Pakistan. He was scheduled to be in India Tuesday during his mission to the subcontinent, aimed in part at easing tensions between the two nuclear-armed South Asian neighbors. They have fought two wars over the divided Himalayan province in the past 50 years.

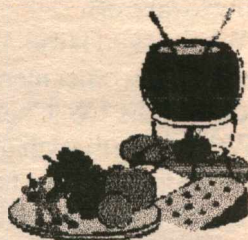
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American planes bomb village of Karam

By Amber Adams
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In a country far away, a small village lies in ruins. This village is Karam, located in the hills of eastern Afghanistan. American planes bombed Karam on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Why the attack was made might never be known, though villagers say that once there was a training camp for Islamic guerrillas located nearby. It was also confirmed that this base has been closed for several years.

For whatever reasons the village was bombed, it has brought out several different views and passions from the villagers. They reported that 53 people had died with only 22 bodies having been recovered. They also commented that the radical Islamic Taliban government seemed to be inflating the death toll. One paper reported nearly 100 people dead while the *Afghan Islamic Press* quoted an official as saying the death toll was 160 and was expected to exceed 200.

Finally, many papers placed

the death toll at anywhere from 200 to 500, referring to all the dead as "martyred." None of the reports could be confirmed, however, and sources for most stories printed in the Afghanistan papers at this time are not reliable or remain unnamed.

Many Afghanistan natives are now crying out for vengeance against what America has done to innocent people of the nation. People in Karam said they had felt in no particular danger of an American attack. "We were eating our late meal when the planes came, dropping their bombs," said Shah Mehmood, a farmer. "I was knocked out completely, and I still have shrapnel in my neck. My 8-year-old son, Najib, he was knocked out, too, but I think he will be okay now."

Still, others try to make sense of where the evil is coming from. Maulvi Abdullah Haijazi, an elder from a nearby village, had come to assist the village after the bombings. "These



Soldiers of the Northern Alliance boarding a truck near the village of Khwaja Bahaouddin on their way to fight against the Taliban in northern Afghanistan.

people don't support the Taliban," he said. "They always say the Taliban are doing this or that and they don't like it. But now they will all fight the Americans. We pray to Allah that we have American soldiers to kill. These bombs from the sky we cannot fight."

Rage against Americans heightens, and the public is led on in their rage by several anti-American protesters who have published in newspapers offers for American soldiers.

One such announcement was from Al Qaeda offering \$50,000 for the capture of an American soldier and \$3,000

for the uniform of a dead one. People are outraged everywhere by the loss of innocent blood in the fight to end terrorism. Many cry out for President Bush to "die."

All are confused by those in power who twist what they read in the news and see on television. No one knows what to do and who to turn to. America's true fight is twisted in the pub-

lics mind to seem as though it is selfish gain and they are bent on slaughter. One such newspaper, an Urdu paper called the *Jang*, ran a front-page cartoon portraying Uncle Sam as a munitions dealer boasting that his latest products were being field-tested in Afghanistan.

Americans have voiced their sadness over the loss of innocent lives and try to speak to Afghanistan showing them that it is not the shedding of innocent blood that they were after. "There is no question but that when one is engaged militarily that there are going to be unintended loss of life," Mr.

Rumsfeld said on a day when the bombardment had slowed. "And there's no question but that I and anyone involved regrets the unintended loss of life."

In times of confusion when it seems that there is no answer and the human mind is twisted by every manipulative source we so dearly relied on in the past, there must be something to turn to, and the only thing that remained sure is truth.

It costs dearly to hold onto, and it costs more to find. Once found however, it will set free those long enslaved by confusion and hatred. What can be fought against that is not first understood?

A protester on the streets in Afghanistan, this one with an unkempt beard and a raging tone in his voice, declared that the Muslims of the world had decided to wage jihad against the Americans.

Yet another man intervened. "We will have our vengeance," he said as he unfolded a newspaper and pointed to the news about the village of Karam.

Government warns Americans of plausible threats

By Sarah Chase
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On Friday, Oct. 12 the government received plausible threats of impending attacks by terrorists against Americans overseas or within the US, pointing perhaps toward as early a date as Sunday, the 14, reported senior officials of the government. However, the most believable of the intelligence reports stayed generic, as did the report that caused the FBI to give a warning notifying of the possibility of attacks "over the next several days."

This assessment that possibly pointed toward an "attack by Sunday" is from the new data given by overseas and American law enforcement, including intelligence agencies, and an enlightened observance at the intelligence that precipitated the alert on Thursday. The newest assessment increased Thursday's alert but did not stand for another threat, said officials.

One official commented that the data was baffling because of its incompleteness. "It's an accumulation of tidbits. It's nothing that tips the reading on the dial up or down, and it's still nothing specific," he said.

Meanwhile, it was stated by officials that they had not found evidence of a link joining the un-failing terror threats and the

cases recently of exposure to anthrax in Florida and New York - or in between the cases concerning anthrax in Florida and New York.

Nevertheless, Dick Cheney, the Vice President, announced that even though there is no concrete evidence of any link joining terrorism with the cases of anthrax, the government needs to proceed on the basis that it could be linked.

Officials for the Bush administration acted unbothered that their remarks chanced alarming an already unsettled public when an alert was communicated for two days in a row that had no information concerning the where and how of a possible attack.

The warning was an attempt to be cautious, as regarded by counter-terrorism officials. Officials were thwarted in their ability to give details since the reports, encompassing the overseas communications which were intercepted, yielded no more specific signs.

Later on Friday, Bush announced that all Americans are still under terrorist threats but gave no more specific information. He said, "Our nation is still in danger, but the government is doing everything in our power to protect our citizenry."

John Ashcroft, the Attorney General, declared that Americans "must be mindful that the threat of additional terrorist acts is real," also stating that "the alert issued yesterday by the FBI should promote caution, not incite alarm."

Ashcroft said, "All possible measures are being taken to detect and prevent future attacks, to both incapacitate and deter would-be terrorists."

Even so, officials of the government were uneasy and some-

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times doubtful of how to rate the flow of threatening and wrathful letters, e-mails and telephone calls that daily reach authorities of law enforcement.

At one time on Friday, officials of the government reported that they had obtained facts pointing toward possibly an attack on Chicago's Sears World Tower. Threats against California's Disneyland and Florida's Disney World were reported by additional officials. Sometime after that, high-level officials of counter-terrorism stated they had not heard about any such threat.

Also on Friday, staff members at Capitol Hill were instructed on new procedures for mail handling for security. The Capitol police and lawmakers discussed options to regulate the access of the public to the Capitol prior to the constructing of a "planned visitors center."

Cheney, when interviewed on "The NewsHour," a PBS program, said a man held currently in custody was identified by authorities of federal law enforcement as who they are convinced was intended to be the "20th hijacker on Sept. 11." He said, "We think we may have that individual in custody, but we don't know for sure."

The man was identified previously by law enforcement officials as Zacarias Moussaoui, a Moroccan descendant individual with French citizenry.

In August, he was arrested because a Minnesota Flight School turned suspicious of his attempt to master steering a jet of large proportions without learning either how to land or how to take off.

When asked if the Al Qaeda network has other members residing in the US, Cheney said "We're doing everything we can to wrap them up, but I think the only safe assumption is that there may well be others here."

The second indictment was announced by the Justice Department of one of over 600 people detained or arrested since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11. This indictment, made by a Phoenix federal grand jury, put a man from Arizona under the accusation of giving false information to the FBI His denial of knowing a man suspected of smashing into the Pentagon with an airliner in the Sept. 11 attack.

This suspect, Faisal Michael al-Salmi of Tempe, denied to FBI agents any knowledge of Hani Hanjour, deemed to be one hijacker on the American Airlines jet. His nationality was withheld by the department.

"Investigators discovered that al-Salmi had known Hanjour and had spoken with him on several occasions, including at least one occasion when they spoke of a mutual interest in aviation," said the department.

Salmi received a "second count of the indictment" for his denial of speaking with Rayed Mohammed Abdullah, another witness, concerning Abdullah's interview earlier with the FBI.

Upon announcing the indictment, Ashcroft said that it "serves as a reminder the Department of Justice will bring the full weight of the law upon those who attempt to impede or hinder this investigation."

Armor of Faith protects those who believe

By Melody Eaton
Opinions Writer

Imagine you are standing on the front line of a war zone. The air is filled with smoke. The noise of exploding bombs next to you is deafening. The methodical death clip of machine guns is nearing you. Poisonous yellow gas begins to rise around you.

The people near you put on gas masks and drop to the ground. They pick up their guns. They prepare, but you just stand there.

Instead of preparing yourself, you are wondering about what you are doing next weekend. You don't even realize a battle is going on. Sounds like

you are dead meat.

We are at war. Whether or not we realize it, there is a spiritual battle taking place daily. Sometimes we get so caught up in the tangible elements of the world that we forget about this spiritual battle. In astronomy, I learned a principle of the universe. "For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." This principle can be applied to the spiritual realm as well. Being a Christian is not easy, because our weapons are not carnal but spiritual through the pulling down of strongholds. The devil is a dumb deceiver, but we have ways to always win against his tactics.

One of the most vital ways

to win against the enemy is by putting on the armor of God daily. By doing this, we are preparing ourselves to go into battle and come out victorious. When the enemy attacks us with dirt, we have a comeback by donning the armor.

Devil's Dirt Discouragement: You don't have anything to offer. You are a failure as a Christian. Look how you keep messing up!

King's Kid Comeback: Liar! I will put on the belt of truth. He who began a good work in me will be faithful to complete it.

Devil's Dirt Distraction: Go ahead and watch that movie, listen to that music, join in with coarse jokes. It doesn't really

matter. Besides, you will have a good time.

King's Kid Comeback: I will put on the breastplate of righteousness. I want God to protect my heart from anything that distracts me from Him.

Devil's Dirt Doubt: You don't have what it takes to witness and be a light to those around you.

King's Kid Comeback: I will shod my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Wherever I go, I should be ready to talk about God.

Devil's Dirt Doubt: You keep slipping. Maybe God doesn't really want you. And you think God is going to move on this campus—baloney—that is

just a figment of your imagination.

King's Kid Comeback: You can't get to me. I have a shield of faith. God is a big God, who uses even weakness and He will do what He has promised.

Devil's Dirt Deception: You're too tired and/or busy to read your Bible—you can always do it later.

King's Kid Comeback: No! I need the sword of the spirit right now, especially when I am tired or busy.

By doing this, we will not let the enemy get a foothold in our life. God's weapons are powerful. All we have to do is claim them.

Understanding what God is all about

By Robert Kizer
Guest Writer

Two weeks ago, Oct. 5, at our silent chapel, the campus was given an opportunity to testify about developments in their spiritual journeys in relation to Spiritual Emphasis week with Dr. Jerry Porter. After listening to the testimonies, I must conclude that little happened to people's spirits outside of Time Out's "Contagious Christian" message. Out of the several people who stood up, only one had anything to do with Jerry's messages. Did any good come from Spiritual Emphasis week? Jerry's awesome message of love and the sanctification of the tongue on Thursday sure inspired and matured my spirit.

Did God work through Jerry to develop anyone else's spiritual walk. If so, please let the campus community know.

Most importantly, I heard something from one of the testifiers that really disturbed me. She said something to the effect of we shouldn't try to figure out God. While I intend no offense to the person who said this, the comment is absurd and naive. *Reason must be a vital part of our walk with God.* We cannot simply believe Scripture. *We must digest it through our own (God given) reason in order for it to mean anything.* What good is a book about God if

we are not going to find out whom this God is? While I do believe that we must follow the spirit, we must use our heads. We must test the spirits to see whether they are of God (1 John 4:1 RSV).

We must understand that God does not intend for us to

we are going to understand it. Many people say that a relationship with God is not a head-thing but a heart-thing. I would say that a relationship with God is not only a heart-thing, but also a head-thing. Many people say that God should be our best friend. If

God is to be our friend, we need to know God. I know my best

friend better than anyone else. We need to know God in a similar way.

It is interesting to me that a person who is a science major took this extreme non-empirical approach to Scripture and to God. It would seem that a "skeptic" would think more critically.

My brother, for example, who is extremely skeptical, thinks through every theological statement I make and presents the logical outcome. Many times he points out natural fallacies in my arguments. Thus, I have to rethink my understanding of God. One cannot dismiss the massacres that the children of Israel took part in. One cannot dismiss the thought of a loving God who sends people to hell. One cannot ignore the fact that a healing and loving God lets people die of cancer. These issues and many more need some "figuring out." Let's use a little reason. While there is a lot out there that might not ever be answered to its fullest extent, we must try.

"Reason must be a vital part of our walk with God."

Spending quality time with our Father

"My Jesus, I love Thee,
I know Thou art mine.
For Thee, all the follies
of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer,
my Savior art Thou.
If ever I loved Thee,
my Jesus 'tis now."

It's a wonderful thing that we live in free America and have the right to meet publicly and sing songs like this on a regular basis. It's amazing that we can attend a Christian university and become well educated on common thought patterns of Christendom and persons of faith gone by. We study the Bible in school, pray before class and get to attend corporate services at least three times a week. We are well versed in theology, doctrine and philosophy, and know much about the things of God.

And now here's the question of the week: Does your theology draw you deeper in love with the person of Jesus, His Word, His ways, His thoughts, His attitudes, His desires, His passions? Is your search for truth through systematic study of God beckoning you into an intimate alliance with Almighty God?

God is love (I John 4:8, 4:16). He defines the word. The multifaceted God who is healer, provider, faithful, hope, peace and a multiplicity of other beautiful characteristics is made out of love. God = Love. Since theology is in fact the study of God, the natural progression is to think that the more a student knows about God, the more a student knows about love, the nature and makeup of love, how to love.

In normal Christianity today,



Brent Earwicker

we have learned much *about* God and haven't always taken the time to actually *know* God. Thus, we know about love, know in theory how to love God and be loved by Him, but have not necessarily stepped into the vast depths of what this means. As the Church, and more specifically as a campus, we must turn our search for the

perfect theology into the pursuit of the knowledge of God.

In Ephesians 3, Paul prays that the church could comprehend the width, length, depth, and height of the love of Christ—"to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge..." (v.18-19). I know deep inside that my Daddy loves me. Not because I read it in a book or because a man in a suit told me so, but because He showed me Himself and let me taste a smidgen of His love for me. Now I know my Jesus loves me, and it's too great for me to comprehend, but I know it—and I love Him all the more for it.

This is what life was meant for—intimate fellowship between God and His people. We were created for this fellowship, we were designed to be fulfilled only through this relationship.

This is what worship is all about—intimate communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. In this setting of pouring out our love on the Lord, He can't help but gush Himself back onto us—the divine exchange. Paul called everything else in life trash next to knowing Jesus Christ in this intimate way (Phil. 3:8). Once you taste the affection of the Lord, it will consume you while all other things pale in comparison.

Can we please put an end to mundane religion, to the traditions of men, to the fact that we are "spiritual" out of duty or habit? These things keep us from experiencing the fullness of the love of God. Dead religion keeps us from the original intent of Creator God, who made us for intimate fellowship, not for

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Intoxicants compel man to go where no man has gone before

It's time for "Guys In Science," the feature in which we report on the heroic efforts of guys, using scientific knowledge, to explore, and exceed, the limits of common sense.

We begin with this **IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVISORY:** The activities described here are very dangerous. These activities were engaged in by expert guys with specialized experience in such fields as physics and accordion repair. Do NOT attempt any of these activities unless you have a signed statement from a medical doctor certifying that, in his professional opinion, you are a moron who deserves to die. Do not even READ this column without safety goggles.

Our first guy is Simon Hansen of Auckland, New Zealand, where guys are called "blokes." According to Simon's Web site (<http://www.asciimation.co.nz/beer/>), brought to my attention by many alert guy readers, Simon was in his garage, when he realized that he had a very serious guy problem: His beer

was warm.

Now, many people, faced with this problem, would solve it via some low-tech, unscientific method such as putting the beer on ice, or in a refrigerator. But Simon Hansen is not "many people." He decided to cool his beer by — I am not making this up — building a jet engine. He welded it together, largely from automobile parts, right there in his garage.

To understand how a jet engine could make beer cold, you need to know something about physics. Fortunately, I studied physics under the legendary Mr. Heideman at Pleasantville High School. Unfortunately, we frittered away our time studying such topics as the fulcrum, and never got to the part about cooling beer with a jet engine.

But if I follow Simon's explanation, the whole purpose of his engine is to suck the fuel — liquid petroleum gas — very rapidly out of a fuel tank. For some reason, possibly involving molecules, this rapid sucking action — in addition to being a good name for a rock band —



Dave Barry

causes the fuel tank to get very cold. So when Simon wants to chill a can of beer, he simply puts it into a tub of water, puts the fuel tank into the tub, fires up his jet engine, and, voila, he is deaf. That's because his engine has a noise level of 125 decibels. To give you an idea what that means: If you were exposed to that many decibels, at close range and without ear protection, you would be sitting in my son's car.

So, yes, it's noisy. But there's an old saying among scientific guys: "You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs, ideally by dropping a cement truck on them from a crane." The bottom line is this: When Simon ran his jet engine, his beer-can temperature decreased from 11 degrees C to 2 degrees C in just five minutes. This is very

impressive, and would be even more so if we knew what a "C" was.

The important thing is that this guy, using science, has found a new, innovative and — above all — loud way to cool beer. Perhaps this will inspire other guys to come up with an even MORE scientific method, such as shooting beer cans into outer space, or sending them backward in time to the Ice Age.

That's how your major scientific discoveries are made, and that's why, in the interest of progress, it is so very important, when a guy is in his garage, never to interrupt him with petty requests that he mow the lawn, take out the garbage, go to his wedding, etc.

For our other example of Guys in Science, we go to San Francisco, where a guy named Kimric Smythe — who makes his living in the field of accordion sales and repair — recently attached several ordinary household vacuum cleaners to a propane fuel line, then turned them on. As you have no doubt realized, he had a scientific reason for doing this: To see

what happens.

It turns out that what happens is very bad for the vacuum cleaners. I have some photographs of the experiment sent to me by Kimric's proud father, Bill Smythe. Some of the vacuum cleaners briefly transform into rockets, but pretty soon, as Kimric informed me in a telephone interview, they tend to suffer a major appliance malfunction, sometimes involving shrapnel.

This is an important experiment, because it proves, scientifically, that it would be a big mistake, no matter how tempting it may be, for us to try to build rockets using vacuum cleaners powered by propane. Somebody should tell NASA immediately. Maybe you could do that, OK? I'm going to have a cold one.

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Spending quality time with our Father: worship

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quotas, programs and works. Skip the Easter drama and the living Christmas tree; strip away the beautiful worship band and multimedia, the comfortable prayers, service times and dress codes, and what would we really have left? A vital, living church will have everything it needs even after being stripped of all excess. Many churches would be left wanting.

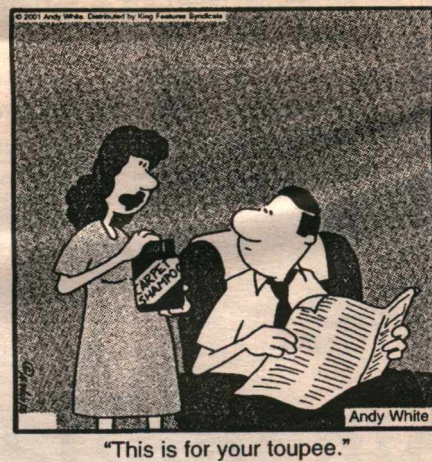
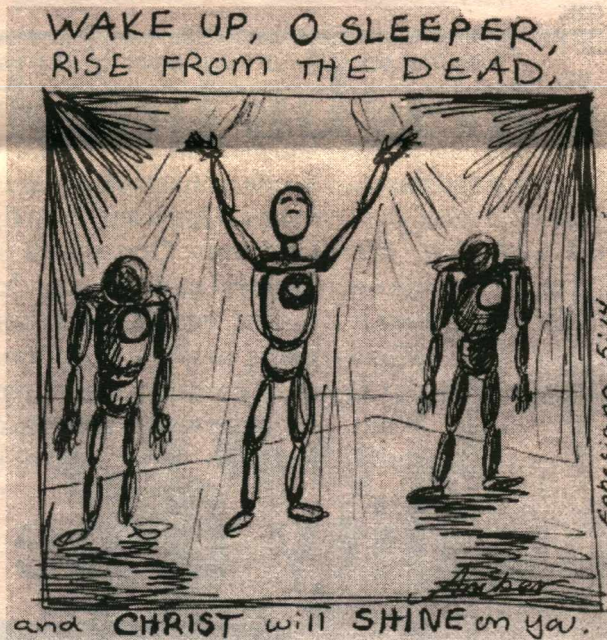
We must quit looking at worship styles, color schemes, feelings and length of service as our evaluation of the "success" of a corporate meeting. Did you get to know Jesus? Did you fall more in love with Him today? Did you just learn things about Him or actually spend time with Him, basking in His presence? Intimacy with the One we love must be our goal, our passion and the underlying current to everything we attempt to do in the Kingdom of God. For this purpose we were created, and for this purpose we must strive.

What if our churches today were actually consumed with the two greatest commandments (loving God and loving the neighbors)? What if we didn't do things because that's the way

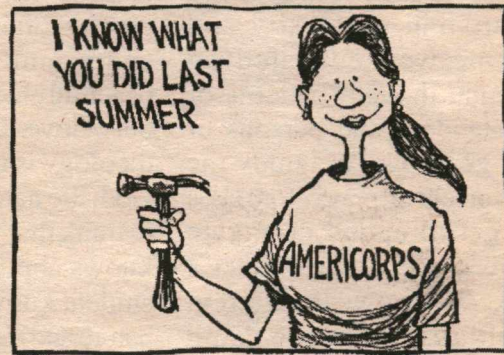
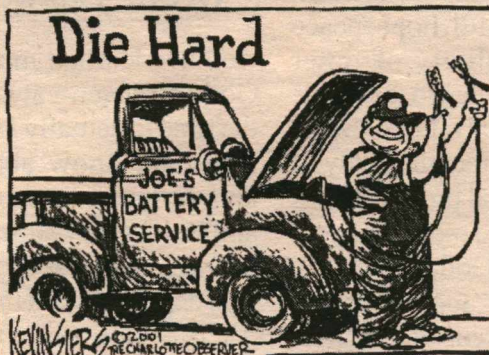
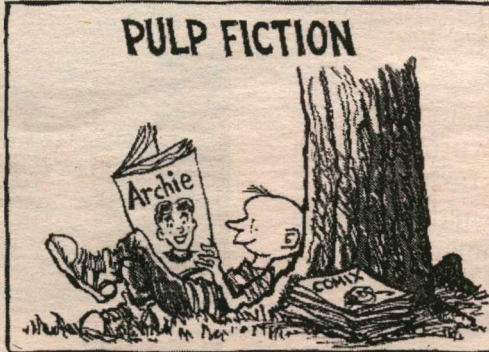
we're supposed to and always have, but because the Word of God said so and we are so in love with Him and His every word that we simply obey? The Body of Christ would be revolutionized! Not to mention the world.

All of a sudden, attending church would not be so comfortable. Service won't get out on time since no one wants to leave the presence of the One they love. Restaurants will lose business because the church folk want the Word of God more than they want food. Service would not be quiet anymore due to the uninhibited, longing cries of the heart during intense times of worship. The people of God are consumed with the one thought of sitting at His feet in adoration.

We must learn to abide in Him, and to wait in His presence. Worship and wait. Pray and seek with faith, and you'll find Him. Read the Psalms, fall on your face and dwell on Him for awhile. Spend an hour or three focused on Him and waiting for Him. Throw up your hands in worship, surrender and feel Him rush to love on you. Yield yourself up to Him, He longs to love on you.



NEWS ITEM: RESPONDING TO NATIONAL TRAGEDY, HOLLYWOOD REVISES VIOLENT FILMS:



Two is company, three is a crime



Billy Bob Thornton, Kate Blanchett, and Bruce Willis star in *Bandits*.
Courtesy imdb.com

Aaron Gentry and Aaron Bly

John Cusack and Jeremy Piven star in the romantic comedy, *Serendipity*.
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By Aaron Gentry
Opinion Writer

Bandits is the true story of a trio of fugitives—two bank robbers and the woman they both love. When the suave Joe (Bruce Willis) and his hypochondriac partner, Terry (Billy-Bob Thornton), escaped from prison, they instantly turn back to their bank-robbing roots and try to steal their way into a semi-legitimate lifestyle south of the border. After barely pulling off a bank job in the wake of their jailbreak, they kidnap a teenage couple in a house and think up a new bank-robbing scheme.

Terry's new idea is to kidnap the bank manager and his family the night before, and rob the bank in the morning. After only one bank job, their fame spreads quickly, gaining them much publicity and adoring fans. So, they begin politely robbing banks throughout the west coast on their slow move to Mexico.

Their operation is running smoothly until they have an unexpected run-in with Kate (Cate Blanchett), who is drawn to the thieves as a way to escape her ordinary life. To Kate, they combine to make the perfect man. Things get more complicated when the police and media assume that Kate is

their hostage and organize a massive manhunt to save her from the clutches of Joe and Terry. Along for the ride is their lookout man, who is a 'wannabe' movie stunt man, played by Troy Garity. Also hitchhiking her way through the movie is January Jones, who plays 'the girl in the pink boots.'

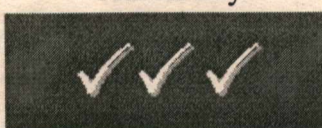
Bandits was just barely beaten out at the Box Office this weekend by last week's *Training Day*, starring Denzel Washington. This weekend, *Training Day* scored a measly \$13.5 million, while *Bandits* came running in only a split second behind with \$13.4 million. Expecting earnings of upwards of \$20 million, many blame the upset opening on bad publicity and a misfiring advertising campaign. But while some critics have said that this was an average movie, I felt it was much more deserving.

The acting was (as expected) very convincing, and the characters were well drawn and true-to-life... maybe not yours or mine, but someone's. The film's combination of action, story and comedy, with just a few smidges of sappy romance, place it solidly in good company. Spliced with scenes from a "blow out" ending and seasoned with almost documentary-style narration, the flow of the film

Bandits
Aaron Gentry



Serendipity
Aaron Bly



Crusader Reviews

Our Rating System

- ★★★★ Great movie! Shows signs of a possible classic
- ★★★ A definite pick for a weekend movie
- ★★ See it at least once, it might make you a better person
- ★ The sticky stuff on the floor is more interesting
- ☞ Eating the stuff on the floor would be more interesting

keeps you enthralled. It sucks you in, makes you wince, cracks you up and then leaves you very satisfied at the end.

This movie just falls short of the possible classic category, not because it's bad, but just because it lacks that little indescribable 'oomph' that those classic movies have. It should be noted that *Bandits* has some sexual content, but no nudity, some bad language, and some violence. Not enough violence that it compares to most of Mr. Willis' films, but enough to warn away young children. All in all, *Bandits* is a great movie to see with friends, family and a definite date movie.

By Aaron Bly
Opinions Writer

Serendipity is a romantic comedy that has a nearly perfect mix of both romance and comedy. It is also the only movie presently in theaters that has any romance at all.

This is a shame because romantic movies, when done well, can be very entertaining as an antidote to the action movies and serious dramas that usually dominate the box office. But at least something is better than nothing, and *Serendipity* is definitely something.

It's the simple story of John Cusack (*America's Sweethearts*, *High Fidelity*) meeting Kate Beckinsale (*Pearl Harbor*) and falling in love. However instead of simply living happily ever after, fate has different plans and causes them to separate for several years before they meet again.

Each of them longs for the other while trying to move on with their lives. And, of course, neither of them remains single and they are about to be married to the wrong people.

The dilemma the film presents for both of the main characters is over whether they should continue with their current lives or continue to search for their long lost loves.

On a comedic level, *Serendipity* is one of the best of 2001. The highlights surround two of the supporting actors: Jeremy Piven (*Rush Hour 2*, *The Family Man*), who plays Cusack's best friend, and Eugene Levy (*American Pie 2*, *Best in Show*), who plays a clerk at the department store where Cusack's and Beckinsale's characters first met.

Piven and Cusack have a wonderful chemistry that fuels many comedic scenes. (They have been in several movies together and are friends in real life.) And although Levy only appears in a few scenes, they

are hilarious because of his unique brand of comedy. Additionally, Molly Shannon (*Saturday Night Live*) plays Beckinsale's best friend and is part of a comedic moment or two.

On a romantic level, *Serendipity* is also one of the best of 2001, mainly because of the lack of competition. Perhaps *Bridget Jones's Diary* or *Moulin Rouge* succeeded at having true romantic elements, *Serendipity* can be added to this exclusive list.

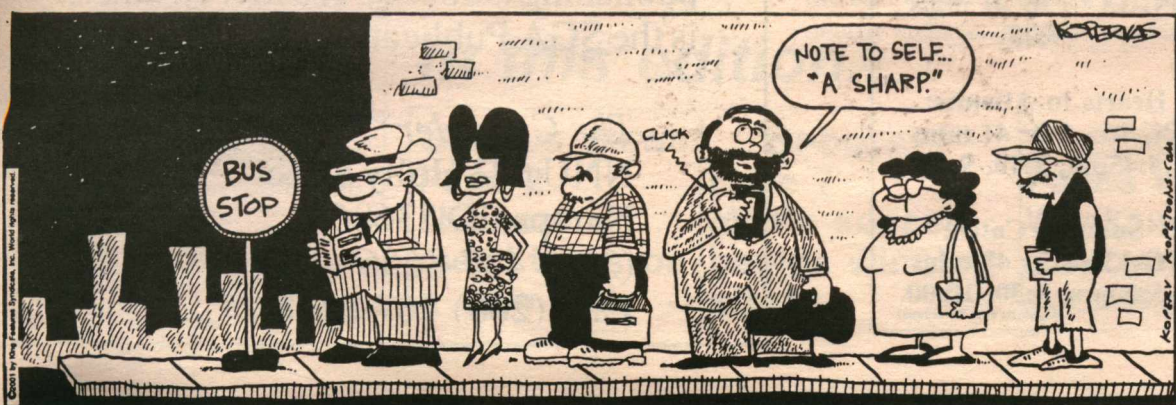
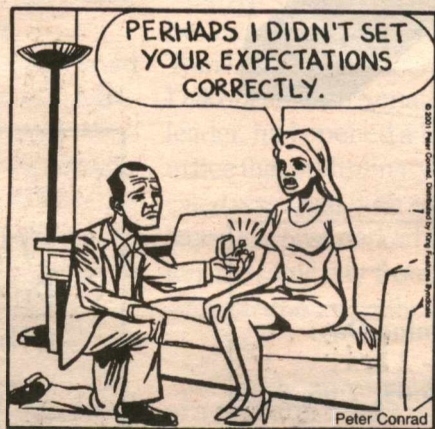
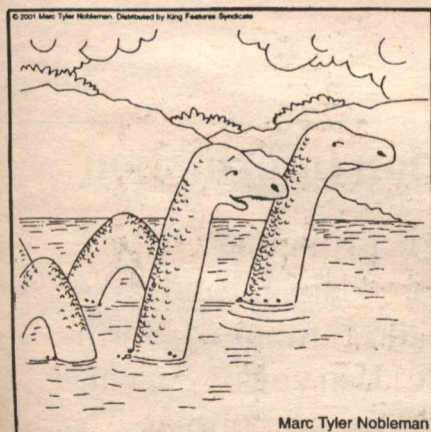
The trick to making a romantic movie work is developing the characters enough so that the audience actually wishes the main characters would fall in love and ride off into the sunset, whether they actually do at the end or not is irrelevant.

While watching *Serendipity*, you do indeed want Cusack's and Beckinsale's characters to have that final moment where they find each other and they embrace and kiss as snow is slowly falling down, and the audience sheds a tear while the lives presented on the screen seem so perfect and joyful. Of course, the main reason why I felt this way was because Beckinsale is amazingly beautiful. (Too bad she's married.)

Anyway, *Serendipity* is not perfect, as it is somewhat contrived in its formula and is rather predictable. It still succeeds in being romantic and funny and worth the money you spent on it—especially if you have a date.

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8. Well Done Vegetable Dish
7. Overripe Pumpkin Pie
6. Vertically Challenged Midget Friend
5. Well Dressed Peacock
4. Gorgeous Ignorant Moose
3. Sweet Smelling Burnt Popcorn
2. Smart, Funny, Sexy Pizza Face
1. Bubblicious Bag of Melted Cheese

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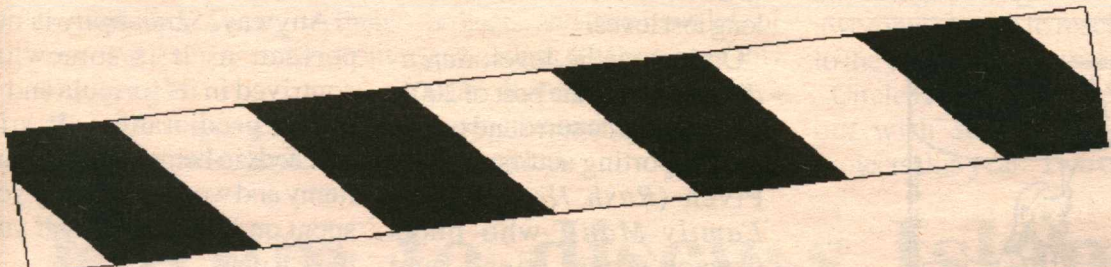
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