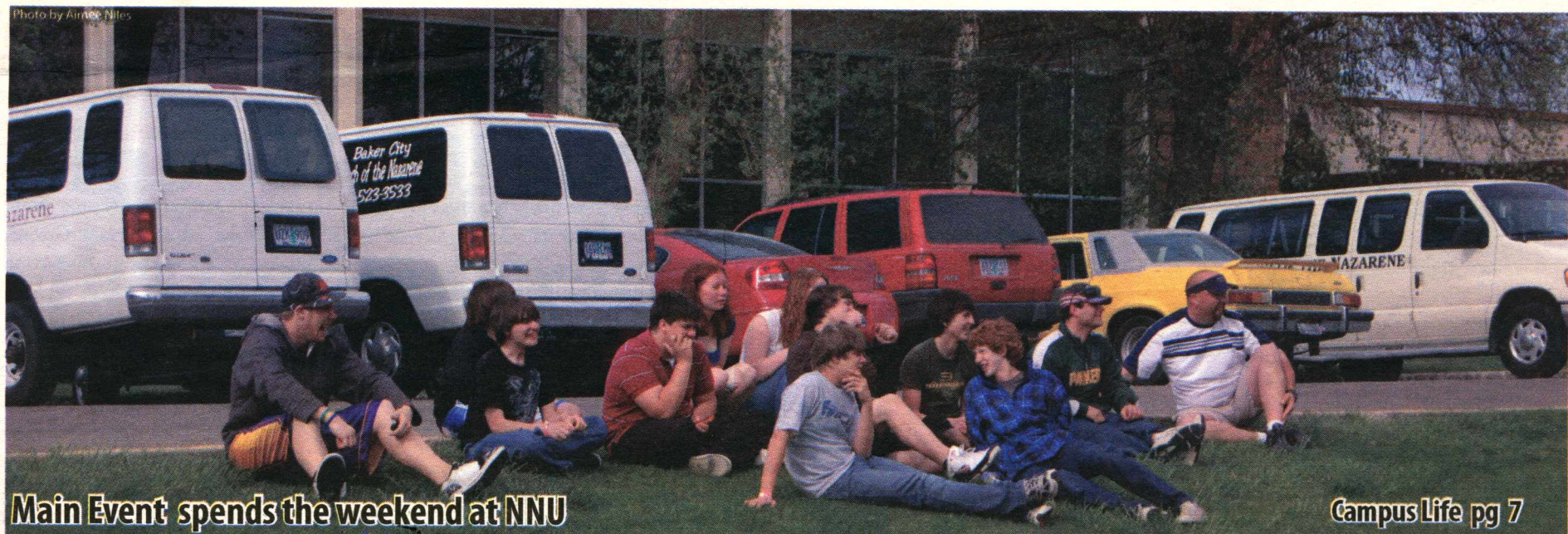


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Main Event spends the weekend at NNU

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Budgeting results for fall are in

by RACHAEL FINCH

The fall 2009 budget for SGA, class council and club funds is out, totaling \$83,517.53, as announced at the senate meeting April 22.

The SGA president will be receiving \$6,100.00, the executive vice president will receive \$1,400, and the social vice president will receive \$9,000, said Dax Wandling, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, at the senate meeting.

Some members of SGA have voiced concern about the budget numbers.

"I am concerned however with the amount given to the social vice president," said Trevan Hauck, 2009-2010 executive vice president. "I feel it is on the low side. The social v.p.'s events are big and involve many students and need to be adequately funded."

Katie Thompson, 2009-2010 social vice president, said the numbers caught her off guard.

"My largest concern was that each element for the events had been accounted for. This being the case, I'm now wondering what changes must come next year to work with the budget," said Thompson. "I'm hoping to still produce quality events throughout the year, and I'm sure in the end resourcefulness will be the key."

Refugee Saturday



Katie Keeney shows two children how to use sidewalk chalk during Refugee Saturday last weekend. A group of 15 students, headed up by the Social Work Club, traveled to Boise to play with refugee children for the afternoon. Students played soccer, jumped rope, tossed footballs and threw frisbees (photo by Jessica Bobango).

Seniors find exciting jobs working around the world

by ANDREW MCCULLEY

Not every student is desperately searching for a job after graduation; among these lucky students are Kristy Andrews, Seth Waltemyer, Kari Penrod and Katie Zook.

In August, Andrews will be joining Extreme Nazarene in Peru. After leaving the decision in God's hands, Andrews has chosen to delay furthering her education in psychology for the moment to take up missions. In the first eight months Andrews will take Spanish courses, Bible training and jungle survival. After training, she will be placed in Pucallpa,

a principal city located in Eastern Peru and populated by about 200,000 citizens,

Class of



2009

where she will work with the community and nearby

towns. Andrews said the team will focus on "economics, finances and counseling. With these encounters I will also be spreading God's name and hopefully getting individuals to come to the church."

Waltemyer will be working as an intern for ten months in the Uganda Studies Program, part of the BestSemester organization and the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. He will work in Mukono, Uganda as a counselor and mentor to roughly 40 American students who will be enrolled in the program. Waltemyer said, "I went as a student on

the program, and I was influenced a great deal because of it. Now, I desire to be a part of that same process for students because I respect and admire the work that the program is doing and the opportunity that it gives students."

Penrod will be volunteering with the African Children's Choir. For 15 months, starting this June, Penrod will be touring with the Choir acting as a teacher and chaperone for the kids. She will be touring throughout the US, Canada and possibly the United Kingdom.

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Moving Out

RDs and upperclassmen give advice on how to make moving out as painless as possible.

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Golf ends the season with an appearance at the GNAC championship

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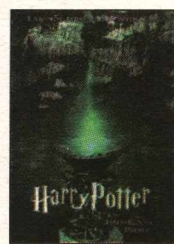


Summer Releases

This summer will bring new movies, music and books. What are we looking forward to?

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Weather

THURSDAY
Showers.
Hi: 59° | Low: 36°

FRIDAY
Cloudy.
Hi: 65° | Low: 44°

SATURDAY
Cloudy.
Hi: 69° | Low: 45°

SUNDAY
Showers.
Hi: 64° | Low: 42°

MONDAY
Showers.
Hi: 68° | Low: 43°

TUESDAY
Partly cloudy.
Hi: 71° | Low: 46°

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Scambook to come with a price tag next year

by ANDREA SCHILLING

Students can no longer expect a Scambook to sit at their doorstep with a free-of-charge stamp beginning this fall.

The change comes with a loss of funding for the NNU-famous student directory, said American Marketing Association's vice president, Kayleigh Greene.

AMA, who creates the book each year, has always funded the Scambook through part of the SGA executive vice president's budget, said Trevan Hauck. Hauck holds this SGA position next school year.

Hauck said he didn't

include the Scambook's funding in his budget proposal for next fall, a funding that can range up to \$1,800 due to printing costs.

Hauck said he approached SGA Adviser Tim Milburn about the Scambook's funding, where he learned this topic had come up in the past.

Hauck said his reasoning for not funding the Scambook was it had run its course, and that NNU needed to keep up with the times.

As a book featuring students' landline numbers, box numbers and home addresses, Hauck said it makes the book that much more outdated.

"Rarely do students still have room phones. We all use cell phones now," said Hauck. "And, most people don't want their cell phone numbers published in the Scambook anyway." Hauck also said students can find out box numbers by going to the campus post office.

Hauck said he believes keeping the Scambook as a hardcopy is a waste of money and paper, and that different alternatives should be recognized.

"Moving it to online makes much more sense," he said. Hauck said he is considering starting up the idea of an online directory himself, much like Point Loma Nazarene University

where an online version has been used for several years now.

After communicating with AMA concerning his thoughts on the future of the Scambook via e-mail ten days prior to budgeting, Hauck said he never received a direct, personal response from the organization.

Around this same time, AMA had conducted two similar surveys concerning student opinions of the Scambook, to which Greene said statistics showed that 81 percent of students were either neutral or satisfied with the current state of the Scambook. 85 percent believed that students should continue to receive a

Scambook. Greene also said a majority of the students polled preferred the book to be in hardcopy form.

Hauck was aware of the various surveys, one occurring before, as well as one after his e-mail to AMA. Hauck said he awaited the statistics; however, he said they didn't come soon enough for budgeting. Because of no response, Hauck said he then made the official decision not to budget for next year's Scambook, thus, no funding was ever given to the book's production in return.

Greene said the funding for next year's Scambook will come partially from advertisements.

However, income from the ad sales, said Greene, will not cover production cost in its entirety, explaining this need for placing a fee on the publication. Greene said the Scambook's cost for students is uncertain at this time.

Concerning the survey, Greene said the statistics revealed to AMA that they should continue providing this publication for students—the means of doing so will now just have to change.

Despite the setback, Greene said AMA still plans to move forward. "We've just had to cut the losses and are now just doing it ourselves," she said.

Construction crew finds letters of Auschwitz victims

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

The note, written in pencil then rolled up and inserted in a bottle, contains the names of seven young people who probably thought they were doomed to die in the notorious Auschwitz death camp.

A construction crew renovating a cellar near

the Auschwitz site discovered the bottle hidden in a concrete wall, officials said Monday.

Dated Sept. 9, 1944, the note bears the names, camp numbers and hometowns of the seven prisoners — six from Poland and one from France.

"All of them are between the ages of 18 and 20," the final sentence reads.

"They were young people who were trying to leave some trace of their existence behind them," said Auschwitz museum spokesman Jaroslaw Mensfelt.

He said two of the prisoners survived the camp but he did not have further details.

Workmen were tearing out a wall in the basement of a college building in the

town of Oswiecim — which was called Auschwitz by the Nazis during World War II — on April 20 when they discovered the bottle, college spokeswoman Monika Bartosz said.

She said the note appeared to have been written on a scrap from a cement bag.

The school's three buildings, which are a few

hundred meters (yards) from the camp, were used as warehouses during the war by Hitler's SS troops.

The prisoners were compelled to reinforce the cellar with concrete so it could serve as an air-raid shelter.

Museum experts have verified the authenticity of the note, which will be handed over to the museum in early May.

The Nazis set up the Auschwitz camp in 1940 in occupied Poland.

At least 1.1 million people, mostly Jews — but also non-Jewish Poles, Gypsies and others — died in Auschwitz-Birkenau's gas chambers, or from starvation, disease and forced labor, before Soviet troops liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945.

Pakistani jets pound militants close to capital

by ASSOCIATE PRESS

Pakistani jets and attack helicopters struck Taliban positions in mountains close to the capital Tuesday as part of a widening offensive against militants spreading out from the lawless region along the border with Afghanistan, the military said.

With residents reporting ground troops also moving into the Buner area, the operation could allay worry in the U.S. and other Western nations that nuclear-armed Pakistan lacks the will to fight extremists in the northwest, where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden is thought to be hiding.

The attack stands to further strain a shaky peace deal in the Malakand region, which Buner is a part of. The truce has been widely viewed in the West as a surrender to the militants and a sign Pakistan's shaky civilian government does not recognize the threat they pose.

Pakistan has waged several offensives in the border region since the Sept. 11,

2001, attack on the U.S., resulting in the deaths of dozens of civilians and the flight of hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

Officials have frequently claimed success from the assaults, but the ultraconservative area remains a haven for extremists who use it to stage attacks in Afghanistan, according to foreign governments.

Analysts say the 100,000-plus government soldiers in the border region have little experience in guerrilla operations, having been trained only to fight a conventional war against long-standing enemy India on the country's eastern flank.

Heavily armed militants began moving into Buner, about 60 miles (100 kilometers) from Islamabad, this month from the nearby Swat Valley. Swat, a one-time tourist destination, has turned into a militant haven under the peace deal, which imposed Islamic law in the area in exchange for an end to hostilities.

A military spokesman,

Maj. Nasir Khan, said jets and helicopters attacked Taliban positions in mountains in the Babaji Kandao area of Buner on Tuesday afternoon. Casualty figures were not immediately known.

The military's chief spokesman, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, said troops were also moving into the region. He estimated the number of insurgents there at 450-500 and said the operation would be over within a week.

Mohammad Shahid Khan, a taxi driver, said he saw tanks, heavy artillery and hundreds of soldiers heading over the Ambala pass leading to Buner.

In a sign militants were preparing to put up a fight, Taliban fighters later Tuesday took control of a police station in the town of Pir Baba, said another military official. He insisted on speaking anonymously because he was not authorized to release details to the media.

The U.S. government welcomed the offensive.

"This is something that's

in the interest of the government of Pakistan," State Department spokesman Robert Wood said. "These Taliban and other extremists have posed an existential threat to Pakistan. They've also caused problems for the government of Afghanistan."

The Taliban advance — unchecked until Tuesday by security forces — had triggered alarm in Western capitals as well as unease among some Pakistani politicians and commentators. In a remark widely reported in Pakistan, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said last week that Pakistani leaders were "basically abdicating to the Taliban and the extremists."

On Sunday, the army launched a separate offensive in Dir, which borders Swat and is also covered by the peace deal.

Abbas said the Dir operation was now complete and had killed between 70 and 75 militants, while 10 security officers died. TV footage has shown hundreds of refugees fleeing

the area, but officials have not released figures on any exodus.

Abbas dismissed fears that Islamabad could fall to the militants.

"I see this as a completely false alarm. There is no reason to worry that they pose a threat beyond that area," he said at a media briefing in the garrison town of Rawalpindi near the capital. "I think we are 170 million people with a huge military. God willing, they (the militants) will be taken care off."

Local officials and a Taliban spokesman said many militants had left Buner on Friday and Saturday after talks with authorities.

But Abbas played a tape purportedly featuring Swat Taliban leader Maulana Fazlullah telling his Buner commander to have his men only pack up their weapons "just to show the media" and pretend to leave the area. Abbas said it was cell phone conversation picked up by electronic surveillance.

Despite Tuesday's offensive, questions remain

about the country's will to fight the insurgency.

Leading politicians appear split on the dangers faced by the country despite hundreds of suicide attacks in recent years. Frequently, Muslim leaders and politicians blame the militancy on the government's close ties with Washington and direct their anger at U.S. drone attacks on militant targets in the northwest.

The Malakand deal sought to appease militants who waged a two-year campaign in Swat that saw dozens of people beheaded and girls' schools bombed. But, as feared by many critics, the accord appeared to embolden the militants to move beyond the valley's borders. A similar deal in the valley broke down last year.

On Tuesday, the Taliban pasted posters on walls in the main town of Mingora warning local journalists of "bad consequences" if they did not stop writing what they called pro-Western articles. They were signed by the movement's suicide squad.

Students: expect changes to Time Out

by JESSICA BOBANGO

Wednesday's Time Outs have traditionally been a night of camaraderie among student speakers and their peers. A time for NNU students to share personal stories with fellow students—but don't expect to see the usual friend or classmate up on stage next year. Time Out for 2009-2010 is going to be experiencing a major overhaul.

"The dramatic change," said Campus Ministries Coordinator Rylee Curtis, "came in part because of President Alexander's new focus on bringing the spirituality of our campus up." Curtis said that before, focus had been placed so much on who was speaking that the whole point of Time Out had been lost. "The ultimate goal...is to bring Time Out back to a place centered on just taking a time out of our day

to meet, fellowship and just be with the Lord," said Curtis.

University Chaplain Gene Schandorff said that something needed to happen in order to slow the dropping attendance, and the speakers needed to be the first things to change. "There was an increasing tendency of student speakers to be poorly prepared," said Schandorff, "I think that was a significant part of the drop in attendance

this semester."

So what can students expect for the future of Time Out? Lacey Smith, next year's campus ministries coordinator said she wants to keep options as open as possible. "I am trying really to leave it open to the Spirit's guidance," said Smith, "I don't want to plan it all out too much. Some will be worship times, some will be about prayer—it will just change from week to week."

Schilling, Beech to head Crusader next year

by AIMEE NILES

Junior Andrea Schilling is the journalism department's choice to take over The Crusader for the 2009-2010 school year.

Over the last few weeks, Schilling has interviewed and hired the staff for next year.

Sophomore Holly Beech will serve as the assistant editor and 12 other students will join Schilling and Beech to put out the

weekly newspaper. Both are journalism majors.

"It's going to be a lot of work, but I have confidence that we're going to be successful," Schilling said.

The last two years have been marked with rapid improvement, Schilling said, "Our goal is to continue making The Crusader into a trusted and reputable news source for the NNU community."

"We chose Andrea

because she has great organizational skills and a real nose for news," said Lucas Roebuck, professor of journalism.

The Crusader editor is chosen through an application process.

From the applicants, Roebuck chooses the new editor.

That person is then confirmed by the Publications Board, made up of Roebuck, Director of Student Life Tim Milburn, Dean

of the School of Arts and Humanities Ron Ponsford, Chair of the English Department Darrin Grinder, Director of Marketing and Public Relations Hollie Lindner and the SGA president.

The Crusader Newspaper is the official publication of the Associated Students of Northwest Nazarene University.

It was first published in 1943, and is distributed every Wednesday.

Elephant exodus reported from troubled Zimbabwe

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Growing pressure from poaching and human encroachment in Zimbabwe has driven hundreds of elephants to migrate from the country and at least one leopard to stalk an upmarket Harare suburb, conservationists said Monday.

The independent Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force appealed in its latest monthly bulletin for more action — and money — to preserve the troubled nation's wildlife.

In Zimbabwe's economic meltdown, "humans are encroaching more and more into areas previously reserved for wildlife," the task force said.

As many as 400 elephants have crossed the Zambezi River, which separates Zambia from northern Zimbabwe, in recent months, said Johnny Rodrigues, head of the task force.

Three elephants also roamed into the eastern border city of Mutare this month and state wildlife authorities "want to shoo

them before they kill somebody," he said.

The task force and a Zimbabwe animal group received official authority to capture and transport the elephants to Chipinda Pools, believed to be their original home area 125 miles (200 kilometers) to the south.

"The problem is funding for the relocation," Rodrigues said. State game rangers "won't wait much longer before destroying the elephants."

In northern Harare, rangers also wanted to track and kill at least one leopard, which also is suspected of having a cub. Rodrigues said the task force set up drugged, baited traps for predators so they could be returned to the wild, but none has been caught since a guard dog was attacked earlier this month.

Tourism and photographic safaris have dropped sharply during years of political and economic turmoil since the often violent seizures of thousands of white-owned farms began in 2000, disrupting the

agriculture-based economy in the former regional breadbasket.

Longtime ruler President Robert Mugabe blames Western sanctions for the economic crisis that has led to acute shortages of food, gasoline and the most basic goods.

Poaching of small animals has intensified, with villagers torching the bush to drive even rodents and rock rabbits into traps for food, conservationists say.

Rodrigues said more animal fencing was needed at wildlife preserves to combat poaching and the escape of animals from their natural habitat after being made skittish by gunfire.

Conservationists already have raised the alarm for Zimbabwe's rare rhinos after a sharp increase in poaching over the past year because of a breakdown of law enforcement in the country.

The head of the state Parks and Wildlife Management Authority, Morris Mtsambiwa, told state media Monday that his nation faced censure from CITES,

which regulates trade in endangered species, for the surge in rhino poaching blamed on "well-coordinated local, regional and international syndicates."

He said one rhino poacher, identified as a former Zimbabwean army officer equipped with a heavy caliber rifle, was shot and killed by rangers in southern Zimbabwe last week. The poacher's accomplices escaped.

"Rhino poaching is now becoming a very serious problem for us. We now have to answer serious questions at CITES," he said.

Corrections

In the April 22 edition of The Crusader, the photo caption on page 10 should read "Lindsay Macias and Kendra Hughes perform during David Alexander's inauguration." The photo is courtesy of Barry Swanson.

AP News Blurbs

Swine Flu-Mexico

MEXICO CITY

Two weeks after the first known swine flu death, Mexico hasn't given medicine to the families of the dead. It hasn't determined where the outbreak began, or how it spread. And while the government is urging anyone who feels sick to go to hospitals, feverish people complain ambulance workers are afraid to pick them up. A portrait is emerging of a slow and confused response by Mexico to the gathering swine flu epidemic. And that means the world is flying blind into a global health storm.

Autos Bailout

DETROIT

General Motors, once the colossus of American capitalism, will become a leaner, government-owned company if the Obama administration goes along with the automaker's plan to slash jobs, close plants and eliminate the legendary Pontiac brand. Meanwhile, Chrysler confronts a deadline to propose its own restructuring in three days, and the fates of both companies now appear to rest in the hands of their creditors.

Low-Flying Plane

NEW YORK

The airliner and supersonic fighter jet zoomed past the lower Manhattan skyline in a flash just as the work day was beginning. Within minutes, startled financial workers streamed out of their offices, thinking they were experiencing some nightmarish replay of Sept. 11. But it turned out that the flyover was, to the disbelief of Mayor Bloomberg and other New Yorkers, a photo thought up in Washington and executed with little advance warning. City officials were furious and the White House was on the defensive.

Obama-100 Days-Economy

WASHINGTON

The economy will determine whether Barack Obama achieves what few presidents have: a far-

reaching change in American politics that might even earn its own title and legacy. Will there be an Obama version of the New Deal, the Great Society or the Reagan Revolution?

Pakistan

ISLAMABAD

Taliban militants suspend peace talks with Pakistan as the military pounds insurgent hideouts in the northwest. The visiting British prime minister calls the Pakistan-Afghan border a "crucible of terrorism."

Iraq

KIRKUK, Iraq

At two Christian homes, the gunmen used the same methods: point-blank fire that left a total of three dead in 30 minutes. The attacks are denounced as religious terrorism in Kirkuk and a worrisome sign that another outpost of Iraq's dwindling Christian community could be caught in the struggles for control of the city.

Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka agrees to stop firing heavy weapons into the northern war zone to safeguard thousands of civilians trapped there but resists growing pressure for a cease-fire in its war to wipe out the Tamil Tiger rebels.

Iowa-Gay Marriage

DES MOINES, Iowa

A unanimous state high court decision affirming gay marriage takes effect in Iowa, bringing same-sex unions into the nation's heartland for the first time. Dozens of couples apply and at least one rushes to tie the knot. "You just never know when they'll try to take it away," said one woman.

Swine Flu-World

WELLINGTON, New Zealand

New Zealand reports new suspected swine flu cases as Asian nations with potent memories of SARS and bird flu outbreaks screened travelers for illness with thermal scanners.

Gay marriage is an example that the majority should never take rights from the minority



Sweatervests
by
ANDREW McCULLEY

On Monday, Iowa became the third state in our Great Union to legalize gay marriage, joining Massachusetts and Connecticut. Vermont will follow suit this September when similar legislation will take effect. But despite the court rulings that are making gay

marriages more and more acceptable, recent polls have shown that the majority of U.S. citizens do not support legal recognition of same sex couples – Iowa in particular. Do the courts have the right to defy the majority and legalize gay marriage? Those who have read my column before, especially last November, should already know what I'm about to say. I believe gay marriage should be legalized.

The courts are in the right to ignore the majority and support same-sex marriage – they are defending

the rights of a minority from a disapproving majority. While the majority is in charge, it should never be allowed to control or make decisions for those not in the majority. Democracy, as my affable government teacher from high school taught me, means simply this: Majority Rule with Minority Rights. The minute that the majority is allowed to take rights from a minority, it is no longer a democracy, but a lynch mob forcing one world view on everyone who would disagree.

As squeamish as it makes

us, as abominable as the Bible (possibly) says it is, we must accept that our nation is made up of more types of folk than just those found in our NNU bubble. As my venerable father always says, that's why there's more than one flavor of ice cream. Just so, there is more than one way to live – our nation's citizens are not from the same cookie-cutter. And even if you disagree and believe gay marriages should never be legal, certainly a better way can be found to cause change rather than with hatred and coercion through the law.

STAFF EDITORIAL

It looks like NNU's website needs to be updated, as it says students can experience student-led worship services every Wednesday night.

However, many of us have noticed that Time Out has been anything but these days—and that's disappointing. When we visited NNU as prospective students, this event was heavily noted on our tour. And, for some of us, that stuck out when we signed our acceptance letters.

As the website states: "Each week a student shares a message at Time Out. Through sharing what God's lessons and challenges are, students learn from one another and lift each other up." Now for those who have been to Time Out lately, no student has been caught dead with a microphone on stage.

The change in the organization of the mid-week event comes with the concern for the student speaker. One could question, "Is the speaker really taking this opportunity seriously?"

Perhaps there needs to be more careful consideration on behalf of the SGA campus ministries coordinators when potential speakers approach them, and that's something they can certainly handle as part of their job.

Perhaps more credit should be given to them. Some of us are better speakers than others, but the point of Time Out isn't to display what we've learned in Intro to Public Speaking.

We speak at Time Out to share part of our own spiritual story, and some of our stories aren't as glamorous as others'—and that's perfectly fine. No one knows how one message can bless someone else, and that truly is the beauty of having a different student speaker each week. If students feel called to share their story with their peers, then they should have that opportunity.

Now one could say, of course, that Time Out is student-led because students lead the worship portion. However, that describes chapel just as much. Students do their musical thing, and then Gene Schandorff speaks. This is exactly what Time Out is currently. In that case, perhaps full chapel-credit should be given to Time Out attendees.

Time Out is supposed to be different than chapel, but now it seems the only difference lies in the sense that electronic bells don't beckon us to go.

For those of us who have forgotten what Time Out is supposed to be, visit nnu.edu/campus-life/spiritual-life/prayer-and-worship.

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An ode to my experience as the Crusader editor



EDITOR'S NOTE
by
AIMEE NILES

Instead of the typical ending note,

Reflecting over what I wrote,

I've decided to use my gift of rhyme.

So sit back, relax and take this time,

To read these limericks, while I gloat.

These poems are meant to give you the feel,

Of what it's like to be at the wheel,

On the bus called The Crusader.

And even if I were a trader,

It's not something I'd

give up, because it's ideal.

If I'm happy with what I write,

Someone is probably up tight.

You see, I cannot please all,

To try has made me bawl,

An editor that cries is a common sight.

I've heard it said, "the truth shall set you free,"

And that telling the truth is key.

As a newspaper it is our calling,

To avoid it is pretty appalling.

Report the news; that is our decree.

This year, we've had some trouble with the press.

Honestly, it's caused us a lot of stress.

The schedule of industrial machines,

Messes with all of our routines.

It pretty much sucks... but, I digress.

Sitting in our office on Tuesday night,

We see many an interesting sight.

It can be annoying and weird,

And some things should be feared.

But, if you want, you've got an invite.

Sometimes, we can do some good.

At the best of times, we're misunderstood.

But with the cross-cultural requirement,

They had to reinvent. Editorials do what they should.

Occasionally we have to write fuzzy and warm,

To give meaning to the smallest life form.

It isn't exciting like the JSC fire,

And every once in a while, it raises my ire.

But, it is fun to brainstorm.

I'm getting ready to graduate

And I'm getting kind of irate.

Because being the newspaper editor,

Means I'm gonna have many a creditor.

Mostly because the economy's not great.

It's my last column you'll have to read.

From here you'll have to proceed,

Through life without my great wit.

But don't worry, you'll make it,

Because it's not something you need.

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The original essence of Time Out has been lost

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Is James Dobson truly worthy of the Christian theologian pedestal?

In the book of Dobson chapter 2 verse 11 it reads, "Just as surely as a dog will occasionally challenge the authority of his leaders, so will a little child — only more so."

You've never heard of the book of the Bible titled "Dobson?" Well, neither have I. This quote comes from James Dobson's book "Dare to Discipline," which has yet to be canonized.

So I have to ask, why do some people treat writings by Dobson and others like



GUEST OPINION
by
ALLISON HAWN

him as religious truth?

Those who wish to identify themselves as Christians realize that they have chosen to follow Christ. When they chose to follow Christ, they did not also choose to follow Dobson, Jerry Jenkins (the co-author

of the "Left Behind" series) and C.S. Lewis. What do all three of these men have in common? Each one is considered a prolific author of theology whose work has often been quoted as theological fact, and not one of them ever received a formal degree in theology (Jenkins has an honorary degree which he received without research or schooling).

I am not saying that reading these authors' works is necessarily a bad thing; I personally love Lewis'

writings.

It is a problem, however, when we accept the words of a child development specialist (a fact gleaned from Dobson's website) to tell us how to run every aspect of our lives in a Christian manner.

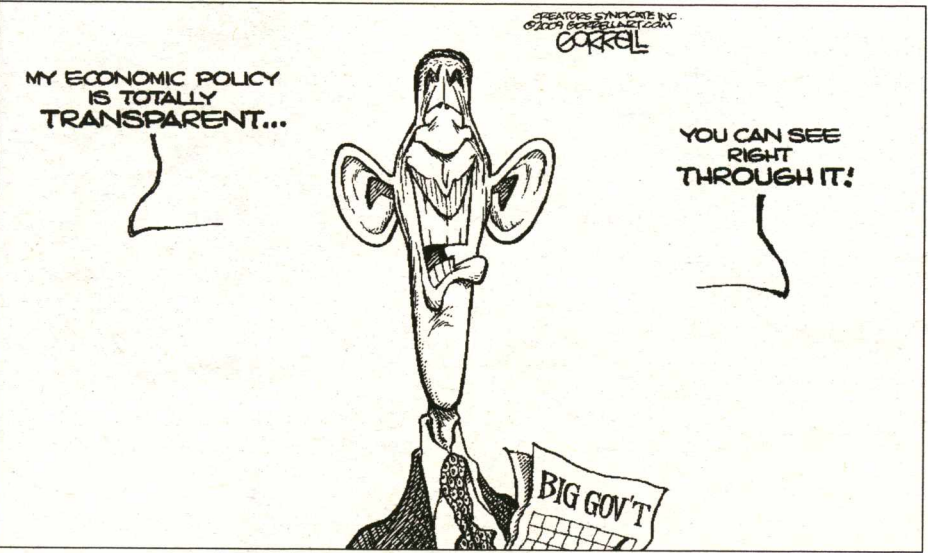
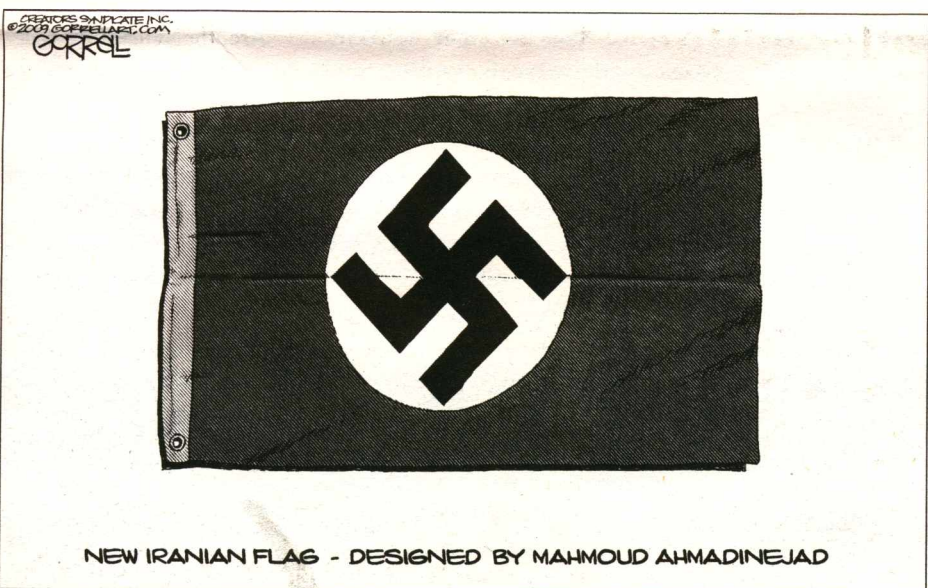
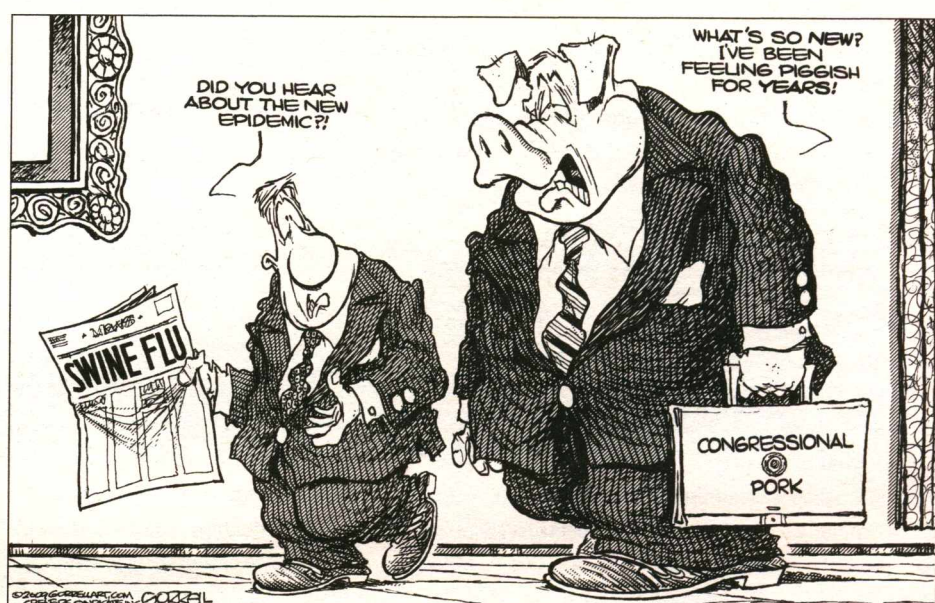
Dobson has a degree in child development; not a degree in theology, economics, adult living, gender studies, adult psychology or political science, so why do many take his words on these subjects as fact over

people who do have degrees in these fields? It is also a problem when we let novelists' books speak to us as absolute fact; the "Left Behind" series has not been canonized as a new part of the book of Revelation and I doubt that "The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe" will ever be a Sunday School message.

Matthew 7:15 begins by warning us, "Beware of false prophets..." Yet if we just accept what some-

one says without any real analysis, then how can we be aware of false prophets? Wise words and good advice can be noticed, but analyze where those pieces of advice are coming from. Mary Shelley, Edgar Allen Poe and Ernest Hemingway had some good things to say too, but I would not want to model my lives after any of them.

I would prefer to worship at the altar of Jesus Christ than of Dobson any day.



*Thanks! for a great year, NNU.
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Regional main event takes over the campus for a weekend

by ALLISON HAWN

This past weekend marked the annual Nazarene Regional Main Event which brought a large number of visitors to NNU's campus.

Northwest Nazarene University hosted hundreds of students from around the Northwest over the weekend.

The visiting students competed in sporting events like soccer, basketball and dodge-ball.

The event also gave the students a chance to display creative works like art, theater, music and poetry.

The events were held in buildings all over campus.

Many of the students stayed in various dormitories, such as Dooley and Ford Halls, exposing them to NNU campus life.

The students also ate with many of the university students in the Sodexo Dining Hall. "It's really

good to be able to see the campus," said visiting high school sophomore Ayla Walton, who hails from Salem, Ore.

Chris May, who is a youth leader at South Salem Nazarene, said that his team came to compete in dodge-ball and three-on-three basketball, but that the youth group also brought representatives who had art and poetry contributions.

"Main Event is a great opportunity for Northwest Nazarene University to strut its stuff," said junior communications major Charissa Dufour.

Many NNU students volunteered in judging, registration, housing visitors and clean-up over the weekend.

Main Event is a great way for NNU to connect to the community, said Dooley resident director Robbyn Lande.



Students and Main Event participants enjoy the Brandt Center picnic Friday night (photo by Nikki Shipman).

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She said that she decided to apply after watching a concert the African Children's Choir gave at College Church, feeling that the NNU education program gave her the tools

to meet this challenge. Penrod said that although this will be a volunteer position, she is "proud to be a part of an organization that makes sure all the money raised goes directly

to the children who need it the most."

Katie Zook will be starting missions in Haiti this summer.

In May, she will lead a small group of NNU

students to the country for two weeks. She will then return home to raise funds for a two year mission trip she will start this September.

In Haiti Zook will do

bookkeeping for the Free Methodist World Missions and VISA and possibly teach English at the Bible College and help the Free Methodist church there.

Zook said she has wanted

to do something in Haiti since the first time she went there in the summer of 2004, and that this was a "God thing, in all senses of the term, as corny and unrealistic as it sounds."

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**Matthew Miller
&
Krista Hardiman**
May 23
Quincy, Wash.

**Jerad May
&
Kylie Van Curen**
August 8
Vancouver, Wash.

**Louie Beech
&
Leah Whiting**
May 21
Boise, Idaho

**Travis Davidson
&
Hali Cross**
Boise, Idaho

**David Starkey
&
Heather Preston**
August 1
Portland, Ore.

**John Bailar
&
Laurie Burgemeister**
June 13
Twin Falls, Idaho

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StudentLife Events

Wednesday, April 29
8p.m.-Senate
9p.m.-Time-Out in SLH
10p.m.-WNL with The Invasion

Thursday, April 30
9-11p.m.- Brickhouse

Friday, May 1
Last day of undergraduate classes

Monday, May 4-Thursday May, 7
Final Examinations

Friday, May 8
3p.m.-Underclassmen residence halls close

Sunday, May 10
Baccalaureate/Commencement

Lady Saders fall to MSU Billings; season ends Saturday

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Despite a standing of 8-39 for the season, the Lady Saders have kept a positive attitude and a passion for the game.

The girl's overall performance at the games this past week showed a strong enthusiasm.

This past Saturday the ladies played MSU Billings and lost both games: game 1 at 4-1 and game 2 at 8-5. Yesterday they hosted the College of Idaho. They lost the first game 6-0 and then won the second game 4-0.

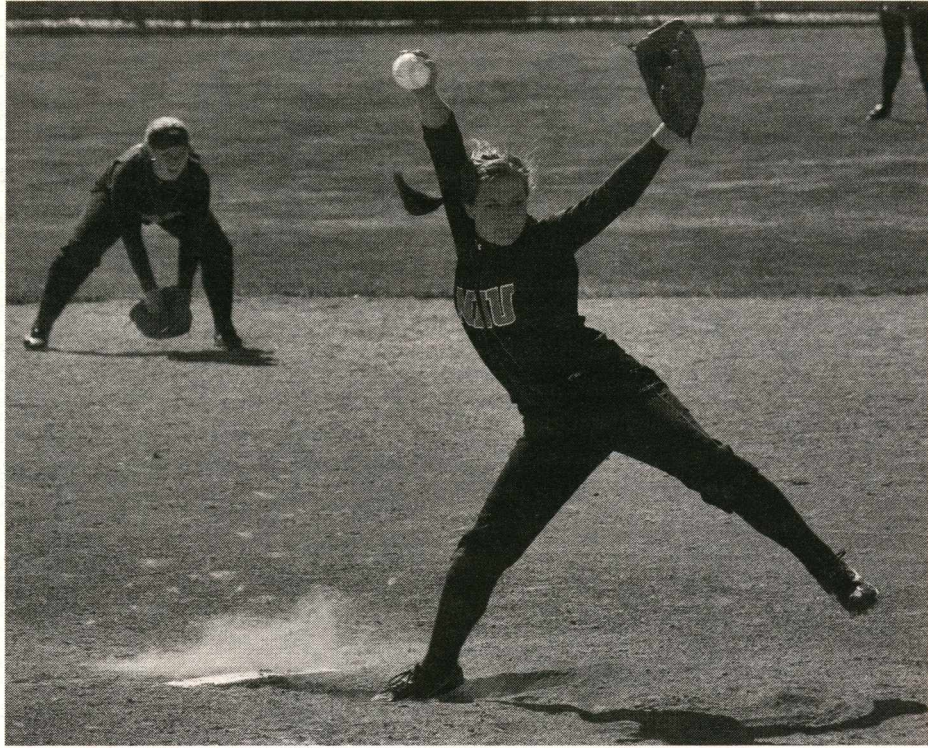
The team will be finishing the season with home games against Saint

Martin's University; Friday at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and a 2 p.m. make-up game for inclement weather. In between the two morning games will be a senior presentation for Jael Henthorn and Vanessa Shaw.

Following the games will be the NCAA Division II West Region Tournament May 7-10.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

Right: Freshman Chelsey Anderson winds up for a pitch against MSU Billings (photo by Cassie Carlson).



Golf ends season with fourth place finish at championships

by BREANNA GOLDSMITH

NNU's team placed fourth in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Golf Championships. The Championships took place at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Club in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on April 20 and 21, said Craig Stensgaard, NNU sports information director and head golf coach.

Both Zach Grunig and Rowdy Hope held the top

spot for the team, with a tie at 11th overall. Following them was Aaron VanDeHey who ranked 18th overall. Jeff McDonald placed 19th and Leon Vasquez at 20th.

Stensgaard said, "We were a little disappointed in our team finish (4th). We had defeated MSU-Billings last week in California, so the team was really looking to beat them again this week. However they, MSU-Billings, played very

well, especially on Monday in the afternoon round."

When talking about being tied with his own teammate, Hope said, "I liked having Zach close because it pushed us both to play well. But no matter what anyone shoots we always push each other."

The team faced a lot of challenges at this tournament. Hope said, "I feel our team struggled this year overall... We just couldn't find our edge." Hope said

this struggling should push them all harder this summer.

The championship as a whole ended on a good note. Hope said, "We played hard and really enjoyed the resort we played at... It gave us the chance to play somewhere we rarely would get the chance to." Stensgaard also commented on the great venue, "The golf course was in terrific shape, for being relatively early in the season

for them, and we enjoyed the layout."

Grunig carded rounds of 74-77-75, and Hope 73-75-78 giving them both the final totals of 226. VanDeHey finished with rounds of 80-82-72, giving him a total of 234. McDonald totaled 238, with rounds of 79-82-77. Vasquez had rounds of 82-81-95, totaling 258.

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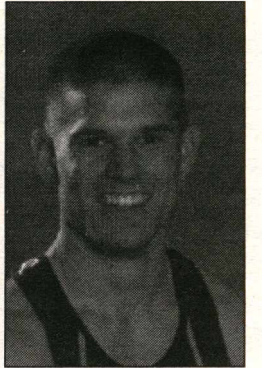
Track team sets school records at NNU Invitational



Left: Jamie Beaty competes in the 400-meter hurdles on Saturday, setting a new school record with a time of 1:02.28. The time also enabled Beaty to hit the NCAA Division II national provisional mark. Latoya Tidwell also smashed a school record, leading the 200-meter sprint with a time of 25.32. Other athletes highlighted were Erika McCarthy's winning toss of the hammer throw of 157-09. Grant Miller placed first in the shot put and discus. Dallas Beaty placed first in both the 110-meter hurdles and the 200-meter dash (information and photo courtesy of NNU Sports Information).

PLAYER PROFILE

Dallas Beaty



Year:
Senior

Major:
History

What are your occupational goals?
"A career in the United States Marine Corps."

How long have you been involved with track?
"I began my sophomore year of high school. I have run all four years while in college; three years at NNU and one at Western Oregon University."

What events do you compete in?
4x400 Meter Relay, 400 meter hurdles, 110 meter high hurdles, 400 meters open, 60 meter high hurdles, 200 meter dash and the 4x100 meter relay.

What is your favorite event?
4x400 meter relay

What is your favorite junk food?
"My wife's apple pie."

What is your favorite song to listen to when you work out?
"Jai Ho"

Which do you prefer; Batman or Superman?
Flash Gordon

Women's soccer prepares for a trek south of the border

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

It's among the 10 poorest countries in the world and has a knack for being in the way of natural disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

But that isn't stopping NNU's women's soccer team from trekking down to the Caribbean to work with Nathan and Claudia Hardiman, current missionaries in Guatemala City, in pouring cement for soccer bleachers on the soccer field.

In 2007, coaches Rachel and Jamie Lindvall took a team down to pour the first of four sections of the bleachers and this year's team will be finishing the job.

"We really love what we do and we definitely have a heart for missions," said assistant coach Rachel



The 2009 Guatemala mission trip members (photo from NNU Sports Information).

Lindvall. "We want to give the girls the same opportunity to see different churches in different cultures."

While the whole team is offered the chance to go to Guatemala, only ten will be boarding the plane: freshmen Suzanna Contreras and Macey McGovert, sophomores Kim Bowen, Marie Smith, McKenzie

Bailey, Liz Gross and Kendra Corsey, and junior Molly Tipton. The team leaves on May 9 and will return May 24. Along with filling the bleachers, the girls will be helping in some house building and putting on a soccer camp.

"I wanted to have a crazy experience and I think it would be really fun overall.

Plus the added bonus is that it's my cross cultural experience as well!" said Bailey.

The trip is costing each of the girls \$1700 including airfare, food, housing and all the necessities. Each girl sent out fundraiser letters to gain the money.

Why Guatemala? Rachel and Jamie did a couple of

mission trips while in college and Jamie is fluent in Spanish, so it seems like the perfect fit.

While in Guatemala, the girls will do a recap with the team each evening and also take turns leading a Bible study.

The coaches will be videotaping the majority of the trip and getting testimonies from each of the girls at the end of the day.

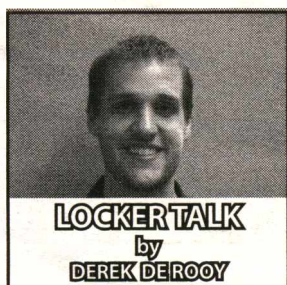
The soccer team has had a successful season and hopes to use this trip as a good recruiter for next year's bunch.

"We heard from past girls that the trip was a real eye-opener for them and how fun it was," said Bailey.

Jamie Lindvall hopes to make the trip an every other year occurrence for the team.

Talladega sets NASCAR safety back a step

In 2001, Dale Earnhardt died at Daytona International Speedway. His death, morbid but intensely romantic, spurred NASCAR



LOCKERTALK by DEREK DEROOY

to implement new safety standards—ironically, the HANS, or Head and Neck Support, was tested by six drivers during the weekend of his crash; Earnhardt may have been saved if he had worn the new HANS device.

In truth, Earnhardt was the fifth NASCAR driver to die in a nine-month span, following Adam Petty, Kenny Irwin and

Blaise Alexander (Alexander suffered injuries similar to those of Earnhardt). Yet Earnhardt's popularity, as well as the alarming new frequency of fatalities, provoked a police investigation and a NASCAR-sanctioned investigation.

As a preventative measure, many facts and details typically kept out of sight were made public—also serving well as a deterrent for other NASCAR drivers and the American public. Safety measures were taken: the HANS Device, a roof-hatch escape, new seat and seat-belt regulations, SAFER (Steel and Foam Energy Reduction) Barriers, and a splitter to increase downforce (and to decrease the probability of a car "lifting" off the track at high speed).

All these safety measures were combined into the Car of Tomorrow—CoT.

Well, now it's happened. In Sunday's Aaron's 499, at Talladega Superspeedway, Carl Edwards flipped and spun severely after some light contact. His Ford hit the barrier fences, injuring several spectators, raising new doubts about NASCAR safety and the CoT. NASCAR CEO Brian France and other NASCAR officials are looking at possibilities of slowing the cars down, changing the fence structure, or restructuring the track to reduce speeds and increase safety.

Some of NASCAR's drivers have spoken out against such action. Dale Earnhardt, Jr. insists that the track still provides for great racing and entertainment, and that this is nothing new—the potential for danger has lingered for years.

Three-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson



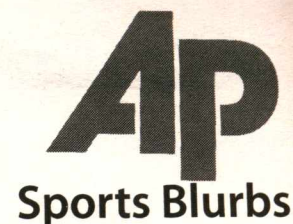
Carl Edwards does his infamous backflip after completing his third win of the season last April in Forth Worth, Texas (photo from Wikicommons).

doesn't believe the sanctioning body can do anything about it without significant changes to the track, and appears to agree that "stuff happens."

What can NASCAR do? Teams and drivers will work, sweat and sometimes even break the rules to win. If drivers are forced to take their foot off the gas (something not currently

required at Daytona or Talladega, the two Superspeedways) during a lap, it's as if you're being asked to lie down, roll over or simply to not try.

Effort, fearlessness and bending the rules have always been the keys to victory in motorsports, and no driver, employee or fan can imagine it being any other way.



DANGEROUS TALLADEGA

TALLADEGA, Ala. Racing cars at close to 200 mph is always going to be dangerous. The risk increases at Talladega Superspeedway, where a special rule package implemented by NASCAR produces both spectacular crashes and fantastic races. Sunday delivered both — at the expense of at least seven spectator injuries.

AFTER EIGHT BELLES

LEXINGTON, Ky. The deaths of Eight Belles at Churchill Downs and Derby-winner Barbaro have led horse racing authorities to take new safety measures, though critics question whether enough is being done and the impact on fatalities isn't yet clear in a sport that lost three animals a day in 2007.

NFL DRAFT

NEW YORK The New York Jets began the second day of the NFL draft in much the same fashion they impacted the opening round the previous day. New York traded with Detroit to get the first spot of the third round Sunday to select Iowa running back Shonn Greene. On Saturday, they got Radio City Music Hall rocking when they moved up to get USC quarterback Mark Sanchez with the fifth overall pick.

SHARKS-DUCKS

ANAHEIM, Calif. Ryan Getzlaf and the eighth-seeded Anaheim Ducks get their second — and best — chance to finish off the Presidents' Trophy-winning San Jose Sharks at home in Game 6 of their first-round playoff series.

JAZZ-LAKERS

LOS ANGELES Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers can wrap up their opening-round playoff series against the Utah Jazz with a victory in Game 5.



Sports Box

GNAC Standings as of April 28

SOFTBALL

- (W-L)
 1. MSU Billings 29-7
 2. Central Wash. 26-10
 3. Western Ore. 20-15
 4. Western Wash. 16-20
 5. Saint Martin's 10-25
 6. Northwest Nazarene 5-29

BASEBALL

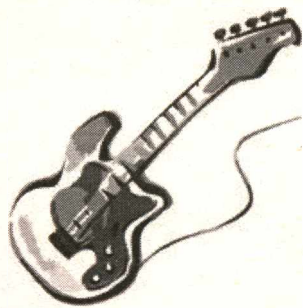
- (W-L)
 1. Western Ore. 20-3
 2. MSU Billings 15-13
 3. Saint Martin's 13-14
 4. Central Wash. 9-15
 5. Northwest Nazarene 6-18

GOLF

- Apr. 20-21 @ GNAC Rowdy Hope 73-75-78
 Championships Leon Vasquez 82-81-95
 (4th place overall) Zach Grunig 74-77-75
 Jeff McDonald 79-82-77
 Aaron Van De Hey 80-82-72



Ozomatli blends Hispanic and American cultures



REVIEW

by ALLISON HAWN

If you are looking for a unique blend of cultures in your summer music, you might try Ozomatli.

Ozomatli is an eight-piece band that combines Latin, hip-hop, rock, salsa, funk, jazz, ragga and alternative into

a different sound. The name Ozomatli comes from the ancient Aztec word for monkey.

The band, which is from Los Angeles, has been active since 1995, but has added many members since that time, said its official website.

Ozomatli often switches from English to Spanish in its tracks, and sometimes within its songs.

The songs themselves vary in tone; many have a celebratory feel about them, such as "Te Estoy Buscando," while others have definite political messages like "Who's to Blame?" The song that the band is probably most

famous for is its 2004 release "Who Discovered America?" which came off of its Grammy Award winning album "Street Signs."

Ozomatli has also collaborated with other famous artists such as Carlos Santana, said the band's official website. The group itself is made up of a diverse group of artists, most of whom met through political activism in the early 1990's. The band is very politically active, engaging in causes such as inner city education, immigration, world aid and peace.

The band has been traveling worldwide as official cultural ambassadors.



Top: Ozomatli performs in South Korea last year. Right: The band plays at the California Mid-State Fair (photos from Myspace.com).

ABC's 'Lost' celebrates 100th episode tonight

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

"Lost" marks its 100th episode tonight, an achievement its producers consider as surreal as the TV drama's mind-bending plots.

Executive producer Damon Lindelof, one of the series' creators, recalled meeting with ABC executives four years ago to pitch the idea of plane crash survivors stranded on an island of mystery and danger.

They were asked where the "Lost" saga would stand at, say, episode No. 74.

"I said, 'We're probably not going to get past episode 13. Let's all be honest about that upfront,'" Lindelof recalled, adding, "If I traveled back in time to tell myself after that meeting that we were going to make

it to 100 and still have a season beyond that, I would have laughed in my face."

Fans will appreciate the notion of time-skipping, since the current season has reveled in just that.

"Lost" has flung major characters across decades, leaving them — and the audience — feverishly attempting to keep events straight and the end game in sight.

"It was always part of the master plan that the time-travel elements in the show would become more overt," said executive producer Carlton Cuse.

He recalled an early episode in which Sayid (Naveen Andrews) is fiddling with a radio and hears 1940s music.

"That was a signpost we were planting early ... that



The season 5 cast of "Lost" (image from Wikipedia).

this island was not in the same place and space time as the real world. We knew that in season five we were going to deploy this and the show would become more overtly a genre show, and we were OK with that," Cuse said.

"We've always felt we had to make bold choices," he said, and the audience has responded. In Wednesday's episode, titled "The Variable" and airing at 9 p.m.

EDT, viewers will get a few more pieces of the puzzle.

"We're not promising any big whiz-bang flash pyrotechnics," said Lindelof.

But it does serve as what he calls "a companion piece" to another memorable episode, last season's "The Constant," in which Desmond (Henry Ian Cusick) endured vicious, turbulence-caused side effects.

"This season has really been about the rules of time

travel as explained by Daniel Faraday," Lindelof said, referring to the brainiac played by Jeremy Davies. "We've never done a flashback story for Faraday, so he's very mysterious. Some of those mysteries will be answered in this episode."

Viewers also check in on Desmond, wounded in the April 8 episode as he defended his beloved Penny (Sonya Walger) from vengeful, gun-toting Ben (Michael Emerson).

"We find out whether it's fatal," said Cusick, his tone carefully neutral.

The "Lost" cast is trained to avoid disclosures, but he concedes the show's penchant for killing off characters does take a toll.

"Every season it's, 'Am I here, or not? Do I pack?'" Cusick said. "Ever since

Penny and I were reunited, I feel like Desmond's story could easily be done. ... He found what he wanted."

But then Cusick suggests there may be more to come. Desmond has yet to confront the guilt of leaving others behind on the island, Cusick said, and perhaps he's among those who must journey back as part of a grand reckoning.

Or not. The actor isn't 'fessing up. Neither are Lindelof and Cuse, as the two-hour May 13 season finale draws near. But there will be answers someday, they promise.

"Lost" is set to wrap after one more season, a decision the producers made to allow for a carefully plotted finale. Lindelof said, it will be a "very cool ending, and enormously satisfying."

Leno back on the stage, joking about his illness

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Jay Leno bounced back from an illness, returning to "Tonight" with jokes about swine flu, the 103-degree fever that sent him to the hospital and the armed guard he said kept him company.

NBC posted security outside his hospital room after a man apparently pretending to be a Jesuit priest tried to enter, Leno said during the taping of Monday's show.

"So now I'm like in "The Godfather," Leno told the audience, referring to the scene in which a wounded mob boss is shielded from his attackers.

"It's so stupid. But anyway, we're back and we're not gonna be canceling any more shows or appearances."

Leno is a valuable asset for NBC, which will be showcasing him in a daily prime-time show later this year after he leaves "Tonight."

The network aired reruns

in place of two "Tonight" shows last week, the first time it had to cover for an ailing Leno since he took over as host in 1992.

According to an NBC transcript of Monday's show, Leno said he drove to the "Tonight" studio in Burbank last Thursday in a Model T, one of his vintage cars, on a cold morning and without a jacket.

"I was freezing and I got chills, and here at NBC we have an 'ODN,' overly dramatic nurse," Leno said, who took his temperature

and insisted he needed an ambulance ride to a hospital.

Instead, he walked over to nearby Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center. In less than half an hour, he said, blogs were reporting "Leno Dead!" and "NBC afraid to release story!" — which Leno called "hilarious."

Leno's spokesman said at the time that doctors found no evidence of a serious ailment. The comedian didn't specify his illness Monday. He did milk it for

punchlines, including one that played off the swine flu outbreak dominating headlines.

"What happened was — and I think was a mistake — I ate a raw pig a friend brought back from Mexico. ... It was delicious," he joked.

"And I realized I've got a really bad HMO. Like, for X-rays they had to take me over to Burbank Airport and put me through the baggage" machine, Leno said.

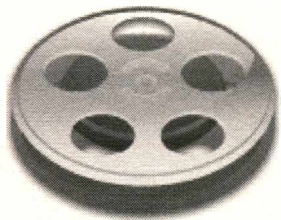
Conan O'Brien, who will

become the new "Tonight" host in June when Leno leaves, came in for some ribbing.

At the hospital, Leno said, "I had a horrible dream that I couldn't breathe. I felt like I was suffocating ... then I woke up and realized Conan was holding a pillow over my face."

He also turned serious, thanking well-wishers for cards, phone calls and "being so kind." His "comedy stimulus tour" will continue, he said, with a free Mother's Day concert.

'The Soloist' isn't all the trailers crack it up to be



REVIEW

by PAIGE MCDANIEL

Wait...wait what? I woke from my slumber in a comfy premiere chair at the Edwards Theater to the sound of Jamie Foxx (as the character of Nathaniel Anthony Ayers) playing the cello on the silver screen.

It was halfway through the movie and I think the plot was starting, although I truly wasn't sure.

I went into "The Soloist" thinking "Great! Iron Man and Ray Charles have a rumble and it incorporates music and journalism!" Remember, "Burn After Reading"? Yeah, names don't mean anything anymore.

Here are some lessons I learned from the film. First, if you put your feet up on the chair in front of you during the shots of the ground from an airplane, it looks like you are standing on air.

Second, the best thing about premiere theaters? The armrests move; allowing for three or four seats to stretch out for the next two hours.

Clearly you can see that "The Soloist" was an extreme disappointment. It started out with Los Angeles Times reporter Steve Lopez (played by comeback kid Robert Downey Jr.) making his usual one liner comebacks to all of his surrounding chums and his quest for the ultimate story.

When he stumbles upon homeless Nathaniel Ayers Jr. playing a two-string violin at the base of a Beethoven statue in central Los Angeles, Lopez finds out that mumbling 100-word-a-minute Ayers

used to go to Julliard.

Oh, light bulb! Lopez begins a continuing column on Ayers and his life on the street and his love of music.

About an hour later we discover that Ayers struggles with schizophrenia (this is after, of course, a minute of an on-screen Windows Media Player color light show) and Lopez is convinced that he can cure Ayers.

Too bad this breakthrough confession takes place within a loud bar where he is screaming at his ex-wife.

Lopez tries everything from giving Ayers a place to sleep (the local homeless shelter), a cello to play, lessons to practice and the chance at a recital.

Over the course of their relationship, sequined-jacketed Ayers regards Lopez as an angel of mercy, a hero, his own personal god.

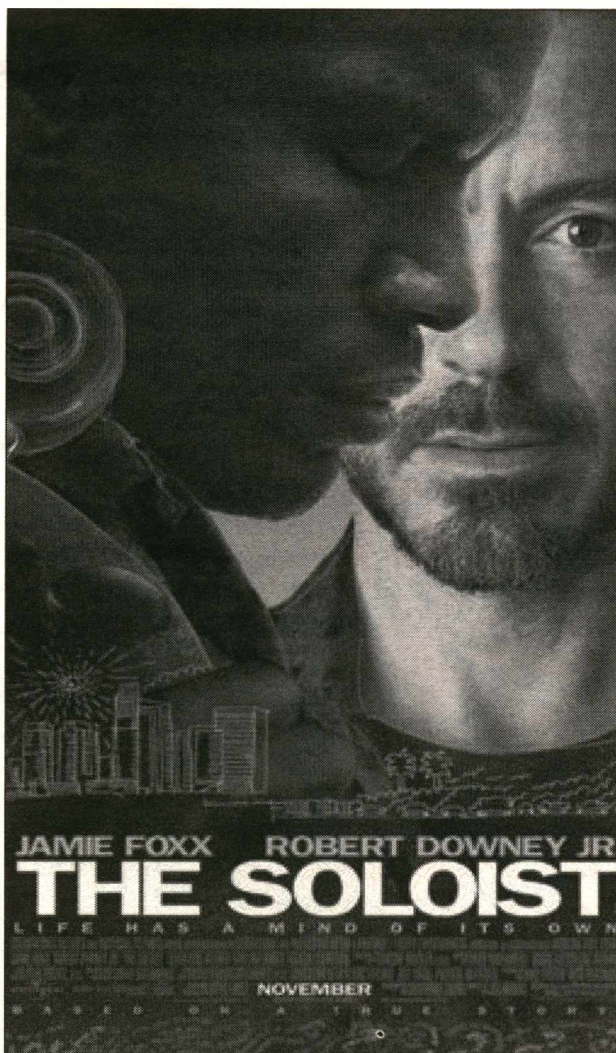
The movie seemed to give away, at least in the trailer, an experience that would offer the viewer a deep sense of self and appreciation for what you truly have.

True, it was heart wrenching to see real homeless people wandering the streets and Ayers cheering them up.

But the movie lacks uniqueness and originality: the trying-to-be-a-good-guy who meets someone with a mental illness who believes the best in people, and the two teaming up to change the world.

It does bring awareness to how much the human can do and where one must draw the line, but overall the movie lacked the motivation and stakes of a true story.

It simply was a story with no climax and not much of a resolution except that the best a human can do is be a friend to someone else.



"The Soloist" is currently playing at across the country, including Edwards theatres around the Treasure Valley (image from Wikipedia).

summer releases summer releases

CDs

April 28 Bob Dylan - "Together Through Life"

May 5 Ciara - "Fantasy Ride"

May 19 mewithoutYou - "It's all crazy! It's all false! It's all a dream! It's alright"

May 19 Iron & Wine - "Around the Well"

June 2 Dave Matthews Band - "Bill Whiskey and the Groogrux King"

June 2 Taking Back Sunday - "New Again"

June 9 Black Eyed Peas - "The E.N.D."

June 23 The Mars Volta - "Octahedron"

June 30 Brad Paisley - "American Saturday Night"

July 7 All Time Low - "Nothing Personal"

August 25 Sean Kingston - "Tomorrow"

Movies

May 15 "Angels & Demons" (Thriller)

Cast: Tom Hanks, Ayelet Zurer, Ewan McGregor, Stellan Skarsgard

June 12 "The Taking of Pelham 123" (Action)

Cast: Denzel Washington, John Travolta, James Gandolfini

June 19 "The Proposal" (Romance/Comedy)

Cast: Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Malin Akerman, Mary Steenburgen, Craig T. Nelson

July 15 "Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince" (Fantasy/Action)

Cast: Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson

August 7 "Julie & Julia" (Comedy/Drama)

Cast: Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, Jane Lynch

August 14 "Taking Woodstock" (Comedy/Drama/Music)

Cast: Demetri Martin, Emile Hirsch, Eugene Levy

Movie list from filn-releases.com Album list from borders.com

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CONCERT BOX

1985 + ALASKAS 4.30.09 @ FLYING M

ROCCO DELUCA & THE BURDEN 5.01.09 @ KNITTING FACTORY

RACHAEL SAGE 5.28.09 @ MORRISON CENTER

AUGUST BURNS RED 5.05.09 @ KNITTING FACTORY

BOOMSNAKE + A.W. FELDT 5.09.09 @ FLYING M

AMBER PACIFIC 5.28.09 @ BOISE VENUE

MEWITHOUTYOU 6.27.09 @ BOISE VENUE



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TOP TEN

10. Braille translating—because there's nothing wrong with helping the blind.
9. Ostrich babysitter—you'll never be bored. Rumor has it, these little guys can get a little aggressive.
8. Fountain pen repairer—think about how much you'll get paid. One would have to be pretty wealthy to care enough about a pen to pay to have it fixed.
7. Professional whistler—why not?
6. Fortune cookie writer—admit it, you've wondered who writes them too.
5. IMAX screen cleaner—because someone has to do it, right?
4. Consider the rodeo clown profession.
3. Dog food tester—just like any other meal, dog food needs inspection too. Sparky will thank you for it later.
2. Forest fire lookout—the perfect job for those in need of some solitude.
1. If the above don't suit your fancy, just find out where Trevan Hauck is applying and outwit him in the interview.

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Newsday Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Scottish girl</p> <p>5 Madly in love</p> <p>9 Rotini or rigatoni</p> <p>14 Carpet measurement</p> <p>15 Altar vows</p> <p>16 Moral principle</p> <p>17 High-school science: Abbr.</p> <p>18 Clutter-free</p> <p>19 Exact copy</p> <p>20 Breakfast-plate item</p> <p>23 Stop-sign color</p> <p>24 Reduce, as prices</p> <p>25 One way to cook chicken</p> <p>27 Wild guesses</p> <p>30 Office crews</p> <p>33 Light-switch settings</p> <p>36 High-tech message</p> <p>38 Gas-tank contents</p> <p>39 Helicopter blade</p> <p>41 Improve, as wine</p> <p>42 Sauce made with basil</p> <p>43 English nobleman</p> <p>44 Sleeveless shoulder wrap</p> <p>46 Have lunch</p> <p>47 Police officer's badge</p> <p>50 Secret agents</p> <p>52 Not a single person</p> <p>54 Measuring device</p> <p>57 Gas-consumption figure: Abbr.</p> <p>59 Government-issued investment</p> <p>63 Convertibles, e.g.</p> | <p>65 One who's admired</p> <p>66 Not on time</p> <p>67 Playground fixture</p> <p>68 Detective's lead</p> <p>69 Fencing weapon</p> <p>70 Snow vehicles</p> <p>71 See to</p> <p>72 Time in office</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Science classrooms</p> <p>2 Opera solos</p> <p>3 Capital of South Korea</p> <p>4 Tex-Mex dips</p> <p>5 Checked-cotton fabric</p> <p>6 "Zip--Doo-Dah"</p> <p>7 Soccer score</p> <p>8 Up and about</p> <p>9 Nibble like a bird</p> <p>10 Pacific counterpart: Abbr.</p> <p>11 Quick temper</p> <p>12 Fork prong</p> <p>13 Scored 100 on</p> <p>21 Late-blooming flower</p> <p>22 Phone-book listings: Abbr.</p> <p>26 Strongbox relative</p> <p>28 Sheep sounds</p> <p>29 Sorrowful sounds</p> <p>31 Greek cheese</p> <p>32 Vending-machine opening</p> <p>33 Rocks that are mined</p> <p>34 Biblical shipbuilder</p> <p>35 Narrow neckwear</p> <p>37 Jump</p> <p>40 Toast topping</p> <p>42 "Guilty" and "not guilty"</p> <p>45 Squirmed</p> <p>48 Sports setbacks</p> <p>49 Genetic letters</p> <p>51 Re-rent one's apartment</p> <p>53 Kick out</p> <p>55 Rant and rave</p> <p>56 Walk in</p> <p>57 Church service</p> <p>58 Haul</p> <p>60 Doing nothing</p> <p>61 Person, place or thing</p> <p>62 Consider</p> <p>64 Sort of peculiar</p> |
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Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

I have this friend and—I'm not sure how to say this delicately—but she smells really bad. I mean, like really bad. I can't even describe it, it's so gross. I love her and all, but sometimes she stands really close when she talks and I feel like something needs to be said to her. How do I politely tell her that she disgusts me?

--Nervous Nose

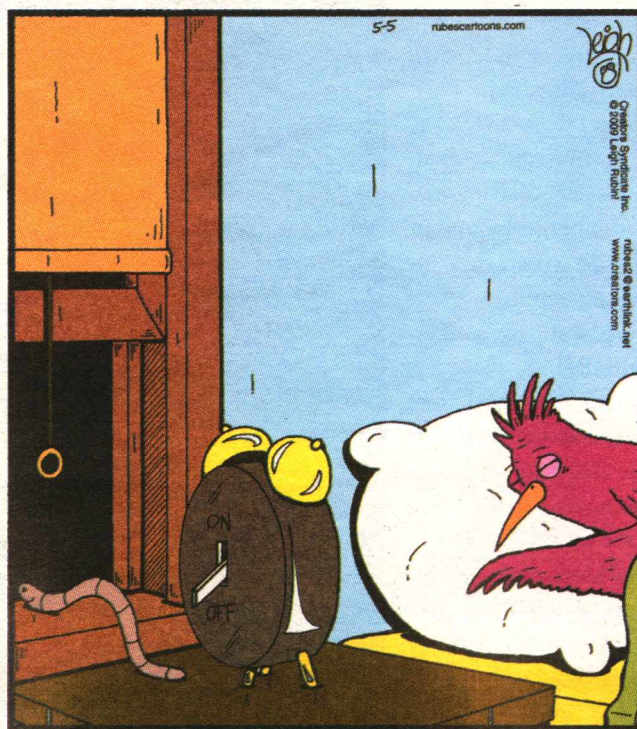
Dear Nervous,
Believe it or not, this problem is actually quite common. Oh yes, websites have even been created in the name of such issues. Alltooflat.com provides a service allowing for an opportunity to send an anonymous message to all of your malodorously offending allies. Just type in your friend's name and e-mail and you'll be good to go. Have sweetly redolent companions performing some sort of other social offense? The site provides other examples of embarrassing errors to call your friends out on, including ugly ties and annoying ringtones—because sometimes having Beyonce yell "if you liked it then you should have put a ring on it" each time you receive a text message isn't as funny as your buddy thinks.

In love,
Nana Bobango

Nana Bobango would like to thank all contributors that have helped make this column possible. Stay tuned as Nana Bobango continues her advice this fall.

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The day the worm finally figured out how to beat the system