

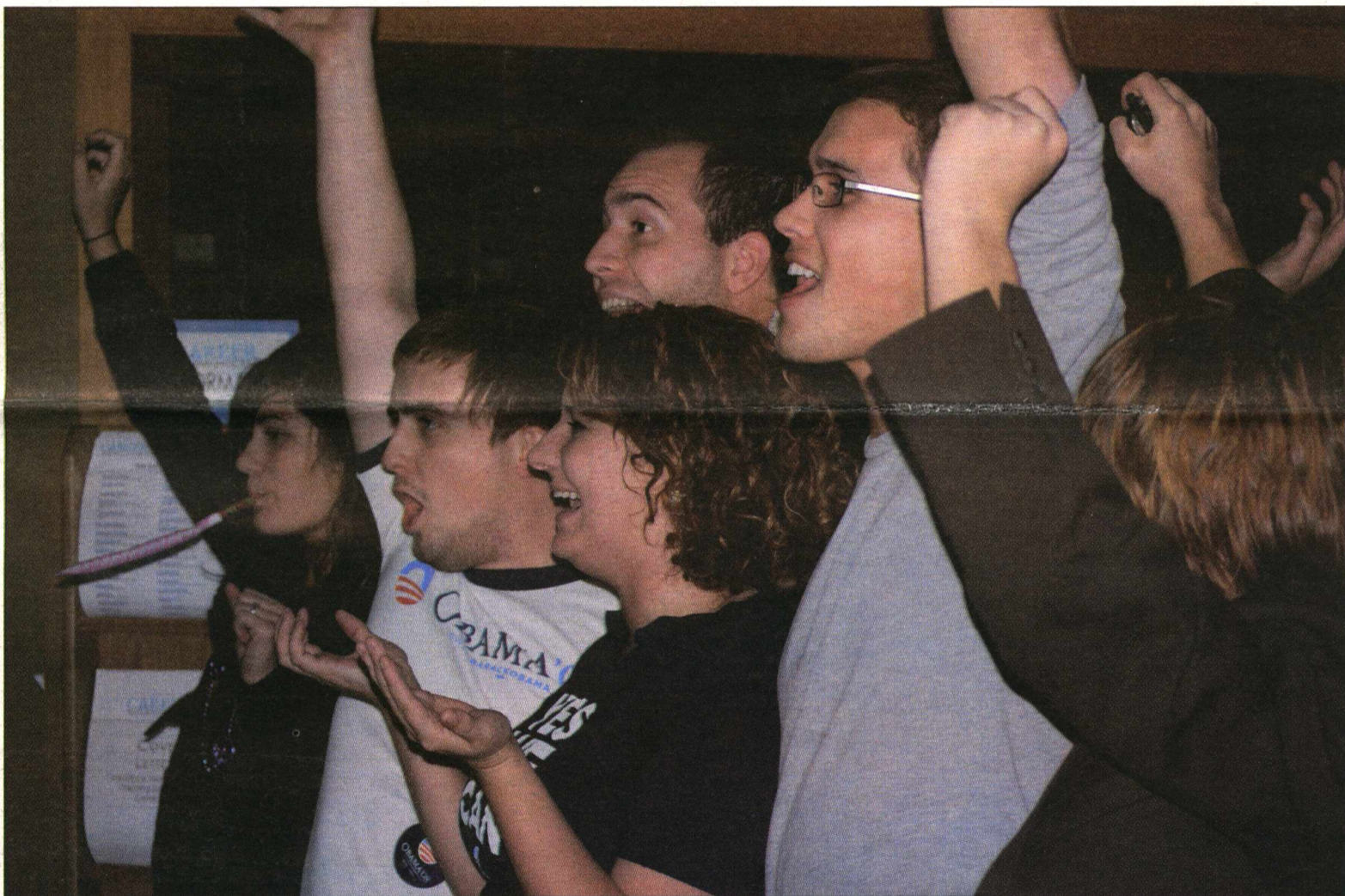
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## Obama is the winner



Students celebrate democratic candidate Senator Barack Obama's victory over Senator John McCain in the presidential race last night in the student center (photo by Andrea Schilling).

### Barack Obama has been elected the forty-fourth U.S. president

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

America elected Barack Obama as President of the United States. As the results came in Tuesday evening,

Obama stayed in front of McCain consistently through the night. When all was said and done, Obama led McCain in both electoral votes and in the popular

vote. As of 10:30 Tuesday night, with a few states still left uncounted, Obama won 338 electoral votes and McCain won 156. 270 electoral votes are required to

establish a candidate as the next president.

When the Crusader polled its readers, McCain led the mock election with sixty percent, then Obama

with thirty-four percent, and third parties with five

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### NNU is awarded \$300,000 from the Murdock Charitable Trust

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

Northwest Nazarene University was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to aid in further development of private schools in Idaho, Washington, Oregon

and Montana.

The \$300,000 grant covers a three-year period and will assist private K-12 Christian schools with financial management and staff development, said Kathy Johnson, grant program manager for Northwest Nazarene

University.

NNU business faculty will be helping the private school administrators develop and organize a business plan in order to ensure financial sustainability.

"Our goal is to help the schools continue to be

successful in the future, and to be better prepared as they move toward accreditation," said Johnson.

NNU will be working with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) to be sure that the schools are taking

the correct steps toward achieving and maintaining accreditation.

Staff development is another key function of the grant. NNU's school of

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THURSDAY  
Mostly cloudy.  
Hi: 52° | Low: 35°

FRIDAY  
Partly sunny.  
Hi: 60° | Low: 36°

SATURDAY  
Chance of showers.  
Hi: 61° | Low: 33°

SUNDAY  
Chance of showers.  
Hi: 53° | Low: 31°

MONDAY  
Chance of showers.  
Hi: 51° | Low: 30°

TUESDAY  
Partly cloudy.  
Hi: 50° | Low: 29°

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## Senate passes Peer Mentor coffee fund bill amidst controversy

by AIMEE NILES

Last Wednesday, the NNU Senate passed a bill giving \$500 to the Peer Mentor coffee fund. The senate voted down a similar bill on Oct. 1.

The previous bill's controversy dealt with false information about an end-of-the-year party at the Mona Lisa. "There was a rumor that we used coffee fund money for the Mona Lisa," said Joanne Rittmueller, a counselor in the NNU Counseling Center

Using the coffee fund for the Mona Lisa dinner was put forth as an option to last year's PMs, but they decided not to jeopardize the future of the coffee fund by using that money on themselves, said Rittmueller.

Rittmueller attended the meeting and explained this and answered the questions of the senate and the gallery. Vice President of Student Development Carey Cook issued a memorandum to the senate encouraging the bill to be passed. "The PM's are trying to provide more

opportunities for our greater student population and these funds are necessary to achieve that goal," said Cook in the memo.

The bill was discussed by the senate and gallery for a significant portion of the meeting and ended with a unanimous vote of 11-0 to pass the bill.

Prior to the meeting and during the meeting, "there was a lot of pressure from both sides trying to sway my vote," said senior senator Katey Rickart. "It made me uncomfortable."

Despite the cohesive agreement of the senate, others were not pleased with the outcome of the vote.

"I was very disappointed to see the bill pass," said SGA Business Manager Preston O'Malley. "I don't disagree with the business of the Peer Mentors, but I'm afraid of the amount of money that has been distributed and how that money does not reach the vast majority of students."

It's hard to balance the decision to give money, said Rickart, "The Peer Mentor

program is a good cause, but there are a lot of good causes."

SGA President Lacey Smith was also displeased with the passage. "I am really frustrated that it seems like the senate cares more about getting the meeting done rather than fully discussing a bill. There are some big questions unanswered about this bill."

Rittmueller disagrees. "I think there is clarity now," she said.

Senior senator Dax Wandling—who is also a Peer

Mentor—sponsored the bill and had no comment on the outcome.

Smith is considering using her veto power on this bill. As SGA president, the Constitution of the ASN-NU gives the president the power to return "all legislation of which he/she disapproves together with his/her objections to the Student Senate."

"I will debate the issue and speak with Executive Vice President Grant Miller, but vetoing it is a possibility," said Smith.

## MEAC hosts election parties in student center

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Red and blue flooded the campus as the Middle Eastern Affairs Club hosted election results last night in the Student Center.

In the lobby in front of the Dex, CNN was shown on the big screen following the Democratic side of the event.

In the Perk, McCain supporters gathered to watch the election process on FOX news.

MEAC's idea to host two separate parties allowed students to come together on the monumental evening.

"The election parties were great because it was fun to come together with my friends and watch," said freshman Zach Sherwood.

Sherwood sat in on the Democratic side of the election party.

Sherwood also said he appreciated the friendliness and respect the two parties had for each other despite the high emotions on the final evening.

"The parties allow for more community and more fun. It's just better to watch with other people," said junior Tim Meeks.

Meeks sat in on the Republican election party.

However, some students found two different celebrations, based on political parties, frustrating.

"I don't like it. The two different election parties encourages division," said junior Rachel Lund.

Lund awaited results on the Democrat side. She said she favored Obama over McCain.

Lund also said she was reminded of chapel a few weeks ago when Professor

Peterson talked about Christians not dividing themselves due to a specific political parties."

Freshman Kasi Farley was discouraged by the division as well.

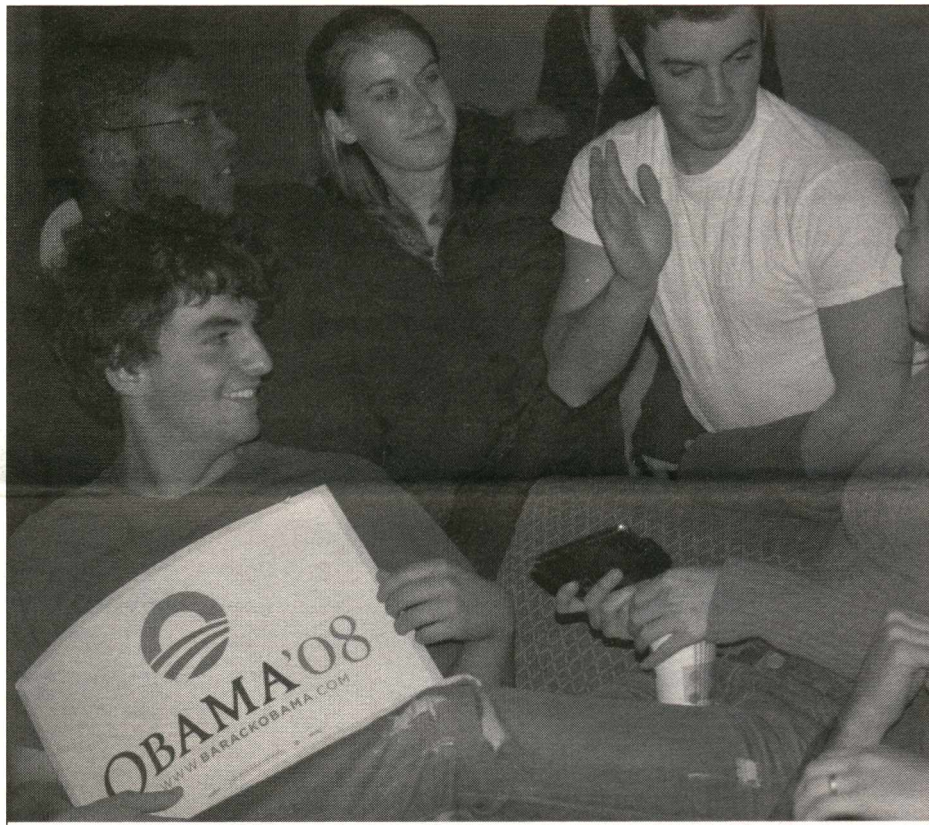
"I like to see both sides," Farley said.

Regardless of whether or not students agreed with the organization of the election parties, a common theme was felt as this election season came to a close.

Lund said she was relieved and excited to finally have a result after months of anticipation.

For Meeks, he found the finality of the process nerve-racking.

"It's exciting to finally have to a result. Finally the debate has been settled," said Farley.



Freshman Daniel Gibbs (left) visits with fellow classmates Zach Alexander, Janae Wheatley, Ryan Wirick and Erin York during the Democratic election party outside the Dex last night (photo by Andrea Schilling).

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education will be working on improvement in development of courses, classroom management and assessment.

NNU will be holding a three-day conference in early January when six representatives from each school will come and evaluate their schools' individual needs.

"Administrators and board members will meet to assess what these needs are and how we can best address them," said Johnson.

"Training and courses will be provided to help them meet their goals." Building relationships is a key goal for NNU during this three-year process. NNU faculty hopes for future recruitment opportunities from these established relationships and to be able to utilize this working model in other schools. Johnson said there may be opportunity for high school students to participate in concurrent credit, a program in which

high school students earn college credits while still in high school courses.

Six of the ten participating schools are located in Washington, two in Oregon, and two in Idaho. The schools considered were evaluated using certain criteria including size-range, having a governing board, a budget, and high speed internet.

ACSI will also be sending representatives to participate in the January conference.

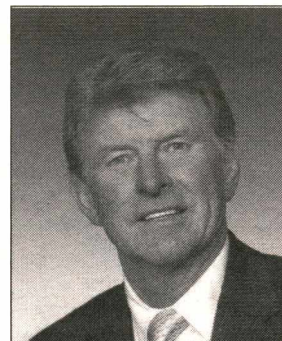
## McCain is favored but not loved

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Republican John McCain sought Idaho's four electoral votes against Democrat Barack Obama on Tuesday in a state where voters haven't backed a Democrat for president since 1964.

Still, not all of Idaho's GOP voters were excited to see a ballot topped by McCain, who won the May primary after he had already wrapped up the Republican nomination. McCain opposes tariffs that help protect Idaho sugar beet farmers, and some Idaho Republicans oppose his moderate views on immigration.

In 2007, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said publicly



Republican Gov. Butch Otter has gone on record saying John McCain wasn't his first choice for president (photo from wikimedia.org)

that McCain wasn't his first choice, and the Arizona U.S. senator was criticized repeatedly at the Idaho State Republican Convention in June. The strong presence of the Church of Jesus

Christ Latter-day Saints in Idaho had built support for former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Mormon, one of McCain's rivals.

However, McCain chose a running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, a Sandpoint native and University of Idaho graduate, whose socially conservative views resonate with many of the state's Republicans.

Obama, whose visit in early February to Boise State University's Taco Bell Arena drew more than 14,000 people, has opened an office in Idaho's capital city and overwhelmingly won the Democratic caucuses on Feb. 5.

## Local real estate broker chosen as honorary trustee

### Brandt is the second non-Nazarene to serve on the Board

by HANNAH BEERS

Trustee Don Brandt has been chosen by the office of University Advancement as the honorary trustee for this year's homecoming events.

Brandt is a Nampa resident who has been serving the community for several decades.

Brandt is a well-known name on campus. Don Brandt is from a family of Nampa residents who has been serving the community for over 70 years. His father was a real estate agent who worked the farms and raised enough money to start his own business.

In 1936, Brandt moved with his father and mother to the area. His father started Brandt Real Estate agency off of the Boulevard. Both of his parents were faithful to his upbringing and tried hard to provide for their son, no matter what the circumstances were.

At the age of two, his

mother saved his life. Brandt was playing in the front yard while his father was working in the fields. A family friend was over, who got in the car to leave, and didn't realize that Brandt was near the car. The friend ran over the top of Brandt, pinning him under the vehicle. His mother saw what happened and yelled for the friend to stop the vehicle. The vehicle stopped directly on top of the 2-year-old Brandt. His mother rushed him to the hospital and the doctor said he was lucky to be alive, but that since he was so young, the softness of his bones saved his life. Now his heart is slightly pushed to the right because of the way the car rested on top of his chest.

Since his accident, his life has always been centered on Jesus Christ. Brandt attended the Church of Christ since he was young. Grounding himself in the teachings of Jesus Christ

and applying them to his daily living, he has set a Christian example for the community.

He attended Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., obtaining a degree in economics. After obtaining an undergraduate degree he pursued graduate studies in religion at Pepperdine University.

He never finished his religion degree because he was called into military service during the Cuban Crisis in 1962.

Serving his country left him no time to continue a higher education. Once he returned from his term in the military, he took on a job at the Brandt Real Estate office as a broker in 1963.

Brandt has since established himself well in the community of Nampa, serving on boards such as the Salvation Army, Love, INC, Rescue Mission and other local charities.

He also served as chairman for the Luis Palau festival, which is held annually. At BSU, he sits on a board which is responsible for a program centered on a twelve unit church class.

Brandt is serving his second term on the Board of Trustees. He is the second non-Nazarene to serve on the Board, preceded by John Barns.

Gary Skaggs was a good family friend, to whom Brandt's father sold a piece of land. Skaggs approached Brandt about serving on the board and he graciously accepted the offer.

Since accepting the offer, Brandt has been pleased with the growth in the school. "For the past five to seven years, the student body has been experiencing a revival of spirituality in ways unimaginable. I am pleased to be a part of such an organization and body of believers," said Brandt.

## Israel launches first airstrike since June

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel launched an airstrike on Gaza early Wednesday after its troops clashed with Hamas militants who fired mortars into Israel, leaving six Palestinians dead. It was the first battle since June.

The Israeli army said the clashes erupted late Tuesday after its forces uncovered a tunnel in central Gaza that militants planned to use to abduct Israeli soldiers. It said a special army unit headed to the area to destroy the tunnel. One Palestinian was killed in fierce gunbattles that ensued.

Hamas then fired mortars across the Gaza border into southern Israel and

Israel answered with the airstrike in the early hours of Wednesday, killing five suspected Palestinian militants, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

The clashes threatened to unravel the cease-fire between Israel and Palestinian militant groups reached in June after months of indirect negotiations. The deal halted a deadly cycle of Palestinian rocket attacks and Israeli reprisals, though sporadic rocket attacks on southern Israel have persisted.

"Our response will be harsh, and the enemy will play a heavy price," Hamas said in a statement on its military wing's Web site.

Taher Nunu, a Hamas

government spokesman, said the group considered the Israeli airstrike a violation of the truce.

"This is a serious breach of the truce understandings reached through Egyptian mediation," he said in an e-mail message to reporters. "We consider this the most serious in a string of breaches."

A top military official said troops had discovered a "ticking tunnel," which was about to be used to abduct an Israeli soldier. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the matter, said the tunnel was dug from inside a Gaza home and showed that Hamas was using civilians

for cover.

The official said Israel did not intend to break the truce, noting that some 60 mortar have been fired since the cease-fire and Israel has chosen not to respond. Hamas also insisted it had not violated the truce and was acting to prevent an Israeli incursion.

Moaiya Hassanain, a Palestinian Health Ministry official, said the initial gunbattles killed one Palestinian and wounded three, including one woman. Residents identified the man killed as a Hamas militant. Hassanain said rescue officials were having a hard time reaching the site of the fighting and getting precise information on casualties.

## AP NEWS

### Financial Crisis

WASHINGTON

The financial world looks ahead to the start of a new presidential administration while shrugging off the latest in a series of negative economic reports. In another sign of the dismal economy the next president will inherit, factory orders drop more than three times as much as analysts expected

### Fake degree

TEHRAN, Iran.

Iran's parliament dismisses a Cabinet minister and close ally of President Mamhous Ahmadijead over his admission he had a fake degree from Oxford University. The vote is a defeat for the hard-line president, whose popularity is tumbling as Iran's economy falters.

### Taiwan-China envoy

TAIPEI, Taiwan

China and Taiwan make history on the economic front with a bold agreement allowing more flights and shipping links. But they seem light years away from resolving the root political causes of nearly six decades of hostilities and distrust.

### Better bananas

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands

It's not easy to keep a banana yellow, but technology is working to preserve it in perfect condition all the way to the breakfast table. From the tree in the sweltering tropics to the grocery rack in the frigid north, scientists are seeking new ways to deliver quality food anywhere, any time, and at maximum profit.

### Holiday film preview

LOS ANGELES

Nixon's back. So are Kate and Leo, Nicole and Baz, a herd of stranded zoo animals and a very vengeful James Bond. Despite the harsh economy, Hollywood has been on a box-office roll the last month, and studios head into the year's homestretch with a solid lineup of returns, reunions and promising newcomers that could uphold the old saw about movies as a recession-proof business.

### Fighting continues in

Congo

GOMA, Congo

Congo rivals trade accusations that Angola, Zimbabwe and Rwanda are mobilizing forces to fight in Congo as the prime minister flies to this rebel-surrounded city to assess fighting that displaced 250,000 people. The accusations of foreign involvement, reminiscent of a disastrous 1998-2002 war, stoke fears of a wider conflict.

### Embezzlement lawsuit

SANDPOINT

A Bonner County couple has been accused of embezzling more than \$100,000 from a nonprofit Christian group that provides medical and humanitarian relief in southern Africa. A lawsuit filed Monday in 1st District Court accuses April and Jeff Matthews of fraud, unjust enrichment and breach of fiduciary duty.

## Continued from page 1: Obama wins the West Coast

percent. Nationally, the vote was much closer. In the popular vote Obama led with fifty-one percent, McCain held forty-eight.

McCain won the majority of the votes in the South and Mid-west. Meanwhile, Obama led in the North-west and on the west coast. But the key to Obama's success was his victory in Florida and Ohio. Florida, with 27 electoral votes, and

Ohio, with 20, both voted Republican in the 2004 election.

Although the commentators began to predict that Obama will be president after Ohio turned in its results, Obama did not have the 270 electoral votes needed for a majority until the west coast's polls closed. California, Oregon and Washington, all voting Democrat, pushed Obama

to over 290 electoral votes around 9:30 Tuesday night.

Several dozen NNU students watched the elections unfold. Among them President of the Middle Eastern Affairs Club John Gregory, lamented, "I knew it would happen, but I'm still speechless."

Junior Tim Meeks, who was sporting half a dozen "McCain/Palin" stickers on his shirt, said, "Life goes on.

We had it for the last eight years; it's the other peoples' turn."

Opposite from him, Zach Sherwood, holding an Obama campaign poster, said, "I am happy logic has won; I'm sad I heard so many people walking by saying America is going to Hell now. There was a lot of negativity for a Christian university."

# Christian views align with the Democratic Party

It seems to me that the ethics of the Democratic Party more closely reflect



**Sweatervests**  
by  
**ANDREW McCULLEY**

Christian ethics than those of the Republican Party. Since the Republicans seem only to have a tradition of being Christian, and the Democrats are the ones expressing love and being good neighbors (and if I remember right, there was something about that in the Bible), it seems only logical that Christians should vote Democrat.

First, the Democrats are

most likely to spend taxes on social programs, while the Republicans tend to minimize social programs and focus taxes on other programs, like defense.

Even though these social programs flirt with socialism, and even though they may be manifested in broken systems, the underlying intent of what Democrats want is merely to help those unable to adequately provide for themselves (a scary thing, I know).

The Republicans, meanwhile, generally miss this opportunity to express love, and instead spend taxes in a way opposite to the Christian's calling of non-violence.

Secondly, the Democratic Party's morality, rather than the Republican Party's morality, depicts more accurate Christ-like behavior. While the Democrats generally show acceptance and

love to everyone regardless of what they believe in or how they act (kind of like Jesus), the Republicans, conversely, tend to ostracize and coerce those they disagree with (not so much like Jesus).

This is seen clearly in how the two parties approach abortion. The Republicans, happy to implicate their morality with legality, more often than not delegate their Christian responsibility (something about loving another) to the State in order to criminalize and punish offenders.

Democrats, on the other hand, seem to embody, and not delegate, Christian responsibility, by creating programs to help single mothers and teach sex education, and, most importantly, by not criminalizing the actions of other humans on grounds based on subjective morality.

And thirdly, the Republicans are generally the biggest proponents of war, while the Democrats are the ones most likely to be against it.

I touched on this briefly above, but this point relates specifically to the current war in Iraq. As I have written in early articles, America can defend itself, but Christians, belonging to a different Kingdom purporting different ethics, should do something quite different.

Jesus, it turns out, allowed himself to be tortured and killed. It seems to me that if we are to do what Jesus did, we should probably vote the party least likely to lead us in an effort to kill others in order to defend our lives (which are meant for Heaven) and property (which we cannot take with us).

# Pray for President-Elect Obama

Many of you are probably guessing that I am dancing in the streets because of Obama's victory.



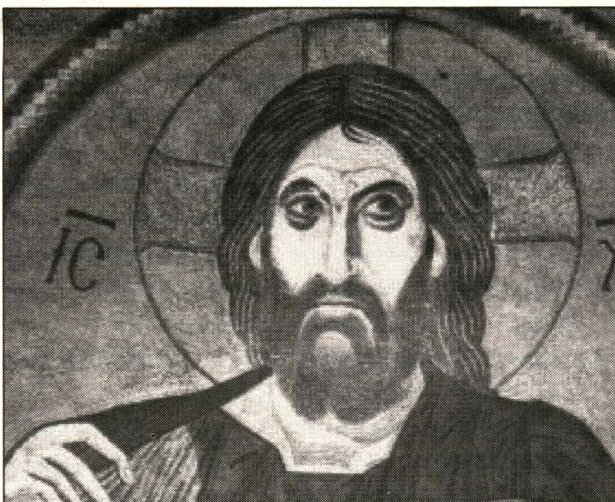
**EDITOR'S NOTE**  
by  
**AIMEE NILES**

You'd guess that, and you'd be wrong.

Yes, I am happy that my candidate won. An appropriate reaction, eh?

However, a certain sadness looms like Mordor overshadows the Shire. Obama did win, and even if he was able to do 100 percent of what he promised, our world would still see sadness, oppression and injustice.

Forgive my Lord of the



Rings example, but let me take it further. We are Gondor and the President is our Steward. Hopefully, our Steward won't go crazy and try to burn us all alive, but we are waiting for the return of the King.

I'm not using "Lord of the Rings" as a messianic allegory--in fact, I hate using "Lord of the Rings" as a messianic allegory. I'm using it as an allegory for our society and our world.

Putting hope in a

political leader to solve the horrors of our world is foolish. I may lean right or left as the candidate comes, but my feet are planted in the Kingdom of God.

That is what we must remember as we get ready to welcome President Elect Obama. He is not perfect. He is not the savior of the world. He is not anything more than a man who's country has asked him to lead.

Instead of mourning a

loss or celebrating a victory, I would urge us all to pray for our new leader. He inherits a broken, sorry nation and country. That isn't because of previous administration or anything other than a fallen, sinful world.

Pray for Obama. Pray for our country.

God only knows what the next four years will hold. I pray that it will hold peace and justice, but I don't hold my breath for that.

Let's work for that peace and justice, but let's recognize the necessity of Christ in that solution.

To end the election season, I want to share a desire of my heart: I want to grow old and be one of the little old ladies working at the polls. I can't wait. That's my random thought of the day, and the last thing I will say in reaction to this election.

# PM Bill should spark change in Senate

STAFF EDITORIAL

Last week senate passed a bill to the Peer Mentors granting them \$500 to use for coffee with their assigned students. The bill was denied several weeks earlier, however ended up being passed unanimously on the second try. Though a resolution has been reached, the process toward resolving comes with frustration.

When the bill was denied, senators who were also PMs abstained from the vote because of conflict of interest. In the second and final time, they did not abstain. Though their votes did not affect the bill's outcome, it leaves us to wonder if any sort of rule should be set in place to prevent such conflicts of interest from occurring. The bill directly affects all PMs, including those who are senators. The role of PMs is to socialize with students-- no coffee means no job. Was it truly fair for the senators to cast a vote which also affected their role as PM?

On the newspaper staff, we keep conflict of interest issues in the front of our mind. If one of our writers works avidly for the College Republicans, they aren't permitted to write a story on the organization. This ensures a higher probability of straight facts and no slant. Conflict of interest should also be held as a high priority in senate. Concerning the PM bill, it is very possible conflict of interest was unintentional, but in the future it needs to be seen as more of an issue. A rule needs to be put in place that senators who are directly affected by a bill must abstain, to ensure that student funds aren't misappropriated.

Another frustration with the PM bill was that faculty was advocating for the bill and present for the vote. While it is encouraging to see faculty caring about student affairs, they should in no way influence where student funds go, as they are not students. Senate needs to ask how much influence faculty should be allowed to have over student funds.

The PM bill did not get passed without a little sweat on both sides. To keep senate running as smoothly as possible while being credible and fair, questions like these need to be addressed and standards need to be created. Hopefully in the future, senators will be more aware of conflict of interest issues and know when to abstain.

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# ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Voting to ratify the ASNU Constitution is coming soon!  
Stay tuned!

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## The Dex needs more options for vegetarians

I am the first to admit that I am not a full vegetarian, I eat chicken, but I avoid other meats for health reasons. I guess this makes me a pseudo-



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
**ALLISON HAWN**

vegetarian. As this is my dietary habit however, I have noticed over the past couple of years how hard it is to find healthy alternatives for those who don't wish to have meat in the

Sodexo Dining Hall.

I realize that the staff of the Dex cannot cater to every student; but providing more than salads and bagels to those of us who do not wish to eat meat would be nice. It's especially impossible for vegans; the only way to survive is to eat spinach salads every day. A lot of the food served, whether it directly contains meat in it or not, has animal by-products in it.

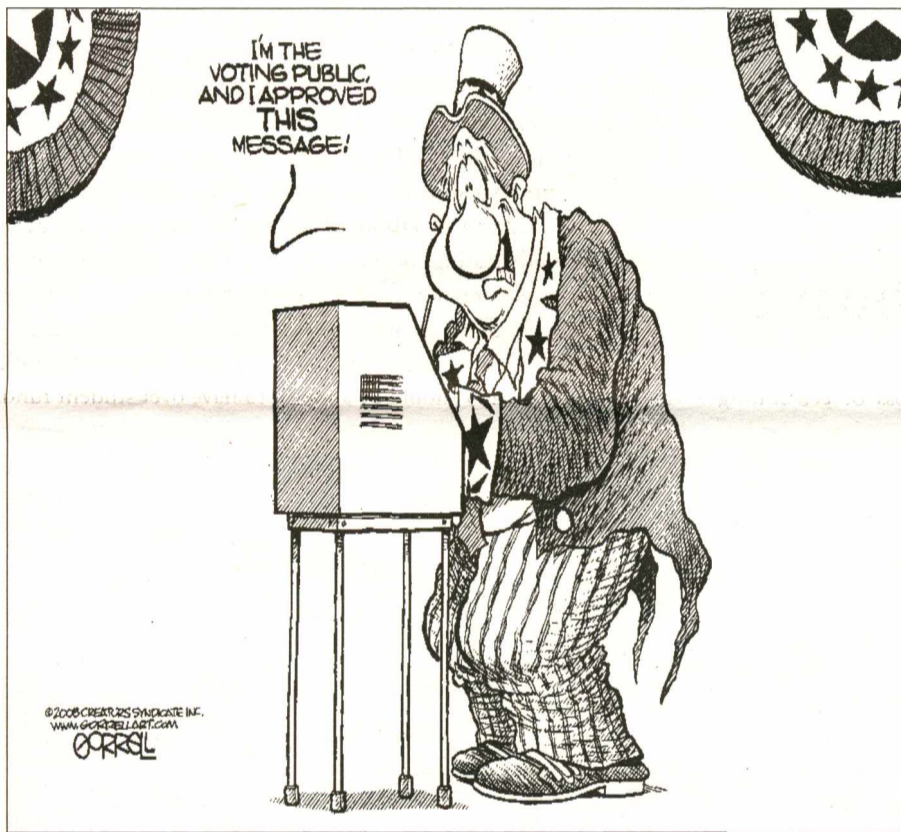
I realize that the most obvious alternative for those who don't wish to eat meat is to just not eat in the Dex.

Unfortunately that is not a viable option for many, as freshmen are required

to pay for a platinum plan at least their first semester and most students residing on campus are required to have some sort of meal plan.

I'm not asking for the Dex to restructure its entire menu to fit the vegetarian and vegan diet, but a couple alternatives that are soy based or that include tofu would not be a difficult task to accomplish.

Vegans, vegetarians and pseudo-vegetarians should not be forced to eat rice every day because everything else contains that which they choose not to, or in some cases medically cannot, eat.



## NNU VOICES

Letters to the editor

### TWIRP thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that helped make TWIRP a success! So many students took time out of their schedules to help during the event, and without them, things would not have run as smoothly as they did.

To all those that attended the weekend's activities, I would like to thank you for your positive attitudes and your willingness to participate. I would also like to give a huge public thank you to the members of my social board, SGA, and their dates, who sacrificed their weekend so that the remainder of you could have the most fun possible. I could not have done it without them.

I can only hope that you all continue to have such willing and positive attitudes for future events and I look forward to serving you all for the remainder of the year. Also for those who are interested the solution to the Clue game was Rylee Curtis, in the Perk, with super powers. The winners were Hannah Beers and Jay Younger. Winners for Trick-or-canning (we collected over 1600 cans!!) and Twister were Lacey Bruner (with 260 cans) and David Reimer (who outlasted over 250 people in Twister!)

-Brandon Haskins  
SGA Social Vice  
President

### Just vote

Response to: "The Electoral College decides the new president, not the popular vote"-- Oct. 29 issue

I completely agree. The popular vote should never decide the new president because we are the United State of America, not the United People of America (granted we do stand united as a people).

However, you're voting for your state's choice...the representatives after tallying all the votes, choose the candidate that best represents the majority vote of the state (the majority vote is the people), so essentially the popular vote is taken into consideration, but only at the state level.

This was a major topic in my Government class in high school; you also have to consider the number of representatives per state (Montana-3, California-55) due to population. Since one state has a lesser population than the other it only makes sense that they get less representatives based on the number of people in the House of Representatives and the Senate. Therefore whoever gets the majority vote in that state gets those electoral votes.

It's not a bad system; it doesn't nullify someone's vote or make it impossible for someone to win. It represents the majority vote for the state, (since this is the United STATES of America). It doesn't matter who

you vote for...just get out there and vote, period.

-Derek Sepe  
freshman

### No to abortion

A recent article in the Tribune about a man who illegally killed an elk in Kelso Washington indicated that he was fined something like \$14,000 and sentenced to 3 years in jail.

What penalty is levied on a Planned Parenthood abortionist who kills numerous innocent babies a year? None! They make a killing on this killing - no pun intended.

Isn't aborting a precious baby, who is part of America's future, a little worse than killing a game animal?

Our constitution gives all human beings an inalienable right to life. Yes, aborting a baby is a choice; it is a choice to kill. God help us stop this holocaust in America for America's sake!

-Charles Uhlenkott  
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## Why do gay marriage and abortion matter so much to Christians?

I recently attended a church service where the pastor spent the first fifteen minutes addressing the upcoming political campaign and the importance of vot-



**GUEST OPINION**  
by  
**Laurie Burgemeister**

ing against gay marriage and abortion. He then proceeded to urge people to participate in all-day fasting and prayer for these issues to be voted down.

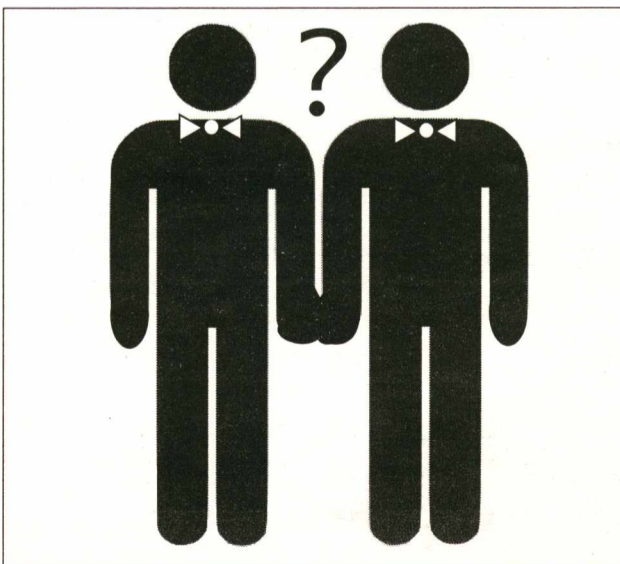
I don't want to start an intense discussion about

whether or not politics should be discussed in the Church. I'm more interested in the fact that even though there are so many issues in our country and in our world, the Church chooses to focus on what should be done concerning gay marriage and abortion.

This is all we hear about, and where you stand on these two topics will stereotype you immediately—liberals want acceptance of abortion and gay marriage, but the conservative, "the true Christian," will say no!

Don't we have anything better to worry about?

Please understand that I'm not saying that these



two issues are trivial...well, maybe I am a little. In comparison with what we could be fasting or praying for or, dare I say it, even taking action against, shouldn't we

focus on issues like poverty and oppression and AIDS and violence?

Why is it that believers, Christ's people, CHRISTIANS, take such offense

to the idea of same-sex marriage, but aren't outraged at the idea of children dying on the streets, whole countries starving to death, genocide, war?

Sure, we can argue that we are outraged, we are angry, but we don't show it—when was the last time you saw the Darfur issue argued about in the Supreme Court or Christians standing in the street protesting poverty? I know some action has taken place, but the zeal for these issues is nowhere near that of abortion or same-sex marriage.

Am I making you angry? Good, because I'm angry with all of us.

If you want to fight against

abortion, okay. If you don't agree with gay marriage, fine. I'm not trying to sway you one way or another or even say that these aren't issues I have strong opinions about as well. But maybe you can help me understand why we choose to argue and fight for some things and not others. Why these two issues?

It seems that it's all about winning. Either yes it happens, or no it doesn't, and one side gets to be right. There is no other side to poverty or AIDS—I don't hear anyone fighting for these issues to be preserved. So why don't I hear anything about them being stopped either?

## Homecoming is packed with school spirit and entertainment

by HANNAH BEERS

Old meets new in this year's homecoming concert and celebration.

The weekend is loaded with activities for students and alumni, said SGA President Lacey Smith.

The kick off happened Monday with a revamped Spirit Week full of activities. To start, students "came as they were," in pajamas, part of the NNU dress-up days for spirit.

A competition is happening between the classes to see who has the most school spirit. Tuesday was "favorite faculty" day and there were games in the Dex to raise even more school spirit. The week kicked off without a

hitch, said Smith.

Today brings the much-debated rivalry between Pirates and Ninjas, so students were encouraged to dress up in their chosen garb.

The lunchtime games found students switching clothes with their partners to see who could complete the ensemble fastest. Thursday will represent the decades with each class dressing up as a different time period. On Thursday the rest of the homecoming activities start for alumni and friends as well.

With a host of events starting, students are encouraged to get out and participate in as much as possible. Flag football (The Youngers) will be playing

College of Idaho at 6:00 p.m. for intramurals and there will be a BBQ preceding the game at 5:30 p.m.

Another event is the Homecoming Concert, which is free for students. Barry Swanson and the music department have been preparing to make this year's concert a jazz filled, classical old school style event.

There will be selections performed by all of the choirs on campus, the concert band, and several different ensembles.

Professor Emeritus Bloomquist, who was actively involved in Crusader Choir for the past 40 years, will be honored at the concert. President Alexander will be a guest

who represents the "old and new" of our school's music department, as a former music faculty member.

Guest director Eric Adanson, will be directing the Concert band in its selections. Katie Howard and Devon Watt will perform a piano duo, entitled "In the Steppes of Central Asia" by Borodin.

Swanson wants the students and alumni to "come and be surprised by the musical talents of such a gifted department."

There will be different styles of music and something for everyone. Swanson encourages students to come out and support the students in the music department but also the

students represented in the homecoming court.

The homecoming court will be presented during the concert. There are two representatives from freshman, sophomore and junior classes, with six representatives from the senior class.

The following students are the class's homecoming prince and princess. Freshman: Ryan Magnum and Heather Pence. Sophomore: David Reimer and Ariel Glover. Junior: Seth Clark and Miriam Reardon. Senior: Dax Wandling and Danielle Wilson, Robert Poe and Hannah Beers, and Seth Waltemyer and Kari Penrod. The Homecoming king and queen will be announced during the concert

on Friday.

Friday will also be full of activities. For students there will be games in the Dex during lunch, the fall play (Servant of Two Masters) at 4 p.m., a ladies basketball game, Homecoming concert and coronation, and finally games in the Field House at 10 p.m.

Saturday will also host games for both ladies soccer and basketball. New this year will be a Homecoming Parade rounding out the week's activities at the men's basketball game at 4 p.m.

NNU is gearing up to make this homecoming a mix of the old and new. Get out and make this week a great week!

## Carlson, Ott, Hauck and Mostul study abroad in Uganda

by HANNAH BEERS

Killing chickens, milking cows, preparing meals and cow dung are all parts of life for the students studying in Uganda this semester.

Fall semester sent four NNU students to Uganda for the Best Semester study abroad program; these include juniors Cassie

Carlson, Trevan Hauck, Seth Ott and Tyler Mostul.

Classes are rich in African literature and culture. Carlson, art major, said "Faith in Action class is really stretching the way I view other faiths and also about ways that I can be more socially responsible both here in Uganda as well as back in the U.S." Carlson also spent

the summer in Rwanda with Youth in Mission.

Carlson has had the opportunity to experience rural homestays in Mukono and Serere.

Some students are paired off for homestays but Carlson stayed by herself.

Her stay in Serere was her favorite thus far.

"I absolutely loved it.

My Serere host family was amazing."

"Over twenty people lived in the compound and at least half of them were under the age of 13," said Carlson. "I got to work in their garden, milk a cow, smear cow dung with my bare hands in preparation for thrashing millet (like sorghum), prepare meals,

and so much more."

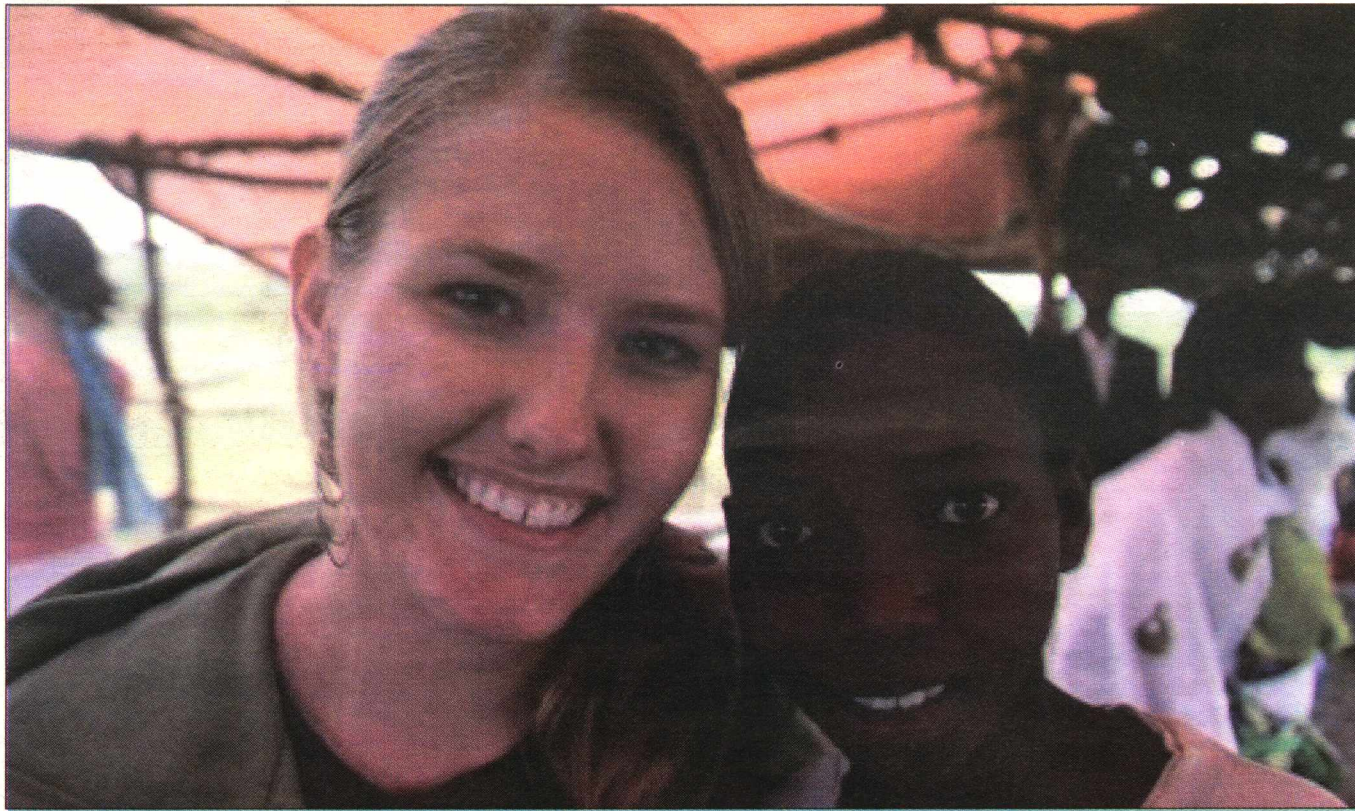
Carlson along with other friends attended a Uganda Cranes football (soccer) game.

Carlson said, "It was the national team verses Benin's national team in a Nation's Cup qualifier game, which is a precursor to the World Cup qualifiers."

Carlson said to all of her

friends here at NNU, "I miss you all! I am really loving it here and wish all of you could experience Uganda with me, but I am also very excited to see you all back at NNU in January!"

Anyone interested in going overseas for a semester to study should check out the Best Semester website at [bestsemester.com](http://bestsemester.com).



Top: Hauck takes a picture in front of a hippo. Above: Ott, Hauck and Mostul go on a hike (photos from Trevan Hauck). Left: Carlson poses for a picture with a young girl in Rwanda (photo from Cassie Carlson).

## Nursing requirements prove to be no walk in the park

by ALLISON HAWN

The NNU nursing program is rigorous and produces some of the finest nurses in the area.

As this year gets into full swing there are fewer nursing majors around campus. This is due to the clinicals that they are required to complete as part of the

major.

Clinicals are internships that are attached to nursing classes; the students literally get hands-on experience in their chosen profession.

Senior nursing majors must complete over 160 hours in fall semester. Julia Fitch, senior nursing major, said the two classes

that must be fulfilled for this semester are Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing and Community Health Nursing.

Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing requires 90 hours, which is being served at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, said Fitch.

Community Health

Nursing requires 70 hours. In these clinicals students serve in a different place depending on the day, said Fitch.

Students get experience at Southwest District Health Center, Humphrey's Diabetic Clinic, St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice, Mercy Home Health and

at various locations that are associated with the Nampa School District.

The soon-to-be nurses give assessments, work with patients and give medication under the guidance of experienced professionals.

Students involved in these classes don't just follow a nurse around-- they

get involved. Students take care of patients, supervised by the nurse they've been assigned to.

Fitch has important advice to nursing majors, "Keep your focus. Each class has different experiences to offer and you should take advantage of every opportunity."

## The game of TWIRP comes to a close for another year

by ALLISON HAWN

Last Saturday night marked the end of one of NNU's biggest annual on campus social activities, T.W.I.R.P.

This year's activities were fantastically planned by SGA including a three-hour block at Boondocks, a mechanical bull (embarrassing videos coming soon to you on youtube), Trick-or-Canning, a gigantic game of Twister, midnight movies and a campus-wide game of human Clue.

The costumes at T.W.I.R.P. were amazing; it was great to see what students came up with.

Students dressed as everything from the characters from Life (body paint included) to an entire troupe that was the Barrel O' Monkeys.

Response from students in general seemed pretty positive; as junior Nathan Howe said, "It was a lot of fun."

When asked what her favorite activity was, sophomore Elise Clark said, "You ask all the hard questions."

There was so much to do that it literally makes it almost impossible to pick out one singular favorite moment.

SGA kept us happy as we went from activity to activity.

As freshman Kimmie Larlee said, "I was impressed with the way that even though T.W.I.R.P. was a huge event the SGA allowed the event to go with the flow and be fluid about times."

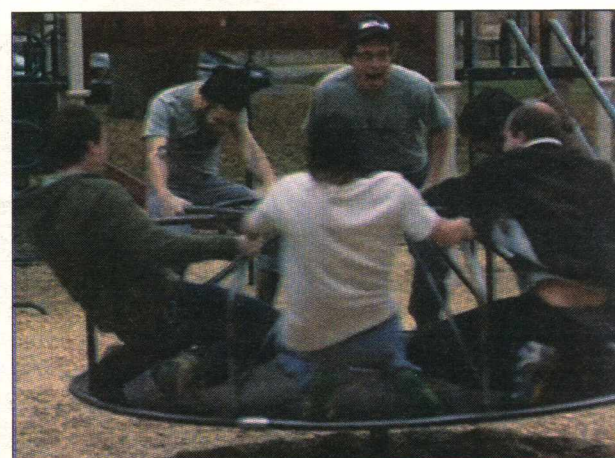
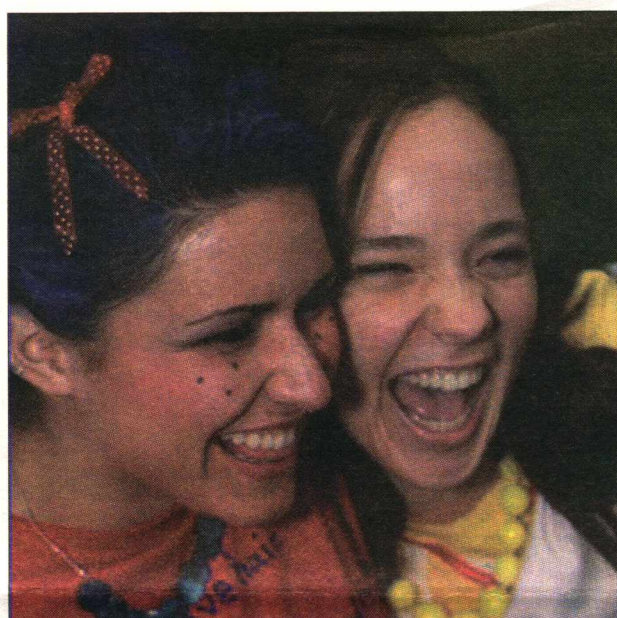
The atmosphere was rather relaxed and never really seemed rushed.

Even the group activities were planned in such a way that there wasn't a ton of waiting around for something to happen.

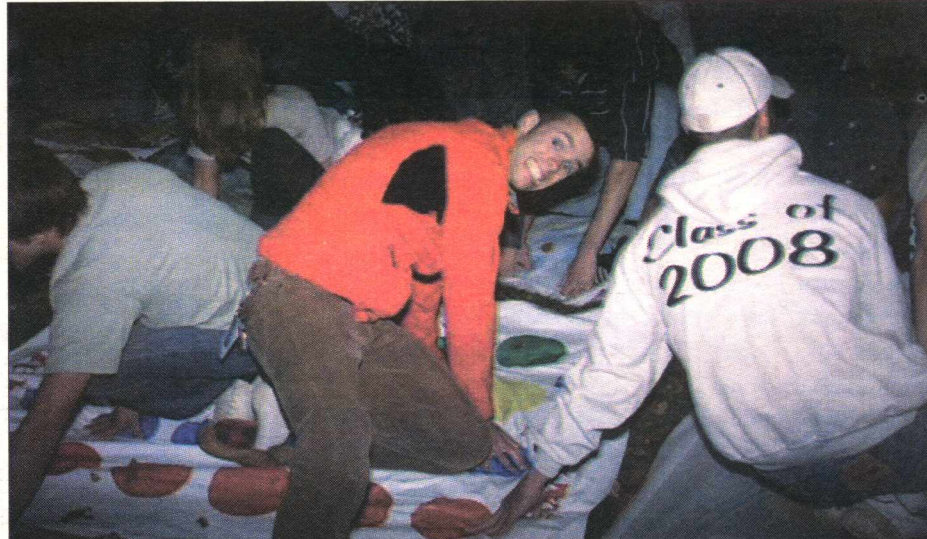
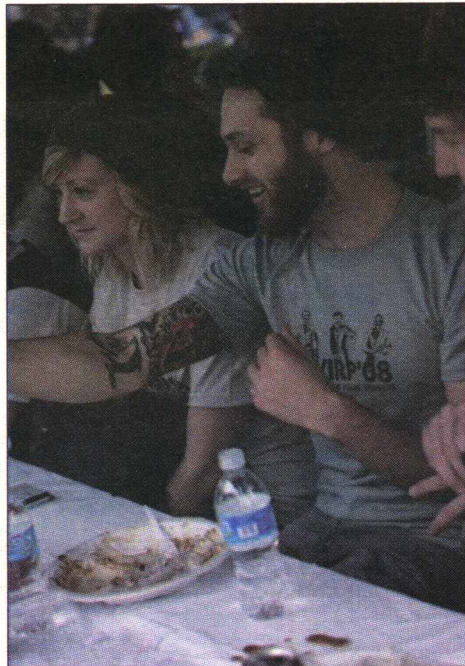
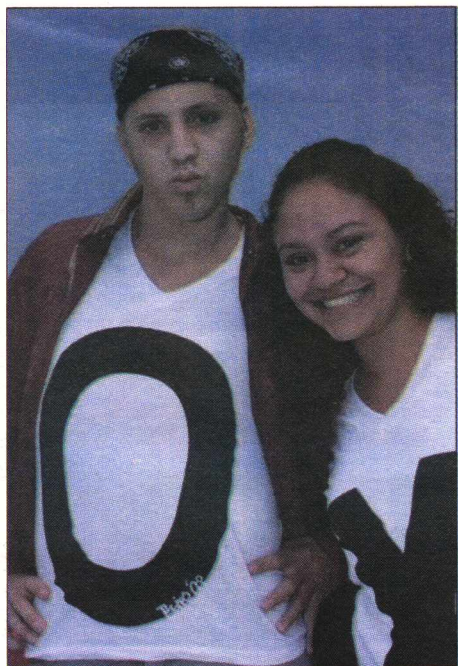
Curfew for freshmen was cancelled, even though most freshmen would have been fine getting back after the event was over.

As sophomore Annie Larlee said, "Thank you SGA for choosing a weekend with daylight savings time."

After a fully packed weekend we could all use an extra hour or so of rest.



Top: Ashley Egger and Katie Howard enjoy dinner on the Brandt Center Lawn. Left: Miriam Reardon and Amy Bloomquist have fun the first night of TWIRP. Above: A group of guys play on the merry-go-round the second night (photos by Chris Vanderschaaf).



Far Left: Josh "Ponch" Ponczoch and Cynthia Cuenca model their Tic-Tac-Toe costumes. Left: Amanda Antilla and Phil Westlund enjoy dinner catered by Panda Express. Above: Ryan Manley participates in Twister on the second night (photos by Chris Vanderschaaf).

## English heads up Operation Wishbook

by RACHAEL FINCH

November marks the beginning of book and monetary donations for Operation Wish Book in Canyon County.

"It's an effort to collect new books to give as Christmas presents to underprivileged children at Christmas time," said Kevin Dennis, English professor, who is a volunteer, collecting donations for Canyon County.

Operation Wish Book donates the books to the

Salvation Army for distribution through its Christmas program.

"When the families come through at Christmas time to pick out food, clothing and toys, they also pick out books," said Dennis. There is a screening process to determine eligibility for the Christmas program.

Beginning this month there will be boxes across campus to collect books.

Some locations will include the English office, the mass communications office, the library, the

bookstore and the basement of the administration building.

It is important that the books be new, because they are Christmas presents, said Dennis. Books written in Spanish are needed as well.

"Monetary donations of any size are really appreciated," said Dennis. He said he orders books in bulk for roughly two dollars a piece.

"A two dollar donation means a book. Give up a latte, give two books," said Dennis.

Donation jars will be

located in the English office and the bookstore.

Monetary donations may also be sent through campus mail to any of the English faculty, said Dennis. Checks should be made out to Operation Wish Book.

"Literacy is a major issue in Canyon County," said Dennis. "Lots of the kids here have never owned a book of their own."

Dennis said that all the books collected in the county will stay within the county.

### Student Life Events

**Wednesday, November 5**  
 8:00 p.m.: Senate (Wordsworth)  
 9:00 p.m.: Timeout with Sarah Elwell (Brandt Center)

**Thursday, November 6**  
 Homecoming Weekend begins  
 9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

**Friday, November 7**  
 7:30 p.m.: Homecoming Concert/Coronation (Brandt)

**Saturday, November 8**  
 8:00 p.m.: Homecoming Grand Finale/Fireworks

**Tuesday, November 11**  
 Men's Basketball vs. C of I game

## Volleyball wins six straight by defeating MSU-Billings

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

The Lady Crusader volleyball team won its sixth straight match as it defeated Montana State University Billings on Thursday night 25-14, 25-23, 25-21 at the Johnson Sports Center.

Thursday was Breast Cancer Awareness night for the Crusaders and the ladies supported the cause wearing pink jerseys for the game.

The Crusaders are now 8-4 in GNAC and 15-7 overall. According to the NCAA West Regional Poll, the Crusaders are ranked 9th.

Amanda Boschma led the win with 14 kills. Coach Jared Sliger said that Boschma's lone error of the night was her first swing, but she came back with 14 hits—no mistakes.

Cammy Dranginis had 11 kills and Eki Punimata had 24 assists with Amy



Class year Amanda Botham gets ready to jam the volleyball. The Lady Crusaders wore pink jersey to raise awareness for breast cancer (photo by Jenn Hush).

Higginson's 12.

Kailey Trautmann, with 12 digs and 7 kills, and Lindsay Forseth with 11 digs and 5 kills led NNU's defense.

Sliger said it was nice to gain some momentum at the Crusader's home court. The Crusaders played their first 10 games on the road.

Thursday night's game was also the collection site of the pink "Bag Breast Cancer" bags that fans were given the previous two weeks. The bags filled with money were collected at the scorer's table and will be donated to cancer research.

The Crusaders had Saturday night off and will continue this week as they host Central Washington University tomorrow night and Seattle Pacific University Saturday night, both at the Johnson Sports Center.

## PLAYER PROFILE

COURTNEY LITTLE



**Name:** Courtney Rose Little

**Major:** Nursing

**Sport:** Field and Track

**Year:** Senior

**What is your best moment in track?**

My best moments in track are everyday practices where I can hang out with my friends, work hard and enjoy being in a fun, positive and encouraging environment.

**If you could hang out with any one person for a day who would it be and why?**

I would like to hang out with my Grandpa Little, because he died when I was two years old. He was an amazing guy who everybody loved. I would really have liked to know him, but he passed away at an early age after fighting cancer for 19 years.

**Which Dex worker always puts a smile on your face?**

Cheryl definitely can brighten my day in a split second. I wish she were still working in the sandwich line.

**What is your favorite quote?**

"There are no traffic jams along the extra mile," "That's what she said" and "May we never miss a sunset or a rainbow because we are looking down."

**If you could give Dr. Alexander one piece of advice what would it be?**

Well, Dr. Alexander is a pretty cool guy, I guess I would advise him to come to some track meets as well as other athletic events because we have lots of amazing athletes who love and appreciate the amazing gifts God has given them, and it is amazing to see them in action.

## Women's soccer falls hard to nationally ranked SPU

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Last Wednesday women's soccer played Seattle Pacific University, which resulted in a 0-9 loss.

NNU played SPU on the Falcon's home turf Oct. 18 ending also in a loss for the Crusaders, 0-6.

The match began the set of three final home games for the team. The Crusaders were able to hold SPU to two goals come halftime, but fell to seven more in the second.

According to sophomore McKenzie Bailey, the Crusaders played hard, but SPU was an all-around better team.

"SPU is ranked fourth in the nation," said Bailey. Bailey is a midfielder for the women's team.

Though NNU was unable to get the ball into the

net, the Crusaders had several breaks past the Falcons' defense. Sophomores Marie Smith and Kim Bowen along with junior Angie Duryea gave the Crusaders several opportunities for shots on goal.

Women's soccer completes its season this week with a game tomorrow against Montana State-Billings at 3 p.m. and Central Washington University on Saturday beginning at noon.

With just one win under the team's belt this year, the women have had a disappointing season, said Bailey. Regardless, Bailey said the team is hoping for a strong end with the final games this week.

"It's important that, above all else, we play hard and finish with heart," said Bailey.



Freshman Kylie Marshall attempts to keep ball in Crusader possession at last Wednesday's match (photo by Andrea Schilling).



## Sports Box

Women's soccer: 1-16-1

Men's soccer: 9-8-2

Volleyball: 14-7

Men's Cross Country @ GNAC Championships: 6th

Women's Cross Country @ GNAC Championships: 5th



# Women's basketball sets lofty goals for the coming season

## The Lady 'Saders will play in a nationally televised game against SPU

by JAELE HENTHORN

Last season the NNU Women's basketball team made it all the way to the NCAA West Regional Championships. Ten players from that team are returning for another exciting season.

According to Coach Kelli Lindley, this year's team has set some lofty goals. Not only do the Crusaders want to finish in the top two in GNAC play, but they see themselves entering the third round of the national tournament this year. The team's final goal is to "go undefeated at the Johnson Sports Center" said Lindley.

Senior guard Malory Whipple and junior post Jennifer Williams both received GNAC all-conference honors for last year's season performances.



Senior Jane Olds looks to score during a game last season (photo courtesy of Oasis yearbook).

Whipple was second in the conference in assists with 137. Whipple is joined by senior Jane Olds to fill the role of team captains this season. Olds led the team in free throw percentage shooting 82.8 percent from the line.

The Crusaders also bring back junior Kristen Hein, who was third in the GNAC in rebounds averaging 7.6 per game. She also led the team in shots blocked. She had surgery in the off season, but should be able to contribute to the team's success this season.

Also returning are juniors Brittany Roggencamp, Krista Oliver and Lindsay Brady. All of these ladies received significant playing time last season and should continue to be called on this season. Returning as sophomores are Falissa Smith and Beth Johnson. Smith went

down with a torn ACL last year in mid-season. She has been cleared to play.

Lindley has also brought in two new freshmen Brianna King and Julianne Bazzi. Lindley said that King should be making a significant contribution as post this season. Expect to see her getting a fair amount of playing time. Bazzi should also get some playing time. She will make the team even deeper at point guard.

The GNAC is a good conference this year. Lindley said, "The GNAC conference is incredibly tough top to bottom. It is definitely one of the best Division II conferences in the country...just last year UAA made it to the Final Four and SPU was ranked number one in the country for part of the season. We will have to max out our potential in order to reach

our goals and finish near the top in the GNAC."

The team seems capable of having a successful season. Lindley said, "We really appreciate it when students... come to our games! It means so much to see them up in the stands cheering and getting excited. I know the ladies have really enjoyed developing friendships and getting to know people on campus that are not student athletes...our desire is to put on an entertaining show and be the type of team that the student body can be proud of!"

According to an article by Craig Stensgaard, sports information director, the women's basketball team will be playing on National television on Feb. 7, 2009 against Seattle Pacific University.

# Men's soccer ends its historic first season on a California road trip

by JAELE HENTHORN

For the first time since 2002, NNU men have fielded an intercollegiate soccer team.

NNU was starting fresh with a team that had only

four players with college experience under their belts.

The season started out strong. The team went nine games without experiencing defeat. In the GNAC coaches poll, Montana State University-Billings was

predicted to lead the conference. NNU upset Billings early in the season. MSUB could not recover from this loss allowing the Crusaders to overtake it again later in the season. The downward spiral sent MSUB to the

bottom of the GNAC. This season has been a family affair for NNU. Five brothers have helped the Crusaders experience success, one as an assistant coach, the others as players.

Jeremy, Joe, Ben and

Alex Mangeac have dominated the field under the supervision of brother, Dan Mangeac. Alex and Ben have had particularly spotlighted seasons. Alex is the go-to forward when NNU needs a goal. He leads the

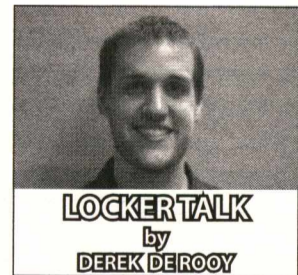
team in goals made. Ben leads the team in assists.

To wrap up the season, the men are taking a trip to San Francisco, California to play Academy of Art University to play their last two games of the season.

# NASCAR still has plenty of money for racing

In light of the economy's current problems, sports aren't really changing that much. A Tom Brady jersey still costs you a solid \$100. It still costs \$15 to sit in the cheap seats for the *Steelheads*. Apart from rumors

of \$25 scalp tickets for the Cincinnati Bengals \*cough\* Bengals, Joe Plumber is still shelling out more than he'd like to watch a game, buy a dog and a beer, or park outside the stadium for three hours.



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But General Motors, whose stock fell to under \$5, its lowest point since 1950, may be feeling the biggest

crunch. And yet despite these financial fits, GM still plans to invest around \$100 million in NASCAR next season.

While NASCAR has blossomed so well since the 1980s, it is experiencing attendance shortages and a lack of sponsorship, much like other motor sports around the world.

In fact, motor racing is being hit as hard as any other sport by America's current situation. GM puts \$100 million a year into NASCAR these days. Ford, Toyota and Dodge all put comparable amounts into the sport. Each team in NASCAR costs a reported \$30 million a year to run a full season, an amount that fewer and fewer sponsors are able to pay. IndyCar teams cost a reported \$10 million a year themselves. And in Formula One, fielding a team of two cars can

cost anywhere from a modest \$75 million, all the way up to over \$400 million.

Why does racing cost so much? Is it inflation? Are teams spending more money to test their cars? Or is it only the dastardly rise in gas prices?

Well, sure, Americans have experienced inflation, but not that much. Gas doesn't cost a ton more than it did 50 years ago. You could even make the case that there is less testing done by teams to prepare their cars for the race—Formula One, which used to allow near-limitless testing, now only allows teams a dozen or so days per year.

The real reason racing costs rise? Regulation.

Formula One allows teams to race with it, providing the teams bring money to the table. Each team's yearly entry for the 2008 season was 300,000

euros. In June, F1's governing body started discussing a rise to 740,000, as well as increased costs in safety measures and information-sharing measures that would amount to over 5 million euros per team per year.

It's not just F1, though. The Car of Tomorrow, the NASCAR that's not really a stock car at all, was far too costly. In its "phase-in" season of 2007, teams used the old car for half of the races and the new CoT for the other half, almost doubling that season's cost to run a team. Just developing the car took six years—ideas started flowing after Dale Earnhardt's death at Daytona in 2001—and God knows how many millions of dollars.

Even the driver who won the first-ever CoT race, Kyle Busch, climbed out of his car and blasted it. NASCAR, who says it has no

plans to improve the CoT over this offseason, implemented the car for safety reasons. Races have been turned into parades due to the inexplicable number of popped tires. Safe? I don't think so.

IndyCar *does* have a spec car, though. The Honda-powered chassis, made by Dallara, costs around \$3 million, a good amount for a relatively basic car.

Problem is, regulation and spec cars don't agree with what cars were meant to do on the track—go fast.

Before teams, drivers and sponsors had to pay all sorts of money, before regulation was just another part of the game, racers did all they could to win. Of course some cheated, but surely many more were never caught. Drivers were better off if they understood their cars, and could possibly nurse it to the end if they

knew what the problem was.

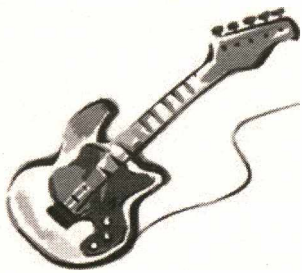
Designers and engineers fought for every last tenth of a second; they didn't ask for approval to change a part so that it was safe. They innovated. Disc brakes, spoilers, four-wheel drive and semi-automatic transmissions, among so many others, were creations of individual F1 teams. IndyCar uses ethanol fuel these days, and NASCAR (when the cars were really stock cars) took road testing to a whole new level through the early 1980s, when the attendance and profits really took off.

You can argue that these qualities aren't really "racing," that they are merely cheating, innovation and possession of mechanical know-how. Maybe you're right. Maybe "racing" wasn't really racing at all. But it was cheaper.



Nellie McKay in a recording session (photo from nelliemckay.com).

## Nellie McKay is a musical paradox



### REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

Jazz, cabaret music and politics all in one deceptively cute blonde package: Nellie McKay is a musical paradox.

From her smooth jazz contribution to the 2007 movie "P.S. I Love You" to the quasi hip-hop "Sari" on her 2004 release "Get Away from Me," McKay's style is unpredictable, but her spunk is quite reliable.

McKay (pronounced like Mc-eye) has a knack for tongue-tying lyrics and satire. At times her sound could be compared to that

of Norah Jones, but McKay's lyrics are far too biting to be lumped in with current jazz and lounge music, and she is more stylistically complex than Jones. McKay's other influences include punk, reggae and alternative rock.

"Get Away from Me" is a ground breaking album; unfortunately, McKay may have outdone herself on this debut. Her following two albums are good, but not as energetic and charming as her first effort.

McKay's debut album contains several romantic, quaint jazz songs including "Manhattan Avenue" and "I Wanna Get Married," but it also contains jazz piano rock songs like "Change the World" about self-discovery and boredom.

"Obligatory Villagers," McKay's 2007 release, has substantially less edge than

her previous two releases. Whether this is a permanent change or a one-album deviation is hard to say, but she does seem to be moving to a milder, slightly less eclectic style than she displays on her debut album.

One song that stands out on the 2007 release is "Zombie," an amusing pop culture shout-out to all zombie propaganda fanatics.

"Testify," also on "Obligatory Villagers," includes back up vocals that are reminiscent of an offbeat gospel group, or possibly the work of "The Polyphonic Spree" on the "Thumbsucker" soundtrack.

Despite her slightly unorthodox sound, McKay's music has been featured in "Grey's Anatomy," "Last Holiday," "Rumor Has It," "Weeds" and "Monster-in-Law."

## Shane Claiborne asks Christians to be radicals in a political world in 'Jesus for President'



### REVIEW

by ANDREA SCHILLING

What can a Christian do about genocide? How should a Christian view the Iraq War? Would Jesus be a part of a political party? As taboo as religion and politics may sound, as Christians these two subjects certainly go hand in hand.

If the book's design doesn't intrigue you enough to read Shane Claiborne's "Jesus For President," try reading the first eight pages: "Lately you are beginning to wonder if this is really how God intended things to be. And you question if God is really working through places of power. Maybe, you wonder, God had a totally different idea in mind..."

For those of you afraid of the p-word, this book isn't about the politics running fresh in every American's mind. It's instead about the politics of Jesus Christ—no ballot required.

This book isn't pushing the reader to be a Republican or Democrat, a conservative or liberal. In fact, it doesn't promote a political party at all. If anything, Claiborne asks followers of

Christ to step out of the red and blue and truly examine this temporary place we call home.

As a follow-up to Claiborne's "Irresistible Revolution," which encouraged Christians to live as ordinary radicals, "Jesus For President" calls for Christians to be radical in a very political nation—and world.

as Christians we need to focus on what nation we should really be pledging allegiance to—hint: it's the eternal one.

"Jesus For President" is in no way calling Christians to be anti-American. "Jesus For President," however, asks its readers to follow the one true ruler: God—who, by the way, doesn't answer to the name John or Barack.

"Jesus For President" changed my life, and hopefully after 500 words you've been convinced to give this book a chance just as I did.

The final page in the book sums up Claiborne's hope for today's Christian in the most simple way: "may we all continue to study, imagine and practice the politics of Jesus."

Claiborne's hope for all of us is that when we view elections and other political matters, we seek God above all else. "Jesus For President" will cause you to ask questions, get answers and reconsider what your role as a Christian is in the world, and with politics.

Perhaps the American way isn't always the right way—so if you're willing to be fired up, this is the book for you. Though the election season is just about over, this book is necessary on any bookshelf regardless of the time of the year—the politics of Jesus Christ don't just occur in November.

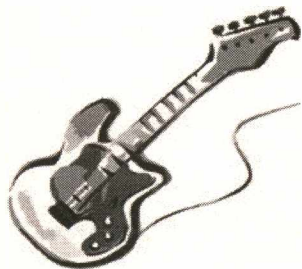
**JESUS FOR PRESIDENT**  
by Shane Claiborne  
355 pages  
Zondervan  
Publishing House  
\$16.99

The book is divided into four sections: Before There Were Kings and Presidents, A New Kind of Commander in Chief, When the Empire Got Baptized and A Peculiar Party. Essentially, Claiborne compares biblical governments and empires to America's political force field. One would be surprised at how many parallels there actually are.

Whether one enjoys politics or not, "Jesus For President" has a very new insight to share with its readers; a way of looking at national and world issues we have never thought of before.

What has struck me the most from this 355-page read is the fact that

## The laid back duo of Arjuna smooths over Wednesday Night Live



### REVIEW

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Boise band, Arjuna, made up of members Trev and Jonathan, preformed a relaxing acoustic set for the last Wednesday Night Live. Arjuna was a contrast to bands previously featured in WLN, stylistically and instrumentally.

Its music, featuring one Iron and Wine cover, was slow-paced and melodious.

It was played with diverse instruments, including the acoustic guitar as well as the banjo, harmonica and ukulele. For one song a typewriter was opened to the audience as percussion.

This WLN marked the third performance for the band. This was evident throughout the performance with a few unpolished songs and constant delays for tuning. However, despite its need for a little more practice, the band's stage presence was top quality; consistent with its easy-going music, the band glossed over its occasional snafus with personality and engagement with the audience.



Arjuna performed in the Perk on Wednesday night (photo by Jaimee Haaland).

In the audience, junior Thomas Barnett, who liked

Arjuna, said he thought the band had strong Sufjan

Stevens influences. Music performance major, David

Meza, enjoyed Arjuna's "sweet simplicity," and was reminded of an early Ray Lamontagn. Holly Beech thought the musicians were fun and laid back. Beech said, "At no point during the show did I ever want to throw crap onto the stage."

SGA President Lacey Smith said, "The main singer had one of the clearest voices I have heard live." President Smith said she greatly appreciated the opportunity the band gave her to play the typewriter.

Arjuna was also appreciative. The band members said they would enjoy returning to NNU if invited. "We love it," said the band, "It's fun, it's gravy."

# NNU's fall play brings disguise, intrigue and romantic mix-ups to the stage in 'The Servant of Two Masters'

by ANDREA SCHILLING

"The Servant of Two Masters," the fall play, opens tomorrow night.

"It depicts a servant who gets in a lot of trouble by making up stories to keep his masters from finding out about each other," said freshman Eli Kamplain, who plays the servant named Truffaldino. "He has one master and then gets involved with the other so that he could get lunch. During this time the two masters are looking for each other because they are long lost lovers. One master is in disguise so the servant never really knows who he is."

The dynamic of the cast has been important in making the play's progress a success.

"This isn't just a

performance for us, but a chance to have a good time while acting. We have all really bonded and have so much fun during rehearsals. There are tons of inside jokes and laughs during every practice," said sophomore Rachel Allen, who plays Clarice.

Senior Lacey Smith is the latest addition to the cast, stepping in for a part at last minute. "We all really appreciate her, and she's downright hilarious," said Allen.

"I love how at times I get to ad-lib and also the few times for audience participation," said Kamplain. "I'm excited to get started and see how the whole thing turns out."

"Come see the play because it is funny, it is entertaining and it is not your typical cookie cutter show

about love or deception. It is a unique show that is sure to leave you laughing so hard you are gasping for air," said Allen.

"The Servant of Two Masters" begins tomorrow night at 7 p.m. Later performances include Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for others.

**Top: Seniors Lacey Smith as Dr. Lombardi and Nate Paine as Silvio play father and son. Bottom right: Junior Charissa Dufour as Smeraldina and senior Hannah Beers as Pantalone watch junior Grant Miller as Brighella delivers a Shakespearean inspired line. Bottom left: Freshman Matt Davis as Florindo negotiates with Eli Kamplain as Truffaldino for a servant (photos by Andrea Schilling).**

**The Servant of Two Masters**  
 Directed by: Jonathan Perry  
 Starring: Eli Kamplain as Truffaldino, Hannah Beers as Pantalone, Lacey Smith as Dr. Lombardi, Rachel Allen as Clarice, Nate Paine as Silvio, Grant Miller as Brighella, Charissa Dufour as Smeraldina, Aimee Niles as Beatrice, Matt Davis as Florindo, Jared Zinn as Waiter 1/ Patron/ Floggolozio, Amanda Konzal as Muffleta/ Stage Manager/ Waiter 2  
 Show times: Thurs. Nov. 6 7pm, Fri. Nov. 7 4pm, Sat. Nov. 8 2pm, Mon. Nov. 10 7pm  
 Ticket prices: \$5 for students, children and senior citizens, \$6 for general public



## Art club screens 'Born into Brothels'

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Last Wednesday, the Art club screened the documentary "Born into Brothels," in the Harter Lecture Hall.

The film by Ross Kauffman and Zana Briski won the Academy Award for Best Documentary, and shows the life of children living in a red light district of Calcutta, India. The film focuses on professional photographer Zana Briski and her work teaching these children photography.

With the incentive of adequate refreshments and learning the effects of photography and art in people's lives, the Art club attracted roughly 30 students to this event.

Junior Brandon Gipson was impressed by the film,

noting the brilliance of putting cameras into the hands of the children. "It allows us to see their world through their eyes," said Gipson, "I understand how blessed I am, and I hope the film succeeds in bringing about awareness of these children."

Art student Jaimee Haaland empathized with the children. "I was appalled," she said, "to learn that the boarding schools there do not accept the children of

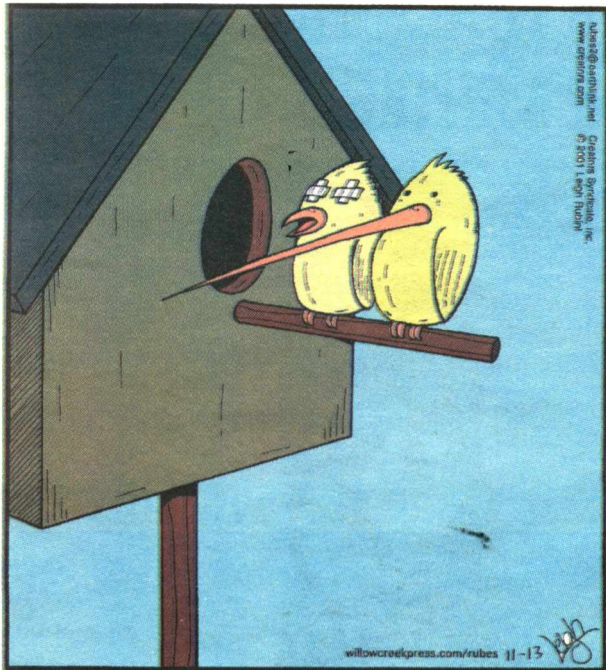
prostitutes. Without education, there is nothing to prevent them from falling into that same profession."

Haaland said that she was glad to see the children receive this opportunity, not only to better their own lives, but also to better everyone's life who might be in the same position.

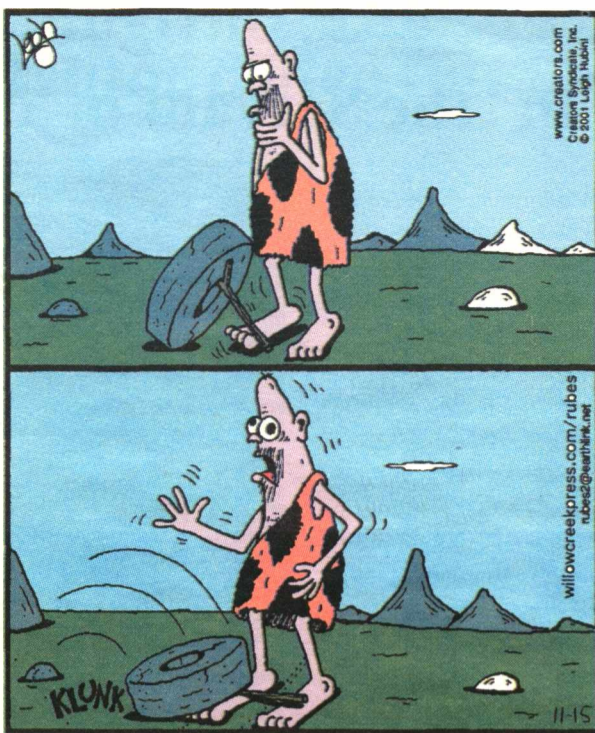
The art club plans to host more events later on in the school year.

# CONCERT BOX

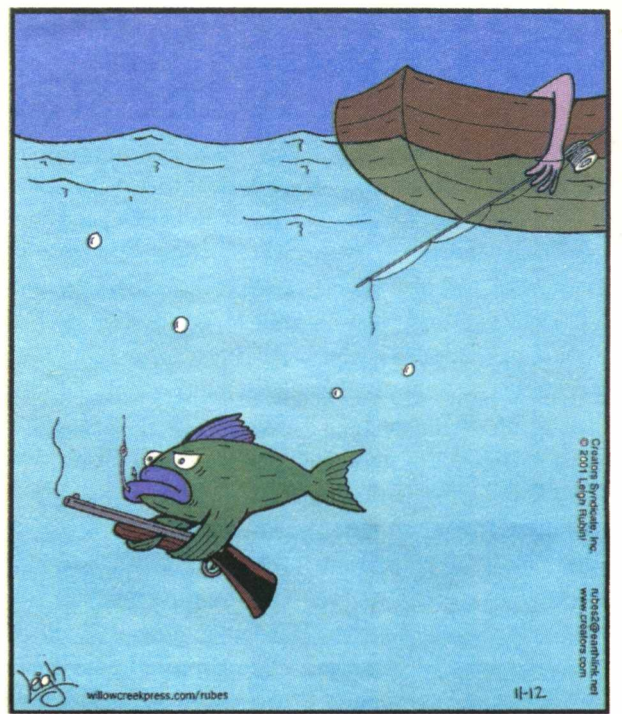
<b>JASON MRAZ</b>	<b>11.05.08</b>	<b>KNITTING FACTORY</b>
<b>COPELAND, LOVEDRUG</b>	<b>11.05.08</b>	<b>THE VENUE</b>
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<b>LORD OF THE DANCE</b>	<b>12.18.08</b>	<b>THE MORRISON CENTER</b>
<b>ALANIS MORISSETTE</b>	<b>12.18.08</b>	<b>THE MORRISON CENTER</b>



"It pains me to tell you this, Herb, but I'm afraid I can't see you anymore."



Drawbacks of early kickstands



The one that got away ... with murder

**JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU**

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Rating: GOLD

Solution

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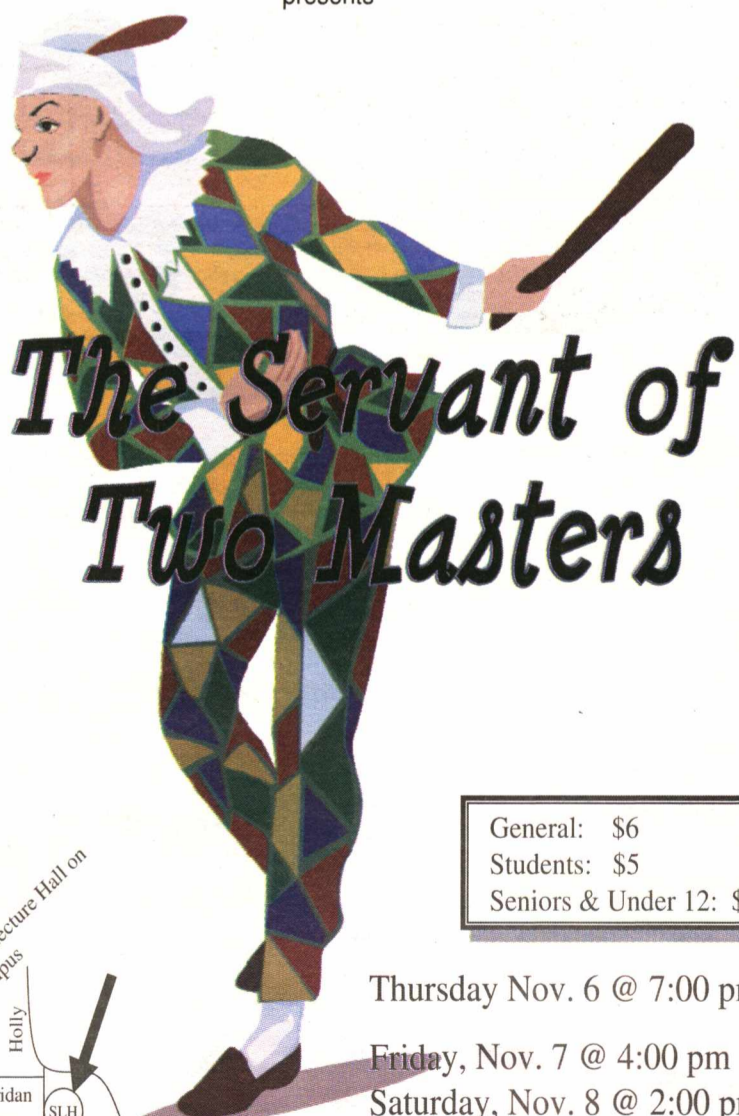
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Rating: BRONZE

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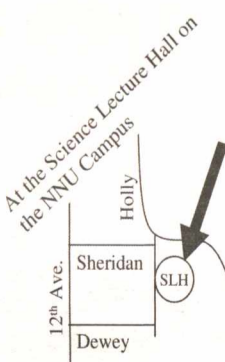
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**Newsday Crossword**

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- ACROSS**  
1 Clear a hurdle  
5 Dumpster load  
10 Use a gavel  
13 What's more  
14 Whopping  
15 Hawaiian port  
16 Specially favored  
18 Hertz alternative  
19 Peeling off, as paint  
20 Sunbather's spot  
22 Landlord's due  
24 Shiftless sort  
25 Motherless calves  
29 Was wearing  
32 Oscar or Edgar  
33 Allegro con  
34 Elevator innovator  
38 Governor's turndown  
39 Marina walkways  
40 "Smooth Operator" singer  
41 Shangri-la  
42 "Woe is me!"  
43 Bus terminus  
44 World-weary  
46 Goes biking  
47 Lean eater of rhyme  
50 Clarinetist Artie  
52 Little tykes  
55 Pizzeria herb  
60 Spur on  
61 Overly idealistic  
63 Map line
- DOWN**  
1 Guffaw, informally  
2 Mideast airline  
3 Where Tibet is  
4 Fried-rice morsels  
5 Macbeth et al.  
6 Wear the crown  
7 The Nile's loc.  
8 Proofer's mark  
9 Jekyll's alter ego  
10 Adversary  
11 Author Walker  
12 Tough problem  
15 Stubborn  
17 Brought on board  
21 Brazilian hot spot  
23 Clothing, so to speak  
25 Comic Chappelle  
26 Was in the hole  
27 Box-office take  
28 Tough to knock out  
30 Snobs' put-on  
31 Requirements  
33 Ill temper  
35 Spanish tidbit  
36 Teen fave  
37 Plants firmly  
39 Note-taker's need  
43 Donald Duck nephew  
45 Wolfed down  
46 Scored the norm on  
47 Boot add-ons  
48 Evita's surname  
49 Majestic  
51 Huge crowd  
53 Business-sign abbr.  
54 Tend to the batter  
56 Dough  
57 Thumbs-up votes  
58 Tide type  
59 Betting quotes  
62 Will Smith title role

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