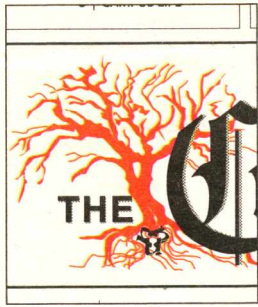


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Students react to last week's issue of "The Crusader."

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## Bible drive at NNU

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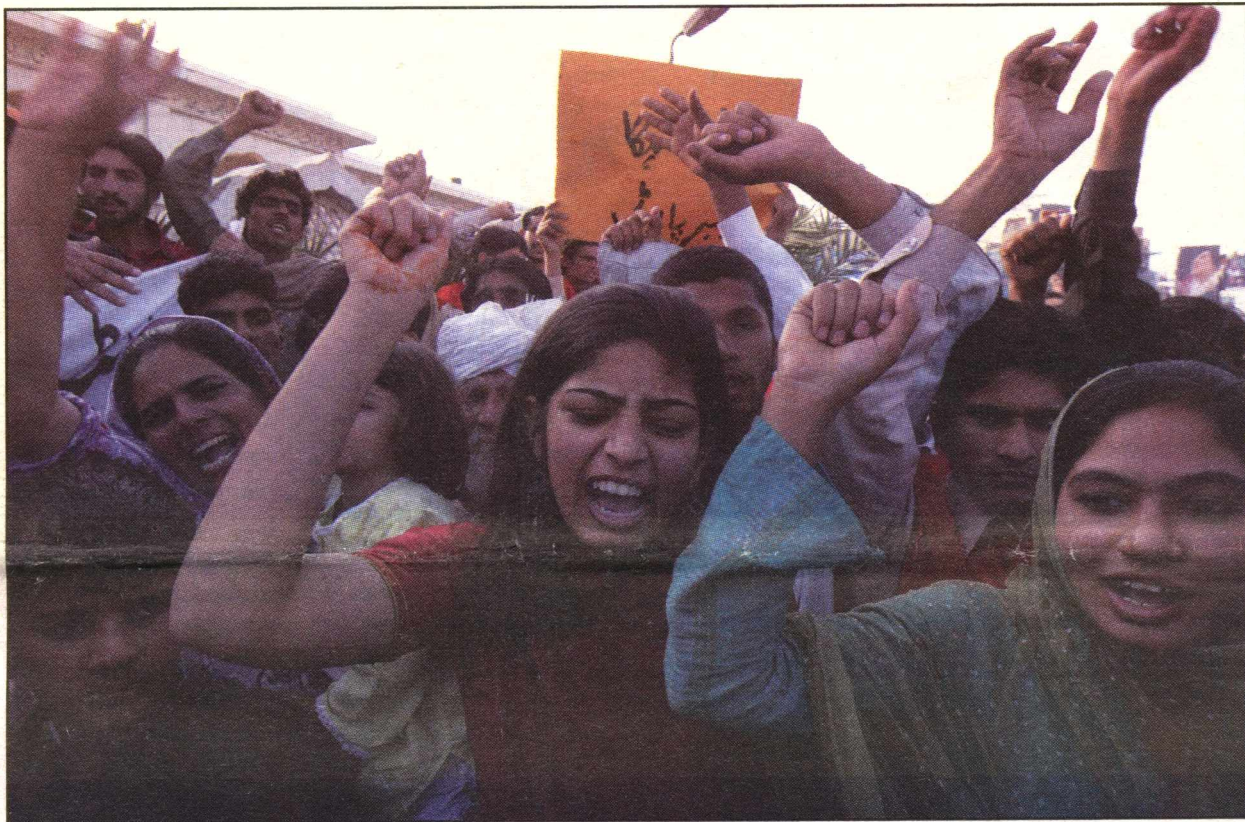
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"Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety."  
-Charles Wesley



Members of a civil society chant slogans during a protest rally against the price hike in the basic foodstuff, Sunday, April 6, 2008 in Lahore, Pakistan. The protesters were demanding the newly formed government should find permanent solution to control the price hike. Basic food and fuel prices have soared in Pakistan over the last months (photos by the AP).

## Student leaders travel to sunny San Diego

SGA attends NSLC at Point Loma to connect with other schools and spend time as a group

by AMBER FORD

The 2008-2009 SGA attended the Nazarene Student Leadership Conference from April 2-5 held at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif. to work on building relationships and learn more about being student leaders.

NSLC is held annually at different Nazarene schools all over the nation. While

there, the student leaders for the upcoming year are able to make connections with the other student government leaders from all of the other Nazarene schools. This gives them the opportunity to share ideas with others in their positions and know where to go for assistance throughout the year. The participants were also able to have fun visiting

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## Youth in Mission provides students the chance to travel around the world

by RACHAEL FINCH

Several groups of NNU students will be going on Youth in Mission trips to various locations around the world this summer.

Juniors Sarah Pence and Hannah Beers, along with sophomore Cassie Carlson, will spend roughly two months in Kigali, Rwanda.

The group will work with teens and children, doing AIDS education, teaching Bible studies, working Vacation Bible Schools, leading quizzing, and visiting orphanages, said Pence.

"I was attracted to this trip because the Lord just laid a desire on my heart

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## Student Development recalls The Crusader

The disposal of the student newspaper is met with mixed reactions by students and faculty alike

by IAN BAUDER

Vice President of Student Development Carey Cook recalled the NNU student newspaper last Wednesday only hours after it had

been distributed. The recall was based on perceived objectionable content on the front and back pages.

Student Development staff collected the papers from various buildings, and

ordered all resident directors to dispose of the papers from the dorms.

Cook said the reasoning behind the recall was three-fold, citing the "Best Buy Five" headline, the mug

shots displayed on the front page and the cartoon on the humor page as the main objectionable content in the issue. All three pertained to

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### Quote of the week

"Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced."

### Weather

From the National Weather Service

#### THURSDAY

Partly sunny.  
Hi: 55° | Low: 35°

#### FRIDAY

Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 65° | Low: 36°

#### SATURDAY

Sunny.  
Hi: 72° | Low: 38°

#### SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 70° | Low: 31°

#### MONDAY

Mostly sunny.  
Hi: 66° | Low: 35°

### NNU News Briefs

**OMC article correction**  
Some facts in last week's issue of The Crusader were incorrect in the article "OMC closes." One More Cup owner Kendra Lubiens, decided to close the doors to the coffee shop last week. Lubiens was trying to sell the business for the past

year. After being open for eight and a half years, she decided to close up with the shop under her ownership to move on to something else in her life. "I birthed that place into existence and thought it best to let it finish with me as well," said Lubiens. During the shop's time in

Nampa, Lubiens has hired 110 NNU students, which she considers an honor and a privilege. She will miss serving the NNU community over the last few years, but she continues to serve the campus as an employee. "OMC will always be my favorite place to work."



# Recall

## Diverse opinions surround Student Development's actions

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the five students who were recently arrested—two for the attempted burglary of a local Best Buy electronics store and three for accessory to a burglary.

"I didn't anticipate that our paper would use a serious situation as a punch line," said Cook. "For a Christian community to take those guys down even further wasn't appropriate."

Amber Ford, the editor in chief, said that she didn't think that the coverage of the Best Buy incident was going to be so controversial. Ford said that the headline

was used because of its familiarity and that the mug shots were used because most of the students had already seen them. As for the cartoon, Ford said the cartoonist thought it would be appropriate because it was "current."

"Most cartoonists take events going on around them and try to make light of it, or try to make some kind of statement about it," said Ford.

According to the Student Press Law Center, an advocacy group for student journalism, confiscation

of newspapers constitutes "newspaper theft." The SPLC argues that, while the papers are distributed for "free," the student body has paid for the papers through student fees. Also, by disposing of the papers, the school is robbing advertisers of their paid space.

Mass comm. professor Arnie Ytreeide, who teaches media law and ethics, said that the legality of the action by the school "depends." Ytreeide said that, while the First Amendment guarantees free speech, this does not necessarily apply

to private universities such as NNU.

Reaction on campus to the situation has been mixed. Political science professor Dr. Stephen Shaw said that he felt the story was both "legitimate" and "noteworthy." He described the actions of Student Development as "unnecessary and unwise."

"If—as I think we should—we are going to have a student newspaper, its writers and editors should be allowed to learn and practice their craft with minimal interference," said

Shaw.

Not all the response was favorable to the paper. LeAnn Stensgaard, professor of social work, said that she felt as though the paper should have taken a classier approach. "We, of all people, should be displaying an attitude of grace in a time like this," said Stensgaard. "How would you feel if that was one of your brothers, son, or friend on the front page?" Stensgaard said that she was "pleased" by the action of Student Development. "We don't need to continue to drag our own

community through the mud."

Some on campus have taken a more moderate position. Sophomore political science Jason Montgomery said he felt that the issue was lacking in tact and seemed to have a definite bias. However, he also said that he disagrees completely with the actions of Student Development as well. "It's good to have a talk about the role of the newspaper on campus," said Montgomery. "I think the recall hampers that."

## National Health Care Day prompts people to get educated about their legal rights as patients

by CALLY BEKKEDAH

The National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) Initiative is a collaborative effort of national, state and community organizations committed to ensuring that all adults with decision-making capacity in the United States have the information and opportunity to communicate and document their healthcare decisions. The event is scheduled for April 16 and will be observed by many local organizations on or around that date.

The easiest and most common way to document your healthcare decisions is with an Advance Directive. This is a generic term for legal documents that describe your wishes for healthcare in the event that you are impaired by illness, injury, or medical treatment and unable to communicate those decisions yourself.

Advance Directives are part of the empowerment provided in the "Patient's Bill of Rights." You and I have choices regarding our care! Advance Care Planning is not a device for caregivers to limit the types of care patients receive. Rather, it is about empowering patients and their loved ones to make appropriate choices either for life-sustaining treatments or to forego them, based upon

prior conversations together about treatment options.

There are several types of Advance Directives: the Living Will, and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care are the most common, but some new varieties are



Typical hospital room for terminally ill patients. (Photo courtesy of Wikicommons)

popping up in various states to address care in other settings. Pre-hospital Directives like POST—Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment; and POLST—Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, are fairly new for Idaho and Oregon, respectively. These are usually completed in consultation with your primary physician.

Advance Directives are as much a process as they are a document. In order to efficiently communicate your wishes for healthcare in a stressful and potentially life-threatening situation you need a directive,

but you also need to impart your wishes more comprehensively with loved ones and care providers ahead of time so they understand the reasons for your choices. Your Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney

for Healthcare can be the launching point for important conversations regarding your values, your fears, and your wishes for the last days, weeks, or even years of your life.

In 1996, a non-profit coalition, Aging with Dignity, seized on the concept of finding the time and places to share such a conversation and composed a document called "Five Wishes." Five Wishes communicates:

Which person(s) you want to make health care decisions for you when you can't make them; The kind(s) of medical treatment(s) you want or don't want; How

comfortable you want to be; How you want people to treat you; What you want your loved ones to know.

Most Advance Directives attempt to disclose at least the clinical implications of those five areas,

but Five Wishes attempts to initiate a broader conversation—including, perhaps, discussions of a social, spiritual, financial, or even philosophical nature. But, whatever form an Advance Directive takes, its purpose is to discover and communicate information about what matters most to people when their life and health are threatened.

Most people will die in a clinical setting. Whether that is a year from now or eighty, wouldn't it be better if we could make that experience a less confusing for everyone?

## US and Iraqi forces clash with militia in Baghdad

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi government forces and Shiite militia fighters clashed anew Tuesday despite a government ultimatum to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to either disband his Mahdi Army or give up politics.

Meanwhile, security forces were reported to be blocking al-Sadr's supporters from traveling to Baghdad from outlying areas to attend an anti-U.S. rally scheduled for Wednesday.

Al-Sadr called for the protest to mark the fifth anniversary of the capture of Baghdad by U.S. troops nearly a month after the war started, but many observers see it as a show of force in his confrontation with the government.

The fighting comes as Gen. David Petraeus, the commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, prepared to testify later Tuesday on the war.

He was expected to tell two Senate committees that last year's influx of 30,000 troops to Iraq had helped calm some of the sectarian violence but that to prevent a backslide in security, troops would likely be needed in large numbers through the end of the year.

A U.S. soldier died Tuesday from wounds

received in a roadside explosion the night before in northeast Baghdad, raising to 11 the number of American troop deaths since Sunday.

In Baghdad, al-Sadr's organization was preparing to stage a "million-strong" anti-U.S. demonstration to mark the ouster of Saddam Hussein's regime from the capital.

But Sadrists officials in the provinces said Tuesday that security forces were preventing his followers from heading to the capital. They said supporters were being turned back at roadblocks near the towns of Kut, Najaf, Hillah and other locations.

The rapid tumble back to street battles in Baghdad — at an intensity not seen since last year's flood of U.S. troops into the city — is a worrisome backdrop to the planned appearance before Congress by Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker to report on progress in Iraq.

Hundreds of civilians have already fled Sadr City, where gunbattles have raged since last week. The sprawling district of some 2.5 million people, the nerve center of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army, has been under siege by about 1,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops.



# Idaho legislature comes to a close for 2008 session

by ALLI SCHISLER

The meeting of the Idaho legislature wrapped up April 2, 2008 with some issues resolved—and some not even addressed.

During this legislative session, Idaho legislators re-evaluated several issues from last year, issues that never became more than a routing slip, didn't make it out of committee, or were vetoed by the governor, including a divestment bill, grocery tax, daycare licensing, and an amendment to the Idaho job-discrimination law.

Legislation to withdraw

investments in companies that do business with Sudan was killed in committee. Passage of the divestment bill would have ended Idaho business with the Sudanese government, believed to be perpetrating the Darfur genocide. The bill was opposed by managers of the state retirement fund, who handle the business.

A bill passed which immediately increases the grocery tax credit. The credit will increase by \$10 each year until it caps at \$100. The increase is greatest for the poorest Idahoans, though this version does

not include food stamp recipients. Last year, several versions of this bill were proposed, but Governor Otter and the legislature couldn't agree.

A bill to regulate and monitor Idaho daycares didn't pass. The bill regards daycares of 12 children or under, often in rural areas, which are largely unmonitored. The bill proposed the necessity of employee background checks and basic safety measures, but was killed in committee, like last year's almost identical version.

A proposal to include

sexual orientation in Idaho's job discrimination law never reached committee. The proposal would make it illegal for Idaho employers to discriminate against employees or potential employees on the basis of actual or assumed sexual orientation.

The proposal excepts small businesses and religious organizations. But the proposal never became a bill last year, and this year it didn't make it past the desk of Senator Kurt McKenzie R-Nampa.

## AP News Blurbs: Around the world in four stories

### Democrats say Petraeus' days are numbered

WASHINGTON

The four-star general in charge of Iraq wants more time in a war that is now in its sixth year. Democrats say he's got until the November elections.

Gen. David Petraeus planned to testify Tuesday on the war for the first time in seven months. He was expected to tell two Senate committees that last year's influx of 30,000 troops in Iraq had helped calm some of the sectarian violence but that to prevent a backslide in security, troops would likely be needed in large numbers through the end of the year.

Under his proposal, as many as 140,000 troops could be in Iraq when voters head to the polls this fall.

Democrats contend that this approach guarantees an open-ended commitment to a \$10-billion-a-month war as the economy at home is faltering. They say the lack of political progress made in Iraq, as well as the recent spike in violence in Basra, indicates the troop buildup has failed.

nuclear program is peaceful and solely focused on the production of energy.

### Olympic torch arrives admist controversy

SAN FRANCISCO

The Olympic torch arrived for its only North American stop amid heavy security Tuesday, one day after its visit to Paris descended into chaos and activists here scaled the Golden Gate Bridge to protest China's human rights record.

Meanwhile, International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said the committee would consider ending the international leg of the Beijing Olympic torch relay because of such anti-Chinese protests.

Rogge told The Associated Press he was "deeply saddened" by violent protests in London and Paris and concerned about the upcoming torch relay in San Francisco, where activists expressed fears Monday that the torch's planned route through Tibet would lead to arrests and violent measures by Chinese officials.

### Iran expands uranium enrichment program

TEHRAN, Iran

Iran has begun installing 6,000 new centrifuges at its uranium enrichment plant in Natanz, state television quoted President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as saying Tuesday.

Iran already has about 3,000 centrifuges operating in Natanz, and the new announcement is seen as a show of defiance of international demands to halt a nuclear program the United States and its allies say is aimed at building nuclear weapons.

"The president announced the start of the phase of installing 6,000 new centrifuges in Natanz," state television reported.

Centrifuges are machines that can enrich uranium to a low level to produce nuclear fuel or a high level for use in a weapon. Iran insists its

### Polygamist raid in Texas reveals horrible conditions

ELDORADO, Texas

Until the raid on their compound last week, the woman and girls of the Yearning for Zion Ranch spent their days caring for its many children, tilling gardens, and quilting, dressed in pioneer-style dresses sewn by their own hands.

But it was no idyllic recreation of 19th-century prairie life, authorities say. Since last week, they have interviewed members of the polygamist sect looking for evidence that that girls younger than 16 were forced into marriages.

Five miles off the highway, beyond a double gate, the group's members live lives that are isolated even for the scruffy West Texas prairie. Their 1,700-acre ranch is like its own city, with a gleaming temple, doctor's office, school and even factories.

## Unemployment expected to rise; housing and auto layoffs expected to be high along with manufacturing jobs

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

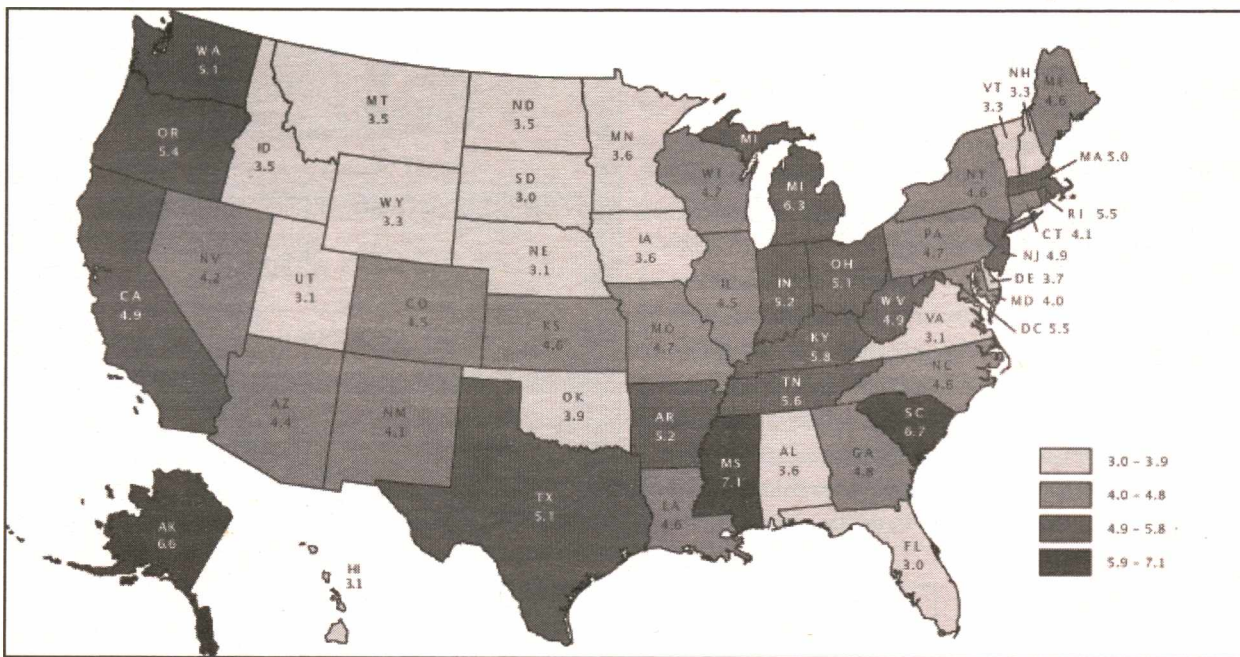
Hospitals, schools and the assembly line at an airplane factory look like pretty good places to be with a recession looming and unemployment rising. Construction

months. Businesses are getting nervous and pulling back," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

While the downturn is expected to be short and mild, economists are still

In an environment of a sluggish economy and rising unemployment, analysts said there will be some safe harbors where job demand will keep growing. First and foremost in this group will be health care, where the

currencies is helping to power an export boom, which is benefiting farmers and some segments of manufacturing, particularly airplane makers and factories producing various types of heavy machinery where



National unemployment by state (2006).

workers, real estate agents and auto workers aren't expected to fare as well.

The startling news that the economy lost 80,000 jobs last month and nearly a quarter-million over the last three months is the starkest signal yet that the country has probably fallen into a recession, with things on the job front expected to get worse.

"All the indicators suggest that we will see even larger job declines in coming

forecasting the unemployment rate, which jumped to 5.1 percent in March, will climb much higher before the nation's job engine sputters back to life.

Economists are forecasting a jobless rate that will peak at around 6 percent, but probably not until early next year, several months after the recession is expected to end. Analysts said as many as 2 million people could lose their jobs in the current downturn.

demographics of an aging population mean the demands for medical care will keep rising.

Also a bright spot in a generally bleak jobs picture will be education, again driven by the demographics of a rising population of school-age children and students attending colleges, community colleges and trade schools.

Outside of those areas, the falling value of the dollar against many foreign

the United States enjoys a competitive edge.

But other segments of manufacturing are not faring nearly as well. Domestic automakers have been laying off workers in the face of slumping sales as the weak economy and soaring gasoline prices cut into demand. General Motors and Chrysler reported U.S. sales were down 19 percent in March compared with a year ago, while sales at Ford fell by 14 percent



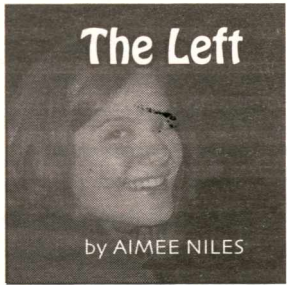
## Ignoring conflict builds ignorance, not community

As paradoxical as it may sound, conflict and controversy are not always bad. In fact, in some cases, the two are a sign of a vibrant and open community.

Fear of conflict and controversy does no one any good; it buries problems and ignores the real world. Avoiding the two may seem as though it does everyone a favor and keeps a community cohesive. However, in reality, all avoiding conflict and controversy does is create a fake reality.

NNU assures prospective students "NNU students develop the knowledge, skills and faith to succeed in their chosen professions." By trying to shield people from conflict and controversy, the university fails to offer skills necessary to succeed in a chosen profession.

Students need to learn how to deal with things they don't like or don't agree with—without degenerating to name calling or discounting the other's world view and opinions. As Christians entering a



### The Left

by AIMEE NILES

secular world, students will be faced with conflict and controversy on a daily basis.

Recently, The Crusader was confiscated because of perceived "offensive" content. In the real world, people will encounter things that are much more "offensive" than The Crusader. What offended was

the truth; the real world holds far more truly offensive elements. How are we supposed to deal with that when we don't have experience?

There is no doubt Student Development believed their actions were justified and necessary to protect the community. Shielding us from conflict and controversy doesn't defend students or the community. It takes away opportunities to learn cope with conflicting perspectives in an appropriate manner.

Avoidance propagates an atmosphere of ignorance, gossip and apprehension.

Ignorance does not prepare students to be global Christians, nor succeed in the professional world.

There is a good reason that censorship—while technically legal at private institutions—is considered bad practice. It gives

students unrealistic expectations of what is "appropriate." Cover-up creates a world of secrecy and untruthfulness. Is this good community?

It is not inconsistent for a Christian university to embrace the healthy and constructive kinds of conflict and controversy. By doing so, we foster an atmosphere of open debate, encouragement for the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to learn interaction with people with different viewpoints.

As we prepare to enter the world as global Christians, we must remember we are entering the imperfect and unsaved world. Without the skills to handle conflict and controversy—developed in the context of respectful Christian community—we will find it difficult to impact the world.

## The newspaper doesn't dictate community; campus reaction does

STAFF EDITORIAL

Last week's newspaper held twenty-eight stories written by staff members.

Gary Skaggs' life, work and relationships were celebrated. Sports teams, the cast of "Pride and Prejudice," and the winners of the Bertha Dooley writing contest were congratulated. And a score of students were honored with focuses on their mission trips and senior projects.

There has been a lot of talk about community this week, and how the newspaper has added or subtracted to that community. While one story reported the events in a few students' lives, twenty-seven stories celebrated, congratulated and honored this community.

One story does not make the whole publication, whether it is on the front page or not. It is sad that one story took away the value of the other twenty-seven.

As much impact as a newspaper has on the community of NNU, doesn't the student body have an even greater impact on that community?

Instead of remembering and admiring our peers, our campus reacted in a negative fashion toward one article. The responsibility lies with us—as students, faculty and staff—to create an atmosphere of community.

A publication such as The Crusader offers facts and news. It offers discussion pieces. What the campus does with that—and the effect it has on community—is up to the campus.

## The newspaper does not exist to support individuals

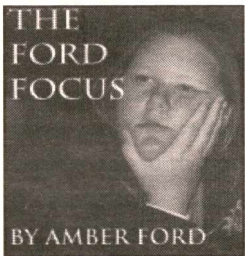
This year, my staff and I have been trying to build the concept of a real newspaper. I would say that we have been successful with that.

Students and staff actually want to read the newspaper, and we strive to provide the campus with current local and world news. My personal goal this year has been to raise the bar of professionalism and quality. I think that we exceeded that goal.

Last week, we did what any respectable publication would do given the story we needed to report. Not all news is good news, and it is our job to report the whole spectrum.

And now, when we are

reporting on news that is not so positive, we are being criticized and, in some



### THE FORD FOCUS

BY AMBER FORD

cases, personally attacked by the some of the same people who praised us for raising the bar of professionalism. So why is The Crusader held to a different standard?

We are a Christian campus, and because of that we are being held to a different standard than the rest of

the journalism world. We have been accused of being un-Christian and deliberately trying to embarrass these students in front of the entire student body.

First of all, these students embarrassed themselves when they were arrested for allegedly breaking into Best Buy. We simply reported the facts and presented the issues. And once the news media picked it up, it took no time for the campus community to jump on the bandwagon and criticize them. I heard it myself from a majority of students that day.

This newspaper was not making judgments on these students. We simply reported the facts and the

judgments that our student body was already making.

In my column last week, I urged the campus community to support these students because we are a Christian campus. I never said that it was the role of a newspaper to provide that kind of support.

The newspaper does not exist to support individuals—it exists to report news and hold institutions accountable, no matter the story.

I don't know how to run a more professional publication. To call us un-Christian for doing our jobs and simply presenting facts says more about the campus community than the Crusader staff.

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"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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## Journalism and Christianity are not mutually exclusive

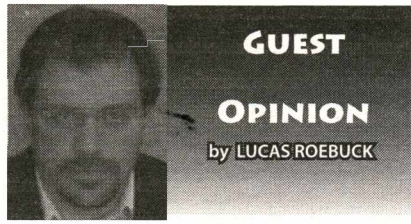
Can one be a Christian and a journalist? The question isn't an easy one to answer, because often — at first glance — journalism best practices seem to be at odds with the Christian doctrine of grace.

Can a Christian work for the Idaho Statesman, NBC news or the New York Times and not compromise core Christian doctrine? If we believe in the fundamental mission of Christian higher education and NNU, we must affirm that Christ-like actions and journalistic excellence are not mutually exclusive.

This notion has been challenged in the larger NNU community last week when this publication ran a page one story about five students who were incarcerated for alleged felonies. Clearly, best journalism practices — the rules which journalists use to assure fairness and integrity — dictated that

the story was newsworthy, probably the most newsworthy story of the week.

When deciding what stories will run and where to run them, journalists con-



sider the following criteria of news judgment: *impact* (the more people who are affected, the greater the news value), *conflict* (does the story have two or more sides), *prominence* (are the central players more than average bystanders), *proximity* (in the case of the student newspaper, does the story have anything to do with NNU), *freshness* (putting the NEW in news), and *novelty* (you don't see that every day).

Granted, news judgments

are subjective. One person may question the degree of impact of a story, etc. However, if you polled 100 working newspaper editors, I believe they would all come to the same conclusion: The arrest story was obviously the biggest news story. Any professional journalist would have to come to that

conclusion. Rarely does a news story meet all the criteria, and the arrest story clearly met ALL of them. Journalistically, the placement and prominence given to the story in last week's paper was easily justified by best journalism practices, including the large headline and mug shots.

But what about grace, i.e. mercy given when undeserved? I am not a theologian (but I am curious as to what religion faculty think of this issue), but I

think that one would have to be in a position of judgment in order to offer grace. This news article was not a judgment, but rather an attempt to represent the facts accurately. The story was not a secret one, but rather, one that had been reported in Treasure Valley newspapers and certainly had been gossiped about on campus thoroughly (I indict even myself in this).

The cartoon on the back page of the paper was not as easily justified by journalism best practices. Having a laugh at the expense of other's misfortunes, self-inflicted or otherwise, usually isn't good journalism.

Some have argued this week, however, that to even report on the incident is un-Christian. If this is the case, then NNU has no business training journalists to go and work in the secular media. Consider that, even in scripture, we see unflattering deeds immortalized.

In his letter to the Philippians—which was likely widely circulated, not unlike a newspaper—Paul calls out two women who have some disagreement. "I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. (4:2)" Would Paul have been more gracious if he had not mentioned this offense quite publicly?

My calling here at NNU is to train journalists who can go into the world and excel in the news media, giving our graduates the opportunity to be respected ambassadors of Christ in an arena where salt and light are sorely lacking.

Media outlets hire people who have proven they can exercise clear news judgment. Mature news judgment is not something that is learned from a lecture or textbook. The student newspaper is an important pedagogical tool that teaches students how to respond

to real world news events.

Finally, at what point do we sacrifice truth in the name of grace? As a community, should we hide the truth of our imperfections, keeping our failures in the darkness? Truth is the common ground between journalism and Christianity.

As Christians we know Christ is the ultimate truth. The encouraging thought about my trade is as journalists continue to seek truth, we know they will ultimately find Christ waiting.

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### Letters to the Editor

#### Best Buy cartoon was tasteless

I am writing in regards to the "The Best Buy five" article and cartoon.

The article accurately and impartially presented the facts regarding the recent arrest of the five NNU students involved in a burglary; I do not believe that it was necessary to include the mug shots of the students involved, nor that their pictures were displayed on the front page. This demonstrated bad taste.

The cartoon on the other hand was excessive and tactless. I do not feel this cartoon was at all funny or should have been placed in the school newspaper.

These five students made a terrible mistake and they are going to suffer the consequences for it, this does not mean that we, as a student body, should ridicule them.

I feel that the author of the cartoon, Kyle Anderson (sic), and the Crusader should issue a written apology to the five students in the next issue of the Crusader.

Rebecca Fleming  
Junior

#### Love and embrace

I am fairly removed from the activities on campus due to my schedule, and yet have been incredibly aware

and appalled at how the recent "Best Buy incident" was handled. Our school is unique in that we offer a safe environment for students to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ...

A number of students have reported teachers making flippant remarks regarding the students involved and the situation at hand. Due to the inability of the persons involved to share remarks or defend themselves, I think it is our schools duty to embrace them with love and forgiveness and ditch the need for juicy gossip.

This is an incredible opportunity to show the community how "Christians" approach situations and people differently—even when they make mistakes.

Claire Griffith  
Senior

#### Best Buy incident handled with a lack of tact

The Best Buy incident was handled with a complete lack of tact. While this incident needed to be reported to the student body, I felt it was completely tasteless to print their mug shots in the headline article. The student body is well aware of the identities of those involved, and I felt this unnecessary notoriety did not need to be propagated in this

inappropriate manner.

In addition, the "Crash Course" strip was absolutely obscene. These students have undergone enough recognition without mocking them in such a marginalizing manner. How can we consider ourselves a community if, when members of our community need our support the most, we turn them into objects for our base entertainment?

The Crusader was highly disrespectful and insensitive in the handling of this situation. I feel a written apology, to both the students involved in the incident and the general student body, is in order.

Caleb Reynolds  
Freshman

#### Well done Crusader staff

Regarding "The Best Buy five" article, I would like to say, well done. The article was tactfully written giving facts, helping put out rumors that were going around campus about the incident. The newspaper, this year especially, has become a respected and professional newspaper.

As part of professional journalism, I see nothing wrong with reporting the facts of the event, along with printing the pictures.

Placing pictures with an article is a part of journalism, especially if the accused are named in the article.

So, to the Crusader staff I say, again, well done, in stepping up to report the news in a professional manner.

Opinion on both sides is okay, but when people personally attack (with words that is) those part of the newspaper staff, there seems to be something wrong with that. We come to college to learn how to prepare for the "real world" in the profession we choose.

If we are taught in classes how to prepare for the "real world", then why are the newspaper and journalism students put down for putting it into practice?

Lynelle Thompson  
Junior

#### If this is professionalism, we don't want it

We would like to raise some concerns about "The Best Buy Five" article. We found the article to not be representative of the Christian love and standards that we want our University and paper to be known for.

We understand that the Crusader is striving to be on par with professional publications, and thus feels justified in printing a spread

such as this. However, we feel that if these are the standards of professional newspapers—to highlight others' failings to get attention—then we don't want our paper to be like a professional paper. We shouldn't be trying to imitate the world's standards, especially when they hurt others.

Love and acceptance are tenets of the Christian faith; if we can't demonstrate these in our small community, how can we be expected to take them into the real world? Also in the April 2 issue, there were two articles ("How will this year be remembered?", and "To be a Christian community, NNU must not judge each other") that encouraged students to show each other grace in spite of serious mistakes. Why couldn't this article have shown more grace to these boys?

Sarah Pence  
Kari Penrod  
Juniors

#### The Crusader showed Christian character

There has been so much controversy in regards to printing the article about the five boys in last week's paper but in all reality the job needed to be done. The Crusader staff did an amazing job of showing upstanding

Christian character in a supposed "secular" industry. I am glad the Crusader staff printed the article. The article shows that our university is not afraid to print the real information. Just because we try and pretend something is not there does not make it any less of a reality. The paper staff showed great integrity and character when they chose to print an article that did not portray the five boys as corrupt or immoral individuals but just chose to print the facts about what happened. As a fellow student, only hours after the reports of what happened, the gossip channels of NNU was buzzing. Many of the stories being told were not accurate or even true.

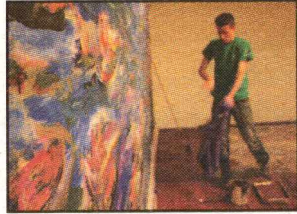
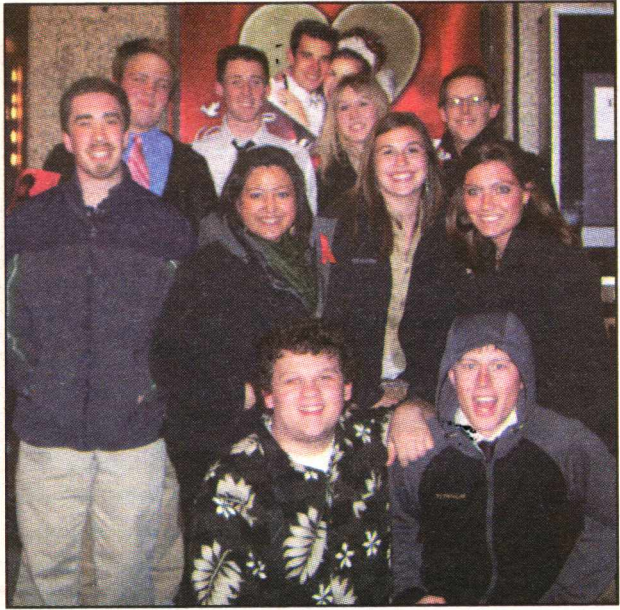
I was thankful to have a paper that showed the facts how they were and were not bias towards one side or the other. Thank you Crusader staff for showing the campus the real facts about any situation even when the story may be difficult to print!

Hannah Beers  
Junior

*Editor's Note: The Crusader thanks everyone that sent the newspaper feedback about last week's issue. Letters are always accepted at: crusader@nnu.edu*



## Week of volunteering in New York City a rewarding experience



Left: The team at "Tony and Tina's Wedding," an off-Broadway comedy. Above: Matt Stark painting the floor of the Pottery Ministry at Lamb's Church. Right: The team holding some of the jewelry made at Gifted Hands. Below right: Jeff Depew, Bobby Passmore and Josh Borden (photos courtesy of Michael T. Spengler and Josh Borden).



by AIMEE NILES

New York City is home to millions of people. Some are the rich and famous Donald Trumps of the world. Others are simply sustaining from day to day.

During Spring Break, a group of nine NNU students and Michael T. Spengler went to New York to volunteer at various organizations there.

"We worked all over New York—Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn," said freshman Josh Borden.

Among the organizations the group worked with was the New York Food Bank (one of the largest in the world) and a ministry called "Gifted Hands."

Gifted Hands is run out of the Lambs Church of the Nazarene by a woman named Dustee, said

Borden.

Dustee works with women in traumatic situations, from homelessness to abusive relationships. The women come and are able to make jewelry from things thrown away by major manufacturers. The outcome is beautiful jewelry—made from trash. It symbolizes the way God works with people, turning them into something beautiful.

Borden said the biggest experience of his time in New York was at Liberty Port Church of the Nazarene, in Brooklyn.

Pastor Mitchell defined a person letting God into them and using their life to minister to others.

"We celebrate you, others may tolerate you, but when you spend time with me, or in my church, we celebrate you." Pastor Mitchell told



Borden during his first few days in New York. Borden said it was obvious that Mitchell did just that; it felt like you were long-time friends when you were with him.

## Give gently used Bibles a new life: Campus Ministries organizes Bible drive

by AIMEE NILES

Remember your first Bible? Perhaps it was for your first day of school, or the day you became a Christian or for being baptized. Now, how many Bibles do you own? A lot of people have three or four that aren't even used.

However, there are also a lot of people that

don't have their own Bibles. Lacey Smith traveled with Parable last summer and met a young girl that didn't have a Bible of her own. Smith said she didn't get it at first; it took her a second to realize not everyone is born with Bible in hand. "I should have known that first hand since that was me," Smith said.

Smith gave the girl an extra Bible. When

the chapel speaker next said, "Turn in your Bibles," she could. Smith said it was an easy way to help in a fellow Christian's journey.

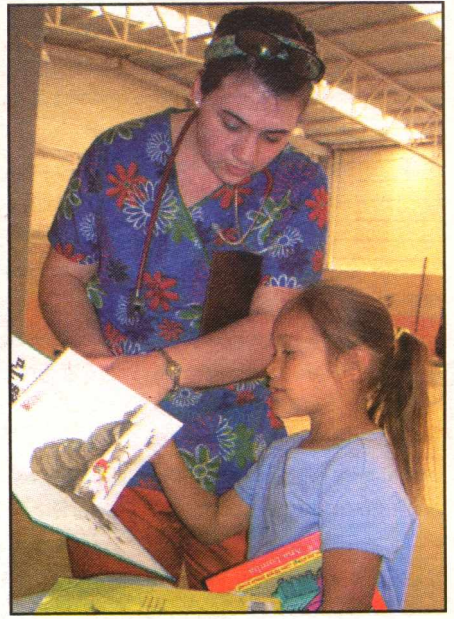
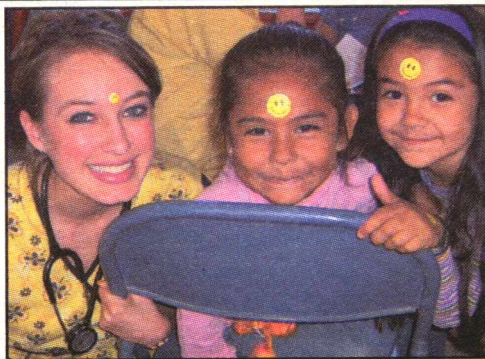
When Campus Ministries Coordinator Amy Carroll heard this story, she was inspired to organize a NNU Bible drive. The Bibles collected will be given to the various travel groups—Witness, Parable and Covenant—to take with and hand out during

their summer ministries. If there are more after the summer, the Bibles will be given out by different ministry clubs.

Students will have the opportunity to donate gently used Bibles during the last two weeks of school before finals—April 14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. They can also donate money to go towards buying a box a Bibles.

## Nursing, medical students return from mission trip to Mexico with touching stories and a renewed sense of service

This article, featured in last week's confiscated issue of the "Crusader," is being reprinted with apologies and thanks to its contributors.



Far left: Freshman Kendra Schmitt takes a young girl's blood pressure at one of the free clinics provided by the NNU team. Left: Melanie Teague flips through a Spanish storybook with a little patient. Below left: Meghan Rubitschun gave out stickers (photos courtesy Jennifer Piper).

by AIMEE NILES

While other people were hitting the slopes or sunning themselves on beaches, two groups of students spent their Spring Breaks on mission trips to Mexico and New York City.

Thirteen nursing students, three pre-med

students and four advisors, including Dr. Cris Kapicka, set up free clinics in the border towns of Reynosa and Rio Bravo. The students assessed each patient, took vital signs and logged their chief complaint before sending them onto the doctor.

The team mostly saw

common ailments such as infections, back pain, high blood pressure and fevers, but junior nursing major Jennifer Piper had an interesting diagnosis on her first day in the clinic in Rio Bravo.

"I was assessing a little 9 year old girl, and when I was listening to

her heart I only heard respirations (breathing)," said Piper. "I tried listening to her right side and I heard her heart beat. After talking with the patient and doctor translating we found that the little girl had Dextrocardia with Situs Inverse—her heart was located on her right side. This is a very rare

condition. This girl was a little underweight for her age, and had iron deficient anemia, but other than that she was completely healthy."

Another story that touched the hearts of the Mexico team was a little girl diagnosed with Type II diabetes. "It was a hard

thing for her to find out," junior nursing major Melanie Teague said, "but it was really cool to see how the people in the church came around the girl and her family."



## Go-karts and laser tag among popular activities during Guy's Night event

by IAN BAUDER

"I want to do go-karts," said Dax Wandling as he entered Boondocks with his friends. One of his friends asked why he wanted to drive go-karts just after he got out of the car. Dax shook his head. "Go-karts are different. We didn't drive here in a convertible while power sliding through frictionless turns with a bunch of twelve year olds."

Such was the attitude of most who attended the NNU Guy's Night event last Friday at Boondocks Fun Center. The activities included go-karts, laser tag, miniature golf, batting cages and plenty of arcade games. For dinner the guys ate pizza and soda on plastic multi-colored tables.

"I thought it was going to be like a junior high guys event," said sophomore Adam Lyon. "And it was just like that, except

no youth pastor. It was a blast."

Go Karts seemed to be a popular attraction for the evening, with guys waiting in long lines for the opportunity to race each other.

Jared May said that his highlight was when the boys started making a little trouble.

"Everyone went on the go-karts," said May. "And everyone got kicked off. It was so fun."

Sophomore Tyler Mostul

said that he had a good time with the laser tag. "The only bad part about it was that we were beat by a bunch of high school cheerleaders," said Mostul.

Overall, everyone involved had a good time. Even those with out a slap card felt like they got their money's worth.

"I paid twenty bones because I didn't make the sign up," said Lyon. "But it was worth it."

## 2008-09 SGA returns from a week in sunny California

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the city of San Diego and spend time bonding with their own SGA groups.

This year's theme for the conference was "Re:source, Reconnect, Rethink, Renew." The focus was on how students could connect with each other and spend the time building a vision for next year. Each participant at NSLC took a test, Cliff's Strengths-Quest, to evaluate each person's strengths as a focus for leadership. Each school had a separate consultation session with a Point Loma student development staff member, most of which are trained in StrengthsQuest.

Incoming SGA president Lacey Smith was elected Treasurer of the NSLA Steering Committee,

comprised of all of the presidents from the other Nazarene schools. According to Smith, "NSLA keeps all of the leaders of the Nazarene schools on track. That way, we can all be on the same page to encourage and support one another throughout the year." The committee also works to discuss issues at each of the Nazarene campuses and issues within the Nazarene church.

Brandon Haskins, incoming Social Vice President, was attending his first NSLC conference. He found the conference to be beneficial for a number of reasons. "I enjoyed meeting with the other Social VPs from the other schools and having the opportunity to



From left: Lacey Smith, Brandon Haskins, Amber Ford, Landon Loeber, Rylee Curtis, Brittan Aebischer, Tony Napier, Grant Miller, Nate Blowers, and Preston O'Malley (photo courtesy of Nate Blowers).

share ideas. We spent a lot of time brainstorming events and sharing our original ideas with each other," said Haskins. He also added that compared to the other schools, he plans a lot less events. "Other activities directors have to plan things

like Homecoming!"

"I had a great time bonding with people—that is the most important part of the experience. Our group was able to bond with each other and with the other schools," said Smith.

## YIM: students serve all over the world over their summer holidays

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to get out of the United States and see something of the world and it seemed like a pretty good deal to be able to serve others at the same time," said Pence.

"I have always had a calling to Africa and God provided this opportunity for me. I did not apply for the program but God placed me on the team and basically said...Here go...I will work everything else out. So I did," said Beers.

"My plan is to go into it completely open. Open to experiencing new things. Open to letting God use me in any way he wishes. Open to letting my heart be changed by the people I meet and the lessons I learn," said Carlson.

Another group, including

junior Julia Fitch, will be in Zambia, South Africa for two months. They will be working with Compassionate Ministries through the Nazarene church, working with HIV/AIDS programs, and with child development centers, said Fitch.

"As a nursing student, I want to do medical missions when I graduate, and I am really excited about this trip, being my first trip overseas, and what God is going to teach me," said Fitch.

Also heading to South Africa is sophomore Leah Whiting. Her group will be working on youth and children's camps, VBS, community outreach and orphanage visits, leading worship services, and AIDS

awareness, said Whiting. She said she is most excited about meeting people and hearing their stories.

Junior Kendra Hughes and sophomore Kaitlin Park will be spending ten weeks in Guatemala working on construction projects for Guatemalan schools, Vacation Bible Schools, evangelism, and showing the Jesus film, said Hughes.

"I went last summer with Youth in Mission and loved it so much I wanted to go back this summer with Mission Corps," said Hughes.

God and I just prayed a lot about the trip and felt God calling me to it," said Park.

There are some challenges that accompany the trips as well. When asked what she was most nervous about, Hughes responded, "I will at times be expected to translate between Spanish and English."

Pence confessed to a little nervousness as well. "Right now, I'm most nervous about everything that I don't know."

Also going on trips this summer will be Ariel Glover, traveling to Trinidad and Tobago, and Aimee Niles, traveling to Ghana.

## SIFE wins regional honors in Seattle



SIFE champions with their advisors at the SIFE USA Regional Competition last Wednesday (photo courtesy SIFE).

courtesy of Ashlee Jerome

The Northwest Nazarene University SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) Team returned to campus as winners after participating in the SIFE USA Regional Competition in Seattle, Wash. on April 2.

After presenting a report to a panel of business leaders of their year-long community outreach projects, the NNU team was named a SIFE USA Regional Champion in the overall competition. The team also received recognition as a finalist in the SIFE USA Campbell's/Sealed Air Business Ethics Competition, and will now advance to the national competition May 13-15 in Chicago, Ill.

"I am very proud of my team's accomplishments," Jackie Patterson, the club's president, commented, "They have worked hard to make a lasting impression in the lives of those around us

and are eager to begin another year."

During this academic year, SIFE has organized 13 projects in the Nampa community, including the Campbell's Stamp Out Hunger Challenge. The team raised over 600 pounds of canned food and held a canned food castle competition on campus as part of the challenge.

Part two of the Campbell's project will begin next week, in partnership with Love INC., and allows SIFE students to lead an interactive curriculum to nearly 50 children about the agricultural origins of food and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. The curriculum includes a special coloring book, "Logan's Lesson," and a recipe booklet that features Logan, a cartoon schoolboy, who teaches the children about healthy eating.

### Student Life Events

**Wednesday, April 9**  
 6:00-9:00 p.m.: Kylee Pearson "Home-Home" art reception (Friesen Galleries)  
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with Erik Valenti (SLH)  
 10:00 p.m.: Wednesday Nite Live

**Thursday, April 10**  
 8:00 p.m.: Concert band Spring Concert: "FACETS" (Swayne Auditorium) attendance is FREE

**Friday, April 11**  
 Housing Applications due  
 8:00 p.m.: Boise Philharmonic (Swayne Auditorium) NNU students get in FREE with ID

**Sunday, April 13**  
 6:00 p.m.: Jillian Palmquist junior recital (Swayne)

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# Jayhawks win first championship since '88

(AP) -- So patient for 20 years, Kansas had no problem working an extra five minutes to bring a long-awaited championship back to the heartland.

Mario Chalmers hit a 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in regulation to push the game into overtime, and the Jayhawks grinded it out from there for a 75-68 victory Monday night over Memphis in one of the best title games in recent memory.

"We got the ball in our most clutch player's hands, and he delivered," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

It was the first title for Kansas since 1988, when Danny Manning, now an assistant coach for the Jayhawks, led them to an upset of Oklahoma. And the shot earned Chalmers the most outstanding player honor.

"I had a good look at it," Chalmers said. "When it left my hands it felt like it was good, and it just went in."

The most memorable performance in this one came from freshman Derrick Rose of Memphis, who completely took over the game in the second half, scoring 14 of his team's 16 points during one stretch to lift the Tigers

to a 60-51 lead.

But Kansas (37-3) used the strategy any smart opponent of Memphis' would -- fouling the heck out of one of the country's worst free-throw-shooting teams -- and when Rose and Chris Douglas-Roberts combined to miss four of five over the last 1:12, it left the door open for KU.

Hustling the ball down the court with 10.8 seconds left and no timeouts, Sherron Collins handed off to Chalmers at the top of the 3-point line and Chalmers took the shot from the top. It hit nothing but net and tied the score at 63.

Robert Dozier missed a desperation shot at the buzzer, and Rose went limping to the bench, favoring his right leg. Brandon Rush, Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson scored the first six points of overtime to put Kansas ahead 69-63. Memphis, clearly exhausted, didn't pull within three again.

Arthur was dominant inside, finishing with 20 points and 10 rebounds, lots on dunks and easy lay-ups off lob passes. Chalmers finished with 18 points. Rush had 12 and Collins had 11

points, six assists and did a wonderful job shutting Rose for the first 28 minutes.

Rose wound up with 18 points in a game that showed how ready he is for the NBA. He was 3-for-4 from the line, however, and that one miss with 10.8 seconds left is what almost certainly would have sealed the game and given the Tigers (38-2) their first title.

Instead, the title goes back to Lawrence for the third time in the fabled program's history.

"If we played 10 times, it'd probably go five and five," Self said. "We got fortunate late."

The inventor of the game, James Naismith, was the first Jayhawks coach. It's the school that made household names of Wilt Chamberlain, Manning -- and yes, even North Carolina's Roy Williams, the coach who famously left the Jayhawks, lost to them in the semifinals, but was, indeed, in the Kansas cheering section to watch Bill Self bring the title back that he never could.

This game was not about coaches or sidestories, though. It was about the game, and what a dandy it

was -- a well-needed reprieve from a more-or-less blah tournament in which 42 of 63 games were decided by double digits.

This was the first overtime in the title game since 1997, when Arizona beat Kentucky 84-79.

Kansas, mostly Collins, put the clamps on Rose for the first half, allowing the freshman only four shots and leaving him spiking the ball on the floor as he walked to the locker room after a frustrating 20 minutes.

It stayed that way for the first five of the second half, but Kansas couldn't pull away. Douglas-Roberts made sure of it, winning enough of the 1-on-1 matchups that the Memphis offense creates to keep the Tigers in range.

Then, finally Rose took over -- a 3-pointer here, a scooping layup for a three-point play next. Then, the capper, an off-balance, 18-foot shot off glass with the shot-clock buzzer sounding. It gave Memphis a 56-49 lead. Most teams would have been demoralized.

Clearly, Kansas is not like most teams.



KU guard Mario Chalmers celebrates after making a game-saving three-pointer. Kansas would go on to win, 75-68 (photo courtesy of AP).

## Track & Field wins seven events at Idaho Collegiate Cup



BY CALLY BEKKEDAHL

NNU went away from the All-Idaho Collegiate Cup with 25 personal bests and seven wins this weekend at Boise State University.

After having Spokane's Whitworth Invitational snowed out two weeks ago, the NNU Track and Field team had their first outdoor meet of the season.

The team made the adjustment from indoor meets to outdoor. The Johnson Sports Center fire has forced the team to brave the cold and practice outside for the past month.

Dallas Beatty won two events, the 110-meter and the 400-meter hurdles, posting times of 15.8 and 56.16 seconds. Greg Hamm won in the triple jump with a distance of 44-6.25 feet and Grant Miller won the

discus throw with a toss of 142 feet 3 inches.

The men's 4x400 team, Dallas Beatty, Matt Stark, Greg Hamm, and Mitch Ward, also placed first. On Friday, Amy Carroll finished first in the women's hammer throw and Ashley and Jaclyn Puga finished first and second in the 1,500 meter run.

Many others on the team placed in the top three. Ashley and Jaclyn Puga placed second and third in the 800 meter run. Eric Zwiefelhofer finished second in the men's javelin throw at 192 feet 6 inches, just two and

a half feet off the NCAA provisional mark. Kevin Lambert placed third in the 5,000 meter run and Laura VonArx finished third in the women's triple jump. Latoya Tidwell set a new school record in the 200 meter run, finishing third overall in the meet.

In addition to the fourteen top three finishes, the team celebrated the 25 personal records broken this weekend. Next weekend, the Crusaders will be in LaGrande at the Eastern Oregon Invitational.

Freshman Annie Larlee helped represent NNU in the All-Idaho Collegiate Cup as the Crusaders racked up 25 personal bests and won 7 events (photo courtesy of Jenn Hush).

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## Softball sliding again

BY DEREK DE ROOY

The NNU Softball team lost a doubleheader to Central Washington this past Saturday, by counts of 2-4 and 0-8. With the weekend complete, NNU fell to 1-11 in GNAC play for the season.

In the opener, Vanessa Shaw hit a home run to the opposite side in the second, and Amanada Phillips scored on a CWU error, keeping the game close in the opening innings.

But Logan Moore and Amanda Erickson scored in the sixth inning to open up a 4-2 lead that was never relinquished.

Rachel Bare pitched the entire game for the Crusaders, allowing 10 hits and striking out 3. With the loss, Bare drops to 5-15.

Wildcat Katriina Reime (4-4) came in for 3 innings of relief work, allowing only one hit and fanning 3 in the win.

In the evening game,

NNU (1-11 GNAC) was beaten by the pitching of CWU pitcher Linse Vlahovich (8-10), who had started the first game as well. Vlahovich struck out 7 in her 4 innings of work, allowing 3 hits and zero runs.

The Wildcats (9-3 GNAC) also knocked in 8 runs in the first five innings, behind catcher Holly Rossman, 3B Logan Mohr, and SS Liz Wallace's 3-hit, 4-RBI game.

Crusader center fielder Jael Henthorn led the way for NNU with 2 hits, with shortstop Haley Hevern reeling in the only other hit of the game.

NNU pitcher Dana Shipley pitched the 5-inning game, which was ended on the basis of the 8-run rule. Shipley allowed 11 hits and 8 runs, striking out 1.

The lady Crusaders host MSU Billings this Friday and Saturday, hoping to make up some ground in the GNAC standings.

## Durant embracing role in NBA

BY DEREK DE ROOY

Well, it's about time.

Three weeks after suffering one of the most humiliating losses in NBA history, the Sonics got some sweet revenge.

The Sonics defeated the playoff-contending Denver Nuggets, 151-147, in double overtime, beating the Nuggets and their old coach at their own game.

On March 16, the Sonics allowed the most points in a regulation NBA game, losing to those same Nuggets, 116-168. For once, prized lottery picks Kevin Durant and Jeff Green showed up. Durant scored a season-high 37 points to go along with 8 rebounds and 9 assists, while Green knocked down 35 points and pulled in 10 rebounds.

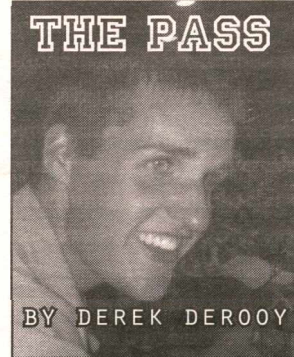
Though the thought of

the Sonics remaining in Seattle seems to be all but hopeless, Durant has managed to play well for the past month. The second overall pick in the 2007 draft, who never managed a month of shooting above .414, managed to shoot .526 in the month of March. In Sunday's game against the Nuggets, Durant made a pair of three-pointers, one to force the first overtime and the other to force the second. He also hit four free throws in the closing seconds to seal the game.

Jeff Green, the fifth overall pick in the draft, hasn't seen as much action because of his starting position on the bench. But the undersized power forward shot well and made the best of this opportunity, filling in for starter Chris Wilcox, who sat out with a dislocated finger on

his shooting hand.

The Sonics' win meant relatively little, as they are not eligible for the playoffs. Besides giving Seattleites a good show for the first



The game was more important for the Nuggets, however, who are in the middle of a playoff push. The Nuggets are fighting with the Dallas Mavericks and the Golden State Warriors for the final two playoff spots in the Western Conference. The Nuggets, however, are not playing the kind of basketball they needed to after wins over both the Warriors and Mavericks. Losses to Sacramento and now Seattle will seriously hurt their playoff chances.

I am praying the Sonics draft Derrick Rose in this year's draft, but with too many wins like the one we had on Sunday night, there won't be much chance of that.

time in months, the only implications the game had for the Sonics was to affect their chances of locking up a top-2 lottery pick, namely UCLA's Kevin Love or Memphis University's Derrick Rose.

## Jaguars QB Garrard receives seven-year deal

(AP) -- Quarterback David Garrard probably could have gotten the Jacksonville Jaguars to pay him more money.

But he was tired of negotiating.

So Garrard ended the contract process Monday, signing a seven-year, \$60 million contract that is the richest in franchise history.

"I pretty much had to say, 'Let's go ahead and wrap it up. I'm done,'" Garrard said. "It's too much stress on me and my family. My wife was done five weeks ago. We just kept working on it and I finally just said, 'You know what, I'd rather be happy now, have the city happy now, have the team, the organization, the owner happy now.'"

Garrard and his agent, Albert Irby, had been seeking something similar to the six-

year, \$67.5 million contract Dallas quarterback Tony Romo signed last season.

But Garrard settled for the latest offer because he "felt like it was time."

"I've just seen it too many times," he said. "I just didn't want to go through it myself. There's way too many things that can happen to you between here and now and when you're trying to get this done and that done. Is it really worth it? I just said, 'It's time to make everybody happy' because I was already happy."

A career backup who beat out Byron Leftwich last pre-season, Garrard was entering the final year of a four-year deal that paid about \$2 million annually.

The Jaguars were eager to get him under contract

after his first season as a full-time starter.

The 30-year-old Garrard completed 64 percent of his passes for 2,509 yards and 18 touchdowns despite missing three games because of an ankle injury. He threw just three interceptions and finished with the NFL's third-highest passer rating (102.2), proving head coach Jack Del Rio made the right move when he announced his quarterback decision a week before the season opener.

"When you look at what transpired and how David responded, I think that's what's most impressive," Del Rio said. "A lot of people may have gotten down, gotten down on themselves, gotten bitter at me for the decision. Any number of things could have taken place that would have led to

a different outcome.

"What you see is a young man that persevered, ultimately a coach that saw something, took a shot with him, and now we're together here for the foreseeable future here in Jacksonville, and tied together and hungry for more."

The Jaguars expect Garrard to be even better this season, with the addition of receivers Jerry Porter and Troy Williamson and another year in Dirk Koetter's offense.

"To have David lead this team for the next seven years, it really gives us the stability and the continuity that we need to compete at the highest level and bring a championship to Jacksonville and hopefully multiple championships," owner Wayne Weaver said. "David has earned this."

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### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
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Utah (4)	51	26	.662	-	W3	7-3
Denver (8)	46	31	.597	5	L2	6-4
Portland	38	39	.494	13	L5	3-7
Minnesota	19	57	.250	31.5	L4	3-7
Seattle	18	59	.234	33	W1	2-8
<i>Pacific</i>						
LA Lakers (3)	53	24	.688	-	W1	7-3
Phoenix (6)	51	26	.662	2	L1	6-4
Golden State	46	31	.597	7	L1	4-6
Sacramento	36	41	.468	17	L1	5-5
LA Clippers	23	54	.299	30	L2	2-8
<i>Midwest</i>						
New Orleans (1)	54	22	.711	-	W5	9-1
San Antonio (2)	53	22	.688	1.5	W1	9-1
Houston (5)	52	25	.675	2.5	W3	6-4
Dallas (7)	48	29	.623	6.5	W1	4-6
Memphis	21	56	.273	33.5	W1	5-5

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
<i>Atlantic</i>						
Boston (1)	61	15	.803	-	W6	8-2
Philadelphia (6)	39	38	.506	22.5	L1	6-4
Toronto (7)	38	39	.494	23.5	L3	4-6
New Jersey	32	45	.416	29.5	W1	4-6
New York	21	56	.273	40.5	W1	2-8
<i>Central</i>						
Detroit (2)	55	21	.724	-	W5	7-3
Cleveland (4)	42	35	.545	13.5	L2	4-6
Indiana	33	44	.429	22.5	W2	7-3
Chicago	30	46	.395	25	L1	4-6
Milwaukee	26	50	.342	29	L2	3-7
<i>Southeast</i>						
Orlando (3)	48	29	.623	-	L1	5-5
Washington (6)	40	37	.519	8	W2	6-4
Atlanta (8)	36	41	.468	12	W1	7-3
Charlotte	29	48	.377	19	L1	5-5
Miami	13	64	.169	35	L7	1-9



# Domestic concept 'Home - Home' displayed this week

by ANDREA HALL

Tonight in the Friesen Galleries, the department of art and design is holding an artist's reception for Kylee Pearson's exhibition, "Home—Home."

The senior design major decided early last semester that she would participate in not just one, but two senior exhibitions with the art department. One is the upcoming graphic design portfolio show (in which all the graphic design seniors are required to participate) and the other is a solo studio exhibition that Pearson has been planning for months.

As a designer, Pearson was only required to put work into the group show at the end of the year, but she wanted to bring her art

education to a new level and combine all of the disciplines that she has studied together in a more expansive way.

"I'm inspired by sculptural installation," said Pearson Monday. Her solo show incorporates the concepts of installation work with elements of the graphic design, drawing and painting courses that the artist has taken as part of her degree.

"All of the work I've been making the past couple of years has been about people in the home, domestic work and the concept of home," she stated. "I decided to make that the concept of my show, too."

The gallery has been transformed into a rough model of a house that viewers can walk through and interact with. The walls are

decorated with hand-drawn household items that are associated with specific rooms, helping to divide the single large space into separate living areas, like bedrooms, kitchen and dining room.

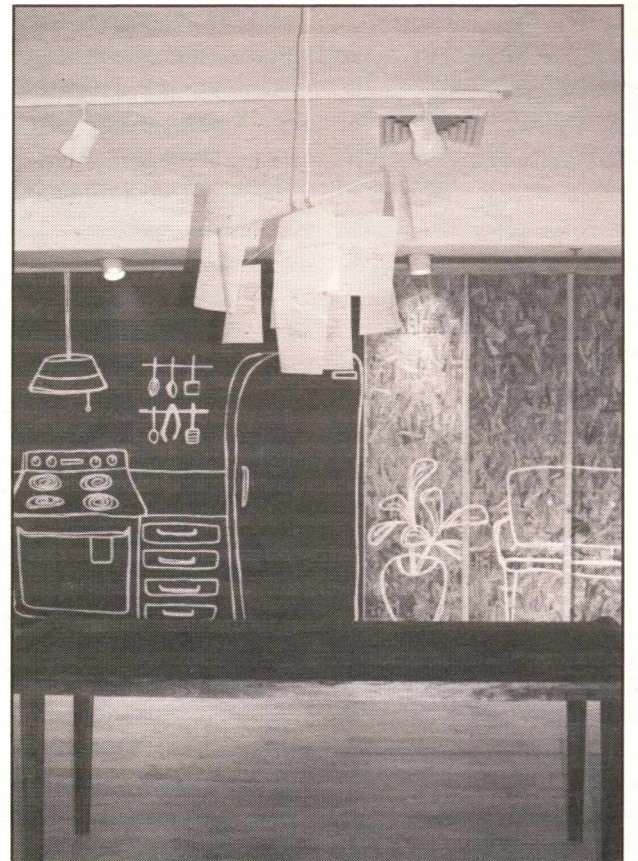
The space may not seem very "homey," even with all the decorations, due to alternating finishes on the wall. Frames show through in some rooms, making the house seem unfinished, even forboding. The furniture and appliances are drawn lightly and not in perspective.

Pearson wanted to explore the concept of "home" and how differently people visualize the idea. Therefore, the walls are rough, and the contents of the rooms are reduced to two-dimensional images, their skewed perspective flattened, making

them look very generic and impersonal.

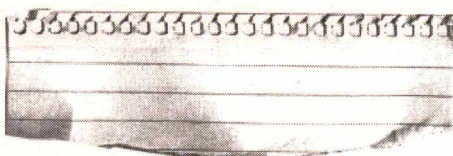
"The subject is best as installation art so people can experience it," said Pearson. "The real challenge was to create a neutral home, and not just recreate my home." With the impersonal feel, each viewer is free to interpret the work in a more personal way, encouraging exploration of what "home" is to him or her or what they want it to be.

Pearson's reception starts at 6:00 p.m. today and goes until the beginning of Time Out. Snacks are provided, and the artist will be in attendance, answering questions and talking about her work. Coming up next week: Andrea Hall's senior studio exhibition.



Kylee Pearson's exhibition "Home - Home" is about people in the home, and the concept of home (photos by Robin McConkey).

## Bertha Dooley writers recognized



Wedding Dress

Laurie Burgemeister

I must confess  
I want a wedding dress  
But not white, beige, blue, black, or cream.

Not pink with lace  
or ribbons up to my face—  
no sequins that sparkle and gleam.

If I wed  
it has to be red—  
red with deep red in the seams.

But the things they would say  
wearing red on that day...  
...maybe only red in my dreams.

But oh how sweet  
for his eyes to meet  
a beautiful sight in rouge

What a wild fire  
caused by my heart's desire  
when people heard the news.

I suppose this would  
or probably should  
give my parents the blues.

Though it's my wedding day  
with tradition I'll stay  
maybe I'll buy some red shoes.



Seth Clark

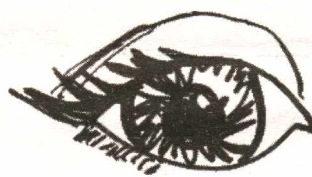
### Engine 58-60

Engine 58-60 alone on the track  
No boxes to pull  
No tight schedule to keep  
No more cargo disturbs your rest  
Because the station doesn't need you anymore.  
But it's not just the station—  
It's the whole world now, isn't it,  
Engine 58-60?  
It's the abandoned track behind and beyond  
The busy passengers of the nearby overpass  
Eating their fast food and talking on cell phones  
In their nature friendly battery cars.  
It's the coal free air, and the people who like it  
That left you to decay alone on the track  
Scarred by antique coal stains that cover  
Your once vibrant red panels and bright brass bells.  
They've never heard your bells  
And they never will  
Because the station, no—  
Nobody needs  
Engine 58-60 alone on the track.

### Afternoon Gossip

Lindsay Greb

The wind whispers secrets to the trees  
Of flirtatious flowers seducing bees;  
Painting their faces in lovers hues:  
Passionate pink and crimson bruise,  
Twirling their flowing skirts in view  
Taunting the buzzing labor crew;  
Bidding each to come and dine  
To come and drink sweet Nature's wine,  
To take a break and rest their wings,  
To come enjoy life's simpler things.  
The trees then chuckle at the thought  
Shaking their shoulders in the breeze,  
The bees are lucky, are they not  
To catch the blooming eyes of these?



Chris Davis



Untitled

Innumerable stars, each with their own  
Planets, carries on oh, so silently.  
She looks and says, "Let's make this our new home";  
I smile and look back at the stars and think.

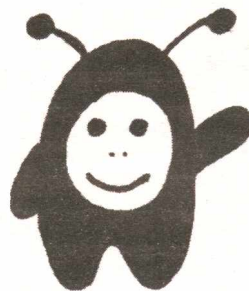
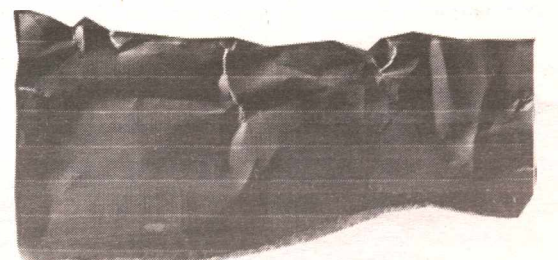
Could we be so bold and do such a thing?  
Shall we throw out all that we have done, and  
Recreate what needed generations  
To conceive? Should we be so bold? Should we?

Do we really need those things, she might ask,  
Those people, even those philosophers.  
What good is Nietzsche? Who benefited  
From Kant, Plato, Milton, or Kierkegaard?

I do not know, myself, I respond, but  
I am not a truly smart man, either.  
Then what is the point? Does there need to be?  
Nietzsche wouldn't request to have a point.

Wordsworth would live up here, and Thoreau, I  
Think. They might write a story about it.  
But I am no truly smart man, so I  
Have no interest in living up here.

Yet those stars remain innumerable,  
And still they shed light to what they need to.  
She looks, says, "Shall we make this our new home?"  
I look at the stars and think.



### Crimson Hate

Rachael Finch

Hate tastes of deep crimson.  
It is boiling,  
Iron-rich blood  
saturating your tongue,  
suffocating your lungs—  
drowning you.

Hate tastes of raw meat,  
or ripping flesh—  
Freshly spoiled.

The aftertaste is most pungent.  
It is rotten meat,  
or sour milk coating your mouth,  
clinging to your taste buds.

It is the aftertaste of which lingers,  
savoring every drop of you





## Feature Band: Punch Brothers

by RACHAEL FINCH

From one of the nimble fingered talents who brought us Nickel Creek comes Punch Brothers. As bluegrass as ever, Chris Thile leads this band with an astonishing knack for colliding classical melodies with experimental sounds. Even the "I like everything but country" crowd can't deny the musicality of this groups work.

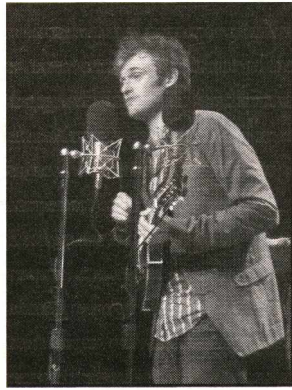
"Punch," the band's debut album, released February 26, features Thile (singer-composer-mandolin player), Chris Eldridge (guitar), Greg Garrison (bass), Noam Pikelny (banjo), and Gabe Witcher (fiddle).

The album, while showing some similarities to Thile's work with Nickel Creek, is truly a horse of a different color. It follows some classical patterns in terms of form, being recorded as movements of a larger piece, rather than several individual songs, yet it plays with more experimental sounds. The fiddle is no stranger to sharp or harsh

itches, and dissonance is used more commonly than in most contemporary country, bluegrass, or pop albums. It is as much for the student of music as for the common listener.

If you are looking for an album that is dominantly lyric based, look elsewhere. "Punch" is not a traditional pop or country album with catchy lyrics, or even lyrically driven. As much of the album is instrumental as is lyrical. Nevertheless, the songs convey sincere emotion, and the limited lyrics are well written and carefully placed. There is a story being told through the four movements of "The Blind Leaving the Blind", and further through the entire album. Perhaps the inspiration for the story came from the marital struggles Thile was experiencing as he worked on "The Blind Leaving the Blind", said the band's Myspace biography.

Thile, however, is not the only seasoned member of the band. Eldridge was a founding member of Infamous Stringdusters, as well as a featured musician with the



Lead Singer and mandolin player Chris Thile, brings a new feeling to the traditional bluegrass and folk feel of music in the Punch Brothers' recent release of 'Punch' (photo from wikicommons.org).

Seldom Scene; Garrison has played with Ron Miles and Leftover Salmon; Pikelny has done solo work as well as collaborating with John Cowan and Tony Trischka; and Witcher has been featured on soundtracks such as that of Toy Story and Brokeback Mountain, as well as recording with several artists and bands, said the Punch Brothers Myspace biography.

## Creator of 'American History X' directs new masterwork of journalism

by IAN BAUDER

"Everyone is right when it comes to abortion," says Alan Dershowitz in the recently released-to-DVD documentary "Lake Of Fire." It could be the motto for a film that vehemently resists the temptation to take a side in what has proved to be one of the U.S.'s most divisive issues.

Directed by Tony Kaye ("American History X"), a product of eighteen years of work, "Lake Of Fire" is a masterwork of journalism. It tells us a story that is brutal, shocking, and heart wrenching. Make no mistake kids, this is a heavy film. I'm writing this three days after watching the film, and I still can't shake off the

images of a doctor sifting through recognizably human post-abortion matter.

But this isn't a pro-life propaganda piece. We also see an interview with Paul Hill; a clean cut activist who believes that all abortionists, sodomites and blasphemers (including those who say 'goddammit') should be executed. True to his word, several years after his initial interview, Hill kills an abortion doctor outside of a clinic.

"Lake Of Fire" manages to find a center in the midst of all the madness of the abortion issue. Kaye gives us the rational voices of Noam Chomsky, Nat Hentoff, and Dershowitz to push past the rhetoric and help us

really understand the issue. Personally, I found Hentoff (an atheist, a civil libertarian and a vehement pro-life advocate) to be one of the most compelling voices in the film.

I think that "Lake Of Fire" is a part of the required literature for the abortion debate. If you are passionate about the issue (no matter what side you take) than "Lake Of Fire" is a must-see. Even if you aren't a major advocate when it comes to abortion, I feel like everyone with the stomach for it should watch this film. It deftly questions our motives, methods, and ultimately the personal ramifications of an issue few dare touch.

## 'Leatherheads' falls short of a first down

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

The movie "Leatherheads" is a period film directed by George Clooney, his third film. It is the story of a professional football team in Minnesota in the 1920s, when football and movies were pure and uncorrupted by money and fame. Clooney attempted to follow in classic screwball comedy style of the era, following in the footsteps of Clark Gable, Frank Capra and the likes. Unfortunately, those guys made it look a little too easy for the cast of "Leatherheads." Out of the three films Clooney has directed, this might be his worst. The plot goes that

this professional team in Duluth Minnesota is on the verge of bankruptcy. In the 1920s though, professional football is not very popular; all the action is in collegiate football. George Clooney plays the aging star of the team, Dodge Connelly. Connelly decides to recruit a college star from Princeton, Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski), and he is basically Jim Halpert from the Office with athletic talent. Renee Zellweger plays Lexie Littleton, a spunky reporter from the Chicago Tribune who admires the sound of her own voice. To be honest, it was hard to tell what the actual point of the movie was as there were

so many poorly planned sub plots, of which one was that Carter had been a war hero before he was a football hero and Lexie ridicules his claims of glory on the battlefield. The only clear thing about this film is that Clooney spent too much time in front of the camera and not enough time behind it.

There were some funny parts in this movie, but if you're debating on whether or not to see it, I would wait until it plays at midnight at the Reel Theatre, and if most people like this movie as much as I did, you shouldn't have to wait too long.

## NU professor and student become representatives for honor society

by ALLI SCHISLER

NU English professor Dr. Ralph Speer was recently elected Sigma Tau Delta Far Western Regent. Sigma Tau Delta is an international English honor society. Speer helped start NNU's local chapter of Sigma Tau Delta of which six students are members.

Speer will have responsibility over 750 active chapters and his term lasts

until 2012. He was elected at the annual Sigma Tau Delta convention in Louisville in March.

Sophomore english major Seth Clark also attended the convention and was elected Associate Student Representative for the far western region of Sigma Tau Delta, which includes Utah, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and California. Clark helped pioneer NNU's chapter.



Karen Chase performs her senior clarinet recital Saturday in the Emerson auditorium (photo by Robin McConkey)

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**Newsday Crossword**

**STEADFAST** by Gail Grabowski  
 Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**  
 1 Tire-filling machines  
 6 Grab onto  
 10 Storage building  
 14 Musical drama  
 15 Took the train  
 16 Money in Italy  
 17 Unpleasant smell  
 19 Quick haircut  
 20 Part of a sock  
 21 Auto-club jobs  
 22 Small sofa  
 24 Harvest season  
 25 Marlin or mackerel  
 26 Tax on imports  
 29 Call one's own  
 32 Summits  
 33 Go bad, as fruit  
 34 British fellow  
 36 Hotel posting  
 37 Flying mammal  
 38 Volcanic flow  
 39 Like the Sahara  
 40 Pesky insect  
 41 Needing fixing  
 43 Boring  
 45 Grade-school break  
 46 Memo starter  
 47 Level of a ship  
 48 Batter's position  
 51 Neck of the woods  
 52 Excavate  
 55 Wrinkle remover  
 56 Having no moving parts, in electronics
- DOWN**  
 1 Fence stake  
 2 No more than  
 3 Insignificant  
 4 Country-club instructor  
 5 New Mexico's capital  
 6 Dog's warning  
 7 Curtain holders  
 8 Wedding words  
 9 Don't quit  
 10 Adjust for a time change  
 11 Injured  
 12 One of the Great Lakes  
 13 Round roof  
 18 Plays 18 holes  
 23 Curvy letter  
 24 Prepared the evening meal  
 25 Yard fraction  
 26 *Gone With the Wind* plantation  
 27 In pieces  
 28 Lace again  
 29 Beseches  
 30 Agitate  
 31 Doesn't throw out  
 35 Baking containers  
 37 Jeans color  
 40 Anticipated  
 41 Kennel-club classification  
 42 Gets new actors for  
 44 Company name ender: Abbr.  
 47 Helps with the dishes  
 48 Croon a tune  
 49 Threesome  
 50 Top-notch  
 51 Very much  
 52 Prom partner  
 53 List entry  
 54 Precious stones  
 57 Bullring "Bravo!"  
 58 Preschooler

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**The DEAL**

by TONY NAPIER

Here's the deal: I was jogging outside the Dex and realized--I hadn't eaten. So, I ran into the Dex and grabbed a to-go box from under the cash register. As I reach my hand into the darkness that was Delane's underdesk I grabbed the box and a cup and was shocked.

Apparently, the Dex management has decided to replace the already small cups with even smaller cups.

Well, I would just like to say not everyone can live in little people world...except for Rylee Curtis.

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CRASH COURSE #016 BY KYLE ANDERSEN  
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WELCOME TO THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT, SIR, HOW CAN I HELP YOU?  
 HI, I WAS WANTING TO CHANGE MY MAJOR TO BUSINESS.  
 I'M MARA. WITH ANOTHER "THE FOCUS," TODAY WE ARE LOOKING AT THE PIONEERING BUSINESS MAJOR. IT'S SAID THERE IS A SECRET INITIATION BEFORE THEY CAN ENTER THE BUSINESS FIELD. LET'S OBSERVE.  
 SURE, WE CAN DO THAT. PLEASE JUST DEPOSIT ONE HEART TO BE OFFICIALLY ENROLLED.  
 ER...WHAT? ONE... ONE HEART YOU SAID? DON'T I NEED THAT?  
 WE ACCEPT SOULS AS WELL.

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