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Disputes in Nicaragua over their elections lead to riots



A supporter of the Sandinista National Liberation Front Party (FSLN), fires a homemade mortar against the opposition during a demonstration in Nicaragua's capital city, Managua yesterday. Two police officers and three civilians were reported injured after clashes between FSLN supporters and the opposition. The supporter's mortar reads in Spanish, "FSLN, let's go for more victories" (photo from Associated Press).

Night of the Arts showcases creative members of the NNU campus

by RACHAEL FINCH

An array of art forms will be displayed and performed for the community this Friday night during NNU's fourth annual Night of the Arts.

"The event serves to showcase the vibrant arts programs at NNU, and fosters collaboration between some of the most creative students and faculty on campus," said Casey Christopher, music professor.

There will be a three-event line-up on Friday, including the second annual art and music open house, the art sale and Night of the Arts.

The open house, from 3 to 6 p.m., will be held in the Fine Arts building. Students and members of the community can tour the facilities, see demonstrations in the Mac lab and the new recording studio, and view student work. The art sale will also take place during

the open house.

"The Fall Art Sale brings together artists from NNU's campus as well as local Treasure Valley artists. Work available will include handmade purses, jewelry and scarves as well as ceramics, photographs and paintings," said Amanda Hamilton, professor of drawing and painting and director of the Friesen Galleries.

ASNNU Constitution ratified by student body

by AIMEE NILES

The ASNNU Constitution, Code and Procedures were ratified by the student body, said Executive Vice President Grant Miller.

The Constitution was passed by 75 percent of the student body, the Code by 73 percent and the Procedures by 75 percent.

In order to be ratified, all three needed a two-thirds majority "yes" vote.

"I, along with Chief Justice John Bailar and the Senate Judicial Board will begin the review the Constitution again next semester," said Miller. According to the newly ratified Constitution, along with the old Constitution, it must be reviewed, updated and approved by the Senate and student body every year.

"I hope this clears up some fuzzy details about what we [SGA] do," said Miller.

Ask Emerson

The feature answering administrative questions premier this week.

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Saders smash records

Men's basketball broke the GNAC and NNU records for points scored.

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James Bond returns in "Quantum of Solace" Does it measure up to past Bond flicks?

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Weather

THURSDAY

Chance of showers.
Hi: 55° | Low: 32°

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 51° | Low: 29°

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 52° | Low: 26°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny.
Hi: 45° | Low: 29°

MONDAY

Chance of showers.
Hi: 47° | Low: 29°

TUESDAY

Partly sunny.
Hi: 47° | Low: 28°

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Students take to the woods this season

by ALLISON HAWN

As the weather gets colder, NNU students move from the summer sports of volleyball and soccer and move toward sports that have made Idaho famous; skiing, snowboarding and hunting. Hunting is one of Idaho's biggest pulls to outside tourists and sportspeople because there is an array of open game seasons. Idaho has hunting seasons for deer, moose, elk, various fowl, mountain lion and black bear.

According to the Idaho Fish and Game Web site, deer, elk, black bear and mountain lion seasons have been open since August and will remain open until early 2009. NNU students enjoy the outdoor experience as they trek over miles of beautiful landscape, rifles or bows in tow. Shawna Tanner, a sophomore nursing major who has been



A black tailed deer, a commonly hunted breed of deer in Idaho (photo by wikicommons).

hunting in Idaho for several years said, "This year the opening weekend of hunting happened on one of Idaho's random freezing

weekends, so I spent the weekend in snow, in a tent for four days, and the only deer with antlers stayed on the Oregon side of the

border, mean deer."

For those students wishing to go hunting in Idaho, there are some important things to consider. Licenses

and tags are readily available in various locations, including Wal-Mart and the Idaho Fish and Game Web site, but make sure that you read

the regulations carefully. Make sure that you have purchased the correct tag for what you are hunting. If you should get lucky on your trip make sure you fill out the proper paperwork to document your kill or you can accrue some pretty hefty fines.

Safety is also a major concern while hunting; make sure that you stay fed and hydrated and that if you don't know the area very well you take someone along who does, there are plenty of students on campus who could probably give you advice.

As Shawna Tanner said, "This year I went hunting, I did not go killing," but when asked if she would go again, in spite of her lack of success this year, she emphatically stated that she would. Hunting is one way NNU students really get a good look at Idaho's natural resources.

Doctors regrow windpipe using stem cells

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doctors have given a woman a new windpipe with tissue grown from her own stem cells, eliminating the need for anti-rejection drugs.

"This technique has great promise," said Dr. Eric Genden, who did a similar transplant in 2005 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. That operation used both donor and recipient tissue. Only a handful of windpipe, or trachea, transplants have ever been done.

If successful, the procedure could become a new standard of treatment, said Genden, who was not involved in the research.

The results were published online Wednesday in the medical journal, *The Lancet*.

The transplant was given to Claudia Castillo, a 30-year-old Colombian mother of two living in Barcelona, suffered from tuberculosis for years. After a severe collapse of her left lung in March, Castillo needed regular hospital visits to clear her airways and was unable to take care of her children.

Doctors initially thought the only solution was to remove the entire left lung.

But Dr. Paolo Macchiarini, head of thoracic surgery at Barcelona's Hospital Clinic, proposed a windpipe transplant instead.

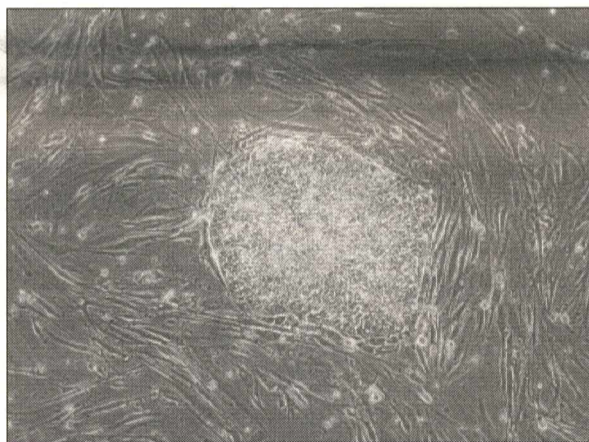
Once doctors had a donor windpipe, scientists at Italy's University of Padua stripped off all its cells, leaving only a tube of connective tissue.

Meanwhile, doctors at the University of Bristol took a sample of Castillo's bone marrow from her hip. They used the bone marrow's stem cells to create millions of cartilage and tissue cells to cover and line the windpipe.

Experts at the University of Milan then used a device to put the new cartilage and tissue onto the windpipe. The new windpipe was transplanted into Castillo in June.

"They have created a functional, biological structure that can't be rejected," said Dr. Allan Kirk of the American Society of Transplantation. "It's an important advance, but constructing an entire organ is still a long way off."

So far, Castillo has shown no signs of rejection and is not taking any immunosuppressing drugs, which can cause side effects like high blood pressure, kidney failure and cancer.



A colony of stem cells (photo by wikicommons).

"I was scared at the beginning," Castillo said in a press statement. "I am now enjoying life and am very happy that my illness has been cured."

Her doctors say she is now able to take care of her children, and can walk reasonable distances without becoming out of breath. Castillo even reported dancing all night at a club in Barcelona recently.

Genden said that Castillo's progress needed to be closely monitored. "Time will tell if this lasts," he said. Genden added that it can take up to three years to know if the windpipe's cartilage structure is solid and won't fall apart.

People who might benefit include children born with defective airways, people with scars or tumors in their windpipes,

and those with collapsed windpipes.

The technique might even be adapted to other organs like the bowel, bladder, or reproductive tract, Birchall said.

"Patients engineering their own tissues is the key way forward," said Dr. Patrick Warnke, a surgeon at the University of Kiel in Germany. Warnke is also growing patients' tissues from stem cells for transplants.

Warnke predicted that doctors might one day be able to produce organs in the laboratory from patients' own stem cells. "That is still years away, but we need pioneering approaches like this to solve the problem," he said.

ASNNU Senate upholds presidential veto on two bills

by AIMEE NILES

Last Wednesday, the ASNNU senate failed to overturn SGA President Lacey Smith's veto of two bills with the required two-thirds majority.

Smith vetoed a bill giving the Accounting Club \$400 from the SGA General Fund. If the club were to receive the money, they would be among the top five richest clubs on campus, said Smith.

Smith did not want to be seen as rewarding a club that missed budgeting. When the bill was originally presented, the Accounting Club said they missed budgeting because they were a new club, however, they are three years old.

The vote to overturn the presidential veto failed by a vote of 1-11. Junior class senator Daryl Gonzales voted to overturn the veto because she "sponsored the bill."

The second presidential veto came against the Peer Mentor coffee fund bill. The bill would've given \$500 to the Peer Mentors for their coffee fund.

Smith said she vetoed this

bill because of feedback she received from students. She was approached by several people about the amount of money that was going from the SGA General Fund to an outside fund.

People were also concerned with the conflict of interest between PMs in senate voting on such a large sum of money for the PMs, said Smith.

SGA Business Manager Preston O'Malley asked senate to uphold the veto until after budgeting is done.

O'Malley said there would be about \$11,000 less to budget with this semester. He encouraged senate to wait until after budgeting.

The senate didn't overturn the veto by a vote of 5-6-1. Freshmen class senator Blake Weber abstained from the vote.

"I'm happy the senate didn't overturn my vetos and they thought through the reasoning," said Smith "I hope the Accounting Club and the Peer Mentors come back to senate next semester."

Smith is the first president in three years to use her veto power.

Idaho Family Christmas production takes center stage with mass comm department

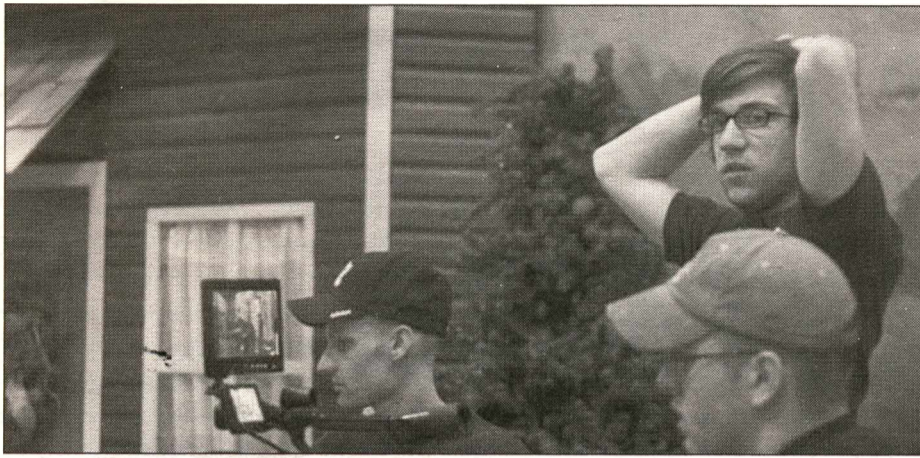
by DREW McCULLEY

The mass communications department wraps up its semester as the Idaho Family Christmas enters post production.

The Idaho Family Christmas is being updated for this year's show, said Troy Watters, senior producer. The Christmas show, typically geared for older audiences, has changed some aspects of the show to make it more interesting and tailored for younger audiences.

The show started as a variety show and was shot in one day at some off campus location; three years ago it was filmed at the Governor's mansion.

Over the last few years the Idaho Family Christmas has been shot more and more on campus in a studio constructed in the mass communications department. It also has shifted more to a



Junior Nate Berrian and senior Collin Berger examine the set for the Idaho Family Christmas production (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

narrative rather than the variety show format. This year, the Christmas show will be filmed entirely in the mass communications department, and will be mostly narrative, retaining just a few variety show elements.

The concept for the story will be "us shooting us," said Watters. As senior producer, Watters' responsibilities include the oversight and organization of all the

elements of production. The story this year will also contain a love story, he said.

Watters said the intent of the show is to convey a message of hope and faith. "We won't have a church with a cross on it, but it'll be clear it's a church. We don't want to cram Jesus down people's throats," Watters said. "There will be no Santa either."

Watters stressed the experiences each mass communications student gained while filming the Idaho Family Christmas. Every element of production works with professional grade equipment, from lighting, the sound and switchboards. "We are working with professionals from the

industry; they teach us."

Last year, the Idaho Family Christmas won the mass communications department a shot at a prestigious television award called a Telly. That was fun to celebrate, said Watters; it's the standard we are striving for this year.

The budget for the Idaho Family Christmas is awarded by United Heritage Financial Group, a life insurance company in Eagle. The mass communications department pitches the idea to allow feedback before the company awards the budget. United Heritage provides funding and air time.

The show will air on KTVB this December.



One of the many props used in the Idaho Family Christmas production (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).



Senior Collin Berger works the camera for Idaho Family Christmas (photo by Chris Vanderschaaf).

Campus building projects near completion

by ALLISON HAWN

Two major construction projects are currently in progress on campus: the new health/sciences center and an elevator that will make the Wiley Learning Center more accessible to people with physical disabilities or injuries.

The new science building, as students and faculty can see just by walking across campus, is making rapid progress. According to the NNU Web site, the building's 50,000 square feet will house classes for chemistry, nursing, biology, physics,

engineering and computer science students. The building should be completed to the point where at least a few classes can be held in it by next semester, if not completely finished. The faculty are hoping to have the nursing offices moved into the new building at least by the time classes start next year. If you want to look for yourself you can go on the NNU Web site and watch webcam footage that is updated every five seconds.

The construction in Wiley has displaced many people and caused a lot

of disruption for professors. The elevator should be completed, though, by the end of Christmas break. According to Karen Tweedy, psychology department administrative assistant, Professor Ron Ponsford, who has been displaced by the construction will be able to return to his offices this weekend. Downstairs the psychology lounge and rat lab should be cleared of all debris and ready for use again by mid-December. Tweedy said, "It'll be really nice to have it all done and things will be back to normal."

Student reactions to the construction have been varied. Nursing and other science majors are looking forward to a new facility in which to work.

Many students, especially those taking classes in the Wiley Learning Center, find the construction noises disruptive. "It interrupts class," said freshman secondary education major Kiersten Black.

No matter the reason, everyone on campus will be glad to have these two construction projects completed.

AP News Blurbs

China

HAVANA

China's president, strengthening business ties throughout Latin America, stops in Cuba to lend a hand to its communist little brother and signs deals to buy Cuban nickel and sugar and send food to the hurricane-damaged country. The agreements are welcomed by Cuban President Raul Castro, who has aggressively expanded trade despite the U.S. embargo.

NYPD-Security

NEW YORK

Behind the unmarked doors of a 28th-floor office near Wall Street lies the New York Police Department's new counterterrorism nerve center, packed floor to ceiling with monitors that feed a steady stream of video and data on threats against the city. It's all part of an ambitious program to make the Lower Manhattan financial district one of the most heavily secured places on the planet.

Girls in the photo

KIWANJA, Congo

Eleven-year-old Protegee carried her sobbing niece on her back as they searched for relatives in a sea of people fleeing fighting in eastern Congo. An AP photograph showing Protegee using her filthy T-shirt to wipe away tears as 3-year-old Reponse wailed behind her prompted hundreds of e-mails from around the world offering help. AP photographer Jerome Delay, who returned to Kiwanja to help reunite the girls with family, found out first hand that not all problems in Congo can be solved by outsiders' sympathy.

Holiday Travel

WASHINGTON

Military air space over much of the country is being opened to U.S. airlines to help ease holiday travel congestion that might not occur. Airlines have cut the number of flights by about 10 percent and forecasts call for a decline in the number of

Thanksgiving air travelers altogether.

No-Bully School

CHICAGO

Chicago's school board plans to vote this week on a proposal to create the nation's largest high school for students who have fallen victim to bullying and harassment.

Obama Threat

BOISE

The mayor of an eastern Idaho town where second- and third-grade students on a school bus chanted "Assassinate Obama" after the Nov. 4 election has publicly apologized, saying there's no excuse for such behavior. Rexburg Mayor Shawn Larsen wrote in a guest editorial sent Tuesday to local newspapers that he was saddened by the notoriety his community had received over the incident.

Pesticides

GRANTS PASS, Ore.

Federal biologists say three pesticides common on farms and orchards in the West jeopardize the survival of Pacific salmon. The chemicals interfere with salmon's sense of smell, making it harder to avoid predators, find food, and find their native spawning streams.

Congress Returns

WASHINGTON

A bailout for the nation's ailing automobile industry tops the agenda as lawmakers return to work Monday, with Democrats hoping to use part of the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout for emergency loans to help prop up Detroit's Big Three carmakers.

Tibet

DHARMSALA, India

Hundreds of Tibetan exile leaders gather in northern India for a landmark meeting to discuss the direction of the movement that has struggled for decades to win autonomy from China. The week-long meeting was called by the Dalai Lama.

Gaza

JERUSALEM

A June truce between Israel and Gaza's Hamas rulers comes up for renewal next month and it looks like both sides are trying to dictate more favorable terms.

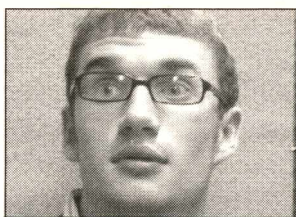
Your money pays for everything, know where it goes and what it is used for

Apathy is bad, particularly when shown to your SGA and student government. Turns out we are playing with your money--\$85 of it each semester.

On Monday night, the Ways and Means committee, made up of members from the student elected senate, budgeted over eighty thousand of your dollars, the total pot of the student fees.

Your money went to your SGA to pay its salaries and for the events it puts on. It went to the clubs, organizations and class councils that need money to function.

Your money pays for your yearbook and your class parties. It pays for the Accounting Club to do what must be too exciting to just reserve for homework and for the Middle



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW MCCULLEY

Eastern Affairs Club to bring a camel to campus. Your money expedites the ticket cost of TWIRP and almost every other event you may attend.

Your money paid for this newspaper.

I know this is rarely brought up during your SGA and class elections, but those people you voted for, or didn't vote for, or those people just asked to fill a position because there was a lack of interest, are spending your money, and

I know you are poor.

I am in no way suggesting that you demand your money back. I believe in what SGA and class councils are capable of, the good and necessary things they can do for our school and the Nampa community. I am most ecstatic to see student money being used by student representatives for our benefit, with little to no faculty involvement.

On the flip side of that, few things frustrate me more than seeing that opportunity wasted.

Upperclassman class councils are populated hugely by people simply asked to fill the position because no one ran for it in the first place.

And lowerclassman councils are populated hugely by misguided

individuals, who are power hungry-- but run the minute real work needs to be done.

On Monday night, a new constitution is ratified. This constitution is updated for the times, virtually free of the mountain of errors that haunted the last one, and accurately reflects how our government is currently structured.

Maybe one hundred students voted, counting both yeses and nos. The ratification may not have occurred if not for the involvement of those few students who wanted to counter the apathy or misguided nature of the rest of us.

Thank you to those students.

Don't take Christian romance novels too seriously

I don't write this as a judgment upon those who read and enjoy the genre of Christian romance. I enjoy the occasional Francine Rivers novel, but I want to make it completely clear what the line is for the healthy intake of such material.

In my comparison of romance novels and pornography I am not intending to say the two are equal in the addictive qualities and effect on lives. They are not equal. Porn is much, much worse.

There is a general consensus—as least in the Christian world—that pornography is bad. However, there is an acceptance from the Christian community that make romance novels a stealth attack.

Much like the porn industry, the Christian romance genre has different levels of eroticism ranging



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

from "soft core," such as the Amish love stories, to "hard core" such as "Redeeming Love" by Francine Rivers.

Whether it is silly innuendo or more vivid descriptions of that "intimate conversation of love," Christian romances have a hard and fast rule—nookie between unmarried couples is far from blessed. Already that is a far more Christian view of relations than the supermarket romance with a barely clad Fabio on the cover.

However, the romance and wooing that lead up to the blessed event of

marriage can—and does—give people an unrealistic view of what love and relationships look like. I'm not saying those nauseatingly sweet love stories don't exist in real life, but they are like that big, white dog from "The Neverending Story,"—extremely rare.

Relationships are more like regular dogs—good ones take hard work. The really, really good novels—such as "Redeeming Love"—do mention the hardships, but the vast majority make light of how difficult it is to have a good relationship.

How many young, Christian women are sitting waiting for a man like Michael Hosea from "Redeeming Love?" There are Michael Hoseas out there, but I fear there are more Michael Scotts in the world. The reverse is true for female characters.

There is a line between

healthy and unhealthy consumption of romance fodder. The occasional enjoyment of the newest Beverly Lewis book is totally fine. However, if all you can read is Lori Wick and Karen Kingsbury—there might be a problem.

Don't let it consume your life. Don't sit out waiting for a Christian Fabio that might not exist. Sure, have standards, but be realistic at the same time. Learn to recognize what is real about relationships and what is just fiction.

Remember this about Christian romance—it is fiction. It isn't real. Often times, the characters are more likely to be found in a Disney princess movie than real life. But, the real life characters may be even more exciting than the made up ones.

Thanksgiving Break should start on Wednesday

STAFF EDITORIAL

Welcome to the season of green bean casserole and cranberry sauce; it's that time of year when we eat our weight and don't feel bad about it. Thanksgiving is next week: the much anticipated break students and faculty alike look forward to after a semester of slaving over textbooks and computers. As appreciated as the break is campus wide, it's frustrating that the break doesn't technically begin until Thanksgiving Day.

For many of us, it was a surprise to find our freshman year that we didn't have Wednesday off like we had in the past, which was what we experienced kindergarten through high school. Not having Wednesday off serves as an inconvenience as we have to use late Wednesday, or even Thanksgiving Day for travel; and when some of us are driving six or seven hours (many over mountain passes), a travel day would be much preferred.

It's interesting that, at a school where the concept of family is so highly regarded, our Thanksgiving Break is cut short; a holiday centered on families being together. For many, this is the first time we've seen our families since August. It's easy to say it's no big deal, as Christmas Break soon follows, but try saying that to a homesick freshman. Make the airfare worth the price; an extra day wouldn't cause a ruckus amongst the students.

Having classes on Wednesday is pointless, as many professors cancel class, and 75 percent of students skip classes anyway. If we had Wednesday off, students wouldn't face the dilemma of family versus their afternoon class.

Certainly we should be grateful for any break at all, but NNU's Thanksgiving Break schedule is uncommon and inconvenient. Students shouldn't have to risk their grades for an extra day to spend with their family.

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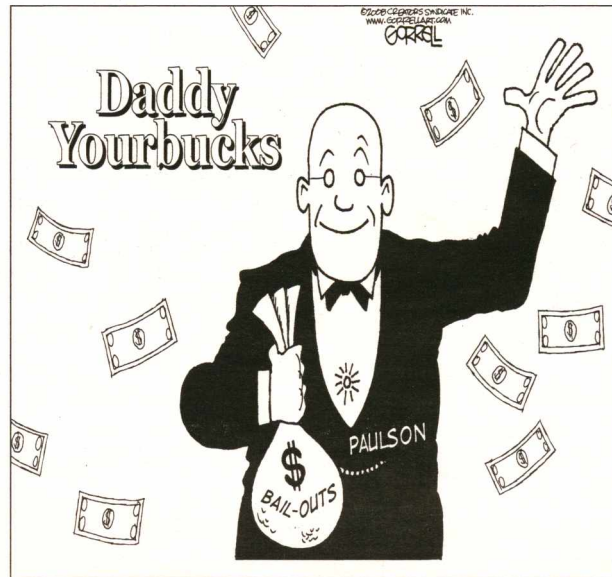
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Republicans need to better define themselves in order to regain control

Directly after the presidential election, the question was being asked: is this country making a shift “left of center” from its long familiar position of just “right of center?”

It was difficult to swallow but the numbers were right in front of the American people, Barack Obama had won the election by 203 electoral votes and over 7 percent of the popular vote.

Republicans (GOP) not only lost the presidency, but they lost six seats in the Senate and 20 in the House (including one in Idaho), giving the Democrats a clear majority in Congress.

Voter registration was up on both sides of the political spectrum, but was drastically up on the Democrats



Right Thinking
by
TONY NAPIER

side.

There is a lot of evidence that suggests the “leftward” trend in American politics; however there is a false dichotomy in play. Simply because the Democrats won a majority in Congress and the Presidency does not mean the country is shifting left.

It simply means that one party is weaker than the other. This time around the Democrats won because they had a candidate

who could deliver a rousing speech and make people believe that he was the agent of change they needed-- even though he has very little evidence of effectiveness.

Moreover, the economy was in shambles and got there on a Republican president's watch. The Republicans had a “maverick” in his 70's who was obviously showing his age and admitted his lack of economic expertise.

It was a battle between the young, vibrant candidate and the old guard candidate. The election was an unfortunate representation of the Republican Party. While John McCain is an effective and proficient member of the Republican Party, he was not the candidate we needed. We

needed a Republican who represented our core values and explained why he or she was a conservative.

Understanding this, the GOP recently launched a blogging website, www.republicanforareason.com, asking its members the question: “What went wrong?”

It's simple: we have lost our way. We need to find the path and quickly if we are to ever counter the impending liberal wave.

We need to be able to honestly and openly say that we are Republicans because abortion is wrong and should be prevented at all costs. It is a sad day when a citizen's right to choose trumps another's right to live; born and unborn.

We are Republicans

because socialization of private industry is never the answer in our free society and that businesses behaving in conflict with their company's bottom line should be allowed to fail.

We are Republicans because we believe that it is our duty to provide for the poor; but that it is also our duty to make sure the poor are provided for without the coercion of forced taxation.

We are Republicans because the coercive role of the government must be limited and not expanded, so that we may live our lives with the greatest level of freedom possible.

We are Republicans because we love the freedom that this country was built on and we are ready to roll up our sleeves and do what

must be done to dig ourselves out of whatever problem may come our way.

We do not want a bail out or a hand out for that matter; we want freedom. If the Republican Party is going to survive, we need a candidate who is not afraid to stand up and profess the party platform and tell the American people why we are Republicans.

The next generation of conservative leaders needs to raise up now and take the reigns of the party; otherwise we will be stuck in our own quasi- moderate quagmire that stands for nothing and will eventually collapse in on itself.

Let's try thinking, shall we?

It has been suggested to many of the opinion writers that we should really think about what we write before allowing it to be printed. The suggestion was that the words automatically have power and that we might be sending the wrong message to those reading our articles.

It's true, words are powerful—but our minds, dare I say, are more powerful.

People write a lot of stuff—articles, books, editorials, e-mails and so forth. And I'm sure that there are even more people who read such written words and immediately believe everything that is placed before them. And that's okay, right? Because the fact that the information is published means that it is absolutely 100 percent correct and we, as readers, can trust the authors wholeheartedly.

Are you kidding me?!

The fact that we have brains—intelligence—makes us far superior to any other creature on the earth. We are God's greatest creation. We can think! We can reason! And when we read something, we are



GUEST OPINION
by
LAURIE BURGEHEISTER

able to use those skills in deciding whether or not what the author has to say is influential or even accurate.

We give the author his or her power. WE are the ones who objectively look at a piece of writing and consider what it says. Then we use reasoning, logic, analysis—simple thinking to make a decision. You may not consciously do this process every day; in some areas it is second nature to you.

But I seriously and honestly urge you to think. Don't just read something and support it if it's what you want to hear and disregard or even attack it if it's not.

I just read an article about how Obama is a narcissist—it's even scientifically proven. The sky is green. Santa Claus is real. The poverty rates in

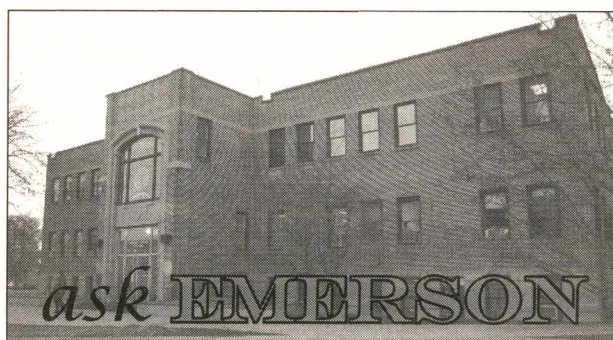
the world are drastically overestimated. Gene Schandorff hates coffee.

Because I wrote it, it must be true. If you can't honestly look at a piece of writing and critically view it and try to understand it, what's the point in reading? Or in writing, for that matter? If you are looking for something to back you up, you'll find it. If you're looking for something to outrage you and something you can protest, I'm sure you'll find it, too.

The written word is a means to communicate—a way to talk to the world. But the people who receive these messages need to have some reason, some sanity, some intelligence—to discern what is really there.

Don't believe it simply because you read it. But don't disregard it for the same reason. Let's try thinking.

Maybe you can ask Gene to take you out for coffee so you can discuss this further. Maybe not, seeing as how he hates coffee—it must be true. It's printed right here.



Editor's Note: At the request of the President's Office, The Crusader is providing space each week for Ask Emerson, a column for students to get direct answers to their questions from the NNU administration. The column will be written by rotating members of the President's Cabinet. If you have a question that you would like to Ask Emerson, please e-mail them to crusader@nnu.edu.

Q: So I have a question about something at NNU. Do you guys really care what I am concerned about?

A: It may sound cheesy, but it's true: NNU is really all about the *students*. You are why we are here. We work really hard when we hire people to make sure they are what we call a “mission fit” for our school. Do they really care about helping *students* become more Christlike, about pushing *students* to academic excellence, about preparing *students* for world-changing careers? Notice the common denominator is *students*.

This mission fit litmus test is a part of every hire, from coach to groundskeeper, from president to security guard. And of course, every member of the

President's Cabinet shares this deep commitment to *student success*.

Listening carefully to all feedback helps us to grow and improve. The administration already receives a fair amount of feedback from our faculty and staff. We'd like to receive even more from the students.

Sometimes student's concerns stem from the need to know more about what is actually going on in our administrative offices — how and why we make the decisions that affect students. For example, students may want to know “Why is chapel required?” or “Why do textbooks seem to cost so much?” We hope *Ask Emerson* will provide a forum where students feel like they can get straight answers.

Q: Who is Emerson anyway, and why should I ask him anything?

A: Eugene Emerson was a Nampa businessman who led the founding of NNU (which was first called Idaho Holiness School) in 1913. In recognition of his leadership, the Emerson Administration Building bears his name. Most of the Cabinet members have offices in Emerson. Over the years, the name Emerson has come to represent the

NNU administration much in the same way one may think of the White House representing the U.S. presidential administration.

So when you ask Emerson, you really are asking the President's Cabinet — the people who are responsible for making sure that NNU is a place where students are nurtured to be Christlike disciples through academic excellence, social responsiveness and creative engagement.

Q: What's this Cabinet thing? Who are these people?

A: The Cabinet is the group of campus leaders who advise the President and each oversee a specific segment of campus operations. The Cabinet is made up of President Alexander, Carey Cook, Vice President for Student Development, Sam Dunn, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Eric Forseth, Vice President for Enrollment Services and Marketing, Joel Pearsall, Vice President for University Advancement, Dave Peterson, Vice President for Financial Affairs, and Gene Schandorff, University Chaplain.

More importantly, every member of the President's Cabinet is personally committed to NNU's mission of preparing students to be able to face the challenges this world offers as effective ambassadors of Christ. If you have questions about how and why we are doing this, we invite you to ask Emerson.



Social work students head to Romania

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Junior Calcy Gabert and senior Kelly Sandlin have spent this semester serving with an organization called Veritas in Romania, allowing them to put their social work skills into practice.

"Veritas is an organization that works with children, teens, the disabled and the elderly within the community," said Gabert.

Gabert said she gets to work with the kindergarteners, which is similar to Head Start here in the States. Gabert, Sandlin and the rest of the team work primarily with disadvantaged families and children from broken homes.

Gabert said she is also teaching an English class at

the local school.

"The idea is to help supplement these children's normal English education with games and songs and other fun activities," Gabert said.

Though Sandlin and Gabert are mainly doing work in the central Romanian town where they are living, Sighisoara, they are taking classes so they will be able to maintain their class standing at NNU. Gabert said she and Sandlin are taking Romanian language and ecology courses, as well as online social work classes.

Gabert said her experience working with children this semester has been extremely fulfilling.

"One day I picked up the toughest kid in the class and

just rocked him for awhile and everyday now he gives me a hug when I come in," said Gabert. "I love these children so much and I know that saying goodbye to them is going to be one of the hardest things that I will ever do."

As the semester draws to a close, Gabert has bitter-sweet feelings about leaving a country she has grown to love.

"I am not ready to leave yet, but I pray that someone else will come along next semester, who can continue what I've started and hopefully do more for the children than the meager hugs that I can give them," said Gabert.

Gabert hopes to bring the lessons she's learned back to

campus next semester.

"To understand better the way that people live here has been something that I will never forget and I hope to be able to implement the things that I have learned in my life back at NNU," Gabert said.

Gabert, along with the rest of her team, was able to live with host families the entire semester. Gabert said living with the host family allowed her to learn much about Romanian culture.

"[Studying abroad] challenges one to live differently and to view the world as bigger and the issues affecting the world as broader. I wish that everyone could have experienced what I experienced this semester," Gabert said.

Oasis looks toward new design approach

by RACHEL BEERS

There has been much confusion among the student body this year about the Oasis yearbook, said Oasis Editor Brittan Aebischer.

Aebischer, dispelled these rumors by saying that it was just small miscommunications that needed to be worked out.

The first rumor that was put to rest was the cost of the yearbook.

"The students have already paid for their yearbook, it was included in their student fees," Aebischer said.

Every year the student enrollment fees go to different organizations of the Student Government Association for things such as the yearbook, the newspaper, and other campus functions.

Another rumor that was silenced was that the yearbook was considering a more traditional layout. Aebischer said that the goal is to have more professional looking pictures, a cleaner crisper layout with bigger pictures and more student profiles.

Students are asked to take more professional pictures for their yearbook photo.

The Oasis really wants to focus this yearbook fully on the student body. Aebischer wants it to be a student's yearbook above all else.

The yearbook staff is asking that students turn in

their own pictures of clubs, sports and student life.

The staff wants to get the students own memoirs, poetry, reflections and commentary in the yearbook as well.

"We want to stress to students to write something to put in it. The students would be writing their own book, essentially," said Aebischer.

Freshman Kayla Tuttle was questioned about the 2008-09 yearbook and its new layout; she said she was unsure about the new look and the new professional view they are taking on it.

When asked about the yearbook cost she said, "Personally I think it's a bad thing; you should get to choose how your money is spent. I really didn't even want one but I am stuck with one now."

The 2008-09 Oasis yearbook is hopeful of the change that is approaching and is looking for the enthusiasm of the student body.

The second session for taking pictures will be second semester so there is plenty of time for students to have their pictures taken.

"Later on down the road in forty years you will look back and want a yearbook, to see who was your friend, who were the people in your classes and what you did in college," said Aebischer.



Calcy Gabert poses with her kindergarten class (photo from Calcy Gabert).



Peer Health Educators reveal how to stay healthy this holiday season

by JOHANNA HIGDON

Everyone loves Thanksgiving and Christmas, and at this time of year we often long for finals to be over and the festivities to begin. However, even after we head home on break, this may be a stressful and difficult time of year for many.

To make the most of the holiday season, it is essential to know what may

affect you, and to practice healthy holiday habits.

According to Medical News Today, "The common issues that crop up around the holidays are stress, fatigue and anxiety."

To help yourself avoid these issues, it is important to be aware of your expectations and behaviors.

Keep to a routine, if possible, and focus on the future and not the past. When setting New Year's

resolutions, avoid disappointment by keeping goals achievable.

Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, can also contribute to holiday stresses. SAD is a mood disorder that is caused by the changes in sunlight due to the changing length of days.

Symptoms usually begin in the fall and last into the winter, especially during January and February. Women are more likely to

be affected by SAD than men. Treatment may include light therapy, but exposure to sunlight is just as effective and can make a huge difference.

Two of the best ways to control stress are healthy eating and exercise, and these are both incredibly important during the holidays, when we are tempted to overeat and stay inside.

Eating well at this time of the year does not mean

sacrificing the holiday dishes we all love. The most important tip is to watch portion sizes. By eating smaller portions it is possible to avoid heartburn, irregular blood sugar levels and possibly a lot of guilt.

Also, after that big meal, consider working some of it off with a family game of touch football or a walk around the neighborhood to see all the holiday decorations. This can be a fun

way to spend time you're your family and stay in shape.

When looking forward to the holidays, it is fine to focus on rest and good food; however, do not forget about health and safety. By properly managing stress, eating right, exercising and being aware of other issues, the holidays will be an even more enjoyable time of year.



Lacey Smith shares from her journal last week at Time-Out (photo by Andrea Schilling).

NNU and C of I come together for worship time in spite of annual rivalry basketball game

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Announced Nov. 5 by SGA Campus Ministries Coordinator Rylee Curtis, NNU would be collaborating with College of Idaho with each campus' independently run worship events.

Curtis said the timing of the partnership made sense with the United Heritage Tip-Off rivalry game between both schools' men's basketball teams occurring

just several days earlier.

Last Wednesday night, C of I students joined in on the NNU event Time-Out. Lacey Smith shared after worship which was led by Kyle Blaser and his team.

Combining the campuses was an encouragement for both groups of students.

"It's a great idea to get a secular campus involved with our community," said junior Aubrey Webb.

C of I student, senior

Chris Tietsort, said he enjoyed the student-led aspect of Time-Out.

Tietsort said C of I's organization is much different; someone is elected as the speaker of the event week after week.

He said he wishes there were more student leadership on his campus concerning weekly worship gatherings.

The positive feedback from the collaboration

could lead to similar events in the future.

"We definitely need to have more cooperative efforts in the future," said senior Bobby Powers, "This was such a great idea." Powers is also a current student at C of I, where he serves as the student body president.

Last night, NNU students traveled to Caldwell, home to C of I, to participate in the campus's worship event.

Nursing Home Drive Wish List

- | Code-Request-Gender | Request | Request | Request | Request | Request | Request | Request |
|---------------------|--|---------|--|---------|--|---------|---|
| 1A | L- Sweatsuit, body spray (F) | 10C | Large blanket, slippers, after shave (M) | 1F | L-2 Sweat bottoms, cologne (M) | 8G | 2XL-sweat outfit (blue) XL-slippers (F) |
| 5A | M- Sweatsuit, socks, cologne, drawing supplies (M) | 2D | Body pillow (F) | 2F | 3XL- Button up shirts, slippers (9-10) (M) | 9G | 3XL- Pink sweat outfit, perfume (F) |
| 7A | Body blanket, L-Sweatshirt (F) | 3D | Costume jewelry (F) | 3F | XL-Sweat outfit, cologne (M) | 10G | XL- Sweat outfit, perfume (F) |
| 8A | Fleece blanket, L-Christmas outfit (F) | 4D | Body pillow (F) | 4F | 3XL- 2 sweat bottoms, 3XL- T-shirts (M) | 2H | XL- slippers, t-shirts, sweatpants (M) |
| 9A | Baseball cap, cologne, fleece blanket (M) | 5D | XL- T shirts (F) | 5F | M-L women's under shirts, night gowns (pink) (F) | 3H | XL- Sweat outfit (M) |
| 1B | Cologne, L- Sweat outfit (M) | 6D | M- Sweatsuit (dark colors) (M) | 6F | L- Sweat outfit (pink) perfume (F) | 4H | L- Sweat outfit (M) |
| 5B | M- Sweatsuit, perfume, stuffed animals (F) | 8D | Size 44 or 2XL-red button up sweater (F) | 9F | L- Sweat outfit slippers (8-10) (M) | 5H | XL- 2 sweat pants (M) |
| 7B | Perfume, candy (F) | 10D | L- Blue sweatsuit (F) | 10F | XL- Pajamas, cologne (M) | 6H | XL- sweat outfit (M) |
| 9B | Shaver, coffee beans (M) | 1E | Twin size soft blanket- dark color (M) | 1G | L- Sweat outfit (light blue), slippers (s7-10) (F) | 7H | XL- Purple sweat outfit (F) |
| 10B | Chocolate, large print book (M) | 3E | XL- Black belt (M) | 3G | 2XL- night gown (blue) (F) | 9H | L- Pink sweat outfit (F) |
| 3C | Perfume, lotion (F) | 4E | L- T-shirt (V-neck) (M) | 4G | M- sweat outfit (pink) slippers (med) (F) | 10H | XL- Black or gray sweat pants (M) |
| 6C | Collects tea cups, knick-knacks, sketch pad, paint brushes (F) | 5E | 3XL- 2 sweat bottoms, 2- T-shirts (M) | 5G | XL- sweat outfit (F) | 1J | XL- Slippers L-sweat outfit (F) |
| 8C | Cologne, rock CDs, L+T -Sweatsuit (M) | 6E | 38-40 Bib overalls, 3XL T-shirts (M) | 6G | XL- Night gown XL- sweatshirt (F) | 2J | L- Sweat outfit (F) |
| 9C | M- Button-up sweats, cologne, church | 7E | M- Sweatsuit (M) non-skid socks, hair ties (F) | 7G | XL- night gown perfume(F) | 3J | L- Red sweat outfit (F) |
| | | 8E | 3XL- Sweatsuit, non-skid socks, hair ties (F) | | | 4J | Sweat outfit(S) red (F) |
| | | 9E | XL- Pink night gown, XL- black sweat pants (F) | | | 6J | Sweat outfit (2XL) |
| | | 10E | L- 2 Sweat | | | | |

For more information see SGA Community Relations Coordinator, Tony Napier.

Continued from page 1: Night will include the music and art departments

Night of the Arts will begin at 7 p.m. in the Brandt Center lobby and the Friesen Galleries. The night will include art exhibits, live musical performances and a reader's theater piece by NNU Storytellers.

"[The reader's theater piece is] addressing the beauty and wholeness of God's creation, which is apparent even in our broken world," said Hamilton.

Darren Waterston's "The Flowering," a portfolio of

thirteen original prints, will be on display in the galleries, said Hamilton.

Three music ensembles will be performing, including Northwesterners and jazz ensembles.

"We hope the campus and community will come and enjoy the event, and by doing so, express their support for the artistic efforts on our campus," said Christopher.

Homecoming Banquet

Who: You and your date
When: Saturday
Where: Market Limone
Time: 7:00 p.m. Dinner
 8:30 p.m. Dessert
Cost: \$25 for dinner and dessert
 \$15 for dessert
 (ticket prices are per couple)
Attire: Formal

Tickets are sold outside the Dex now until Friday during lunch and dinner

Student Life Events

Wednesday, November 19
 8:00 p.m.: Senate (Wordsworth)

Thursday, November 20
 9:00 p.m.: Brickhouse

Friday, November 21
 7:00 p.m.: Night of the Arts (Brandt)
 7:00 p.m.: WBall vs. University of Great Falls

Saturday, November 22
 7:00 p.m.: WBall vs. Simpson University
 7:00 p.m.: Homecoming Banquet Dinner; dessert at 8:30 (Market Limone)

Monday, November 24
 Nursing Home Drive ends

Thursday, November 27- Sunday, November 30
 Thanksgiving Break -No Class

Men's basketball breaks the NNU and GNAC records for most points scored in a conference game

by Jael Henthorn

The Crusaders rewrote the record books in their Saturday evening victory over Multnomah University. NNU scored 136 points breaking the NNU and Great Northwest Athletic Conference record for most points scored in a game. Multnomah posted 97 points, 63 of which came from three point shots.

Multnomah had a unique offensive strategy. They brought the ball quickly down the court and fed the ball to one of their three point shooters. Tyler Yates, who seemed to be their go-to guy made 8 of 16 three pointers. He posted 24 points on the night. Jacob Fisher, who was 4 for 10 from the arc, posted 21 points.

After adjusting to Multnomah's offense, junior Louie Beech and senior Adam Shildmyer combined for 9 of the Crusaders 11 steals on the night. Beech led the team with 22 points. All five of the Crusaders starters scored



Matt Mgebroff goes up for the rebound. The Sadlers out-rebounded Multnomah 74-27 (photo by Jenn Hush).

double digits. Senior Joel Ryman put up 20, sophomore Brian Barkdoll added 18, junior Kendall Gielow had 15 and Shildmyer rounded it out with 14 points.

Scott Helpenstell and Robert Lippman came in hot off the bench

combining for 30 points. The Crusaders shot 52.1 percent from the floor and 39.4 percent from the arc. Sports Information Director Craig Stensgaard, quoting coach Tim Hills, said, "We shot the ball well and did a good job of being disciplined, taking good shots

despite the chaotic pace at times. It's an unorthodox system to play against, so we gave a solid effort tonight."

Matt Mgebroff led the team with 10 rebounds. Together the Crusaders fought for 74 rebounds. Multnomah only won 27.

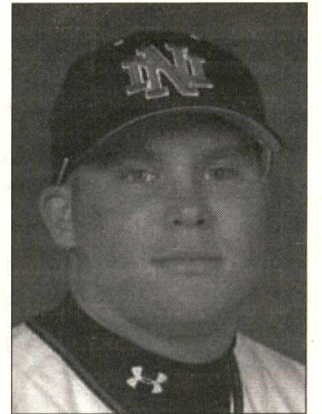
According to Stensgaard's online article, the "records set in the game included most points scored by NNU in a single game (136), most combined three-point field goals (34), most three-point field goals allowed (21), most three-point field goal attempts allowed (57) and most combined total points (233)."

Senior Matt Dayton said, "Saturday's basketball game was pretty much everything a fan could ask for. Tons of scoring, a huge dunk from Louie Beech, and Tippy Burke got to play. I am pretty pumped about the team this year. We have the ability to do really well this year. I just wish that the crowd support would be a little better at the games."

On this high, the Crusaders are heading on the road. They will be going to Sonoma, California to face Sonoma State University and San Francisco State University.

PLAYER PROFILE

JIMMY VAN BEEK



Name: Jimmy Van Beek
Sport: Baseball
Major: Business Administration, MBA
Year: Senior

What is the best moment of your career?

The week in Hawaii when I discovered that I can really play at this level. With minimal playing time the year before I was still finding what type of player I was going to be. I went 9 for 21 with three doubles, a triple and a home run. Yeah that's right a triple...

What other things are you involved in on campus?

I work in the Johnson Sports Center about 25 hours a week on average.

Tell us some a random fact about you:

I have size fifteen feet.

If you could be in a TV sitcom family which one would you choose?

Family Guy with the Griffins because making fun of Meg would be fun and Stewie and I would get along great causing hilarity for the viewer.

If you could give your coach one piece of advice what would it be?

Keep doing what your doing. If it ain't broke don't fix it. Well, except the banana situation, we can work on that together...

What is your favorite food?

Tacos...especially the way my mom make them.

Who is your favorite Dex worker?

Cheryl... "here you go sweetheart."

Who is your favorite person?

My dad... he is invincible My mom... she has the kindest soul on the planet.

Mangeac named Freshman of the Year Seven other Crusaders make the list

by Jael Henthorn

Five members of the men's soccer team and three members of the women's team were recognized as All-Conference All-Stars.

Alex Mangeac earned The Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's soccer Freshman-of-the-Year award. He was also named First Team All-Conference. Mangeac had 12 goals and 4 assists.

Midfielder, Alonzo Avilla turned some heads this season. He was a unanimous pick to First Team All-Conference.

Making Second Team All-Conference is Brock



Alex Mangeac was named the GNAC Freshmen of the year.

Ogami. Ogami scored four goals this season. He is a playmaker.

Ben Mangeac and Jose Oregon earned honorable mention. They combined for 7 goals and 10 assists.

All of these players remain eligible to play next season. Bringing back five All-Stars will be a great benefit to the Crusaders.

The women's soccer team also has representation on this year's all-conference teams.

Sophomore Kim Bowen was named to Second Team All-Conference. She is a powerful forward who uses her speed effectively. NNU's leading scorer, Stacey Beckman, earned honorable mention. She scored four goals on the season. Freshman Jessie Cahill also received honorable mention due to her stellar defensive play.

Volleyball ends with a win

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

27 assists.

Volleyball fell to Western Oregon University Thursday night, but came back to finish the season with a win on Saturday against St. Martin's University.

The ladies lost to WOU Wolves 23-25, 20-25, 28-26, 18-25. The Wolves were ranked 20 nationally.

Cammy Dranginis led the game with 15 kills and also had 3 blocks. Lindsay Forseth finished the game with 12 kills and Amanda Boschma with 11. Haley Hevern finished with a career-best 33 digs and Eki Punimata followed with

On Saturday, the 'Sadlers traveled to Washington and ended the season with a win against St. Martin's University. The ladies beat the Saints with 3 set sweep, 25-19, 25-23, 25-23.

Senior Boschma led with 9 kills and Dranginis ended the game with 6 kills and 7 blocks. On defense, Hevern led with 12 digs and Forseth with 7.

On Monday GNAC revealed that three players from the team, Dranginis, Forseth, Boschma, all earned GNAC Volleyball honors on the GNAC All-Conference Volleyball Team.



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of Nov. 18, W-L in conference play.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (W-L-T)

1. Western Washington 10-0-2
2. Seattle Pacific 10-1-1
3. Central Washington 6-5-1
4. Montana State Billings 5-7-0
5. Saint Martin's 4-6-2
6. Western Oregon 3-7-2
7. Northwest Nazarene 0-12-0

MEN'S SOCCER (W-L-T)

1. Western Washington 7-1-0
2. Seattle Pacific 4-4-0
3. Saint Martin's 3-4-1
4. Montana State Billings 3-5-0
5. Northwest Nazarene 2-5-1

*W-- win, L--loss, T--tie

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

(W-L Non-conference)

1. Saint Martin's 2-0
2. Western Washington 2-0
3. Alaska Fairbanks 1-0
4. Montana State Billings 1-0
5. Alaska Anchorage 3-1
6. Western Oregon 1-1
7. Seattle Pacific 0-0
8. Northwest Nazarene 0-2
9. Central Washington 0-5

MEN'S BASKETBALL

(W-L Non-conference)

1. Northwest Nazarene 1-0
2. Western Oregon 1-0
3. Western Washington 1-0
4. Saint Martin's 3-2
5. Central Washington 0-0
6. Seattle Pacific 0-0
7. Montana State Billings 0-1
8. Alaska Fairbanks 0-2
9. Alaska Anchorage 0-3

VOLLEYBALL (W-L)

1. Western Oregon 15-1
2. Western Washington 13-3
3. Northwest Nazarene 10-6
4. Alaska Fairbanks 9-7
5. Central Washington 8-8

SAAC gets involved with the Nampa community

by AIMEE NILES

On Saturday, six members of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee volunteered time to help the community. Louie Beech, Josh Grewe, Greg Desimone, Jared Joffer, Bryan Hunt and Vanessa Shaw spent six hours putting Christmas lights up at the Wiley Alumni House and at the home of Nampa resident Randy Bynum, said SAAC President Vanessa Shaw.

On Nov. 1, eight student athletes, including Joe Grewe, Catherine Lowry, Leon Vasquez, Kristen

Refsland, Jaci Puga, Jennifer Young, Theron Feredy and Shaw, met to go out into the Nampa community. Splitting into groups of four, the athletes went to Duane Slemmer's—who works at Information Technology at NNU—house and helped the Slemmer family do yard work. The second group went to the house of 90-year old, Point Loma alumna Betty Pace and helped her with yard work as well.

"After we finished the work, Betty [Pace] asked to pray for us," said Shaw "She cried and thanked God for



Cross Country runners Jennifer Young and Jaci Puga and soccer player Theron Feredy pose with Betty Pace (photo courtesy of Vanessa Shaw).

blessing her through us."

SAAC is made up of two representatives from each

of NNU's athletic teams. Every member school in the NCAA has a SAAC

organization.

They work to improve connections between athletes, between athletes and students, athletes and faculty and athletes and the community.

To achieve these goals, SAAC does community service projects, a blood drive, a dodge ball tournament to raise money for the Make a Wish Foundation and several other projects, said Shaw.

"Our hope is to help those in need and promote the name of NNU student athletes," said Shaw.

The BCS is still undecided, but here are some possibilities

by JAELE HENTHORN

The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) is just around the corner. Questions about the effectiveness of the BCS continue to arise as teams are upset and rankings continue to change.

As it stands right now the title game will be played by Texas and Florida. Texas will come out the top ranked one-loss team. Florida's last big hurdle on its way to the title game will be its SEC championship game versus Alabama. Florida's domination, as of late, should guide the team straight to the national championship game. Tim Tebow will be the player to watch. He will be leading



Oklahoma Sooner Adrian Peterson runs by a Boise State defender the 2007 Fiesta Bowl (photo from wikicommons).

the team from the quarterback spot.

In the Fiesta Bowl, Oklahoma should meet Utah. Oklahoma is not out of the running for a spot in

the national title game, but the team's loss to Texas may have been the fatal blow. Utah will earn its spot in the BCS if the team beats BYU on the Nov. 22. Utah

is playing well this season, and should have another tally in the "w" column.

Boise State and Alabama are expected to make appearances in the Sugar Bowl. BSU has two games left to finish up its perfect season. Alabama is currently undefeated, but is expected to fall to Florida. A loss to Florida would cause Alabama to tumble from the national championship game and into the Sugar Bowl.

The Orange Bowl is not quite as defined as the others. North Carolina lost to Maryland, but the team could still make a bowl game. It would take two wins and a loss for Miami against Georgia Tech. It is expected that Cincinnati

will fill the other spot in the bowl game.

Penn. State seems to be a definite for the Rose Bowl. The second team is still questionable. USC could very well be knocked out by Oregon State. If Oregon State wins its last two games, USC may be out of luck when it comes to playing in a bowl.

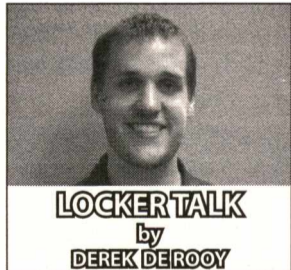
Perhaps even more exciting than the BCS is the battle for the biggest loser in the PAC. Washington State University is scheduled to play University of Washington on Nov. 22. The loser will be crowned worst in the PAC. The winner will have bragging rights until the next Apple Cup.

Take heart sports fans, professional sports can be fixed

I'd just like to point out before I really get rolling that NASCAR has, in light of the country's economic situation, "banned" testing from NASCAR tracks that run Sprint Cup, Nationwide, and Truck races in 2009. NASCAR will also not be conducting its traditional two-week test, held in January.

Teams had, in an effort to solve the Car of Tomorrow's problems, been lobbying for more testing. Still, NASCAR officials are enacting this 2009 test ban to save teams a reported \$3 million/car.

Next season, we can see if test bans do make racing better (as I've stipulated), or if I'm full of it (overwhelmingly possible).



No, the real reason I'm writing you today is football. I've been hearing a lot of complaints lately, particularly about the officiating. The Steelers call was botched, sure. And the touchback-that-wasn't in Sunday night's game was a little fishy.

But the officiating has been extra-strange and super-spotty this season, with lots of questionable penalties. What's going on, NFL? Baseball and basketball are having too many

problems of their own for you, the guinea pig of instant-replay, to be having trouble.

Even the players are having mental lapses. Apparently, many of the Philadelphia Eagles didn't know that regular-season games could end in ties. Despite the fact that overtime ties have been a part of the NFL since before most current-day players were born, on-field trainers and coaches had to enlighten players like DeSean Jackson, Greg Lewis, and, embarrassingly, Donovan McNabb.

Some figured out the "real way" the game is played during overtime, others not until the game was truly over. Sad, sad.

Meanwhile, fans are worried about fights in the

NBA, steroids in baseball, and the lack of good media coverage in hockey. Lance Armstrong's comeback has many onlookers concerned, and we all wonder if Tiger will ever be the same. It seems no coach does his job right.

Take heart, sports fans. This may be a dark period in sports. It's happened before.

In the 1970s, the NBA was suffering from a rising number of drug problems, killing the longevity of most players' careers. The American League had its lowest batting average of all time in 1972, killing the excitement of games. The Packers dynasty that won so many games and championships was coming to a close, leaving doubts about

the game's future. Out of this darkness came a "clean" NBA of the 1980s, the designated hitter, the Steelers of the 1970s and a promising future.

In the early 1990s, it happened again. Bird, Magic and MJ retired (the first time). The infamous MLB strike of 1994 brought contract disputes to the forefront of sports again. In the end, MJ came back, and the 1998 home run race became the most exciting baseball story of the decade (if for all the wrong reasons).

Sports can fix their problems; they almost always do. This is the time we find our heroes, the players we tell our children about, and perhaps most understand the beauty in sports.

AP

Sports Blurbs

Red Sox MVP

NEW YORK

Dustin Pedroia of the Boston Red Sox is voted the American League's Most Valuable Player, the league's first second baseman to win the award since Nellie Fox in 1959.

Maverick's owner accused of inside trading

DALLAS

Since buying the Dallas Mavericks eight years ago, Mark Cuban has been called a lot of unpleasant things: NBA nuisance, meddling owner, even a bad dancer. Now Cuban is facing the most serious allegation yet — insider trading. It could be another strike against him in his bid to buy the Chicago Cubs.

NIT Season Tip-Off

NORMAN, Okla.

No. 12 Oklahoma plays No. 21 Davidson in the second round of the NIT Season Tip-off that features a matchup of preseason All-Americans — Blake Griffin of the Sooners and Stephen Curry of the Wildcats.

ACC championship

ATLANTA

Does anyone want to win the Atlantic Coast Conference? With two weekends left in the regular season, there's still nine teams in contention for the ACC championship game. Maybe they're just trying to keep interest up now that basketball season has arrived.

Knuckleball girl

TOKYO

A 16-year-old high school girl is taking her knuckleball to the pros. Eri Yoshida was drafted this week, becoming Japan's first female professional baseball player. The 5-foot, 114-pound pitcher has broken a barrier in this baseball-crazy country where women are relegated to company-sponsored teams or to softball.

LPGA tour

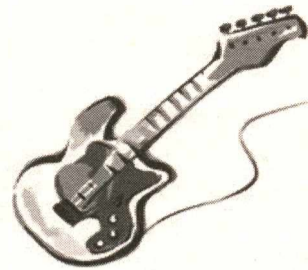
GUADALAJARA, Mexico

Lorena Ochoa has ground to make up on her home course. She is five strokes behind Annika Sorenstam and seven others sharing the lead.

Mike Doughty's music is a genre all its own



Chris Doughty released a new album earlier this year entitled, 'Golden Delicious.' The latest album is said to display, according to Doughty's official website, the artist's skill in wordplay. Doughty and his band are currently on tour, with their next stop in New York, followed by Connecticut and Massachusetts. (photos from wikicommons).



REVIEW

by RACHAEL FINCH

There is something about Mike Doughty's charmingly raspy voice that does not scream skinny-blond-guy-in-his-late-thirties-with-a-receding-hairline; but then again, what kind of body would fit that voice?

Doughty, formerly the front man for Soul Coughing, is not quite folk, nor is he quite indie. Folk would seem to imply something light in musical style and heavy in lyrical content, while indie is, to be honest, the non-genre genre.

Defining a band as indie is about as descriptive as putting it in the rock/pop section at a record store: it essentially says nothing. That said, let the futile attempt at stylistic definitions cease, and the descriptions commence.

Doughty's bluesier moments are akin to Jack

Johnson's early work; specifically Johnson's "Flake" off of "Brushfire Fairytales." Beyond the occasional blues shout out, the two share a happy, peaceful tone. Like Johnson, Doughty's topics are not always as light-hearted as the music sounds.

Fans of Dave Matthews Band might also enjoy some stylistic similarities in Doughty.

Though Doughty has been a solo artist, he brings in other musicians, and on his newest album, "Golden Delicious," his live band gave input into the writing and recording process, said his Web site: mikedoughty.com. The band gives Doughty's music a full-bodied sound.

"Haughty Melodic," released in 2005, is a good album to start with. Doughty has been recording as a solo artist since 2000, but "Haughty Melodic" is easy to get into and fun to listen to. Doughty's older music does not have as much of a happy-go-lucky tone.

So then, what is Doughty? Blues, folk, indie or none of the above? Just give him a listen to find out. It is worth the experience and it is infinitely better than taking someone else's description.

Opera showcase to be held this Saturday in the Brandt Center featuring different styles

by HANNAH BEERS

The music department is hosting an opera showcase. Josh Cremer and Judy Marlett will be showcasing several pieces from various opera style classics.

On Saturday, the department will be performing pieces from the musical stylings of Mozart, Gilbert & Sullivan and Menotti.

The performance will be at 7 p.m. in the Brandt Center and is \$3 for students.

In Mozart's "The Impresario," a struggling opera company finds the love of the stage to be much more appealing than the business side of theatre.

Mr. Scruples is the Impresario who has been instructing the company and finds his job quickly taken by a Viennese banker, Mr. Angel.

The opera is centered on the uncertainty of show

business and the fact that maybe the stage is not everything in life. Mr. Scruples is able to retire to the countryside; while Mr. Angel is in charge of a company that has two dueling sopranos and an assistant who has just named him leading baritone.

Another piece to be played at the concert is "Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan, which takes place off the coast of Cornwall during Queen Victoria's reign.

It is the tale of a man named Frederic, who, through a comical misunderstanding, has been apprenticed to be a pirate. Frederic has decided to return to land, but first he feels he must kill all the pirates.

It is a story of love and romance as the young pirate falls in love with a fair maiden, Mabel. By the end,

the young lovers are singing their sweet song of "How beautifully blue the sky."

Menotti's "Old Maid and the Thief" is a one-act opera divided into 14 different scenes. It tells the story of a maid named Miss Todd who is a busybody in her small town. When a wandering stranger comes to her door in need of a place to stay, she welcomes him in for the price of a juicy piece of gossip.

The stranger, Bob, is an escaped convict who steals from those who take him in.

Through a series of events, Miss Todd and her maid, Laetitia mastermind several events to get Bob to stay.

In the end Miss Todd returns one evening to find everything stolen by Laetitia and Bob because Laetitia falls in love with the strange convict.

Come prepared for a

night of operatic styling and varied talent.

The students performing in the different shows include, in "The Impresario": Mr. Scruples, The Impresario: Josh Cremer, Mr. Bluff, his assistant: Derek Cole, Mr. Angel, The Banker: W. Scott King, Madame Goldentrill: Krista Landaas, and Miss Silverpeal: Alison Cavenaugh; in "Pirates of Penzance," Fredric: W. Scott King, Mabel: Lindsay Johnson, Edith: Sandra Schreffler, and Kate: Katie Zook. "The Old Maid and the Thief": Narrator: Josh Cremer, Miss Todd: Imuya Dooley, Miss Pinkerton: Mandi Dick, Laetitia: Kendra Hughes and Bob: Mathew Miller.

Creative Corner

by LAURIE BURGEMEISTER

'For Want of the Night'

What do you do when the night belongs to someone else?
for night shines not to me, but is dark under my gaze.
Beautiful, sweet—holding a mystery only one will know—but not me.

I longed to sit with the night.
in silence.
and later long talks in the night.

But the night belongs to someone else. and
I've come to find I no longer need the night.
In fact, I never wanted him at all.



The plot continues with the latest 'Bond' installment



REVIEW

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

If you're the kind of James Bond fan who watches the flicks solely for Q gadgets, typical Bond dialogue and characters, and general absurdity, odds are you might not enjoy this latest installment.

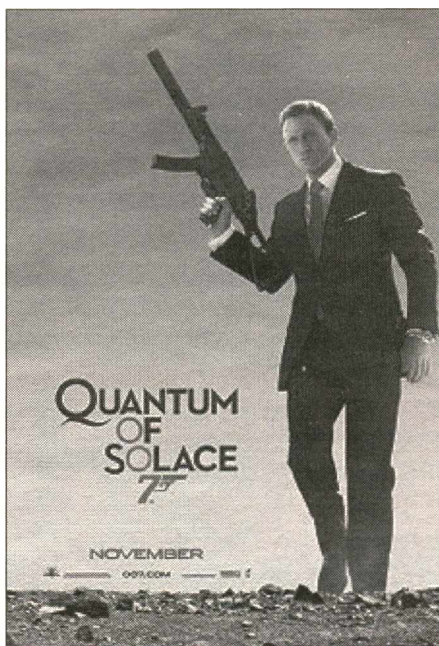
However, if you are the type of person who would

expect to see a spy dealing with espionage and deceit in a movie centering on a secret agent, this Bond might be for you.

"Quantum of Solace," the next installment in the Bond canon featuring Daniel Craig with his second try at James Bond, starts the action just minutes after its predecessor, "Casino Royale," left off.

In what I believe to be the first true sequel to a Bond movie, the action plunges deeper into the prequel world of 007.

In "Royale," we get hints of a shadowy crime syndicate that killed Bond's love, Vesper Lynd, but not before blackmailing her to betray



(photo from wikipedia.com)

Bond. Now in "Solace," the British superspy, his boss M

and the rest of the British secret service begin to uncover this crime ring called Quantum.

This Bond movie did suffer some major distractions.

Firstly, the actions sequencers were lacking. Although we expect Bond to get into fights, the trifecta of land, sea and air battles was a little too much.

And the average length of

each shot was short during a typical chase; I swear that when I blinked I missed about three scene cuts.

Also, the plot suffered from typical middle-of-the-trilogy syndrome.

Much of the dramatic effects were deflated, such as the Bond villain's evil but not very diabolical scheme, and many of the side characters seemed like they were just waiting for the next installment.

That being said, I enjoyed this installment thoroughly; the movie asked me to pay attention, and provided enough intrigue to keep my mind from glazing over, which is my normal response to Hollywood action

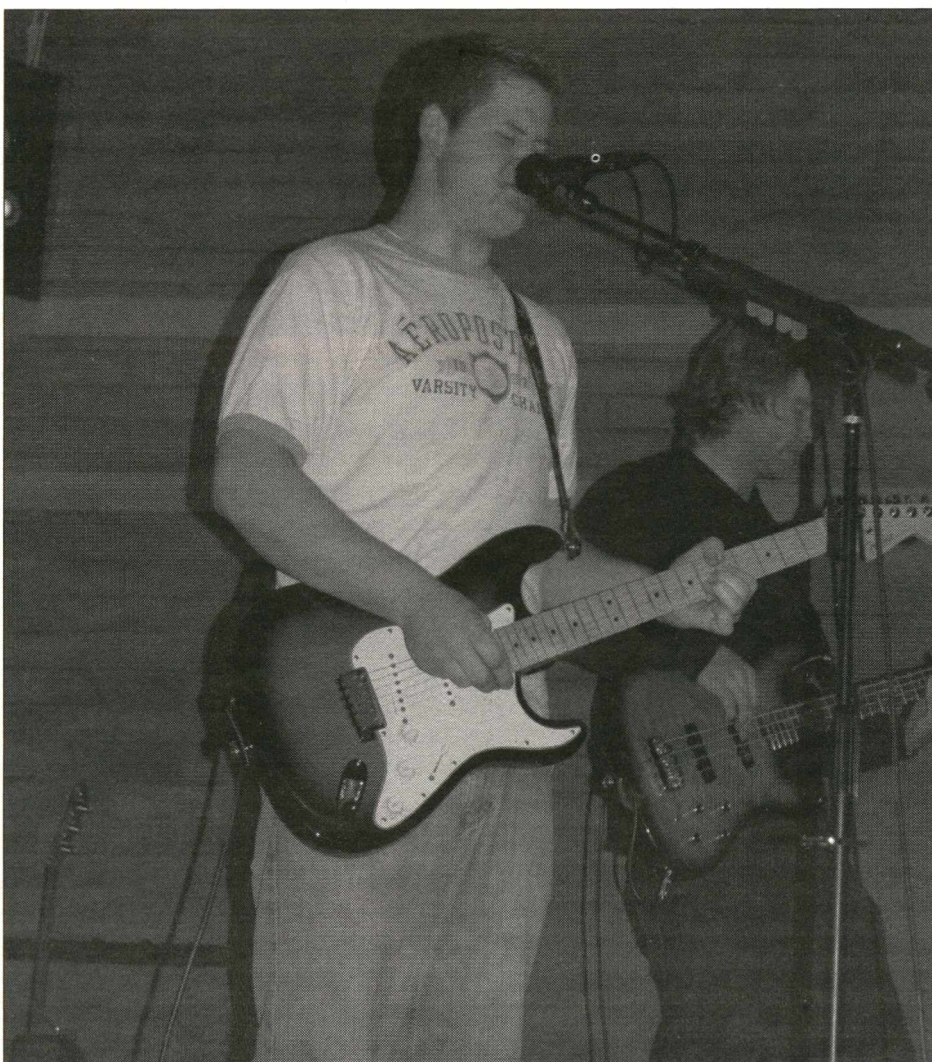
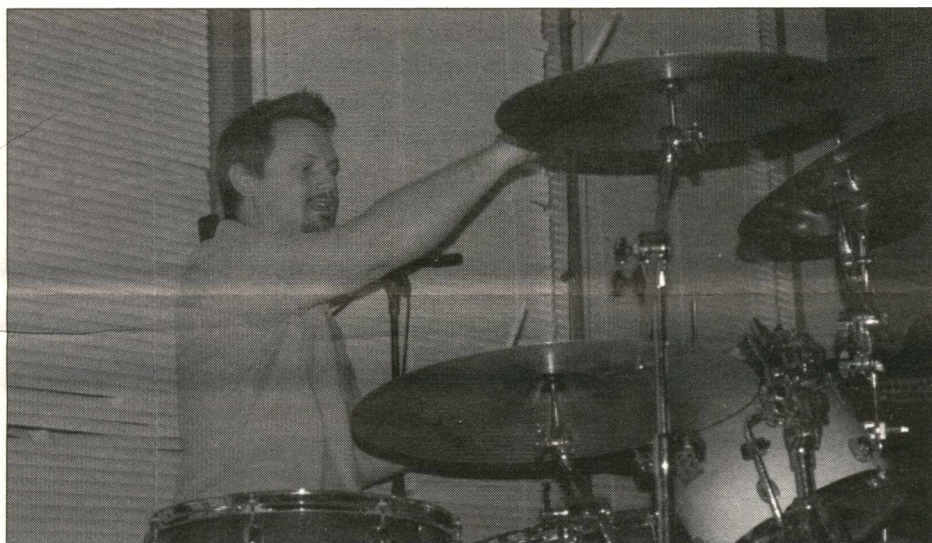
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The forgoing of Bond's typical frivolities was more than made up for by having the character actually develop.

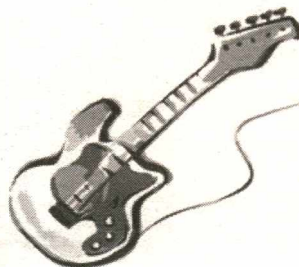
Bond's usual skill, wit and charm were augmented by growth as he faces the death of his beloved, not stifled by cheap antics.

The story telling was also high quality; although instant gratification is a hallmark of the action genre, I am reveling in how slow the overall plot is being uncovered, and I anticipate the next installment like one anticipating a fine meal.

Josh Cremer Trio plays final show on the Wednesday Night Live stage



Jon Schenck (top), and Eddie Wheeler and Josh Cremer (above) make up the Josh Cremer Trio, who played its last performance last week (photos by Andrea Schilling).



REVIEW

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Last Wednesday Night Live, The Josh Cremer Trio played its one year anniversary show, on the same stage where it made its debut.

The Trio veritably packed the Student Center when close to sixty people came to hear the band, which

features Josh Cremer, Eddie Wheeler and Jon Schenck.

Featuring an acoustic and electric set, the Trio played blues, pop and funk music for over 90 minutes.

The show played until midnight with music mostly from the head of Cremer and augmented with a few John Mayer covers and an acoustic cover of Tom Petty's 'Free Fallin'.

Student Center Director Mike Hoyt said, "We had another good sized crowd, and I felt the overall atmosphere of the audience and the music meshed well. Working with these guys has been great; they are well known around campus, and

so it was a no-brainer to get them here."

Junior James Snyder said, "Their technical ability and musical creativity make them one of the best blues trios, if not one of the best musical performance groups, that I've heard in a long time."

After the show, Cremer said that it will be the Trio's last performance, as its members are graduating or moving away.

"That makes our first and last performance at NNU," he continued, "We love playing for you; it's encouraging to play in front of friends and people you know."

CONCERT BOX

CANYON COUNTY	11.21-23.08	IDAHO CENTER
CHRISTMAS SHOW		
HEATH MCNEASE,	11.22.08	FLYING M (NAMPA)
THE FIRST LADIES,		
APPLE HORSE		
NINE INCH	12.8.08	IDAHO CENTER
NAILS		
LORD OF	12.18.08	THE MORRISON
THE DANCE		CENTER
ALANIS	12.18.08	THE MORRISON
MORISSETTE		CENTER

Lies to tell 1st graders by Nick Railiff



10. The sun and the moon got into a fight.
9. Cows can jump over the moon... just not when you're looking.
8. The teacher wasn't talking to you when she said, "You can be whatever you want to be."
7. The Pink Ranger is actually in charge of the Power Rangers; she just lets the Red Ranger think he is.
6. There's a Leprechaun named Ted who's always watching you. If you catch him he'll grant you 3 wishes.
5. Thomas the Tank Engine was based on a true story.
4. Jack and the Bean Stock is also a true story. After Jack stole the Goose that lays the golden eggs, Jack changed his name to Bill Gates in the mid-70's and started a software company.
3. On the other side of the equator, a red light means go.
2. Gummy bears come to life when you flush them down a toilet.
1. Smokey the Bear had to be put down because he was getting into too many picnic baskets.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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Rating: BRONZE

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Newsday Crossword

SUMMIT MEETING by Fred Piscop
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- ACROSS**
- 1 IRS experts
 - 5 Diner accident
 - 10 "Now!" in the ER
 - 14 Sentry's cry
 - 15 Broadcast portion
 - 16 Chore-list heading
 - 17 Bluebloods
 - 19 Tach figs.
 - 20 Advanced degree
 - 21 Like biking or jogging
 - 23 Wax producers
 - 25 Curly-tailed dog
 - 26 Bounced back
 - 30 Traveler's stop
 - 33 Conman's accomplice
 - 34 Clergyman/author Norman Vincent
 - 35 Soft throw
 - 38 Senate gofer
 - 39 Nap's wink count
 - 40 Senate gofer
 - 41 To the degree
 - 42 Digs like a pig
 - 43 Sharpshooter Oakley
 - 44 Actress Danes
 - 46 Very small racing car
 - 47 Riverboat hazard
 - 49 New Mexico town
 - 51 To-do
 - 54 Seedless raisin
 - 59 People
 - 60 When hotel rates are highest
 - 62 Carnival attraction
 - 63 Havens
 - 64 Wild time
 - 65 Things on a ring
 - 66 Play the market
 - 67 Put up with
- DOWN**
- 1 Buddy
 - 2 Bear in the Goldilocks story
 - 3 Matterhorn's range
 - 4 Editor's "undo"
 - 5 Like some vows and cows
 - 6 Sign of life
 - 7 Mont. neighbor
 - 8 Simpsons kid
 - 9 Come up short
 - 10 Drive or putt
 - 11 What the star gets
 - 12 Word on a ticket
 - 13 Puccini opera
 - 18 James Dean persona
 - 22 Assign stars to
 - 24 Cool dessert
 - 26 NFL Live channel
 - 27 Talk online
 - 28 Sophisticated satire
 - 29 Soccer stadium cheer
 - 31 Granola morsels
 - 32 Like some grins
 - 34 Serve the java
 - 36 Garfield's pal
 - 37 Borscht ingredient
 - 39 "Casual" workday: Abbr.
 - 40 What's more
 - 42 High wind
 - 43 Seating selection
 - 45 Falls into disuse
 - 46 Stylist's goop
 - 47 Birth-announcement illustration
 - 48 Scandinavian skater Sonja
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 - 53 Get misty-eyed
 - 55 Like a sourball
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 - 61 Sharp tack

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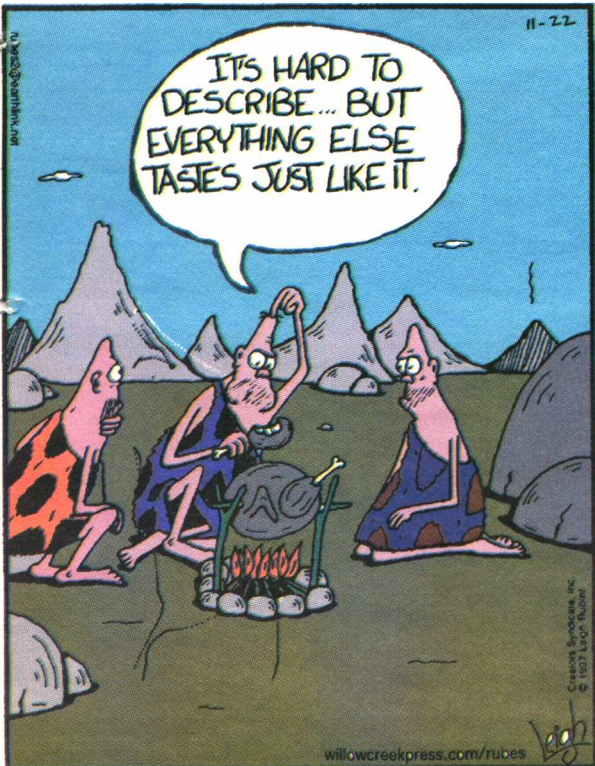
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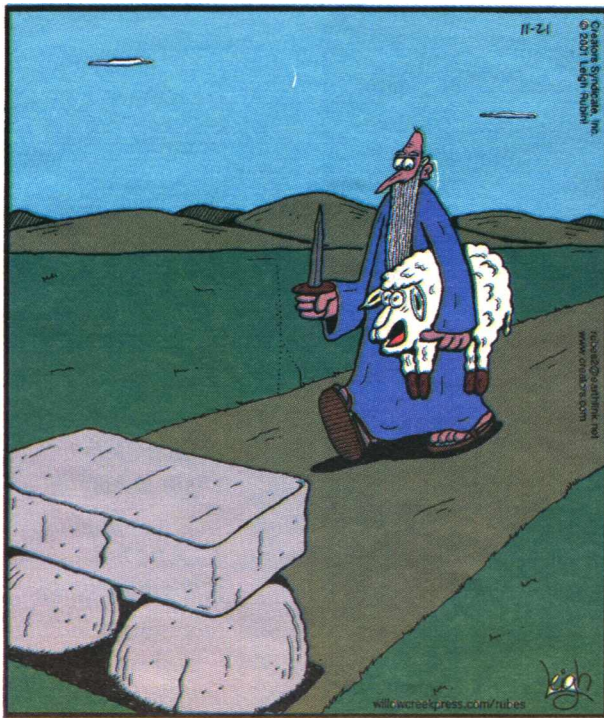
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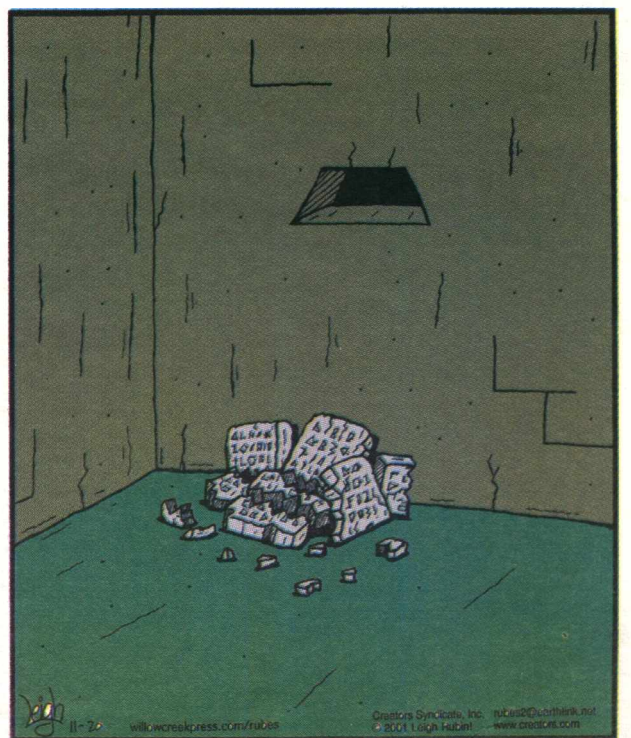
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Primitive man samples the very first chicken.



"Maybe we should call off the ceremony. I don't think I'm quite ready for a trip to the altar."



Why ancient Babylonian libraries didn't have night drops.