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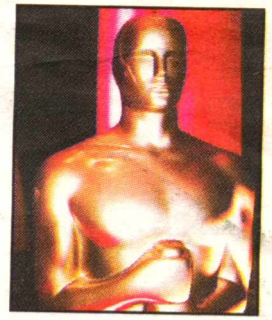
Students and staff talk about their craziest antics with staff of "The Crusader."

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"Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety."  
-Charles Wesley

## Women's basketball takes down Seattle Univ.

### Williams leads with 25 points

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

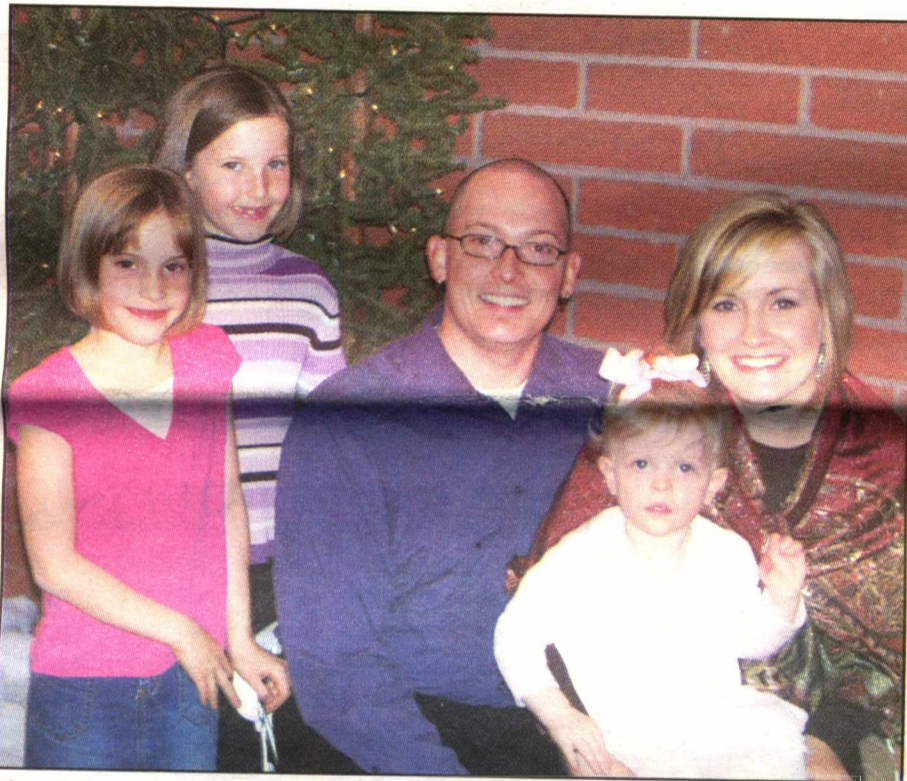
The NNU women's basketball team beat Seattle University on Saturday night. With the win, NNU maintains a solid third spot in the GNAC, a game and a half ahead of fourth-placed Saint Martin's University.

Crusader Jenn Williams led the way with 25 points, 7 rebounds, and 3 steals. Nikki Schutte finished with 12 points, 6 rebounds, and 2 blocks. Williams and Schutte were helped by Lindsay Brady's 10 points and 3 steals, and Kristin Hein's 6-point, 9-rebound, 2-steal, 2-block effort.

Redhawk Jackie Thomas led Seattle University with 16 points in the loss, while Laina Sobczak managed a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

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## Bye, bye Ketchums



The whole Ketchum family will be moving to India at the end of this academic year, leaving a job opening in Culver. Pictured from left to right: Brenna, Lauren, Ryan, Addy, and Angie (photo courtesy of Ryan Ketchum).

## Culver RD Ryan Ketchum and his family prepare for life in India next year

by TREVAN HAUCK

Another NNU Residential Director will not be returning to NNU for Fall semester. Culver RD Ryan Ketchum and his family will

be making their new home in Ootacamund, India.

Angie Ketchum, Ryan's wife, applied for a nursing position at Hebron School in Ootacamund and was recently accepted.

The Ketchums heard about Hebron over a year ago but just recently felt the call to apply for a position. "When Angie was 15 or 16,

SEE "KETCHUM" PG. 6

## Forensics team headed to tournament in Nashville

by ALLI SCHISLER

Five NNU forensics team members will attend the Nashville, Tenn. National Christian College Forensics Invitational March 6-10.

The team recently returned from the Whitman Classic Forensics Tournament in Walla Walla, Wash. Professor Brooke Adamson, professor of communication studies and director of forensics says, "It was

open competition only, so even our freshmen competitors who are in their first year of participating in this activity competed directly against experienced seniors". Participants were Brenna Blair, Julia Fitch, Rachel Allen, and Brandon Hagemeyer.

All members who attended the tournament were able to reach personal goals. Senior Blair placed

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## Divestment bill voted down

### State Affairs Committee votes down Sudan divestment 5-4, much to the dismay of NNU student efforts

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

For the last two weeks, several students, legislators, and special interest groups have been working hard to pass RS 1367 to move it out of Committee and on to the Congressional floor to hopefully pass it into law. This bill would require the Public Employees Retirement System of

Idaho (PERSI) to divest all its holdings in Chinese companies that support the genocide in Sudan. This bill met resistance from half of the committee and the PERSI board members.

On Friday, February 15, a public hearing was held to hear comments

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### Quote of the week

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing."

### Weather

From the National Weather Service

#### THURSDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 53° | Low: 31°

#### FRIDAY

Sunny!

Hi: 55° | Low: 33°

#### SATURDAY

20% chance of showers.

Hi: 53° | Low: 31°

#### SUNDAY

Partly sunny.

Hi: 49° | Low: 30°

#### MONDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 52° | Low: 31°

### NNU News Briefs

#### SGA Executive Cabinet Sign-ups this week

SGA Executive Cabinet sign-ups are available in Student Development for the positions of SGA President, Social Vice President, and Executive Vice President. Sign-ups are open until Friday and campaigning begins

Monday, March 3. See President Loeber for more information this week.

#### Education Club to host 'Read Across America'

The Education Club will be hosting the annual "Read Across America," created by the Nation-

al Education Association. 82 second graders from Sherman Elementary school will come to the Riley Library on March 5 and NNU students and staff will read to them. The event is to celebrate the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss.



## Editor position to leave SGA

by ANDREA SCHILLING

SGA is to expect major changes next year as Senate passed a bill last Wednesday to remove "The Crusader" editor position from its list of officer members. A bill presented by junior Tony Napier allowed for unanimous approval by the Senate after deliberation.

Napier and journalism professor, Lucas Roebuck, proposed the bill. The idea for the bill came from a conflict of interest between the role of the editor and his or her role on SGA.

"I have loved the challenge of creating a whole new paper that the student body seems to enjoy. It is hard to find time to do that and all of the SGA responsibilities," said current Crusader editor, junior Amber Ford. "The editor next year will be able to focus more on the progression of the paper as a whole without having the added stress of activities and meetings."

This new change shifts the editor selection from Student Development to the Journalism department. The goal of this change is aimed toward allowing the editor selection to be more focused on his or her journalistic abilities.

"This paper needs to continue its success in order for the journalism program to grow, and hiring an editor with a journalistic background will ensure that the paper is improving," said Ford.

By removing the editor position from SGA,

Roebuck will be enabled to have more control with the progress of the publication. Currently, according to Roebuck, he is unable to do so, which is one reason fueling the bill.

Through the editor position being removed from SGA, Roebuck hopes to make the newspaper an independent product, an action leading to the Journalism department gaining more energy at the same time. As a newspaper earning respect from the student body, this change will only allow for the publication to gain even more force, Roebuck said.

While the loss of an officer position comes with changes, Napier emphasized The Crusader's process for budgeting will stay the same, where the organization must go through the Ways & Means committee in order to obtain funding. However, the editor's salary will now be up to the publication's budget, rather than coming from SGA.

Furthermore, the Crusader office will continue to be located in the same area upstairs in Student Development as it always has been.

With the passing of the bill, high hopes are held for future of "The Crusader."

"This bill ensures a better newspaper, and momentum for a growing program," said SGA President, senior Landon Loeber.

"This bill is the first step in the right direction," said Roebuck.

## History of Obama

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Based on his Senate history, Barack Obama as president would likely push to expand human rights and reduce poverty abroad using cooperation rather than confrontation. If foreign events permit.

Aside from his vigorous opposition to the Iraq war, Obama spent more of his time on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on speeches and inspirational trips than on investigations and aggressive oversight. He was a junior senator with

an agreeable manner who was just beginning to cut his teeth on foreign policy issues when he decided to run for president.

Since he took office in 2005, much of Obama's work attracted little, if any, attention because of the nation's focus on the Iraq war. Obama pushed through legislation that condemned violence by the Zimbabwe government, for example. He helped raise awareness about Darfur and called on the administration to do more to reduce global poverty.

## Tragedy strikes Northern Illinois University

by CHRIS DAVIS

On February 14, a gunman dressed in black entered a Northern Illinois University lecture hall and opened fire on the students from the stage for two minutes, killing five students and injuring sixteen others before turning the gun on himself.

The assailant, Stephen Kazmierczak, had reportedly stopped taking anti-depressant medications, and "had become somewhat erratic in the last couple of weeks," says Northern Illinois University Police Chief Donald Grady. However, "there were no red flags," says Grady, from this "outstanding student," who was "revered by the faculty, staff and students alike."

The four guns used, a Remington 48 Sportsman shotgun, a Glock 9mm, High Point 380 pistol, and

SIG Sauer 9mm semi-automatic, were all acquired legally. According to Special Agent Thomas Ahern of the Bureau of Tobacco and Firearms, "a criminal background check was conducted ... It was a lawful sale."

Kazmierczak bought his weapons, two magazines, and holster from the same Internet dealer as the Virginia Tech shooter.

At roughly 3:06, Kazmierczak entered the Cole Lecture Hall from a side door, armed with his small arsenal, and began shooting into the crowd of students for two minutes before killing himself. At 3:20 a message came up on the NIU website reporting a possible gunman on campus. At 4:14, campus police reported that there was no longer an immediate danger passed, and the shooter was no longer a threat. Police confirmed

the that the killer was dead at 5:12, and at 8:00 NIU school president John Peters announced six fatalities including the gunman, four dead at the scene, and two passing away at the hospital.

Kazmierczak's father refused to make any official statement; Kazmierczak's sister taped a note on her door, reading, "We are both shocked and saddened. In addition to the loss of innocent lives, Steven was a member of our family. We are grieving his loss as well as the loss of life resulting from his actions."

NIU Police Chief Grady says Kazmierczak left no note and said nothing to the students in the lecture hall. No motive has been mentioned, however, Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich said on Friday that state and local police are working in combined efforts, along with the FBI,

to investigate the shooting.

"We will work to understand the motive of the assailant. If there is a way this tragedy could have been anticipated or stopped beforehand we will find it."

Gov. Blagojevich also mentioned that he will be contacting university leaders and presidents across the state to "review their safety rules".

This shooting is one of four in one week, the most numerous in U.S. school history. On February 8, a nursing student shot two students and herself to death at a Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge. A seventeen-year old shot and critically wounded a classmate during a high-school gym class. A fourteen-year old shot a fifteen-year old Junior High student in Oxnard, California. The victim was recently declared brain dead.

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from both sides. Due to time constraints, an additional hearing was held on Wednesday, February 20,

Committee Chairman, Curt McKenzie, Nampa's representative to the State Legislature, and tell him

the bill and it failed. Defending himself, Senator McKenzie said that he was worried that this was

Many of the Senators trusted the judgment of PERSI, and believed that they would not oppose the bill without merit. However, Senator Davis, also concerned about this slippery slope argument voted for the bill. He said that it was tough to know where to draw the line when directing PERSI's investments, but he decided that the line should be drawn at genocide. Genocide is unique from all other socially responsible investments. It is not divesting from non-environmentally friendly, alcohol, drug, or pornography companies. This bill asked the PERSI board to do their small part in stopping genocide, however small an impact they feel it may be. Unfortunately for PERSI, this issue will not go away, and they will be forced to deal with the fact that they are funding companies that give money to the Sudanese government.

If anyone is interested in helping this cause, please contact Tony Napier, Joe Seiders, or Joelle Friesen.



Darfur women at a refugee camp in Chad (photo courtesy of wikicommons.org).

2008 to allow more time for comments and to allow the committee to vote. On both days, there was standing room only, due to the number of people interested on both sides of the issue.

Students had been encouraged to tell everyone they knew to call the

that they support the bill. Students hoped that Chairman McKenzie, who was undecided, would listen to his constituents and support socially responsible investing. However, despite the efforts of so many, Chairman McKenzie, along with four other Senators, voted against passing

a "slippery slope" and that passing this bill would open the door for other types of bills concerned about socially responsible investing, would make its way to the Senate floor, forcing the Idaho Legislature to decide PERSI's investments instead of its own Board of Directors.

# Ex-cop faces the death penalty for killing pregnant woman

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

A former police officer should face execution for killing his pregnant lover and their unborn daughter, a prosecutor told jurors on Tuesday.

"Bobby Cutts deserves the maximum sentence allowed by law in the state of Ohio. That's the sentence of death," assistant Stark County Prosecutor Dennis Barr told jurors who convicted Cutts earlier this month and must recommend a sentence.

Barr said the state had met its burden to prove that Cutts deserves to die for his crimes.

Two appearances by Cutts on the witness stand were the emotional highlights of his trial in the death of Jessie Davis, 26, and the nearly full-term fetus.

Two weeks ago, Cutts sobbed on the witness stand as he testified that he had accidentally killed Davis with an elbow blow to the throat during a disagreement at her northeast Ohio home and dumped her body at a park in a panic.

Defense attorney Fernando Mack said execution would be inappropriate because it should be reserved for the "worst of the worst," including serial killers.

"This is a situation that got out of hand," said Mack,

who argued that execution would leave the couple's 2½-year-old son, Blake, an orphan.

after 20, 25 or 30 years.

If the jury recommends death, the judge can reduce the sentence to life, some-

wavering at times, he accepted responsibility for his crimes.

"Ladies and gentlemen



Former Canton police officer Bobby Cutts Jr. is led into the Stark County Common Pleas courtroom of judge Charles E. Brown Jr. for a pretrial hearing at the Stark County Safety Center Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, in Canton, Ohio. Cutts has pleaded not guilty to aggravated murder and other charges tied to the death of Jessie M. Davis and her unborn child (AP Photo/Scott Heckel, Pool).

"This penalty is to be used sparingly," Mack said.

The jury was scheduled to begin deliberating a sentence recommendation after hearing the judge's instructions on the law.

Cutts, 30, was convicted of aggravated murder in the death of the fetus. He could receive the death penalty, life in prison without parole or life with parole eligibility

thing that has happened just seven times in Ohio in 27 years.

Jurors found Cutts not guilty of aggravated murder in the death of Davis but convicted him of a lesser charge of murder in her death.

Cutts took the stand Monday to plead with jurors who convicted him. Sniffing and his voice

of the jury, I'm asking you to spare my life," Cutts said in an unsworn statement, which exempted him from cross-examination by prosecutors.

Apologizing to the teary-eyed members of Davis' family sitting in the front row, Cutts said he could not express in words how he felt knowing that he had killed her and the baby.

## AP News Blurbs:

Around the world in five stories

### Roadside bombing takes the lives of six

KABUL, Afghanistan

A roadside bomb hit a vehicle carrying five policemen and a child in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, killing all six, officials said.

Taliban militants have increasingly aimed their attacks at police, killing more than 925 officers in 2007 alone. Afghan police often work in small groups in remote and dangerous territory, where they are outnumbered and outgunned by insurgents.

The blast happened in the eastern Khost province close to the border with Pakistan, said police chief Gen. Mohammad Ayub. He blamed the attack on Taliban militants. The victims included five policemen and a 3-year old child, said Lutfullah Babakarheil, a local government official. They were traveling in a private vehicle, he said.

### Secretary of State wins China's help on dismantling N. Korea's Nukes

BEIJING

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice won a verbal assurance Tuesday from China to use its influence to jump-start the stalled process of dismantling North Korea's nuclear programs. Yet it was unclear when or how the Chinese would follow through.

In broad discussions with Chinese officials, Rice also won an agreement from China to resume an on-again, off-again human rights dialogue with the United States and she pleased her Chinese hosts by restating U.S. opposition to a Taiwanese referendum on United Nations entry that has infuriated Beijing.

### Broader military relations dominate Defense Secretary Gates talks in India

NEW DELHI, India

India's quest to modernize its military against a backdrop of China's burgeoning defense

growth and an ongoing regional terrorism threat were the focus of talks planned Tuesday with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

The Pentagon chief was expected to raise the prospects of New Delhi's plan for a \$10 billion fighter jet purchase — which features bids from major U.S. defense contractors Boeing Corp. and Lockheed Martin.

Gates arrived at mid-day for a series of meetings with the prime minister, the minister of external affairs and other elected officials in the parliamentary government.

### Iran calls documents indicating that they had nuke program, 'forgeries'

VIENNA, Austria

The U.N. nuclear monitoring agency presented documents that diplomats said indicate Iran may have focused on a nuclear weapons program after 2003 — the year that a U.S. intelligence report says such work stopped.

Iran again denied ever trying to make such arms. Ali Ashgar Soltanieh, the chief Iranian delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, dismissed the information showcased by the body Monday as "forgeries."

### Senate likely to reject proposal to cut off war money

WASHINGTON

Democrats facing rejection of a proposal to cut off money for the Iraq war are deliberating their next step in trying to rebuild anti-war momentum.

In recent months, violence in Iraq has declined and the Baghdad government has made small steps toward political reconciliation, including plans to hold provincial elections on Oct. 1. While Democratic voters remain largely against the war, the security improvement has helped to cool anxiety among Republicans and stave off legislation demanding that troops start coming home.

## The Writers Guild strike ends and new episodes hit the tube

by IAN BAUDER

The Writers Guild of America officially ended their strike last week when 92 percent of the members of the guild agreed on a final contract with the Hollywood studios and the Directors Guild of America.

"The strike is over. Our membership has voted, and writers can go back to work," Patric M. Verrone, president of the West Coast guild, said in a statement.

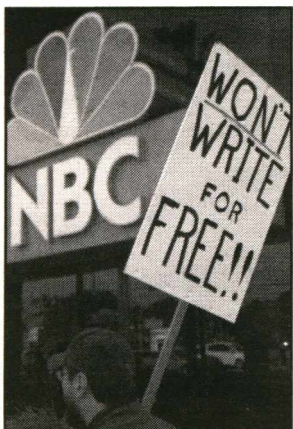
The writers managed a gain in areas such as wages, residual fees, and health care. One of the more notable aspects of the agreement was the provision to pay union members more

for work distributed over the Internet. The deals essentially doubled the rates paid for TV shows and films sold as Internet downloads, but only after certain break points have been reached. They also require studios to hire union actors on content made specifically for the Internet.

Some critics such as David Carr of the New York Times question the "victory" claimed by the writers guild. "The strike was bad for writers in the short term," said Carr. The absence of the writers for an extended amount of time has changed the way that studios finance pilots, said

Carr. "That system, fairly unchanged through the years, has historically been lucrative for writers."

Industry insiders are now saying that this strike may lead to another strike, this time by the Screen Actor's Guild, whose contract will be up this summer. University of Texas professor David Prindle, who wrote a history of SAG told the Los Angeles Times that "It's definitely a possibility that we're heading into an era of management labor conflict with Hollywood... There's a new tone, a tone of 'We're fed up and we're not going to take it anymore.'"

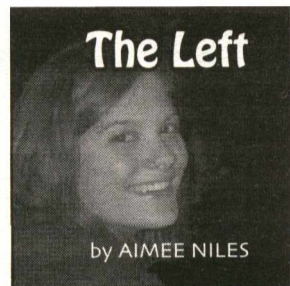


Writer Issac Ho joins striking writers outside the NBC Studios in Burbank, Calif. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008. The Golden Globes, the ceremony known for getting Hollywood's awards season off to a rollicking start, will be reduced to a news conference Sunday by the writers strike and will likely draw picket lines and lack star power. (AP Photo)

## Fashion and national symbols don't mix

Symbols are incredibly powerful. They encompass the thoughts and feelings of a movement. More than that, however, symbols often represent an entire people and their struggle.

In the United States, the red, white and blue em-



body our country's great effort for life, liberty and freedom. As Americans, we understand this. Our children are taught from an early age how important the flag is and what it has stood for throughout history.

Other countries have similar symbols and, unfortunately, fashion turns these

symbols into mass produced trends. In the 1960s, Che Guevara's signature beret and Mao Zedong's cap were popular statements. Che's portrait has also become fashionable.

Did people actually know what they were saying when they wore the Che beret or the Mao cap? Perhaps the first few did, but those who followed almost certainly didn't realize what they were actually supporting.

Today's equivalent is the "kuffiyah", the traditional Arab headdress. It represents solidarity with the Palestinian people, and in Iraq--resistance.

These scarves mean different things depending on the colors and how one wears them and where you are in the Middle East. But, the general meaning of them is solidarity with Palestine.

Last year, the store Urban Outfitters sold

kuffiyahs as peace scarves. The store pulled the product off the shelves following a deluge of complaints. The complaints, however, showed the ignorance of the complainers.

They pulled the kuffiyahs because people complained that they symbolized violence. Kuffiyahs don't symbolize violence. They symbolize support for an oppressed people group.

Some Muslims also criticized Urban Outfitters for appropriating their culture. This makes much more sense. Urban Outfitters was profiting from a culture that isn't understood. Now Claire's and After Thoughts are trying the same tactics. Teenage girls are now wearing these powerful symbols for fashion and have no idea what it means.

As Christians, don't you get a little annoyed when people wear crosses, or WWJD bracelets or "Jesus is my homeboy" t-shirts

without the faith to back it up? Isn't it the same for Palestinians?

If you support the Pal-



Yasser Arafat's famous head covering is a kuffiyah. Traditionally they are black and white (photo courtesy of Aimee Niles).

estinian cause or the Iraqi resistance movement, wear a kuffiyah with pride. If you're just looking for fashionable accessory, look someplace else.

## Student leadership is for everyone

### STAFF EDITORIAL

It's the time of year for student leadership. RA, Peer Mentor, Bible Study Leader and Crusader Editor applications are all available. SGA and class council elections are coming up soon as well.

Within our student body, there are a lot of people with a wide variety of gifts and talents that could be used for student leadership. Unfortunately, some of these students may feel that they aren't qualified for these positions.

It does seem as though the same people get the same positions every year. And you can't blame someone for wanting to get involved. For a newcomer to the scene, this undoubtedly is intimidating. However, just because you haven't ever been involved in student leadership before doesn't mean you can't be involved now.

The only way that our school will continue to be a well rounded institution is if everyone uses their abilities to their highest potential.

So who cares if you've never been an RA before, or if you don't think you're popular enough to be class president? If you have the skills and the drive to just try, you probably have what it takes to succeed in those positions. And they always say that you automatically increase your chances for being hired by putting in the application.

Those hiring for leadership positions look for experience, but they also want to make sure that there are a wide variety of people applying. The school really wants to give everyone a chance to succeed and last year, they were actually having a difficult time finding applicants.

Don't be discouraged by influences around you--take a chance and do something different.

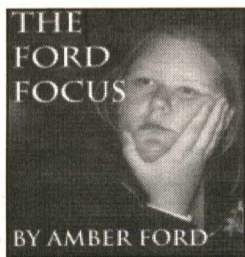
## Killing elephants is a risky measure to protect agriculture

### The danger of extinction is too great to legalize culling

The South African government announced that it would begin allowing elephants to be killed for population control. However, I find it interesting that twenty years ago, the opposite discussion was taking place because elephant populations were in serious decline.

In 1989, a worldwide ban was placed on the import and export of ivory in an effort to end poaching and preserve elephants. The logic behind the ban was that by stopping the ivory trade,

it would stop the killing of elephants. And guess what? It worked! By eliminating the demand for ivory, we



were able to nearly triple the population nearly 20 years later.

Now, the government says that there are too many

elephants. Consequently, they have begun taking over the areas that people live, causing a danger to the people and their livelihood. Elephants have been known to demolish crops at an alarming rate (not surprising, seeing as they can eat nearly 300 pounds a day).

This ban helped the population grow into thriving numbers. So how do we decide how many elephants are worth saving before they become a problem?

The government stated that killing them off would

be a last resort if other methods proved to be ineffective (such as relocation or contraceptive methods). But even under strict guidelines, what will stop someone from taking advantage of the policy and going too far?

Given the fact that elephants almost died off at one point, we should be sensitive about this issue. We could be giving people an excuse to start killing for ivory and putting this population at risk once again.

The massive growth in

world populations has caused a huge problem with balancing habitats for animals and humans. However, we should remember that animals lived here before we did and that we are not the only creation on earth.

Experts say that there are too many humans on earth as well--should killing be an option for human population control? We have contraceptives and those apparently aren't working for us, so maybe that should be a "last resort."

Elephants are not only

the largest land mammals, but they are known to be one of the most intelligent animals on earth. I know an elephant that can open its own doors and paint.

How do we measure the value of a life? How much like humans do animals need to be before killing them for reasons other than basic survival is murder? All of God's creation is valuable--and it should be our job to protect it.



"The first duty of a newspaper is to be accurate. If it be accurate, it follows that it is fair."

--Herbert Bayard Swope

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## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in response to the two articles about the men and women's basketball teams. In last week's paper the article on the men's team was titled "Men's basketball keeps the dream alive" but never in the article did it mention what the dream was. Along with the dumb title, some of the facts in the article were incorrect, for example Jason Simmons scored 17 points, which was a season-high and not a career-high. The women's article was titled "Lady Sad-ers beaten by Seawolves; postseason hopes dwindling". The issue with this is that the Seawolves were ranked number 8 in the nation, and although it would have been a big win for the women there are plenty of

games left in the season and they still have a great chance of making it into the tournament. In fact, the women are now ranked number 7 in the regional poll which would put them in the postseason if it were to start today. I just wish that your writers would know what they are writing about before it is put in the paper.

-Phil Meyer  
Sophomore

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# Tax reforms would benefit all

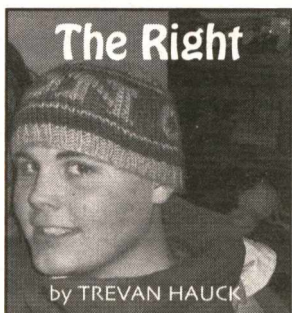
## Changing to a flat tax system cuts out unnecessary bureaucracies

As the United States continues to advance in almost every aspect of society and technology, many of its governmental systems and policies have evolved to accommodate and promote such growth.

One area that has remained steadfast since its implementation is our national income tax system. The current tax system is outdated and archaic; this can easily be proven when we look at the options available, specifically a flat tax system. This is a system that has already had a large amount of success in many other countries. To many people, a flat tax is the fairest and most democratic way to create national revenue.

A graduated income tax, the current system, is made of brackets set from the lowest income to the highest. Individuals fall into these

brackets based on what they make. Once you reach a certain level you "graduate" into a higher bracket, and these higher brackets are



by TREVAN HAUCK

taxed at a higher rate.

There are no brackets in a flat tax system; all income receives the same rate of tax.

A Flat Tax Deduction system would be better for the welfare of the US and its citizens, because a Flat Tax would insure that all Americans are taxed fairly. It would do away with the progressive or graduated program

that taxes income based on how much an individual makes. The standard flat tax proposed in recent years has been around 17 percent of an individual's income.

Generous exemptions would be given under a flat tax to ensure poor families do not have to pay large amounts. Tax deductions would be given to married, unmarried, and couples or individuals with dependents.

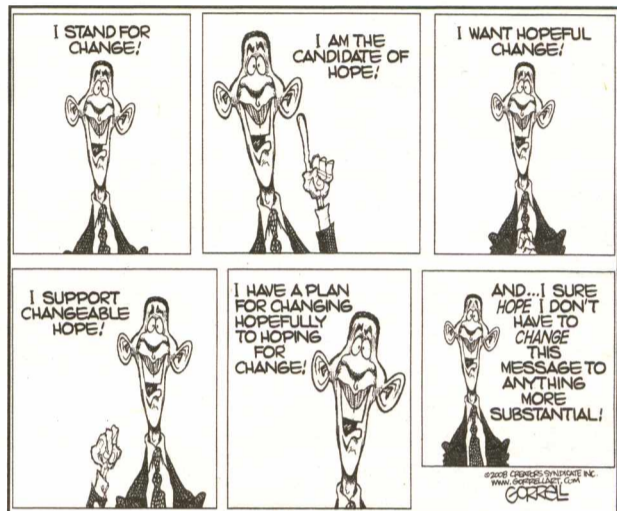
A flat tax would create a more investor friendly system. Having a single flat tax rate in the neighborhood of 17 percent for individual and corporate income allows for businesses to be able to carefully predict their tax burden and therefore have more stability in their finances which is a big draw to foreign investors.

The current tax code we have in place is extremely complex and difficult to

understand; it requires vast amounts of bureaucratic labor and paperwork through the Internal Revenue Service. By comparison, a flat tax system is a much simpler system. One flat rate applied to all income with various rebates for the bottom third of families and the regular benefits that come with civil situations such as marriage or armed service.

The need for a government organization as large as the Internal Revenue Service will be eliminated and a smaller, more efficient group can be put in its place saving large amounts of government money.

Americans are finding that it is not fair to create a system of inequality when it comes to taxation and they want a solution that brings everyone to an equal level to share the burden of funding our government.



# Allowing students to carry concealed guns is unnecessary and dangerous

In light of the school shootings at Virginia Tech, Louisiana Technical College, and most recently Northern Illinois University, college students across the country are wanting the ability to carry a concealed weapon on campus.

Advocates of concealed carry laws claim that if they "carry" in self-defense, incidences of these school shootings could have been decreased in number. This is certainly not the solution to our problems.

In Idaho, students have been lobbying for a bill to legalize concealed weapons on college campuses. Idaho Senate Bill 1381, has been held up since last week in legislation, until proper "revisions" have been made to the bill. While the bill would allow students to "carry," it would also require them to be approved by school administrators.

I admit that it has been occasionally beneficial for an individual to carry a handgun in the past. I myself have carried in certain situations, be it "in the field" or at a gravel pit for plinking.

A gun creates, for me, a

feeling of protection. When out of town, in a place I am not familiar with and where drunkards camp out, guns provide a simple measure



GUEST OPINION by DEREKDEROOY

that their rights are being infringed upon, and take the gun to school anyway? Won't there be hundreds, perhaps thousands, of law-

breaking gun carriers on the largest of American university campuses?

Professors may feel highly uncomfortable with the situation. They hold the grade book in their hands, and they stand in front of dozens of students. How are they not supposed to feel singled out, like a sitting duck? Pacifist students and professors, just as bright as the next, may feel pushed away from schools with concealed carry laws.

If you mean to tell me that there aren't bullies at the college level, you're missing a lot. If someone is feeling bullied, and there is a concealed carry law, what will keep the bullied from bringing a gun to school to defend themselves? Won't the bullied feel more

defensive of themselves, and be more prone to threaten with a gun?

Imagine, for a minute, that one of these disturbed students shows up at our own NNU. If I carry a concealed handgun, I aggravate the situation even more by pulling it out.

Yes, I might neutralize the shooter. But I've destroyed the atmosphere of learning that I myself want to see. I've become the evil that I would not stand for.

And if I miss? What if I start a fire fight? What if I hit another innocent student myself? What if the shooter shoots me? Will he stop? No, I tell you, they will keep shooting.

They say that violence begets violence. Nine times out of ten, they're right.

To carry a gun, even legally, gives in to the fear. It gives the shooter a sense of respect, knowing that people take them seriously. It destroys the school setting, replacing it with a state of nervousness, and of students alert to the dangers that are, sadly, in their room. Concealed Carry Laws will almost certainly lead to more violence.



## Q &amp; A:

## Students vs. Staff

## The antics of the young and shameless

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

What is life without exploration, without chance-taking and rule-breaking? Every generation appears to be more outrageous than the next. Is that really true?

"The Crusader" asked NNU students and professors and staff for stories about the craziest, most risky or most interesting thing they have done. Due to limited response from staff members, representation is biased, but the stories are just as fun.

## STUDENTS

"Craziest thing I have ever done is lived homeless on the streets of Puyallup with my best friend Tyler. We told our moms we were going camping. We dressed in old clothes and just roamed around the city trying to get free food. We also rode our bikes 40 miles to the Tacoma Mall when we were bored."

-Dane Manley, Jr.

"In Costa Rica I went cable gliding, 600ft up, above the jungle floor; pretty crazy"

-Brenna Blair, Sr.



"We took a bunch of construction cones and blocked

off all the exits to a round-a-bout. The cars went round and round until they finally just drove over them."

-Matt Stark, Jr.

"I went rock climbing in sandals with no ropes. Not very exciting but crazy because it was not smart; hiking trip turned rock climbing."

-Debbie Holston, Fr.

"Hopped a border in Canada in a church van which had the words 'Experience the freedom' on the side."

-Sarah Varady &amp; Courtney Roberts, Fr.

"Skinny dipping at a little girl's church camp, all the female counselors."

-Stacy Martin, Jr.

"Killed a squirrel. I threw a rock at a power line, the squirrel dodged to miss it and fell off the power line. And I also drove to Mexico on a three day weekend."

-Matt Gilroy, Sr.

"Paintballing in my underwear, and it was snowing."

-John Bartlow, Jr.

"Sat on a live alligator and put my hands in its mouth."

-Tim Green, Fr.

"Train hopping."

-Zach Beech, Sr.

"Accidentally mooned my entire church-It was the wind and a skirt."

-Jen Clowers, Sr.

"Put peanut butter on bread."

-Art Flores, Soph.

## PROFESSORS

"I took a friend's car and drove it to Boston, without asking. He wasn't pleased but we're still friends."

-Dr. Glenna Andrews

"I hand fed a 4ft. trout and the trout almost bit my finger off."

-Dr. Jamee Nixon



"Hugged a tiger that this guy had in his backyard."

-Dr. Jennifer Chase

"Rode in the Good Year blimp."

-Tim Milburn

## Forensics headed to Nashville for national Christian school invitational in March

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second in prose interpretation and fourth in program oral interpretation. This achievement qualified Blair for Nationals.

Julia Fitch, junior, received third place in prose interpretation, fourth place in informative speaking, and third place in program oral interpretation.

Freshman Rachel Allen, who did not feel well during the competition, still got fifth place in prose interpretation and third place in drama interpretation. Allen says she is pleased with her performance, especially considering her illness.

Though Allen competed in drama competitions

in high school and even made it to the state level with an original piece, this is her first year on a forensics team. She says she has learned to stretch her performance abilities and present herself as many different characters. She says, "I have learned the rules and styles of forensics pieces and tournaments." She also enjoys being able to travel with the team.

Brandon Hagemeier, freshman, got third place in both of his impromptu speaking rounds.

Freshman Allison Hawn, who has been involved in forensics since high school, was unable to attend the

forensics tournament in Walla Walla, but says she is pleased with the performances of her teammates.

When asked what she has learned through her experiences, Hawn says, "I use the skills I've learned through forensics not only to speak publicly, but to write papers, present myself in a dignified manner and exude confidence even when I feel none."

Students Allen, Blair, Hawn, Fitch, and Jason Montgomery are eager for the opportunity to attend the National Christian College Forensics Invitations.

Allen says she is eager to visit Tennessee, "It'll be

nice to get away from the secular competition. A lot of the pieces at other tournaments reflect the secular nature of the other schools, but at Christian Nationals it will be much cleaner and more enjoyable."

Hawn also encourages students to consider the forensics team calling it fun and entertaining. And, she says, "You get credit for it." Allen agrees, saying even students unsure of what forensics is, should consider joining.

Students interested in forensics should contact Professor Adamson or Mrs. Letha Quinn, assistant director of forensics.

## Ketchum family feels called to India

Culver RD will not be returning this fall; Student Development now searching to replace two valued campus families

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she attended an event here at NNU and during one of the services really felt like God was calling her to dedicate her life to serving others. She felt particularly called to India and deeply inspired by the life of Mother Theresa" said Ryan.

The school has a clinic on campus and was seeking a western nurse because of its international community. The family will be living on campus in India and Ryan will be working with the music program there. Their assignment is a three-year term, which is standard for the job according to Ryan.

The Ketchum's have lived on campus in Culver Hall for the past three years "We will miss the community of campus: the students, the energy of life with freshmen



Ryan and Angie Ketchum with the music ministry team they accompanied to India in July 2007 (photo courtesy Ryan Ketchum).

guy, the Residential Life (RDs, RAs, wing teams) and Student Development staff. And friends among faculty, staff, and administration all across campus." said Ryan. Along with Ryan and Angie will be their three daughters: Lauren, Brenna, and Addy.

Karen Pearson, director of student life, said "The

posting for the freshman guys' RD has been up for a week and we already have nine applicants". Pearson also said that the applicants range from young to old and that some are alumni and some are not.

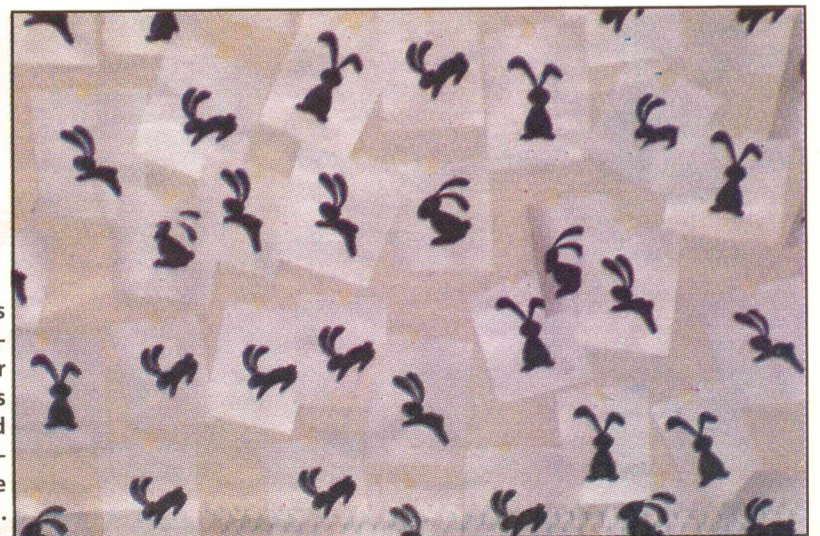
The Ketchums are unsure where God will lead them after their stay in India. "After our three year

assignment, we have no idea what will come next, much like we didn't quite know we'd be going to India following our stay at NNU. We believe God will make clear our next steps in the same way he has done during this transition. We would certainly love to return here, as we love this institution, its people, and what it stands for" said Ryan.

This recent development comes on the heels of the announcement that Dooley RD Candice Blenker will be leaving and the current RD of Ford Hall, Robbyn Lande, is moving over to replace her. Job postings for both positions have been previously posted on NNU's website and have just recently closed.

## Campus Candida

A profusion of screenprinted rabbits invaded the art building's freight elevator last week. Made by junior art major Kim Conrad, the installation combines her work in Sculptural Installation and skills the artist has learned in the recently reinstated Screenprinting course (photo by Andrea Hall).



## The early years of Time Out

### Wednesday night worship began in the '80s

by AIMEE NILES

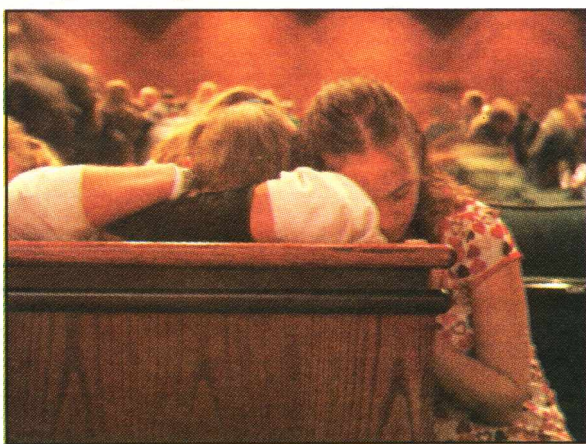
Time Out has been a tradition on Wednesday nights for years. Beginning in the early 1980s, "it was an established program when I came in 1992" said Chaplain Gene Schandorff. However, in '92, people

already talked about the "better days" of Time Out, says Schandorff.

By the 1997-1998 school year, attendance for Time Out had dropped to five or six students a week. "We didn't need to kill it, so much as bury it," said Schandorff. That year, NNU made the decision that Time Out was to come under Schandorff's direction and would not be a student led program. Schandorff also said terminating it for a year, was also on the table.

However, NNU wasn't ready to give up on Time Out.

The 1997-98 SGA didn't want this to happen. Schandorff says President Chris Field wanted one more year to make it happen. Campus Ministries



Time out provides a quiet time for friends to pray and worship together (photo by Robin McConkey).

Coordinator Mark Walker and the rest of NNU's leaders decided at LEAD retreat to bring Time Out back. Every leader committed to attending Time Out for the first few months of school.

It started out simply enough, with tricking freshman. The freshman leaders—RAs, Bible

Study Leaders and Peer Mentors—told them Time Out was the thing to do on Wednesday nights. The freshman, and student leaders swelled Time Out numbers to 400-500. The momentum has carried and Time Out continues to be a staple of spiritual life on campus.



Reverend Larry Waltemeyer prays in 2004 (from archives).

## Removal of tree stumps begins

Science building may be on track for Spring '09

Right: Heavy construction equipment was brought in Tuesday afternoon to begin the removal of nine tree stumps in preparation for digging the foundation for the new science building (photo by Andrea Hall).



## February class retreats considered successful

### Despite the flu, a good time was had by all in McCall

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

The last two weekends have been class retreats, first juniors and seniors, then the sophomore retreat this last weekend, both in McCall.

The junior/senior retreat started out last Friday night at the Steelhead's Hockey game; the Steelheads lost in overtime. Early Saturday morning, students piled into buses for the two-hour drive to the Bethel Park Campground in McCall. Junior Class Council was waiting for them with a specially prepared breakfast of French toast, bacon, and fruit. Breakfast was followed by getting settled into the cabins and a message by Dr. Allen on relationships and

relationship building.

Students had free time after Dr. Allen's message, where some played "Guitar Hero" and others went snowshoeing. Later everyone headed up to go tubing at the Activity Barn. The whole facility was rented to NNU and "everyone loved it," said Kim Larson, senior class president. After tubing there was worship and another message from Dr. Allen.

Sunday was another free day. Half the students went skiing and snowboarding at Tamarack, others went to McCall Nazarene to listen to Covenant perform and others stayed to hear Dr. Allen's testimony. Sr. Class Council made dinner that

night, followed by worship. "It was a great night of really discovering what God was saying to each of us directly," said Larson.

Despite close to 20 students getting sick that weekend, students still had a good time. "It [the retreat] was really fun" said senior Jay Younger.

"If you weren't there, I'd say you really missed out," said Larson.

The sophomore retreat was a success as well. The 49 sophomores who went stayed in the Lakeside Cabin at Bethel Park. They ate tacos made by "Captain Comida, Frank Borbe and his crew Lysie Powers and Brandon Haskins," said Grey DeSimone. Speakers

included Dr. Anstine who spoke on denying oneself and carrying the cross daily and Ashley Morman who spoke on not letting sin get in the way with one's walk with God.

Snowshoeing, tubing at the Activity Barn and playing Mafia were common themes at both retreats. "Everyone helped so much and it was a freakin' awesome weekend," said DeSimone. Others had a slightly different opinion. "It pretty much sucked," said Ian Bauder.

Even still, the majority of students commenting on the retreats had positive things to say about them. Remember to sign up next year.

## New English honor society active on campus

### NNU chapter offers networking and scholarships

by ALLI SCHISLER

A prominent English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, is becoming active on campus. The NNU chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Omicron Omicron, headed by English professor Dr. Ralph Speer, provides literary and networking opportunities for members.

Sigma Tau Delta is an international honor society for undergraduate students, graduate students, and professionals. It is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and high-achieving English and non-English majors.

The society has scholarship opportunities. There are 750 active Sigma Tau Delta chapters.

March 5-8 is the annual Sigma Tau Delta international convention in Louisville, Kent. Dr. Speer and sophomore English major and Sigma Tau Delta member Seth Clark will be attending the convention, which features workshops and presentation opportunities for students.

Clark will hold position of chair in two sessions at the convention, including "The Bible Tells Me So: 16 and 17 Century British Lit" and "Poetry: Wide Awake." Dr.

Speer will serve as moderator for several workshops.

Dr. Speer has been a member of Sigma Tau Delta since college, though he became especially active in the 1990s. Dr. Speer has attended four Sigma Tau Delta conventions.

He believes the convention offers valuable presentation experience and networking opportunities and hopes more students will attend next year. He hopes several students will submit papers to be read at the next convention. He encourages students to consider Sigma Tau Delta.

Dr. Speer says of the society, "It is a great organization and...helpful to students." Dr. Speer hopes to induct several more students into the society before the end of the semester.

The induction ceremony for NNU's Sigma Tau Delta chapter was in January. Current members include Mitch Kochis, Caitlin Bean, Rachael Finch, Laurie Burgemeister, Alli Schisler, and Seth Clark.

Students interested in joining the society should contact Dr. Darrin Grinder, head of the English department, or Dr. Speer for more information.

## Student Life Events

**Wednesday, February 27**  
 11:30 a.m.: Alumni Fair (in the Student Center, after the Alumni Chapel)  
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Amber Ford (in the Science Lecture Hall)  
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Nite Live: Reader's Theater

**Thursday, February 28**  
 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.: Career Fair in Johnson Sports Center

**Friday, February 29**  
 Last day of Career Week-interviews with prospective employers  
 7:00 p.m.: BSL Speed dating at the Nampa Market

**Saturday, March 1**  
 8 a.m.-noon: SIFE Entrepreneurial Fair in the Brandt Center Lobby  
 8:00 p.m.: Mr. NNU pageant in the Science Lecture Hall

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## Yao out for season with stress fracture

(AP)-- All-Star center Yao Ming is out for the season with a stress fracture in his left foot, a stunning blow to the surging Houston Rockets.

Yao was having a terrific season, averaging 22 points and 10.8 rebounds per game.

"It is not an injury we feel he can play with," Rockets team doctor Tom Clanton said. "I've made the recommendation that it be treated surgically and we are working with him to get other opinions just to be certain that that is indeed what should be done."

If Yao chooses surgery, Clanton said, it would involve placing screws across the bone to hold it together. The second option would be to treat it with a cast and crutches. Both options involve a healing time of about four months.

Clanton would not say when Yao could play again, but said he doesn't expect the center to miss the Beijing Olympics in August.

General Manager Daryl Morey told the team before Tuesday's shootaround, and added he doesn't believe the

injury compromises Houston's playoff hopes. The Rockets were 36-20 entering Tuesday's game.

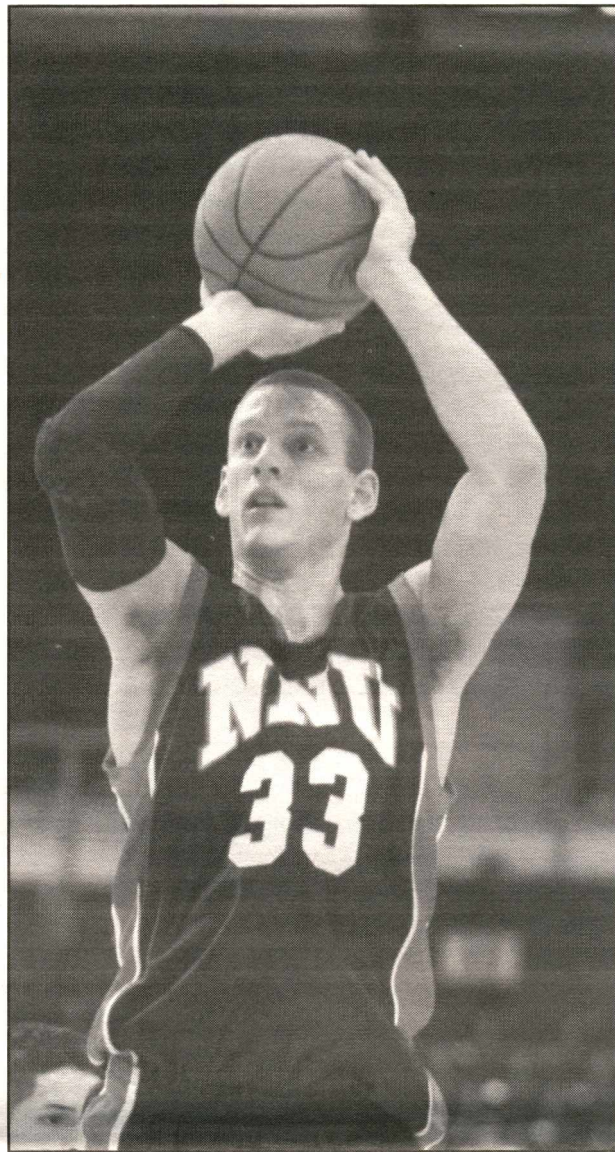
"We've been playing exceptional ball and Yao's been a huge part of that," Morey said. "We feel very confident about our playoff push. We've managed to step up and play well without Yao in the past and coaches and players feel confident that we're going to continue to play well and make the playoffs this year."

This is Yao's fourth major injury in the last two years. He missed 32 games last season with a fracture in his right leg and 21 games in late 2006 with a toe infection that required surgery. He missed four games in April 2006 after breaking his foot.

Houston went 20-12 when Yao was injured last season.

The Rockets, who remain in seventh place in the tough Western Conference despite their winning streak, will now have to rely heavily on 41-year-old Dikembe Mutombo. The 17-year veteran has been averaging just eight minutes per game.

## Men's basketball team puts down Saint Martin's



Kendall Gielow scored 8 points in NNU's win over Saint Martin's University on Saturday night (photo by Jenn Hush).

BY CALLY BEKKEDAHL

Joel Ryman is making a habit of going off when halftime draws near. Saint Martin's University is the latest school to find this out.

Ryman scored eight points in the last 1:20 of the first half, as the Crusaders defeated the visiting Saints, 64-62, on Saturday night.

The Crusaders (16-7, 8-6 GNAC) were tied with the Saints (12-12, 7-8 GNAC) until just under the 6-minute mark in the first half, before NNU went on a 21-9 run to end the first half.

NNU's lead grew from 11 to 16 during the second half. But with a minute and a half remaining, Saint Martin's pulled within one point on a 14-5 run.

Whenever the Saints got close, guard Justin Parnell knocked down 3 clutch free throws to seal the game. Parnell ended the game with 8 points.

Kendall Gielow added 8 points, and Ryman was the only Crusader to score

in double figures with 20.

Scott Helpenstell recorded a game-high 14 boards. Helpenstell's work helped the Crusaders along to a 45-34 advantage in the rebound department.

Saint Bill Richardson scored a game-high 22 points and added 7 rebounds, while guard Jake Linton added 17 points and 6 assists.

Saint Martin's defense held NNU to only 23 second-half points, but the Saints failed to attack the hoop, attempting only 16 free throws in the game. They made only 10, bringing their free throw shooting percentage to 63 percent.

NNU made 35 percent of their field goal attempts (19-of-55), and didn't make a single three-point attempt in the second half. They made 21-of-26 attempts from the charity stripe.

NNU sits tenth in the Division II West Region standings. The men's basketball team is back in action Thursday night at home against University of Alaska Fairbanks at 7 p.m.

## Former hockey star Forsberg signs with Avalanche

(AP)-- Peter Forsberg agreed to a \$5 million, one-year deal Monday with the Colorado Avalanche, a team he won two Stanley Cup championships with before their split following the league's lockout in 2004-05.

The Avalanche are hoping the arrival of Forsberg can help propel them into the postseason. The team is currently four points out of the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with 19 games to play. Colorado recently got back Ryan Smyth, Paul Stastny and captain Joe Sakic from injuries.

Forsberg is trying to come back from a balky right foot. Not that Colorado is all that concerned about it.

The Avalanche decided his ailing foot was a risk worth taking. Forsberg will earn around \$1 million since there are about six weeks left in the regular season.

In addition to winning

two Stanley Cups in his nine seasons with the Avalanche, he also won the NHL's MVP award in 2003 after scoring 29 goals and adding 77 assists.

Foot and ankle injuries plagued him in the years that followed, but the 34-year-old forward said his surgically repaired right foot is on the mend.

"I feel good," Forsberg said. "I'm confident that it's going to be good."

Forsberg didn't know when he'd return to the ice in an Avalanche sweater. The team is in the midst of a five-game road swing, which concludes Wednesday in Vancouver.

He didn't think he would be ready in time for Colorado's game Saturday night against Los Angeles at the Pepsi Center.

Still, he's hopeful.

"I'd like to get back as soon as I can," he said.

Giguere brought back Forsberg in part because he felt the move could

reinvigorate the team.

Forsberg said it wasn't a tactic, merely a way to caution other teams that he might not be ready.

The Avalanche were one of a handful of teams vying for Forsberg's services. Philadelphia, Minnesota, Chicago and Ottawa also were believed to be in the hunt.

Forsberg spent 1½ seasons with the Flyers, scoring 115 points in 100 games, before being dealt to Nashville at the trade deadline last season.

Avalanche coach Joel Quenneville said that Forsberg's ice time will depend on how he feels. Quenneville is hoping Forsberg's presence can bolster the Avalanche's sagging power play. The team ranks last in the league with just 34 power-play goals.

"As an offensive team, we improved in a lot of areas," Quenneville said. "We're certainly excited to get him back as soon as possible."

# SPORTS.BOX

### Recent Scores:

2/21:

Men's Basketball, at Western Oregon University, L 88-116  
Women's Basketball, at MSU Billings, 2/21, L 76-83

2/23:

Men's Basketball, at Saint Martin's, 2/23, W 64-62  
Women's Basketball, at Seattle University, 2/23, W 69-61

### Upcoming Schedule:

2/28:

Men's Basketball, vs UA--Fairbanks, 7 p.m.  
Baseball, at Hawaii Pacific University, 7 p.m.  
Softball, vs. Seattle University, 11 a.m.  
vs. Montana State University--Billings, 1:45 p.m.  
vs. Central Washington University, 4:30 p.m.

2/29:

Baseball, at Hawaii Pacific University, 7 p.m.  
Softball, vs. Saint Martin's University, 11 a.m.  
vs. Western Oregon University, 1:45 p.m.

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Baseball, at Hawaii Pacific University, 4 p.m.  
Softball, vs. Sonoma State University, 8:30 a.m.  
vs. Western Washington University, 2 p.m.



## Mariners' Broadcaster Niehaus headed for hall

(AP)—Longtime Seattle Mariners broadcaster Dave Niehaus is going into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Niehaus is the 2008 winner of the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence. He will be honored during the Hall of Fame induction ceremony July 27, at Cooperstown, N.Y.

"It doesn't hit you really until they say you've won the award," Niehaus said. "It's the biggest thrill in my life. For us in the broadcasting business, it's our Oscar."

Niehaus joined the expansion Mariners in 1977. He was inducted into the Mariners' Hall of Fame in 2000 and is known for his expression "My, oh my" for big plays.

"Dave Niehaus is the heartbeat of Mariners baseball. Since Day One, he has painted a picture of baseball and summer in Seattle better than anyone ever has," Dale Petroskey, president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, said in a news release.

Niehaus said he received more than 60 congratulatory phone calls. One of the first was from former Mariners center fielder Ken Griffey, Jr., now with Cincinnati.

"I told Junior, 'I'm glad I beat you into the Hall of Fame,'" Niehaus said. "His call meant a lot to me."

Mariners manager John McLaren said Niehaus' selection is long overdue.

"My oh my, what a great, exciting day for the city of Seattle, the Seattle Mariners and for the man himself."

# NBA willing to make a deal

BY DEREK DE ROOY

Over the past few seasons, American spectators have watched trade deadlines come and go without their favorite team shaking things up, taking a chance. This has been especially true in the NBA. ESPN Columnist Bill Simmons, "The Sports Guy", even referred to the NBA last season as the "No Balls Association." Thank God, the pattern has been reversed this season.

Starting last July, Kevin Garnett was traded to the most storied franchise in the NBA, the Boston Celtics. Superstar Ray Allen followed suit, energizing Bean Town for the first time since the early 1990's.

As the trade deadline

approached, all sorts of deals happened. Pau Gasol went to the Lakers, making fans drool at the prospect of a new Celtics-Lakers rivalry. Shaq, old but still an icon, was traded to Phoenix in a surprise deal. The Spurs and Rockets also added some depth. And now, the Cavaliers made a bigger trade than anyone thought they could pull, adding Ben Wallace, among others, to please King James.

These trades have created another great imbalance, one besides the great rift between the West and the East. It's created an imbalance between teams, with many teams rating from "good" to "great", and many teams being hailed as "disappointing" or "horrible."

The parity that all league commissioners try to attain has been sorely lost this season, but that doesn't seem to be much of a problem for NBA Commissioner Stern. Indeed, the two most decorated franchises in the league are two of the elite. While not every large market is doing well (e.g. New York, Chicago, Seattle, New York, New York...), the lower number of matchups between "great" teams is far more exciting than a lot of moderately interesting games.

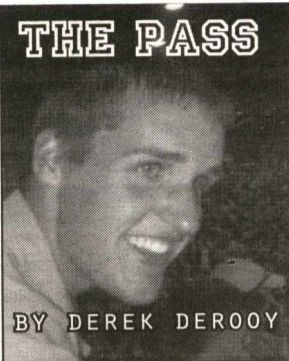
So how's this going to play out? I'm not alone in saying that the Lakers gained the most from their winter shake-up. Still missing center Andrew Bynum, Gasol has pushed the Lakers, in the

midst of a long road trip, to the top of the Western Conference. The Cavaliers shored up their defense and put some new faces in the mix. The Rockets added Bobby Jackson, who should provide

Again, I'm glad that teams were willing to take the chance on trades. Really. But some of these trades seem like bad moves.

Miami shipped out an aging Shaq, and gave Dwayne Wade a versatile counterpart in Shawn Marion. But the Heat have lost the five games that Marion has been around for, and now 26 of their last 27. The Suns, in first place when they made the Shaq trade, have only gone 4-4 since the trade, and 1-2 with Shaq in the lineup. And the Sonics are just saving money for the inevitable move to Oklahoma City.

But this is the most exciting spring I've experienced since 1996, and the Sonics impending move, depressing as it is, can't change that.



BY DEREK DEROOY

a spark from the bench, and the Spurs traded for Kurt Thomas, a solid defender, to lighten the load on centerpiece Tim Duncan.

## 'Williams'

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Seattle University led the game at the half, 38-33, but 39 percent second-half shooting led to a 23 point end for the Redhawks. The Redhawks also had 30 turnovers, not helping matters. They finished the night shooting 44 percent.

The Crusaders only made 37 percent of their field goal attempts, including 2-of-8 three-point attempts, and netted only 7 assists on the night. The difference lie in offensive rebounds, an advantage of 17-9, and free throw shooting, 19-24 compared to Seattle's 11-18.

The game was close in the final five minutes, with Thomas putting the Redhawks up 55-51. Though Williams and

Schutte knocked down baskets to tie the game, Sobczak put Seattle ahead 57-55 with three and a half minutes left.

Williams came back, making two free throws. Schutte blocked the next Redhawk attempt, driving down the court, making a layup, drawing the foul and converting the 3-point play in the process. Finally, Williams and Krista Oliver sealed the game with a layup and a three-pointer, respectively.

The Crusaders are currently ranked seventh in the NCAA Division II West Region, with the top eight teams advancing to the Division II national tournament. They play GNAC-leader Seattle Pacific University this Saturday in Seattle.

## WSU track meet nets results

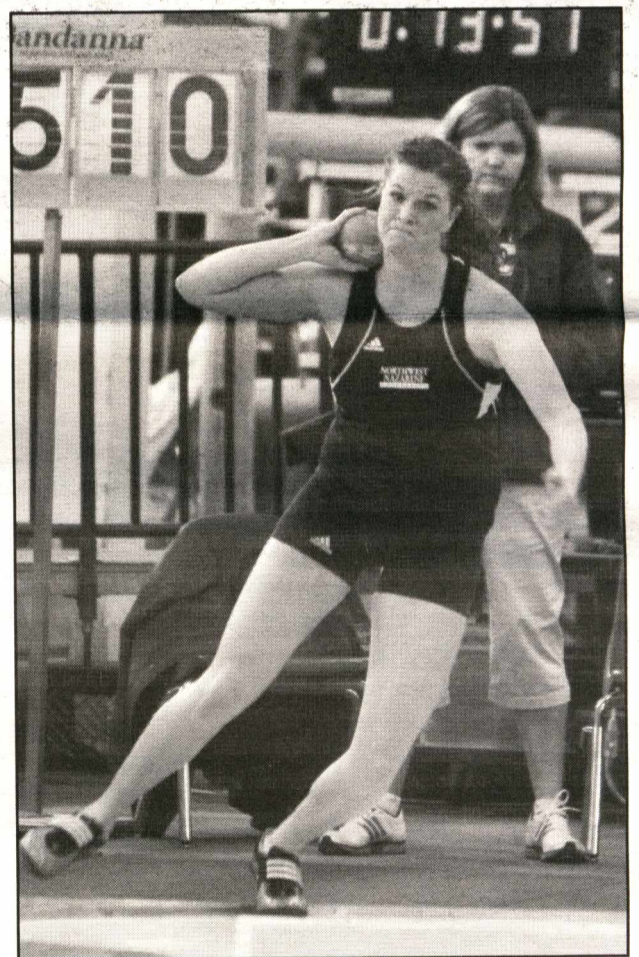
BY AMBER FORD

On Saturday, Crusader track and field athletes Jaclyn Puga, Ashley Puga, Elisa Decker, Amy Carroll, and Zach Barclay traveled to Pullman, Wash. for a meet at Washington State University.

The Puga sisters improved their provisional national qualifying times by winning their respective events. Ashley won the mile, clocking a time of 5:01.96, which was 1.60 seconds off of her previous PNQ.

Jaclyn won the 800 meter in a time of 2:14.32, knocking off .72 seconds from her previous PNQ. Decker came in second after Jaclyn in the 800 meter with a time of 2:21.29.

Captains Carroll and Barclay both competed in throwing events. Carroll took eighth in the shot put while Barclay placed sixth.



Captain Amy Carroll placed eighth in the shot put at her February 23 meet in Pullman, Wash (photo by Jenn Hush).

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Denver	31	23	.589	3	L3	5-5
Portland	29	27	.518	7	L2	2-8
Seattle	15	40	.273	20.5	L1	5-5
Minnesota	11	43	.204	24	L2	3-7
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
LA Lakers	39	17	.696	-	W8	9-1
Phoenix	38	18	.679	1	L1	5-5
Golden State	33	22	.600	5.5	L1	6-4
Sacramento	26	29	.473	12.5	L1	5-5
LA Clippers	19	35	.352	19	L2	5-5
Midwest	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
San Antonio	38	17	.691	-	W6	9-1
New Orleans	37	18	.673	1	L3	5-5
Dallas	38	19	.667	1	W3	6-4
Houston	36	20	.643	2.5	W12	10-0
Memphis	14	42	.250	24.5	L5	1-9

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Toronto	31	24	.564	12	W2	6-4
New Jersey	25	31	.446	18.5	W1	5-5
Philadelphia	25	32	.439	19	W1	7-3
New York	17	39	.304	26.5	L1	3-7
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit	42	15	.737	-	W3	8-2
Cleveland	32	24	.571	9.5	W3	6-4
Chicago	22	34	.393	19.5	L2-	4-6
Indiana	22	35	.386	20	L2	3-7
Milwaukee	21	35	.375	20.5	W1	3-7
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Orlando	36	22	.621	-	W2	6-4
Washington	27	29	.482	8	W2	3-7
Atlanta	22	32	.407	12	L2	2-8
Charlotte	19	37	.339	16	L3	1-9
Miami	9	44	.170	24.5	L11	0-10



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# The 80th annual Academy Awards held some surprises

by CHRIS DAVIS

Sunday night was the 80<sup>th</sup> annual Academy Awards, and what a night it was. Nerves were set on edge, only the front part of seats were needed, and tears and laughs flooded the Kodak Theater as the awards were handed out.

This year's top movies, "There Will Be Blood," and "No Country for Old Men," with eight nods apiece, and "Atonement" with seven nominations, had many people anticipating a sweeping award ceremony, with a few people taking home the bulk of the Oscars. Such was not the case.

"No Country" took home the most awards of all the nominees with four. They were for Best Supporting Actor (Javier Bardem), Best Director (Joel



Daniel Day-Lewis was named best actor, Tilda Swinton was named best supporting actress, Marion Cotillard was named best actress, and Javier Bardem was named best supporting actor (photo by AP).

and Ethan Cohen), Best Screenplay Adaptation, and Best Movie of the Year.

However, the runner up, garnishing three awards, "Borne Ultimatum," grabbing Best Film Editing,

Best Sound Editing, and Best Sound Mixing.

Favorite "There Will Be Blood" walked away with Best Actor (Daniel Day-Lewis) and Best Cinematography, and "Atonement" took Best Original Score.

First-time nominees include Diablo Cody, who took Best Original Screenplay for "Juno," Mairion Cotillard, who took Best Actress for her work in "La Vie en Rose," Tilda Swinton as Best Supporting Actress in "Michael Clayton," Cyntia Wadem, who won the Best Short Documentary award for her piece on same sex marriage rights, and the singing duo of Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova, who received awards for their Best Music Written for a Motion Picture in their movie "Once."

## John Taye's exhibition shows lifetime of work

by ALLI SCHISLER

Retiring art professor at Boise State University (BSU), John Taye, is currently showing an exhibit, The Quiet Art: A Drawing Retrospective, which runs through March 15. The exhibit shows the evolution of his work from the 1970s through 2007.

Taye's exhibit consists mainly of sketches, though he uses various mediums including pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, pastel, brush, and ink.

Though he uses other mediums, Taye prefers drawing. Taye says, "Drawing has been a continual activity for me, whether doing sketchbook studies of the figure of still life, planning a new sculpture or paintings, or drawing the landscape in the summer."

Many of the displayed works have not been shown before. They convey Taye's range of interest, as the exhibit includes still life sketches, portraits, and series paintings.

Significant changes are evident from his earlier work to his later compositions.

Starting primarily with sketches and charcoals of still objects, his later works consist of landscapes and Idaho landmarks.

His first works, sketches of groups of seemingly mismatched objects such as driftwood and pears, or bottles and an iron, convey attention to detail and shadow.

The show is as much a display of Taye's knowledge as a tribute to those who have influenced his life. One significant sketch is the 1994 "My Fathers Gifts" which shows an open bible, next to a plant and a skull. In the 1973 "Suzanne Reading" and the 1986 "Suzanne Sleeping" Taye captures the beauty of his wife through serene and lovely sketches.

Some of Taye's landscapes include the 2005 pencil sketch "Rocks by Walters Butte" and the 2006 "Melba Valley Sentinel." Other later works also pay tribute to Idaho scenery and wildlife.

While Taye's work began with concrete and shadow sketches, including a 1970 self-portrait, his work became significantly more abstract in the 1980s, with

a return to more simple, almost plain works recently.

Taye's several female nude charcoals and pastels evoked the most feeling. Especially delightful is the 1998 "Symphony of Light" pastel in which Taye captures the slender curvatures of a young woman's body, while his shadowing adds a feeling of modesty and mystery.

Taye beautifully contrasts the softness of the model's hip and breast with the strength of her slim arm. The impact of the work is compounded by Taye's ability to capture emotion though the position of the form.

The only disappointing feature of the exhibit was that it did not include Taye's sculptures, which are referenced by his other works, and accompany some of his drawings.

The Quiet Art: A Drawing Retrospective is calming and serene. The small exhibit is well worth a trip to Boise. The art gallery is located in the Liberal Arts Building on the BSU main campus. The exhibit is free to the public.

## Switch to Digital TV tuners still a year away

by DEREK DEROOY

On February 19, 2009, analog-only television signals will be turned off. The broadcast spectrum airwaves, clogged with both analog signals and digital signals, will open up significant space for emergency broadcasts.

But the scene is changing for American cable companies. While most channel companies already carry a digital signal, there are many smaller channels providing only analog signals. The equipment required to release a digital signal is only \$500,000, cheap in comparison to other business costs.

But what does this mean for viewers at home? Most television sets that are three years old or newer will still pick up digital signals. Converter boxes, just now being released into stores, change digital signals into analog-compatible channels for analog-only receivers. Subscribers to digital and satellite television companies will have no problems at all.

Television networks are making the converter box so cheap for the public to avoid accelerating the current trend of consumers watching digital programs on their computers, iPods, and especially on DVDs.

It is important to note that while the digital signal is somewhat better than any analog signal, and that every digital option will be an improvement over their old standby set, this is not a high-definition signal.

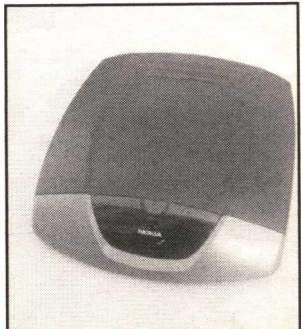
How do you know if you have a TV that will work? All TV sets made before 1998 have receivers for analog channels only. You will need a converter box for these TV sets. However, television sets made in 2004 provide much better chances of holding a digital receiver.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) started a program, the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, to give every household in America up to two \$40 coupons to buy converter boxes with. While few households own the just-released boxes,

they are priced between \$50 and \$70, making the box cheap.

The NTIA proclaims to have funding for 33 million coupons. The boxes are being made by a plethora of companies, including Samsung, Zenith, Apex, Magnavox, and RCA. The boxes provide Closed Captioning for the hearing impaired.

You can apply for the eligible converter boxes, boxes that must meet NTIA standards, until March 31, 2009. You can apply at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov), or purchase a box from Wal-Mart, Circuit City, RadioShack, or Best Buy.



Converter boxes will be available for analog televisions (photo from commons.wikimedia.com).

## “Be Kind, Rewind” is a clever success

by CHRIS DAVIS

From the quirky mind of writer/director Michel Gondry – you might have seen his Oscar-winning original screenplay, “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” – comes a new film, “Be Kind, Rewind.”

The movie takes place in Passaic, New Jersey but feels more like it could be Sesame Street. It revolves around a store run by Mr. Fletcher (Danny Glover). He has a nostalgic view of how things should be, from his Frederick Douglas haircut to his store, Be Kind, Rewind, which rents VHS for a dollar a day.

Things, however, take a seeming turn for the worst when a common face around the store, Jerry (Jack Black) is temporarily magnetized, erasing all of the videos in the store. But no sooner does Mr. Fletcher’s acolyte and interim store manager Mike (Mos Def) realize this than the store’s only patron comes in looking for “Ghostbusters.” Fortunately, Mr. Fletcher is out of town, affording both Jerry and Mike enough time to recreate the movie using their own camera, charisma, and help from the people



Mike and Jerry reenact several films in the movie (photo from [www.myspace.com/bekindrewindsoundtrack](http://www.myspace.com/bekindrewindsoundtrack)).

around them. The two make the movie, and, to their own surprise, create an instant attraction with their idea. The film then follows the two as they recreate classic films, including “Boyz n the Hood,” “Robocop,” “Lion King,” and “Rush Hour 2”. They use a unique process dubbed Sweding (pronounced like the country, except with an “ing” at the end).

What is “sweding,” you ask? On the “Be Kind” official site, Black describes it this way: “You take what you like, and mix it with some other things you like,

and make a new thing. It’s not the thing it was, but now it’s a new thing based on the old thing. It’s putting you into the things you like. That’s sweding”.

This process is the key factor to the simplistic genius of the movie. The viewer is transported back into a time when things seemed easier to fix; when it seemed that we could all get along by helping each other out. How do you get a neighborhood united? Swede a movie, says Michel Gondry. How can you see a touching and charming movie? Go watch this movie, says I.

## NNU writers group gives campus writers support

by RACHAEL FINCH

Attention all writers: NNU has a writers group for students, faculty, and friends who enjoy writing and sharing their work.

“I see it as an opportunity for writers on campus, who enjoy creative writing, to have both an audience and a group to keep accountable”, said English professor, Dr. Ralph Speer, “writers feed off of each other’s energy.” Speer organized the group this year.

“I think of myself as a writer who loves to teach, but has done more teaching than writing” said Speer, “I need to be writing, because it’s a gift, and if I don’t use it I am not fulfilling a major part of why I’m here on earth.”

Speer encourages others with writing skills to write and share their work.

The group is open to everyone, including students, faculty, family, and friends. Writers may come as often as they wish, said Speer, noting that some people can not make it to every meeting.

Writers have brought a variety of pieces to share including poetry, devotionals, essays, short stories, memoir excerpts, personal narratives, and chapters from larger works. All kinds of writing are welcome, from scripts to songs, said Speer.

Four members of the group are working on novels or book length manuscripts. They bring them in chapter by chapter, and receive feedback from a group of writers

who have had the opportunity to watch the characters, plot, and writing develop.

“The Gallery”, a collection of student writing, has been a tradition at NNU. However, it has not been published for the last few years, said Speer. This year the writers group will help put it together.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 4 pm in Wiley room 210 and usually lasts for about an hour. Writers can come to read one of their own pieces or just to listen. Bring about five copies of your writing to share with the group, said Speer.

Campus writers may also want to keep an eye open for the annual Dooley writing contest, coming up soon.

For further information contact Dr. Speer.

## Feature band: Eisley

by RACHAEL FINCH

Like the Partridge Family, except non-fictional, Eisley is a band that shows that musical ability runs in the family. Consisting of four siblings and a cousin, Eisley has tight harmonies and sweet melodies.

For Eisley it began in Tyler, Texas when the siblings were still kids. Sisters Chauntelle (15 years old) and Sherri DuPree (13) started holding bedroom practices with guitar and vocal harmonies. Shortly thereafter, their younger sister Stacy (8) and brother Weston (10) were added to the mix.

The young musicians began to play at their parents’ coffee shop and gathered a local fan base. They went on to play in church basements, all-age clubs, school auditoriums, and other venues that were open to them.

Family friend Jonathan Wilson joined the band as their first permanent bassist. With a full line up, they began playing at local festivals.

After a few years, with more shows under their belts and a growing fan base, they created a home recorded demo. The demo peaked the interest of several record labels, including Reprise, which Eisley signed with.

The band went through several name changes, one



Eisley’s current lineup includes all four siblings and one cousin (photo from [www.myspace.com/eisley](http://www.myspace.com/eisley)).

of which was Moss Eisley, borrowed from the town in the Star Wars series. However, to avoid legal issues the group dropped “Moss” and became Eisley.

In 2003, Eisley caught the attention of Coldplay, who asked the band to open for them on their upcoming tour. Later, they toured with emo band Brand New.

Wilson proved to be a semi-permanent bassist, as he was not with the band for the recording of “Combinations”. The siblings’ cousin, Garron DuPree, is the current bassist.

Though the band is young, they have four releases. The two EPs from 2003, “Laughing City” and “Marvelous Things” are out of print. The two full length Albums “Room Noises” (2005), and “Combinations” (2007), released on Warner Reprise Records, are currently available.

“Room Noises” has a tone akin to a fairytale land. The majority of the songs have ambiguous, poetic lyrics, (i.e. “Marvelous Things” and “Trolley Wood”) while the vocals harmonies sound almost like the sweet songs of the elves in “Lord of the Rings”.

“Combinations”, while displaying the same gorgeous harmonies, has a much more matured sound. The tone, though it is by no means dark, it is darker and perhaps more melancholy, than the fairytale of “Room Noises”. The lyrics also have a more distinguishable meaning.

Eisley shows potential for a bright musical future. They offer their listeners not only beautiful music, but the opportunity to listen as they grow and mature.

Information from [www.eisley.com](http://www.eisley.com), [music.yahoo.com](http://music.yahoo.com), [www.citypaper.com](http://www.citypaper.com).

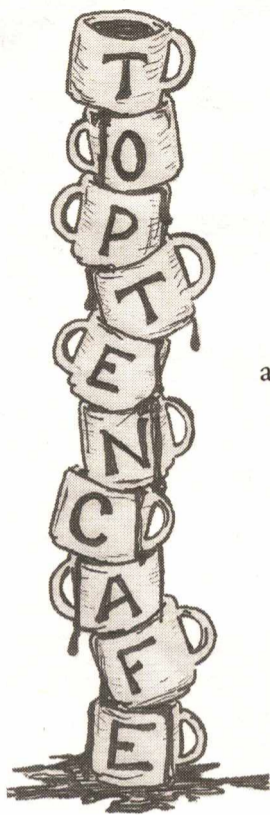
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March 8	Morrison Center	Elixir of Love
	Big Easy	The Vandals

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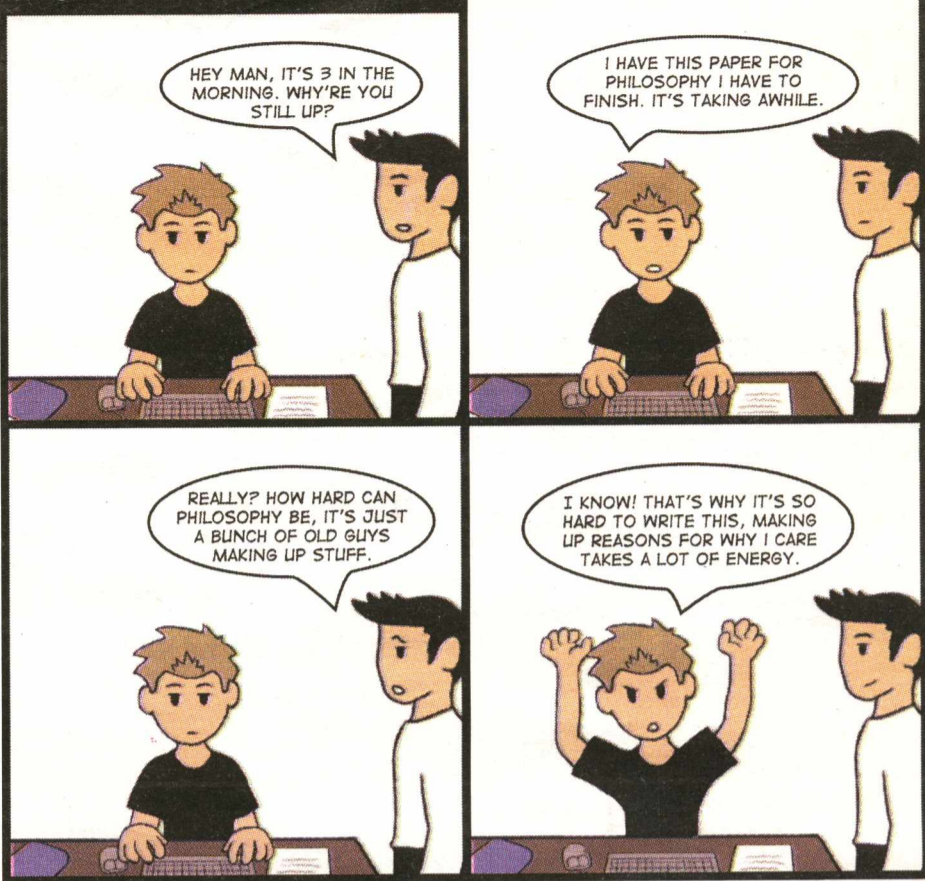
"Things You Should Never Ask or Say to a Professor"

by Prof. Kevin Dennis



10. Should we be taking notes on this?
9. How many excused absences do we get?
8. Is this going to be on the final?
7. When is the final?
6. I don't know why I have to take this class. I took an AP course in high school.
5. What does it take to get an A in this class?
4. Are our papers graded yet?
3. Why aren't you ever in your office?
2. We didn't do it this way in high school.
1. Are we doing anything important in class today?

CRASH COURSE #012 BY KYLE ANDERSEN



## On this day in history...

- 272 - Constantine I, Roman emperor is born (d. 337)
- 1691 - Edward Cave, English editor and publisher is born (d. 1754)
- 1801 - Washington, DC is placed under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Congress
- 1807 - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet is born (d. 1882)
- 1860 - Abraham Lincoln makes a speech at Cooper Union in the city of New York that was largely responsible for his election to the Presidency.
- 1902 - John Steinbeck, American writer, Nobel laureate is born(d. 1968)
- 1922 - A challenge to the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, allowing women the right to vote, is rebuffed by the Supreme Court of the United States in Leser v. Garnett.
- 1928 - Ariel Sharon, former Prime Minister of Israel is born
- 1934 - Ralph Nader, American consumer activist is born
- 1939 - American Civil Rights Movement: Sit-down strikes are outlawed by the Supreme Court of the United States.
- 1964 - The government of Italy asks for help to keep the Leaning Tower of Pisa from toppling over.
- 1966 - Donal Logue, Canadian actor is born
- 1974 - People magazine is published for the first time.
- 1980 - Chelsea Clinton, daughter of Bill and Hillary Clinton is born
- 1991 - Gulf War: U.S. President George H. W. Bush announces that "Kuwait is liberated."
- 2003 - Rowan Williams is enthroned as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican church.
- 2004 - A bombing of a Superferry by Abu Sayyaf in the Philippines worst terrorist attack kills 116.

### Newsday Crossword

GET THE POINT by Gail Grabowski  
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Envelope part
- 5 Questioned
- 10 Open, as a knot
- 14 Top-notch
- 15 Moved quickly toward
- 16 "Because I \_\_\_ so!"
- 17 Round specks
- 18 Scrub thoroughly
- 19 Add to the payroll
- 20 Woman's shoe feature
- 22 Waist circlers
- 23 List entries
- 24 Angelic instrument
- 25 Broccoli unit
- 27 Hand washer's cake
- 30 Couples
- 31 Cathedral topper
- 33 Be untruthful
- 34 Driver's document: Abbr.
- 35 Piece of dinnerware
- 36 Boise's state: Abbr.
- 37 Moose relative
- 38 New Hampshire neighbor
- 39 Under siege
- 41 Driveway surface
- 43 Closet invaders
- 44 "I dropped it!"
- 45 Craftiness
- 47 Adjust a camera lens
- 49 Suit pattern
- 53 Boats like Noah's

**DOWN**

- 1 Fleeting fashions
- 2 Airshow stunt
- 3 Prefix for freeze
- 4 More annoying
- 5 Bowman
- 6 Oregon's capital
- 7 Leg joints
- 8 List-ending abbr.
- 9 Slip into
- 10 Theater employees
- 11 Manicurist's application
- 12 Garden soil
- 13 Poems of praise
- 21 Cockpit announcements: Abbr.
- 22 Like Mother Hubbard's cupboard
- 24 Long-eared hopper
- 25 Leaves the harbor
- 26 Sneak thief
- 27 Small taste
- 28 Assistants
- 29 \_\_\_ moss (garden-shop buy)
- 30 Not guilty, for one
- 31 Thin opening
- 32 Baking container
- 35 Chums
- 38 Auto-club supplies
- 39 Lightning shaft
- 40 Everlasting
- 42 Realty offerings
- 43 Fails to hit
- 45 Coats with gold
- 46 Loosen the laces of
- 47 County festival
- 48 Approximately
- 49 Game on horseback
- 50 Tiny quantity
- 51 Nudge
- 52 Television award
- 54 Police officer

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- 35 percent of people using personal ads are already married
- The Bible has been translated into the Star Trek language Klingon
- Polar bears are left handed
- Women blink almost twice as much as men
- Wolves are capable of traveling 100 miles a day
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