

# It's a sister act.

The Dranginis sisters get some bonding time on the court this season. | SPORTS, 6



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**SICK OF IT, YET?** While one confirmed case of the Swine Flu has hit campus as of Thursday, NNU Chief Nurse Cheri Marshall comes prepared for the battle.

## The H1N1 has hit.

**RACHEL BEERS**  
**The Crusader**

It has been no secret that students have been feeling under the weather, as a single chapel cannot go uninterrupted by coughing or sneezing.

One case of H1N1, also known as the Swine Flu, has been reported on campus, according to a press release on Friday.

The student's name has not been released.

According to the press release, eighty students reported flu-like symptoms last week.

Swine Flu is not an anthropomorphic disease derived from pigs. It is a novel type of influenza A.

In much simpler and

practical terms, it's a severe case of a cold. According to Cheri Marshall, NNU's Chief Nurse, the flu virus is uniquely interesting because it affects mainly young adults more than typical influenza does.

As of Sept. 5, nine people in Idaho had been confirmed to have had H1N1.

H1N1 is typically transferred by person-to-person contact, and those who are infected may be able to infect others from one day before getting sick to five to seven days after, said an article from Southwest District Health.

Symptoms include fever, body aches, lack of energy, lack of appetite, headache, fatigue and coughing, with some cases

of runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, the article said. "Most people that test positive for the virus recover without requiring medical treatment."

Students are living in close proximity with each other and are within the target age group of H1N1, but personal actions can be taken to decrease the spreading of the virus. Time-tested typical flu prevention behaviors are key.

Wash your hands, cover your mouth when you cough, do not share drinks or food with others and use hand sanitizer.

In Friday's press release, NNU Vice President for Student Development Carey Cook said, "The safety and health of

students and employees is our primary concern. The University will continue to encourage students to take precautions in line with our H1N1 action plan."

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has sent out recommendations and clear guidelines for universities and places of higher education on ways to prevent the virus-- as well as signs to look for if you think you may have it.

As of now, there is no Swine Flu test according to our local Health Department.

An effective test may be

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One of the many bottles of hand sanitizer ordered by the school to battle the illness sits at Kelly Covington's desk at the information switchboard.

**Bicycles  
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**Nampa mayoral candidate wants  
NNU community to look past her  
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## TAYLOR ALLEN The Crusader

It seems that two wheels have proved to be better than four for students lately, and with the weather reminding us summer is still lingering, bicycles have no marks against them.

Though walking beats out the cost of gas, "quite simply, biking is much faster," says senior Joey Miller.

For students like Miller who live on and off campus, biking is a lot more convenient.

Senior Mike Hoyt says it is more economically sound to ride a bike to campus as opposed to driving to and around campus.

NNU is a relatively small campus compared to larger state schools.

Although bike riding is not necessary to get around a campus this size, many people ride anyway because of the convenience.

With winter coming up, bike riding will begin to be a bit more of a challenge, and riders will have to begin braving the elements.

Senior Jaimee Haaland says that she will bike as long as she can stand the cold.

Miller said he'll continue to ride whenever he can, so long as it is not too icy.

For many, bike riding has become a hobby just as much as a mode of transportation.

"I ride my bike to save gas and to stay active, but I also really enjoy to ride around leisurely as well," said Miller.

Hoyt has turned his bike

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## BRANDON HASKINS The Crusader

This November, Nampa voters will have at least one very interesting option when they are choosing who to elect as their city mayor.

That option is Melissa Sue Robinson, 58, an independent candidate who also happens to be transgender-- but don't think for a second that this candidacy is simply a ploy to bring attention to transgender issues, or that Robinson is in any way making a mockery of this mayoral race.

Robinson's opponent, Tom Dale, has represented the Nampa community as mayor since 2002 and served on Nampa City Council six years prior, but that doesn't seem to stop Robinson.

Dale is a graduate of NNU, and served as part of Nampa Christian High School's faculty until winning the 2001 mayoral race, says Dale's City of Nampa Web page.

Given Nampa's strong conservative leaning and strong influence by the Nazarene church through both NNU and a multitude of churches, it would seem like this race would be an impossible one for a transgender woman.

However, Robinson has also been involved in both the conservative world and the Nazarene church.

Robinson was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, but grew up and came to Christ in the Nazarene church.

Currently Robinson affiliates herself with the United Church

of Christ, mostly because of acceptance issues, but says, "The Nazarene church is a very good church, I'm sure that if I were to go to a Nazarene church no one would kick me out, or anyone would say 'down with Melissa.'"

"These are the nicest people I've met, here in the state of Idaho," she says.

Robinson says she has found people to be generally accepting.

"If they think [the changes I've made are] a sin, they still love the sinner," said Robinson of the Nampa area.

In regard to NNU and the students, Robinson said, "I'm very interested in your generation."

A big issue Robinson highlighted for college students

like those of NNU is job opportunities upon graduation.

"I know what you're facing and I want to make sure that if you guys have spent all this time getting a degree, I want to make sure that you can get out on the street and get a job."

And for Robinson and the NNU community, it's not all about the economy, either.

"I would also like to say that I understand the Christian belief, because I am a Christian. I would like students to look past the fact that my body looks a little different or that I made a different choice," she said.

"I want them to vote for me because I can do real good for the city of Nampa. I stick to my word, and if they vote for me, they will get what they voted for."



Photo by Alex Corn | The Crusader

**Mayoral candidate Melissa Sue Robinson speaks with a reporter about her goals for this election season. Robinson is running for the seat of Nampa's mayor, against Tom Dale.**

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President Alexander has been here for a year, what does the cabinet say?

**Left Behind | A&E, 7**  
The infamous 16-book series on the Rapture reached its end, and has a Crusader review, too.

## Weather

THURSDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 90° | Low: 57°

FRIDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 90° | Low: 55°

SATURDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 89° | Low: 52°

SUNDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 83° | Low: 47°

MONDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 85° | Low: 48°

TUESDAY

Sunny.

Hi: 87° | Low: 48°

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# Wesley Center for Servant Leadership new office on campus

**HOLLY BEECH**  
**The Crusader**

Campus ministry offices are undergoing reorganization this year and developing new opportunities for students to be involved in ministry on and off campus.

The responsibilities of campus ministries used to fall under two offices: Student Development and the chaplain's office. Starting this year, all the campus ministry offices fall under the new Wesley Center for Servant Leadership, directed by Vice President for Spiritual and Leadership Development Fred Fullerton.

The WCSL is head of the Office of Spiritual Formation,



Photo courtesy of NCU led by Chaplain Gene **Fred Fullerton, Vice President for Spiritual and Leadership Development**

Schandorff; Student Ministries, directed by new faculty member Julene Tegerstrand, and the Kingdom of Engagement, currently led by Dr. Ron

Galloway, Dean of the School of Business. Each of these branches will focus on different areas of ministry on campus, throughout Nampa and in other countries.

Fullerton will be working with the deans and faculty of each school at NNU to see "how student leadership can be worked out through the particular majors," he said.

His focus lies not only on campus but also in the community of Nampa.

"How can we live out being the neighbor to this neighborhood we live in?" Fullerton said.

Students will have fresh opportunities to get involved

in projects that range from cleaning up someone's yard to helping a struggling business down the street.

Also, Fullerton will work with pastors and superintendents in the Church of the Nazarene to facilitate conferences, he said.

"Fred's new position takes away a significant amount of the administrative responsibility I had before," Schandorff said. "It frees me more to be the chaplain and pastor of the campus, with particular focus on the students."

Schandorff is working to create new on-campus small groups and now has additional funding to bring in speakers for chapel, Fullerton said.

Tegerstrand, who has taken over what used to be Michael T. Spengler's position of Director of Campus Ministries, will also focus on small groups, as well as mission trips and student volunteer opportunities, including ministry clubs, Schandorff said.

The Kingdom of Engagement has no specific person in charge yet, Fullerton said, but Dr. Galloway is in charge for now. The purpose of this office is to help enable students to study abroad and engage in ministry while they are there.

Although Director of Campus Life Tim Milburn's job still falls under Student Development, some of his time

will also be given to the WCSL to create a four-year leadership track for students that will give them "access to another level of leadership experience," Fullerton said.

The WCSL also hopes to integrate student leadership courses into NNU's core curriculum, although it will probably take several years, Fullerton said.

Certain plans and ideas of the WCSL are still being formed and worked out.

"We really are building the wagon as we ride the wagon," Schandorff said.

Milburn calls this year the "formation year."

## SWINE FLU FROM PAGE 1

coming by late October or early November, but the test will cost around \$320 — about ten tank fills of gas.

Presently, there is no H1N1 vaccination yet.

One is in production and should be available soon.

According to the CDC, the best recommendation is to get your regular annual flu shot.

It will help prevent the other flu strains this season which will also make you feel equally miserable.

The CDC will release information on H1N1 vaccination target populations within the next few weeks.

NNU Administration has begun to send out e-mail health reminders, too.

Information packets to the NNU community warning them of the symptoms and offering suggested ways of treating the menacing symptoms have been posted in bathrooms also.

Portable hand sanitizing stations have been ordered,

according to Nurse Marshall.

Stations offering automatic dispensers are planned to be conveniently located in most every building.

Students will not have to even touch the dispenser to receive hand sanitizer.

Marshall said the stations should be installed and functional in about four weeks.

School peer health educators are also circulating flu packets to those already sick.

These packets include thermometers, hand sanitizer and everything one would need to help cure a cold.

They will deliver them to ill students' rooms upon request.

Our best form of prevention is circulating the word through

education and credible communications, said Marshall. "I want to still students' fears," she said.

NNU has also linked information on their Web site under the Wellness Center.

Students coming down with illness are advised to rest and stay hydrated.

# Sebelius: Swine flu shots may start early October

**ASSOCIATE PRESS**

WASHINGTON - The nation's first round of swine flu shots could begin sooner than expected, with some vaccine available as early as the first week of October, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Sunday.

Sebelius said she is confident the vaccine will be available early enough to beat the peak of the expected flu season this fall.

and that early doses are intended for health care workers and other high-priority groups.

"We're on track to have an ample supply rolling by the middle of October. But we may have some early vaccine as early as the first full week in October. We'll get the vaccine out the door as fast as it rolls off the production line," she told ABC's "This Week."

follows encouraging news from last week about the swine flu vaccine. Researchers have discovered that one dose instead of two could be enough for healthy adults, and protection could begin once vaccinated within 10 days instead of three weeks.

"That's great, which means we'll have a lot more vaccine," she said. "We also have seen a robust immune response within

as was feared."

Sebelius said the vaccine doses will be distributed immediately to designated locations across the country once they are available.

"Every state has a plan saying these are the sites to get the vaccine as quickly as possible into people's arms. That's where the distribution will go," she said.

"So, the first week in Oc-

vaccine to begin to roll, and by mid-October, to have the kind of supplies we were talking about. But we may have some available earlier. And we'll get it out to states as fast as it comes off the production lines," Sebelius said.

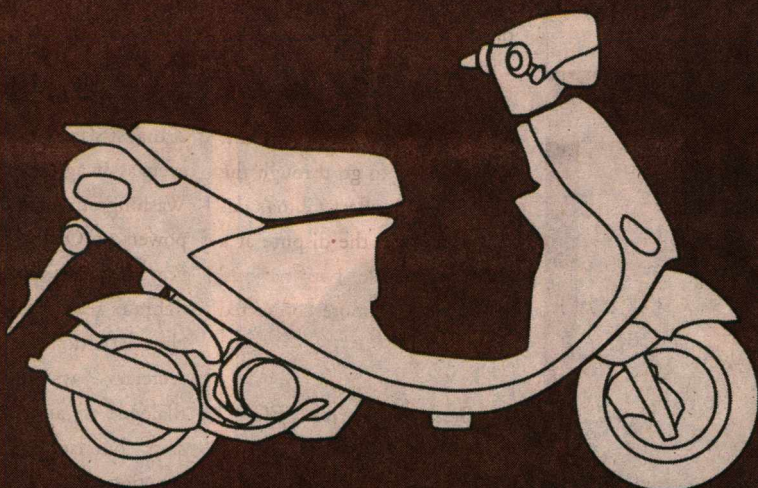
One dose means tight supplies of H1N1 vaccine won't be stretched so badly. Had it taken twice that dose, or two

people could have received the vaccine.

The winter flu vaccine is widely available now, and health authorities urged people last week to get shots now before swine flu shots start arriving.

In addition to concerns about swine flu, doctors also expect some garden-variety flu this fall as well, an illness that typically kills 36,000 Americans and

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## NNU students study abroad in Uganda amid conflict

**ANDREA SHILLING**  
**The Crusader**

Senior social work majors Chelsea Michelson and Megan Yergenson took advantage of their fall semester this year to study abroad in Uganda. However, this is the same area where riots are currently taking place.

Yergenson said to The Crusader that she and Michaelson are safe at the college they are attending, Uganda Christian University, despite the disputes occurring nearby.

While the university is a safe zone for the students, one experience for Michelson and Yergenson was put on more of a hold due to the conflict.

"Our homestay is being put off by one day unless it needs to be pushed out even more," Yergenson said.

Homestays are cultural opportunities for students studying abroad to live with families

within five to forty-five minute walking distance of the campus.

The women were able to move into their homestays over the weekend.

The riots are in result of tribal disputes, which Yergenson says, "is something that the Ugandans have probably been expecting so it is not a huge surprise."

"Apparently a king of one of the larger tribes in the area is going to travel to visit another area that he claims as part of his land," she said.

Yergenson said this land is within a smaller tribes' village.

"The government of Kampala wanted to avoid some more serious issues with that so they told the king he could not travel," Yergenson said.

The government then said the king could go Saturday, under certain stipulations. Yergenson said this is what created

an upstir, thus leading to the riots.

"The riots are quite ugly. There is fire being set to the streets so people can't pass through and they are shooting at each other and the police are using tear gas," she said.

Yergenson's facebook status read over the weekend, "I am very safe! Send prayers out to those involved in the riots in Mukono and Kampala."



Photo courtesy of Megan Yergenson

**Chelsea Michelson and Megan Yergenson spend time with Ugandan children.**

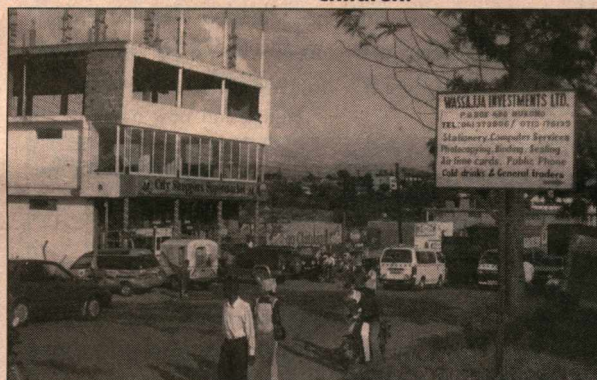


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**The streets of Mukono, this picture taken in the fall of 2008, have now been flooded with riots.**

## Blackboard to be replaced with Angel next semester

**RACHEL BEERS**  
**The Crusader**

If you thought the changes NNU is making were coming to a stop, think again.

Students should be prepared for a change from Blackboard to Angel Learning in less than a year.

Christine Bauer, Director of E-Learning, is in control of the



Photo courtesy of online.nnu.edu

offer training classes both online and person-to-person.

effective move, she said.

Last fall President David Alexander asked for a revision of technology needs, Blackboard being one of the top concerns.

The E-Learning committee, which consists of one faculty person from each one of the schools, along with the E-Learning team held a conference to see if Blackboard

Three vendors sent back information and presented demonstrations.

Of the three was Angel.

"Angel [came] highly recommended from faculty," Neilson said.

The vote was unanimous; now E-Learning had to send the program over for approval by the technology Advisory Group.

## AP News Blurbs

**Blagojevich**

**Fundraiser- Death**

CHICAGO

An investigation into the death of the former chief fundraiser for ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich intensifies as medical examiners completed an autopsy and detectives looked into whether drugs found in the trusted aide's vehicle might have factored into his death.

**Meltdown-Same Old Wall**

**Street**

NEW YORK

The nation's biggest banks are no longer gasping for life. They've been bailed out, stressed and, against all odds, are making big money again. It's mainly due to the same aggressive trading that got them into trouble. That's raising fears of a return to the freewheeling ways that imperiled the financial system.

**AP Impact: In the Vatican's Backyard**

VERONA, Italy

It happened night after night, the deaf man said — he was sodomized in the priest's bedroom, in the bathroom, even in the confessional. This year, he and dozens of other former students did something highly unusual for Italy: They went public. For decades, a culture of silence has surrounded priest abuse in Italy. Now, in the Vatican's backyard, a movement to air and root out abuse by priests is slowly taking hold.

at Merrill Lynch must now go to trial. Separately, New York is preparing to file charges against several high-ranking executives at the ban

**Germs in the Shower**

WASHINGTON

In the scariest shower news since Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," a study says shower heads harbor tiny bacteria that come spraying into your face when you wash. People with normal immune systems have little to fear, but the microbes could be a concern for folks who have cystic fibrosis, AIDS or a recent organ transplant.

**China-Gay-Power**

GUANGZHOU, China

AIDS activist Xiao Mu was handing out condoms and pamphlets about safe sex at a park when police ordered about 50 gay men to leave. They refused, and the five patrolmen retreated after a 30-minute standoff. Although mostly ignored by state-run media, news of the incident spread quickly on the Internet. Now some see it as a new sign of empowerment in China's gay rights community.

**Bullying Laws**

ATLANTA

Recent student suicides have parents and advocates complaining that anti-bullying laws enacted in nearly every state are not being enforced and do not go far enough to identify and rid schools of chronic tormentors.

**Straight Spouses**

SAN FRANCISCO

Of all the constituency groups that advocate allowing gay couples to wed, none is perhaps more counterintuitive than the heterosexual spouses

The change for faculty is happening this month and for students is aimed for the beginning of second semester.

The change should be a fairly simple one with not a lot of new concepts to learn, said Crystal Neilson of E-Learning.

The E-Learning services

The new Angel program is said to be much simpler and easier for students to use.

Students' assignments and grades should now be easier to access and work, Neilson said.

The reason for the switch was to make it easier on students and that it was a cost

was the program INNO wanted to stay with.

They conducted studies and held surveys for both faculty and students last school year.

The surveys' results asked for different venues to send back information, where then they would make a final decision.

It was approved in early May of last school year.

Neilson said the server for Angel was installed last week and faculty training for the program starts on Monday.

## 37 killed in fire at Kazakh drug rehab clinic

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALDYKORGAN, Kazakhstan - Fire roared through a drug treatment center in Kazakhstan with a history of safety violations, killing 37 people Sunday as patients tried to escape through barred windows, officials said.

The blaze broke out around 5:30 a.m. (2330 GMT, 7:30 p.m. EDT Saturday) and quickly spread through the single-story Soviet-era building. About 40 people were evacuated from the building, emergency officials said.

"I heard them screaming

for 20 minutes. They were screaming 'Save us, save us,'" said a woman who lives across the street, who gave her name only as Fatima.

The cause of the fire about 120 miles (200 kilometers) north of Almaty, the country's largest city, was not immediately known.

Locked doors on wards and bars on the windows blocked some potential escape routes, Emergency Situations Minister Vladimir Bozhko said.

He said inspectors had found a number of violations in the 7,000-square-foot

(650-square-meter) building during a visit in May and that the building had no alarm system.

Some of the violations had been fixed, but work on installing an alarm system hadn't begun, he said.

At the city morgue, a sister of one of the victims berated police.

"They came and took him away because he was drinking too much. They said they were taking him away for six months to cure him of alcoholism but now he's dead," she wailed.

Prime Minister Karim

Masimov ordered the creation of a commission to investigate the incident, the RIA-Novosti news agency reported.

Violations of safety regulations are common in much of the former Soviet Union and fatal fires are frequent.

A 2006 fire at a drug treatment facility in Moscow killed 45 women.

There have been almost 10,000 fires in Kazakhstan in the first eight months of 2009, according to government statistics.

### Obit-Borlaug

DALLAS

Scientist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Norman Borlaug rose from his childhood on an Iowa farm to develop a type of wheat that helped feed the world, fostering a movement that is credited with saving up to 1 billion people from starvation. He died Saturday at 95.

### Missing Yale Student

NEW HAVEN

Clues increasingly point to an inside job in the slaying of a Yale University graduate student, whose body was found stuffed behind a wall in a heavily secured lab building accessible only to Yale employees. Police seeking to calm fears on the Ivy-League campus would say only it was a targeted killing but haven't named a suspect or say why anybody would want to murder Annie Le just days before she was to be married.

### China-US-Trade

BEIJING

Beijing goes to the World Trade Organization to complain about U.S. tariffs on Chinese tires, putting pressure on ties with Washington ahead of a global economic summit. The decision to go through the WTO could reflect China's desire to confine the dispute at a time when the two nations' economies are more connected than ever.

### Bank of America- SEC

NEW YORK

A federal judge rejects a \$33 million settlement between the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bank of America Corp., saying the SEC's accusations of inadequate disclosure by the bank over bonuses paid

issue plays out in the nation's courtrooms and statehouses, some of the wives and husbands who learned that their partner was attracted to other women or men are making their voices known in the often-polarized debate.

### World Markets

LONDON

European and Asian markets fall, shaken by news of a trade dispute between the U.S. and China over tariffs on tires. Asian indexes lost as much as 2 percent and Wall Street is expected to fall later.

### Health Care- Senate Plan

WASHINGTON  
Hospitals and drug makers like what they see in the early version of a health care plan that may evolve into the one that ends up on President Barack Obama's desk. But insurers and doctors say they aren't happy. Neither are advocates for low-income workers and some business groups representing employers.

### Nuclear Conference

VIENNA  
Iran warns the U.S. and Israel that it will repulse any attack even as it agrees to meet with Washington and other world powers on Oct. 1, more than a year after talks broke down over Tehran's refusal to curb its nuclear activities. The U.S. energy secretary says resumption of dialogue is "an important first step," but Israel favors tougher sanctions now.

# ON THIS DAY...

The village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston. [www.on-this-day.com](http://www.on-this-day.com)

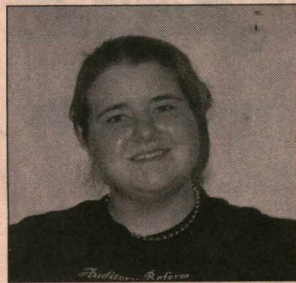
# ... IN 1630

# Wal-Mart or war memorial?

The Wal-Mart Corporation has decided that they wish to build one of their super-stores on top of a historical Civil War Battleground, according to the Huffington Post.

The proposed site would clear woods that are a part of the historical battlefield where Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant first fought in Virginia in The Battle of the Wilderness.

There are several other places in the town that this Wal-Mart could be placed, but the corporation is adamant about that specific location. Local leaders are willing to approve the project as it will bring over



## WANDERING IN WONDERLAND

by ALLISON HAWN

\$500,000 in tax revenue to the county. Many are protesting the change, the article says.

I frankly am shocked that anyone would consider approving Wal-Mart to build a

super-store over a historical battlefield.

For a society so bent on patriotism that one merely has to wave a flag for people to start getting teary eyed, how could some of our representatives in the government be even slightly OK with the decision to get rid of a place where thousands of Americans fought and died.

This battle left 4,000 dead and 20,000 wounded in one of the bloodiest moments of this nation's history.

In my mind destroying even a section of this site of The Battle of the Wilderness is akin to putting a McDonald's over the Library of Congress or a JC

Penney over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Civil War represents a lot to Americans, but most importantly that those who don't remember their history are doomed to repeat it.

It may be a cliché phrase but it is absolutely true. The reason we keep historical monuments at all is because these events tell us the story of what mistakes and triumphs those in our past experienced. These lessons are priceless.

We shouldn't let the greed of the moment destroy the existence of something that reminds us of who we are and how we reached where we are today.

## STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

# For once a Nazarene school says: Go Clubbing!

A past ministry club president at NNU was tempted to transfer to another school because he felt so disheartened by the fact that getting people to join ministry clubs was like pulling teeth. He was drawn to Asbury College in Ky., made up of 1,300 students, because even though it's smaller than NNU, students there feed over 1,200 needy people every Saturday. Can you imagine the impact that would have on Nampa's community?

It seems ironic that on a Christian campus like NNU, ministry clubs are dying out and struggling to retain members.

Part of the reason why clubs struggle is because college students are busy. Student planners are all marked up with due dates, upcoming tests, meetings, practice and social events. There is nothing wrong with that; it's the way college is.

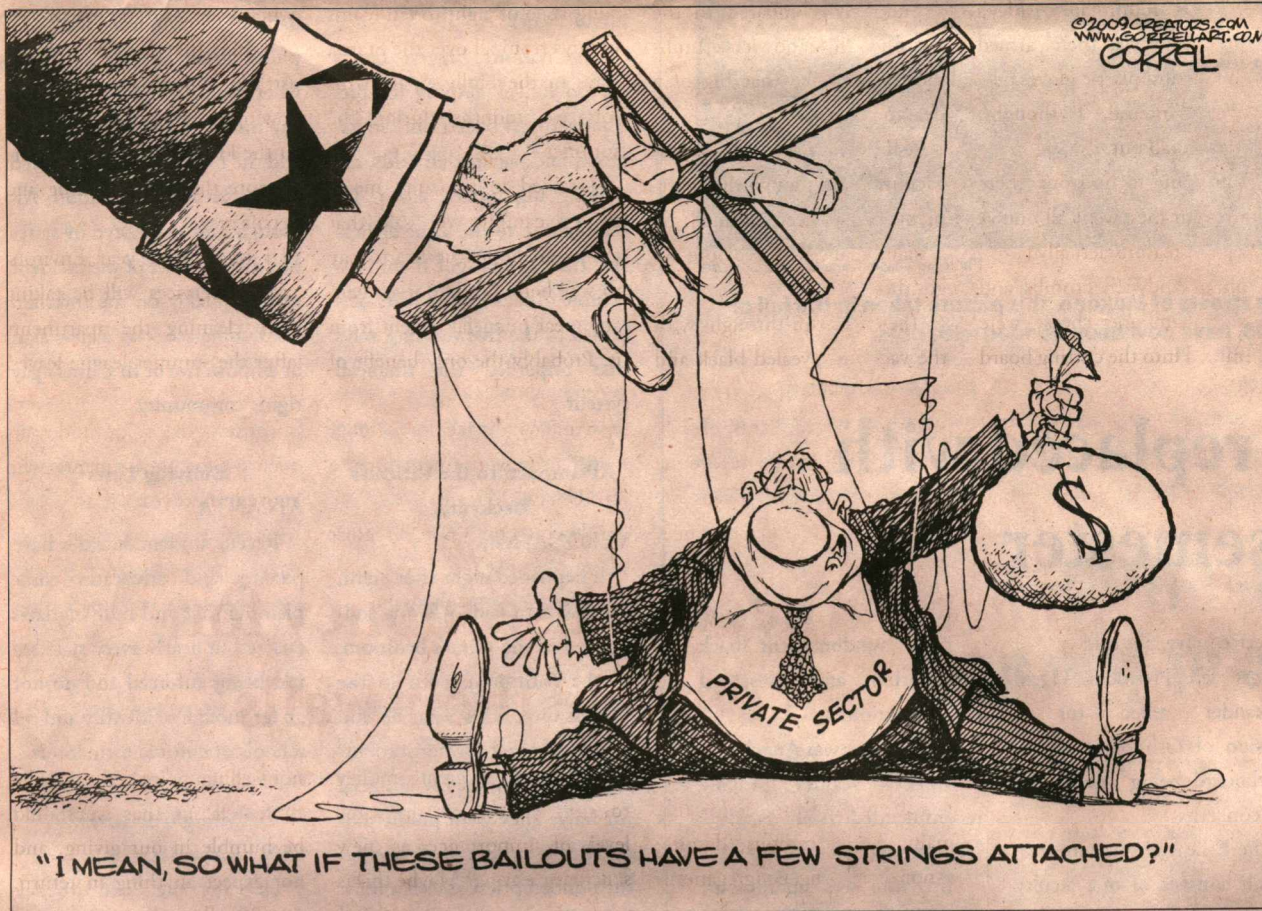
Another part of the problem is passionate students begin clubs, but when they graduate no one carries on the responsibility of club president. Society for Change, for instance, used to be a ministry club that raised awareness on global issues, but with no one to carry it on the club has died out.

This is not a guilt trip, just a reminder to the student body that there are ways to give of our time that will benefit not only ourselves and our agenda, but the people around us.

This Monday, clubs and ministry groups are going to have booths set up in the Student Center after chapel. This event, called "Going Clubbing," will help clubs show students their mission for the year.

PALS will be there, a ministry outreach to mentally and developmentally handicapped kids, led by Allea Meza. Other clubs include Angels, an outreach to the elderly, led by Sarah Austin, and Hope House, led by Krista Miller, which helps children from low-income families.

Check them out! See if there are any causes you are passionate about and could donate just a couple hours to each week.





## IF I WERE KING

by  
TREVAN HAUCK

Life has a funny way of coming full circle and most of us know this, yet we often pretend to be surprised when it happens. About this time last year I was neck deep in Ugandan culture,

almost exactly on the other side of the world. I started a journey that became the most intense chapter of my life to date. One of the hardest things I have ever had to face I faced there, and that my friends, was myself.

Before living in Africa I was headstrong, proud, selfish, arrogant and overbearing. While I was living there I was headstrong, proud, selfish, arrogant and overbearing, but I was aware of it.

Not only was I aware, but I actually was filled with a desire to change which is a big deal because I was always right, never wrong, and people could take

me or leave me. When I returned home I was miserable until about August. I didn't want to be at school or be with my friends. I felt the presence of God in me in Uganda but here it seemed to have faded. I thought I could only meet God in Uganda and couldn't be the person He wanted me to be as long as I was here.

Upon the conclusion of my time in Uganda we were asked to write ourselves a letter, describing how we were changed by Africa. I got my letter today; here is what I told myself:

*Trevan,  
This semester has been a life*

*changing one that will always be remembered as the time when you found out God's purpose for your life. You are stubborn and headstrong. You always think you are right and everyone else is wrong. Decisions can be made by others and often what you ignore in other people is what you should be learning from them.*

*God took care of you and all your needs every time you gave up attempting to be in control. The peace He gave you this semester was amazing and I hope you haven't forgotten what it feels like to be fully in His presence. You are weak but He is strong and He has clothed the fields and fed the*

*birds, you are in His image and His power and love will sustain you as long as you serve Him.*

*Trevan, money is meaningless just as power and wisdom are. Fear God and keep His commandments for that is the whole duty of man.*

*1 Timothy 6:17-19*

How I could be so foolish in my thinking after such an experience I will never know. What I do know is this: God finds us wherever we are. There is no place I must go to feel His presence in my life.

We do not need a church to weep in or a cross to cling to

in order to be with our savior. God has been watching me force myself to be unhappy all the while knowing that this letter was coming. I shouldn't have needed it to come, but I did. I now know that where I am does not make my relationship with Jesus, but rather who I am. I wasted eight months on self-pity instead of continuing to learn in His presence.

Rather than being miserable, looking for that special place where you can live with God and be in the Word, realize that God is here with you now.

Don't wait for your letter to arrive because it may never come.

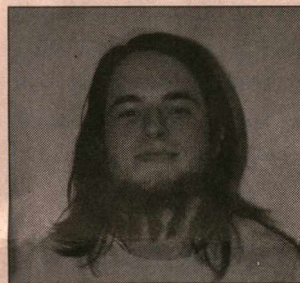
## Some of that real sticky-icky: no stress, no seeds, no stems, no sticks!

While waiting for my plane in the Denver airport, I learned quite a few things about drugs.

A Costa-Rican hotel owner from Monteverde was describing the wonders of Salvia. "I'm paranoid enough as it is," she said of other types of marijuana.

Salvia is Spanish for "sage" and English for a non-euphoric, addiction-free weed.

During my nine-hour-



## GUEST OPINION

by  
CAMDEN BLOWERS

layover I read about Salvia in the August edition of Scientific

American and how it actually treats addictions and is now illegal in almost every state except California.

I got allosteric, off-point, after a few hours and in the same issue I read about a more exciting medicine: allosteric modulators-sin semilla.

Melinda Wenner's "A New Kind of Drug Target" article discusses allosterism, the new type of medicine researched today which results in less side-effects.

Allosteric modulators attach to molecules distinctly targeted by medication and allow cells to maintain their natural signaling process on the molecular level, while reducing or enhancing cellular functions.

The normal, or "orthosteric," drugs would replace the signaling molecule and disable or replace a cascade of receptors. The article described orthosteric drugs as on-off light switches as opposed to allosteric dimming lights.

The FDA has approved an HIV allosteric treatment, Pfizer's Maraviroc, and Amgen's treatment for chronic kidney failure: Cinacalcet. A more commonly known allosteric would be Eminem's addiction, Valium.

My biology professor, Dr. Chase, told me allosterism is better because of its interaction with natural functions. The toxicity of orthosteric drugs is, on average, much higher because it can't be taken in concentrations

as low as allosteric ones.

There is a whole world of new and exciting drugs, more exciting than the illicit ones that make the LAPD rich. Allosterics have lower toxicity, less side-effects and result in naturally functional cellular activity.

So three hours into the layover, I'd made a decision about drugs. I was breaking it off with my dealer. I'd found something else, something that lets me be myself-- that lets my cells be "them-cells."

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# People Poll

What is some great advice you received upon entering college?



Seth Ott  
senior

"It's better to ask for forgiveness than permission."



Sarah Overcast  
sophomore

"Have fun and enjoy what you can while you're young."

## Things I didn't expect or wish to find in my apartment

In the middle of August, I went over to the Holly Apartments to help one of my roommates clean before we moved in. (Yes, Holly lives in Holly, it's fascinating I know.)

I was expecting to clean some bathrooms, vacuum, you know the usual stuff. Nothing major. I mean, a maintenance crew comes through in the summer and cleans, so how much could there be left for us to do?

By the time I got there, the place smelled of cleaning supplies. My roommate Ashley's entire family was there, armed with rags and plastic gloves.

Wow, intense, I thought. Way to go all out.

But come to find out, there is a reason they went all out. A few good reasons actually.

First, sandwich crumbs and bits of ham and cheese were crammed into the cutting board and left on the counter.

Second, Ashley's dad had found some interesting items in one of the bedrooms: a bra, some underwear and, best of all,



PONDER FROM A  
BLONDER  
by  
HOLLY BEECH

a condom.

Suddenly, compared to the last find, the sandwich crumbs didn't seem like that big of a deal to me.

Ashley's mom rented a steam-vacuum, even though the apartments had all been "cleaned" by a maintenance crew before we got there.

The first run-through with the vacuum revealed black and grimy water. So she went over it again. And again. And, oh just for kicks, once more, before the carpets were clean. Makes me wonder if the maintenance man

forgot to plug his vacuum in.

We scrubbed the floors and tobacco spit off the walls, leaving us with a mound of brown rags that started out white.

The light fixtures were full of large, nasty bugs so we took those down and rinsed them out. Three fist-sized holes graced the wall and two doors inside the apartment-- although a really nice man came to fix the hole in the wall shortly after we moved in.

The Boise Summer League, comprised of eight to ten teams of guys from all over the States, stays in the Holly Apartments for two months during the summer.

I talked to a faculty member on campus who said that although the league has to pay to stay here, NNU doesn't gain any great financial benefit from it. Probably the only benefit of letting the league stay in these apartments, the faculty member said, is for recruitment for the NNU baseball team.

Now, I'm not against

recruitment opportunities, I love and support the sports here, but the Boise League didn't leave until August 9, leaving only a week for two people to clean the apartments. One person came in and did the initial cleaning and another cleaned the carpets.

I am not trying to sound like a griping snob, but for as much as it costs to live in these apartments, it seems like they should be clean and in order-- such as no condoms laying around-- when I show up to move in.

I think that the NNU administration either needs to stop allowing the Boise League to stay at the Holly Apartments or hire a more thorough cleaning and repair crew.

I know next year Environmental Services will be taking over cleaning the apartments after the summer league leaves. Hopefully they won't leave any surprises-- like some undergarments-- for the students who move in next year.

## Churches need to use money for the world outside their walls



a daughter church. The final was a building project for the main church campus, despite a non-increasing congregation. I remember the huge price tag hanging over the building plan's blueprints.

I was only 16, but that day

reality check. Is giving money to stop hunger on the same level of importance as new sanctuary seating? Maybe this is where the "money is the root of all evil" saying is feeding off of.

Is a gymnasium really going to bring us closer to God? I highly doubt it. In fact, the closer I've

non-selling point. In fact, the Bible tells us that we should be humble in our giving, and not expect anything in return. Acts 20 tells us that we are more blessed to give, than to receive.

As a college student, I visited a lot of churches trying to find the perfect one (which I did



Ryan Van Beek  
junior

“The classes with long, scary titles aren’t as hard as they seem.”



Josh Ponczoch  
sophomore

“Get to know as many people as you can.”



Melissa Grammer  
freshman

“Take advantage of sports practices. They are an opportunity to be social, and relieve stress.”



Cheryle Crenshaw  
The Dex

“My advice to students is to never give up.”

FROM THE LESS  
CYNICAL  
JOURNALIST  
by  
ANDREA SCHILLING

At the start of my junior year of high school, my church had the congregation read Rick Warren’s “A Purpose Driven Life.” I’m sure it had a few good things to say, but I don’t remember it all that much.

The only reason why I remember the book is because of what happened following my congregation’s completion of reading it.

We had some sort of celebration Sunday as a result of the book’s completion, where the church revealed three big directions to us that they wanted to take, all requiring money from the congregation to be made possible.

One was to upkeep a house our church had purchased so families could live there temporarily in emergency situations.

Another was to help one of our associate pastors begin

And apparently, my fellow church-goers felt the same as the daughter church and home projects both met their monetary goals overwhelmingly while the building plan didn’t meet even a small fraction of its need. Thankfully, the result spoke volumes.

I’m not sure what book of the Bible says that our places of worship need to outdo the other church down the street.

I am pretty sure, though, Matthew 5 doesn’t include “you are blessed when your place of worship looks like a castle” anywhere in it.

Just imagine what a church could do with the 1.5 million it raised for a building project and put it somewhere else! I’m only 21-years-old, but I think there’s something very wrong going on here.

Essentially, we would be giving money to allow ourselves to enjoy Sundays a bit more. So let me get this straight: my money would go toward me. That doesn’t sound much like giving.

Perhaps we need a bit of a

felt to God has been nowhere near a church building.

The Bible calls us to care for the needy in Matthew 25:34. What a perfect way to practice a calling such as that but through the church we attend.

Now I am in no means against church building projects. I am, however, against building projects (and other big spending opportunities for churches), which are entirely unnecessary.

We have such a huge opportunity to bless others by how God has blessed us. The amount of mouths we could feed, the amount of roofs we could build, the Bibles we could buy for the community – but in exchange for a gymnasium? More aesthetically pleasing curtains? Street names for the many rows of the parking lot? (I’ve seen it done—just off of I-205 near Portland.) And while using our money for an orphanage in Rwanda seems intangible, as we do not see with our own eyes what happens with the money we give, that isn’t entirely a bad thing—or a

eventually find). Some were big, some were small. Some were in the country, some were down the street. Some, heaven forbid, weren’t even Nazarene.

When I think about the many buildings I visited, the most beautiful ones did not impact my experience there neither positively nor negatively. How a church looks shouldn’t play a part in our attendance, anyway. Because really, going to church isn’t about you or I, right?

I’m no exception to the “poor college student” label, and I’ll be the first to admit that I’m not that skilled in the tithing category.

However, my hope for myself, and you can hold me accountable, is that when I have a career someday making more than minimum wage—I would use the money I’ve been blessed with to tithe, but only because that money will go to something meaningful for someone else entirely.

*Editor’s note: Our next issue will be Sept. 30. We’ll miss you next week!*

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# Chinese exchange students settle onto campus

**CAMDEN BLOWERS**

**The Crusader**

Eleven students join NNU from China this year. Eight are enrolled in the newly established English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

The academic board approved the program, directed by Jill Macauley, on last Thursday.

Planning took place August 20th to 27th before the students arrived in the United States from Northwest University in Xian.

"We just came here to experience a different education system," said Pinyue Huang, or "Rachel."

A small class at Northwest University, "which isn't big," would have 50 students, said Rachel.

English is mandatory in Chinese education as early as elementary school, or, as Chen Yuanjuan or "Celia" says, "from inside the mother's womb."

Liberal Studies major Celia turned 21 yesterday.

Celia also earned a high score on the TOEFL (Test of the English Foreign Language and is among three of the 11 students not required to take ESL classes.).

Ling Tang or "Amy" is in the MBA program and graduated from Harding University in Ark., majoring in Computer Sciences.

Rachel lives in the Holly apartments and majors in

business administration. She has attended undergraduate courses at Lake Superior State University in Mich.

"Rimy," Qin Tong, studied public administration in China. "Ice" and "Cassie," Rongbing Xue and Chen Chen, studied art design.

"Iris," Yusi Chen, studied Chinese as a foreign language with Celia and Rachel.

"Kevin" Zhan graduated with a degree in human resources management.

"Gavin," Yanliang Guo, and "Lucy," Yulu Li, studied broadcasting.

Because none of the students require the basic level of ESL, levels two and three are offered this year, said Macauley. Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Jamie Coleman expressed the initiative NNU has shown toward establishing positive relations with the incoming Chinese students.

"From the moment they get off the airplane to now, we have been very intentional about expressing to [them] how important they are to us."

When asked what they missed most from home, Chinese food was the unanimous response. "American food is very sweet," said Kevin.

Celia said, "My family, friends, the food; but especially my friends...my parents...they give me freedom. They let me choose my road."

None of the students came from religious backgrounds, said Rachel.

"I do appreciate when people have a real trust and a real connection with their god. I can feel their peace."

Celia said, "It's good that people have social responses, and [have] the peace and love they have for others."

Due to the success of the ESL program and the immense improvement with foreign exchange, Ron Ponsford said, "I'm tickled with how it's going."

And I'm pleased with how the administration, Vice President of Academic Affairs [Sam Dunn], and President [Alexander] ...got this right."

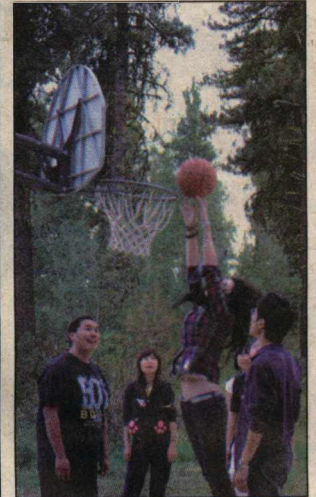
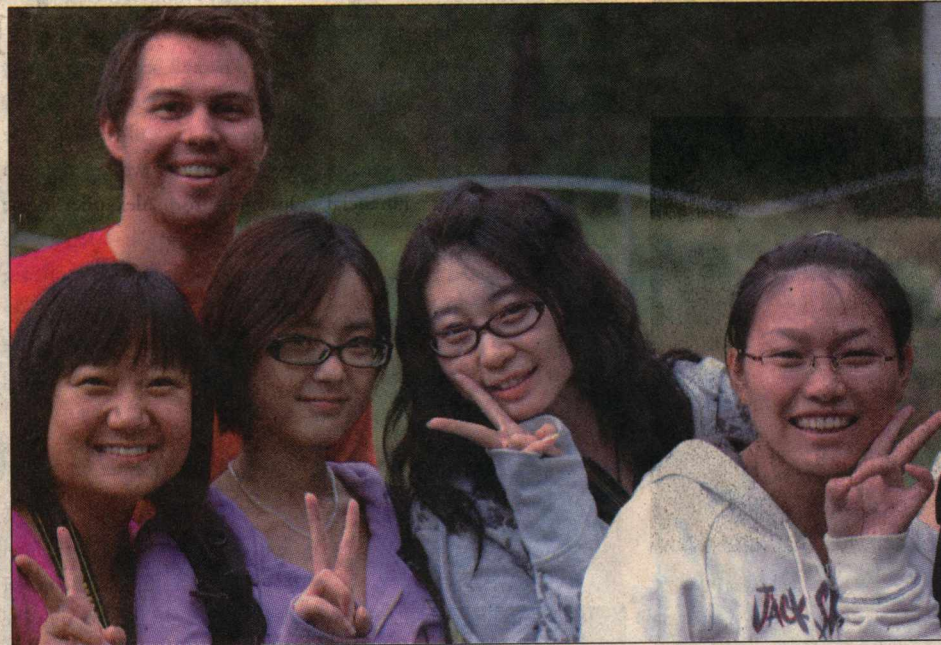


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**Left: Students compete in a team-building activity in McCall at the Freshman Retreat. A majority of the freshman class attended the three-day event.**

**Above: The exchange students play basketball during free time at the Freshman Retreat over Labor Day weekend.**

**Below: Chinese exchange students come together for a picture with Kenton Lee, SGA adviser, at the Freshman Retreat.**



Photos by Phil Westlund

# Science students and faculty get cozy in new building

**ALLISON HAWN**

**The Crusader**



The campus newest building addition completed this summer, The Thomas Family Health and Science Center, has now been opened to students for this semester.

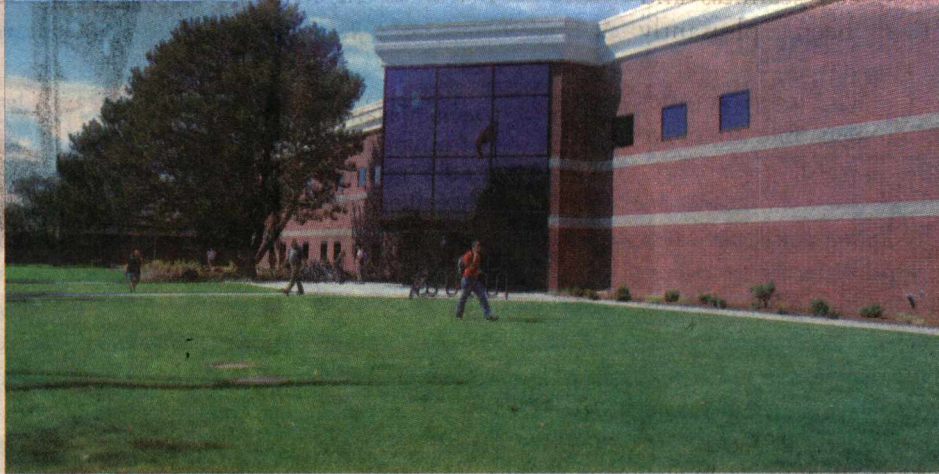
The new facility features new classrooms and labs with updated equipment and safety measures.

"I think it worked out to be very nice," said biology professor Jennifer Chase.

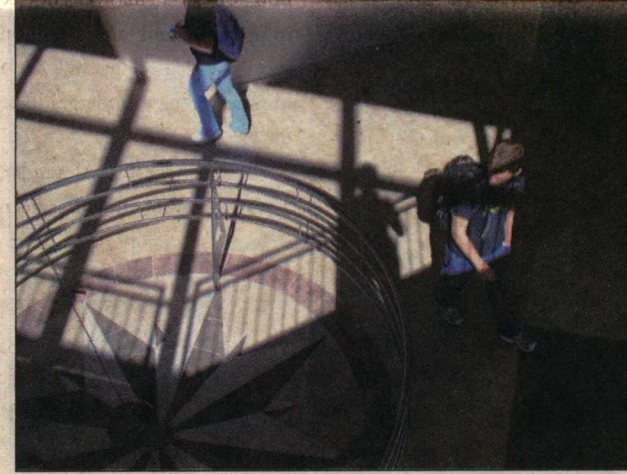
The new building features updated labs with chemical hoods that save energy and keep dangerous toxins out of the lab where the students are.

The building also has a variety of new labs, all of which have windows that open it up into the hallways.

This means that any curious student or professor can observe projects without disrupting the researchers doing work, said



**Left: The outside of the new science building, which was completed over the summer. Right: Inside the building holds a pendulum in the foyer.**



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Chase.

The doors to the labs have a special key-card entry, much like the doors to the dorms have, set for the students who have classes in those labs.

The new building also uses space more efficiently; with less hallway space more room was

allotted for labs and offices that students and faculty can work in.

Chase said, "The men's room is not across from my office anymore."

Every section of science has its own lab now, which sophomore pre-medicine major Kimmie

Larlee said is one of her favorite aspects of the new building.

"I love the updated equipment and the extra room provided by a new, bigger building," she said.

With a variety of labs, students have more time to access the labs outside of class

to continue with their private research.

"There's less of an overlap," said Larlee.

The old science building, the Science Lecture Hall included, will continue to be used.

The Science Lecture Hall has been repainted and remodeled

to better accommodate campus theatrical performances and productions.

The science building itself is being remodeled and will house a variety of classes including many graduate studies classes, said Chase.

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riding into quite the traveling tool, having already gone on three long distance trips.

"It's a fun way to get out and see things," says Hoyt. Hoyt

rode his bike from Portland to Nampa along I-84 last month.

Most buildings have bike racks for the students who choose to go by bicycle, but it seems they have become overcrowded because of so much use lately.

And, "the bike cage seems to be an inconvenience," says

Haaland.

Miller said he would like to see more bike racks at the new science building for more room.

"I'm hoping this is the beginning of a more bike friendly campus," says Miller.



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**Left: Senior Rob Uehlin's bike no longer sports its necessary seat, which he says was stolen outside the Brandt Center.**

**Right: A flood of bikes crowd the bike racks by Culver and Dooley residence halls.**

**Above: Freshman Brandon Snyder rides his bike to The Dex for dinner, which he won at the Fred Meyer NNU Night during Move-In Weekend.**

# ROTC has highest enrollment this year; seniors participate in national leadership course

## CAMDEN BLOWERS

### The Crusader

NNU's ROTC, Reserve Officers' Training Corps, has its highest enrollment ever this year with 17 students; including five freshmen, six sophomores, three juniors and three seniors, said Major Rodney Nelson.

Nelson has chaired Military Sciences at NNU for eight years.

Sergeant Major Clinton Beers joined NNU two years ago.

Participating in ROTC gets members a few perks.

According to its Web site, Army ROTC pays for college tuition and covers fees up to

\$80,000, living expenses of \$4,000 a year and, according to Major Nelson, \$600 annually for books.

In order to graduate from the Army ROTC, a session of Leadership Development Assessment Course, LDAC, is required the junior year.

278 university hosts and 1,100 colleges participate in LDAC every year.

Seniors Isaac Burke and Ryan Hunt, both business majors, participated this summer in Fort Lewis, Wash.

Gabe Otis has attended LDAC in the past.

"I really liked the

camaraderie," says Hunt.

Hunt trained in the 3rd Regiment and his top choice is Maneuver Fire.

While Hunt is a senior, he is currently enrolled in MBA, Masters of Business Arts.

Hunt has visited numerous Asian countries including Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia.

Burke trained in the 9th Regiment and his field of choice is Military Police, or Military Intelligence once he attends Captain's Challenge Course.

Representing the northwest region at NYI, Nazarene Youth International, Burke

visited South Africa and learned leadership skills at the conference in addition to LDAC.

"I will always remember the friends I made and the experiences that we shared," Burke says of LDAC.

Burke has been a part of ROTC for a year and a half.

Gabe Otis, a biology major, is the oldest cadet at age 28.

Otis transferred to NNU's ROTC his sophomore year from Blue Springs, Mo. because, "NNU is a good school and I love Idaho."

Otis toured combat-free for five months in Afghanistan.

His first branch choice in the Idaho National Guard is Military Intelligence.

Participating cadets are nationally ranked in the order of merit list assessing GPA and

physical performance.

The top 10% are first branch; they have top priority in their choice of field.



Photo courtesy of Clinton Beers

Ryan Hunt, far right, with other participants at LDAC.

# Alexander's first year leaves cabinet impressed

## BRANDON HASKINS

### The Crusader

Dr. David Alexander has been President of Northwest Nazarene for just over a year now, but though he has only been here a short time, he has accomplished quite a bit.

From the creation of the Department of Spiritual and Leadership Formation, to hiring a long term consulting firm to form a long term campus master plan, to moving the University to offering doctoral level programming, Alexander's first year was a year full of accomplishments according to his vice presidential cabinet board.

According to Sam Dunn, Vice President of Academic



Photo courtesy of NNU.edu

which is currently awaiting accreditation.

This would be the first doctoral level degree NNU has offered.

In addition to this accomplishment, under Alexander's leadership, NNU

sciences," said Dunn.

According to Dave Peterson, Vice President of Financial Affairs, what impresses him most about Alexander is the fact that "where he does not have expertise, he can be very hands off without being uninvolved. Dr. Alexander is not a CPA and is not an expert in financial matters, but he is very astute in financial affairs, and asks the right questions to make sure he stays involved."

Joel Pearsall, Vice President of University Advancement, says,

"Dr. Alexander has done phenomenally. The transition between him and Dr. Hagood has been seamless and

According to all three of these vice presidents, we can expect a lot more from Alexander in the future.

One thing all the president's cabinet has been working on is the implementation of a master plan, which according to Pearsall, "would plan all of our construction for campus through 2025".

While most of this plan is under wraps until October when it is approved by the Board of Trustees, Dunn did say that the first step of the master plan is moving the Environmental Services building to make room for new buildings to take its place.

This change is expected to occur by next summer.



... Affairs, [Dr. Alexander] has done an outstanding job. He is a man with lots of passion, ideas and energy."

According to Dunn, Alexander has made a push for NNU to offer a doctoral level degree in practical theology,

now offers a master's degree in nursing and an education specialist degree, as well as a number of new undergraduate degrees.

"Also under Dr. Alexander, a new school of study has been formed in nursing and health

has been seamless and I've been pleasantly surprised by how rapidly Dr. Alexander has been able to move us forward."

**President David Alexander encourages freshmen with a message at the Freshman Retreat earlier in the month.**



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## Such great heights



Photo courtesy of Lia Hardy

The Outdoor Recreation Club headed to the base of Mt. Borah last Friday night and made a summit push during the night. The group ascended with head lamps from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday morning and was able to see the sunrise from the summit, at over 12,600 ft. Eleven students made the climb. The Outdoor Recreation Club is a student run club with the mission of bringing together students to enjoy the many outdoor recreation opportunities available in the Pacific Northwest. Their next event is R.E.I. Yard Sale Night, Friday. In this picture: Mike Hoyt, Ryan Manley, Lia Hardy, Mark Baas and Kyle Blaser. Students interested in becoming a part of the club can talk to Manley, club president.

# STUDENT LIFE

## WEDNESDAY, Sept. 16

WSOC - 3pm @ C of I

MSOC - 5pm @ C of I

Time Out - 9pm @ SLH

Wednesday Night Live with Anna Gilbert  
10pm @ The Perk

## THURSDAY, Sept. 17

Volleyball v. SPU - 7pm @ JSC

Brick House - 9-11pm

## SATURDAY, Sept. 19

WSOC v. MSU-Billings - 12pm

Volleyball v. CWU - 7pm @ JSC

## MONDAY, Sept. 21

Community Chapel - 10:20am @ Swayne Auditorium

## WEDNESDAY, Sept. 23

Time Out - 9pm @ SLH

## FRIDAY, Sept. 25

President's Dinner - 7pm @ JSC

Boise Philharmonic - 8pm @ Swayne Auditorium

## TUESDAY, Sept. 29

Volleyball v. C of I - 7pm @ JSC

# Grant Miller and the Highland Games

**TAYLOR ALLEN**  
**The Crusader**

What does SGA President, senior Grant Miller, have in common with Scotland? The answer: The Highland Games.

The Highland Games are a replication of what was done in Scotland in the Middle Ages – people did not have weapons, so they used other items. The games are not only athletics, they include bag pipes, dancing and a trade fair.

Miller has been involved with the Highland Games three times so far in the past year and is about to embark on his fourth. The skill levels range from novice to professional; Miller is in one of the middle skill levels called “Amateur B.”

In the athletics department are nine events in which every participant is required to do. Some of the events that Miller participates in are the Caber Toss – the goal is to throw an 80-120 lb log and flip it over – the Sheaf Toss – the goal being to throw a bundle of hay over a bar with a pitchfork – and the Stone Put – similar to the shot



Photo courtesy of Grant Miller

**SGA President Grant Miller prepares for the the Caber Toss event at the Highland Games.**

put in track and field.

“It’s a lot of heavy lifting,” said Miller. The participants get points depending on how well they do.

However, the scoring system is more similar to golf, in that the lower the score, the better it

is. In each event, first place gets one point, second place gets two points, and third place gets three points.

When Miller was participating at the novice skill level for his first and second games, he won. “It was easy because of my

track background,” said Miller.

He took fourth place in the Portland games when he was required to move up skill levels, because he was too good for the novice level.

Miller got into playing in the Highland Games through a

friend of his in track. He went along and had a lot of fun. He went out and bought a kilt, which is required for participation, and joined right in.

Luckily, Miller has a Scottish background. His grandmother’s maiden name comes from the Gordon clan of Scotland. Therefore, Miller’s kilt colors represent the Gordon Tartan, he says.

Involvement in the Highland Games requires practice in order to be good at it, but outside of track and field, Miller does not practice.

“Track is practice in itself,” said Miller. Miller said that “anybody can do it.”

He has a lot of fun and said that there are always a lot of nice people who are very welcoming.

He also thinks that the games are a lot of fun to watch, and likes it when others come down to watch him compete.

Miller will compete in the next Highland Games coming up Sept. 26 at the Idaho Fair Grounds.

## PLAYER PROFILE

Liz Gross



**Major:**

Business Administration

**Hometown:**

Everett, Wash.

**Classification:**

Junior

**Sport:**

Soccer

**Position:**

Centerback

(Center Defender)

**Describe yourself in three words:**

“Loud, competitive, and pale.”

**Favorite Dex meal:**

Bowl of Lucky Charms

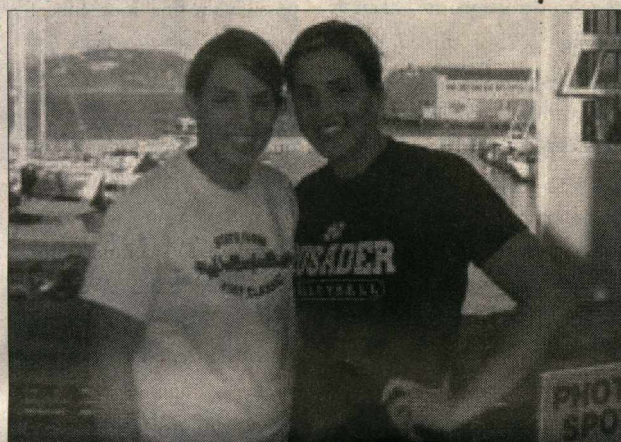
**Favorite hobbies (other than soccer):**

# Dranginis sisters join forces on volleyball team

**HOLLY BEECH**  
**The Crusader**

Cammy Dranginis has been a well-known name on the Crusader volleyball roster for the past three years. This year, her fourth and last year playing for NNU, she welcomes younger sister Carly to the team, a 2009 graduate of Skyview High School.

“We’re always talking about



“It’s fun to see the Dranginis sisters interact with each other. There’s so much more of a connection there right out of the gate than with anybody else. It’s fun to listen to Cammy pass on wisdom to Carly.”

This summer the sisters practiced volleyball together, and even verbally went through plays and defensive signs at Squeezers Burger, where they

“Our personalities are different. [Carly] is very creative and that’s not one of my strong points,” Cammy said.

“The way she thinks about life and approaches sports is different than mine. If I just take the time, she can teach me as much as I can teach her.”

Cammy said above teaching Carly about volleyball, she wants to give her wisdom off

having actual family members makes it that much more tight-knit," said sophomore Kailey Trautmann, an NNU teammate.

The sisters played volleyball and basketball together for one year in high school, but being on a college team together is a whole different experience, they said.

"Playing together in college is more fun," said Cammy, a middle blocker. "There are different elements – you travel more and spend more time together. It's more than just playing volleyball."

Carly, an outside hitter, said playing in college is more fun because they are both older now and more grown-up.

"If I have a stupid question to ask, she's there. She is a good leader and role model, and also my best friend," Carly said.

Cammy is "super glad" to have Carly on the team, but it felt weird at first, she said.



Photo courtesy of Eki Punimata

#### Carly Dranginis (left) poses with older sister Cammy.

"NNU is my home and my thing, and now she's a part of it."

That "sisterly love-hate" still goes on, Cammy said. "That's not erased no matter where you are."

Cammy said an advantage to having a sister on the team, besides Carly's "support and friendship," is being able to

use her stuff on trips if Cammy forgets something.

"Last week I forgot my toothbrush [at the Colorado tournament], so I got to borrow hers," Cammy said.

"There's a comfort ability there you don't get from a teammate no matter how close you get."

Head Coach Jared Sliger said,

have both worked for the past three years, Carly said.

Carly is hopeful to learn from Cammy's experience, she said. "[Cammy] helps me on and off the court. She's like my little mom."

Cammy said, "It was fun to be able to teach her what I know and help her adapt quicker with a smoother transition."

But Cammy also sees ways she can learn from Carly.

"I know [Carly] will learn volleyball stuff on her own in her own time, so if I can just teach her about life and experiences, I'd rather give that to her."

Cammy's biggest advice to her little sis: "Invest in people here and the campus because it has definitely changed my life...They'll have an amazing impact on your life that will go far beyond your time here."

working out, catching up on TV, snowboarding and sleeping."

#### Hidden Talent:

"I can shake my eyeballs back and forth really fast."

#### If you could be a character from a movie, who would you be?

"Elizabeth Bennet from 'Pride and Prejudice'"

#### Favorite TV show:

NCIS

#### What do you miss most about home?

"Hanging out with my not-so-young little sister and snagging her clothes."

#### If you were stranded on a desert island, what two things would you bring with you?

"Strawberry chapstick and a machete."



Photo courtesy of Amy VanBeek

#### Sisters Cammy (left) and Carly Dranginis, playing together in college for the first year, jump for the block.

# SPORTS

## MEN'S SOCCER

09/16	@College of Idaho	5:00 p.m.
09/24	@Saint Martin's University	3:00 p.m.
09/26	@Western Washington University	7:00 p.m.
10/03	@MSU Billings	3:30 p.m.
10/05	@University of Mary	Noon
10/06	@Rocky Mountain College	2:00 p.m.
10/10	vs. Seattle Pacific University	4:00 p.m.
10/17	vs. Western Washington University	2:30 p.m.
10/20	vs. MSU Billings	4:00 p.m.
10/31	vs. Saint Martin's University	4:00 p.m.
11/07	vs. Seattle Pacific University	7:00 p.m.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

09/16	@College of Idaho	3:00 p.m.
09/19	vs. MSU Billings	Noon
09/24	@Saint Martin's University	1:00 p.m.
09/26	@Western Oregon University	1:00 p.m.
09/30	vs. Western Washington University	4:00 p.m.
10/08	@MSU Billings	4:00 p.m.
10/06	@Central Washington University	11:00 a.m.
10/17	vs. Seattle Pacific University	Noon
10/24	vs. Central Washington University	Noon
10/29	vs. Western Oregon University	3:00 p.m.
10/31	vs. Saint Martin's University	4:00 p.m.
11/05	@Western Washington University	4:00 p.m.
11/07	@Seattle Pacific University	1:00 p.m.



\*Standings were not available at press time. Volleyball schedule will run next issue



# Cross country battles illness despite third place finishes over weekend



Photo courtesy of NNU Sports Information  
NNU's cross country women run in the first event of the season, the 2nd Annual Roger Curran Invitational.

## BRANDON HASKINS The Crusader

Both the men's and women's NNU cross country teams found themselves with third place finishes at the Roger Curran Invitational Saturday.

Jaclyn Puga and Barak Watson led their teams with a fifth place and fourth place finish, respectively.

Jordyn Powell, Michelle Phillips, Ashley Rendahl and Christine Harwood all scored points for the women's team, and Luke Hetrick, Matt Rankin, Jesse Baggenstos and Benard Ngeno scored for the men.

Overall the Crusaders gave a strong finish, despite having

some team illnesses over the past week.

Senior Ashley Morman said, "This was our first race, and quite a few on our team have been sick this past week and missed some practices, so it was really good that we had most of our team there to run."

Morman said, one of the women on the team did not participate in the race due to illness, as well as fellow senior member Seth Clark.

"[Clark] is a strong runner, so illness had some effect on our team, but everyone finished really well besides and did really well," she said.

Freshman runner Justin

Webb said, "A lot of the team was sick, we were missing two from the guys team due to sickness, and some were running sick, but overall it was a good meet to get into the season."

Webb said the invitational was only a 6K race, while most of their races are 8K.

"I think we could have done better if the team was healthy but we still had a pretty strong finish," he said.

Webb said the team is working toward their next competition in Seattle.

"We'll do really good there, especially because we'll be healthy," Webb said.

# AP

## Sports Blurbs

### TENNIS US OPEN NEW YORK

Kim Clijsters can win her second Grand Slam title — and become the first mother since 1980 to win one — by beating Caroline Wozniacki in the U.S. Open women's final Sunday night. Scheduled to start at 9 p.m.

### FAVRE RETURNS CLEVELAND

Brett Favre returns to the NFL, in purple yet, as the Minnesota Vikings face the Browns and their new coach, Eric Mangini.

### BMW CHAMPIONSHIP LEMONT, Ill.

Tiger Woods has a seven-shot lead at the BMW Championship, where he already has won four times in his career. A victory would return him to the top of the FedEx Cup standings.

### SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS NEW YORK

Helmets, shoulders pads and hand sanitizer. College football players are protecting themselves not just from injury this season but also from the swine flu amid outbreaks of the illness on campuses across the country.

### BRADY'S BACK FOXBOROUGH, Mass.

# Williams fined \$10,000; new investigation opened

## ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Serena Williams' profanity-laced, finger-pointing tirade at a U.S. Open linesperson drew a \$10,000 fine Sunday, and more punishment could follow from a broader investigation into what the head of the tournament called her "threatening manner."

The fine — not quite 3 percent of the \$350,000 in prize money Williams earned by reaching the semifinals — is the maximum on-site penalty that can be issued for unsportsmanlike conduct at a Grand Slam tournament.

"The average individual would look at that and say, 'A

If Babcock determines Williams committed a "major offense," the rules allow for a fine as high as all of a player's prize money from the tournament — and a suspension, although Curley did not mention that as a possibility.

Williams also was docked \$500 for smashing her racket after the first set of the match. Because she was issued a warning then, her later actions resulted in the loss of a point.

The foot fault resulted in a double-fault, which moved Clijsters one point from victory.

Williams then was penalized a point for her outburst; because it happened to come on match

considered — and decided against — preventing Williams and her older sister Venus from participating in the women's doubles final Monday.

Serena Williams...did release a statement through a public relations firm, acknowledging that "in the heat of battle I let my passion and emotion get the better of me and as a result handled the situation poorly."

She did not apologize for the outburst, which made the "most viewed" page of YouTube with four different versions that totaled more than half a million clicks as of Sunday night.

After what may be recalled as the most significant foot fault in tennis history, Williams

Fans began booing and whistling, making it difficult to hear the entirety of what Williams said — and she refused to discuss specifics afterward at a news conference. An AP reporter — provided access to replays — could not verify Williams used the word "kill."

When Williams turned her back, the line judge went over to the chair umpire to report what was going on.

The line judge then returned to her seat, and Williams pointed and began walking toward her. The line judge then headed back to the chair umpire's stand. By now, tournament referee Brian Earley was on the court, too.

Earley could be heard asking

say that." The line judge then said, "Yes."

The episode dominated conversation at the U.S. Open on Sunday, including whether the line judge should have made the call. Foot faults are rarely called at this level, particularly in possibly the final moments of such a significant match.

"In my opinion, you can't call a foot fault there. Just out of question. Can't do it. It was so close. Not as if it was an obvious foot fault — it was minuscule," TV commentator John McEnroe said. "I've seen Serena come back from that position a dozen times against top-flight opponents. The match was not over."

What are you guys, crazy?' The answer is: the process isn't over," tournament director Jim Curley said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Bill Babcock, the top administrator for Grand Slam tournaments, will review what happened Saturday night, when Williams yelled at a linesperson who called a foot fault with the defending champion two points away from losing to Kim Clijsters in the semifinals.

point, it ended the semifinal with Clijsters ahead 6-4, 7-5.

Clijsters won the championship Sunday night by beating Caroline Wozniacki 7-5, 6-3.

"What she did was unacceptable...behavior under any circumstances," Curley told the AP. "When you look at the tape, it's pretty clear that the way she approached the linesperson...was a threatening manner."

He also said the tournament

paused, retrieved a ball to serve again and stopped. She stepped toward the official, screaming, cursing and shaking the ball.

"If I could, I would take this ... ball and shove it down your ... throat," Williams said, according to a tennis official who watched a replay Saturday night.

The official also said Williams used the word "kill." The official declined to be identified because the tape was still being reviewed.

the linesperson what Williams said. That's when Williams walked over and said to the line judge: "Are you scared? Because I said I would hit you? I'm sorry, but there's a lot of people who've said way worse."

Earley again asked the linesperson what Williams said. Whatever the linesperson said, her reply seemed to startle Williams, who said: "I didn't say I would kill you. Are you serious? Are you serious? I didn't

of the women's tennis tour, Stacey Allaster, issued a statement calling Williams' conduct "inappropriate and unprofessional."

"No matter what the circumstances, no player should be allowed to engage in such behavior without suffering consequences," Allaster said.

"I have spoken with the USTA about this matter and I agree with the action they have taken."

the New England Patriots will have Tom Brady back after he missed nearly all last season with a knee injury when they face the Buffalo Bills and Terrell Owens in a season opener.

#### TIGER WOODS LEMONT, Ill.

Tiger Woods is turning into a trivia buff, except when it comes to him. He was unaware his latest victory was the 10th time he had won by eight shots or more.

On paper, he looks like the same guy. So when Woods keeps raving about exceeding expectations, it speaks to how low he set the bar after knee surgery.

#### NASCAR CHARLOTTE, N.C.

Denny Hamlin set his mind on a championship during the offseason, promising to make the personal changes needed for a breakthrough year. With a long-awaited win at his home track in Richmond, he just may be on the verge of his first title.

#### CHARGERS-RAIDERS OAKLAND, Calif.

San Diego and Oakland will be the last teams to open the NFL season when the Chargers look for their 12th straight win in this now one-sided rivalry.

#### RIOLES-YANKEES NEW YORK

The moment belonged to Derek Jeter. The long, rainy night belonged to the Baltimore Orioles.

Jeter broke the New York Yankees' hit record held by Lou Gehrig for more than seven decades, but Baltimore overcame an early deficit for a 10-4 victory Friday night in a game delayed twice by rain.

## NNU may be without team, but not without fans

Can you smell it? It's football season. And though NNU doesn't have a team, it doesn't mean the spirit isn't here. Probably the most exciting time of the year for men on college campus across the country – and women as well – is the start of each college football season.

Every year the pendulum of dominance swings as different legacies fall and rise.



### BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by  
DEREK SEPE

How does our small university compare amid the college football season, especially since we don't have a team of our own?

"It would be cool if we had one. We're a small school so it would be tough with finances, but it would be cool because there are small schools like us

that have some teams," said senior Phil Meyer.

Of the nine schools within the GNAC athletic conference only two of those nine teams actually have a football program, Western Oregon and Central Washington-- Western Washington nixed their program last year.

"Football in general is the most popular sport in America," says Meyer, "most people will watch their teams or at least check the scores. Staff and students alike really get into supporting their teams. I'm a fan of University of Oregon." Meyer said he has liked the Ducks since he can remember.

Though an official football team can't be found on campus, college football fans can visit dorm lobbies to catch the latest plays. Even Holly apartment number 12, where the complex paid for the apartment to have cable, is to serve as the designated college football sports central.

Being in the Treasure Valley, there are obviously a lot of Boise State fans in the area. Probably the most interesting – if that is a strong enough word – game BSU fans will talk about, besides



Photo courtesy of Blake Weber

### Several NNU students join in the competitive frenzy of the crowd at the Boise State - University of Oregon game on Sept. 3.

the Fiesta Bowl, was the game two weeks ago against Oregon. It is agreed that on both sides, the play was sloppy and difficult to watch if you were a loyal fan. The biggest talk however wasn't about the game.

Rather it was about the conflict between Bronco defensive lineman Byron Hout and Duck running back LeGarrette

Blount. Blount punched Hout in the jaw after Hout appeared to initiate some smack talk after the game.

"The whole game couldn't have gone any worse; first of all I felt Oregon played horrible," said Meyer.

Meyer said the violent encounter "was inexcusable and what Oregon did as far as

the suspension was the right thing."

As far as football affects the campus of NNU, we each have our own favorite team. Whether we root for the team from our hometown or if we have developed a love for a team across the country, it is clear we love our football.

"Since we don't have a team

# Jill Tracy's cabaret-style music has elegance



## REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN

### The Crusader

Those searching for something a little out of their musical genre comfort zone should contemplate looking into the music of Jill Tracy.

Tracy is one of the few remaining cabaret and parlor music artists who can lay claim

to keeping a nearly forgotten musical style alive. Tracy began performing in 1994 in San Francisco.

Her first performance packed an art gallery so full that local authorities were called to disperse the crowd after the performance.

From there she became almost a legend in the San Francisco musical scene with her dark tones and mysterious demeanor, according to her official Web site.

Tracy has released three albums: "Into the Land of Phantoms," "Quintessentially Unreal" and her most recent addition "Diabolical Streak." The albums are all recorded as if performed in the studio; Tracy refuses to allow any technical sound editing to be done to any

of her music.

What you hear on the recording is exactly how it was played in the recording studio, according to her official Web site.

Tracy's music is heavily piano driven, backed by the Malcomcent Orchestra and her own voice, which sounds as if it were plucked out of a black and white 1940s film.

The music is gorgeous and haunting in both its lyrics and emotional tones.

The San Francisco Bay Guardian described her as, "An elegant and mysterious siren."

The rolling notes of songs like "Haunted by the Thought of You" are captivating while the coy lyrics make you smirk.

A short film based on Tracy's song "The Fine Art of Poisoning"



Photos courtesy of Myspace

### Cabaret-style musician Jill Tracy calls San Francisco home.

directed by Bill Domonkos has won a slew of national awards for independent films. Tracy's song "Evil Night Together" was featured on the hit show NCIS,

said her official Web site.

Tracy's music is definitely not something that can be found everywhere.

She shies away from most

modern influences, but what leaves is a wonderfully unique sound that will leave you chilled to the bone. Fans of Regina Spektor will appreciate Tracy's cabaret music style.

# MewithoutYou fans shouldn't be disappointed following album of the summer



## REVIEW

ALEX CORN

### The Crusader

Early this summer mewithoutYou, an experimental rock band-- though not easily categorized-- out of Philadelphia, released their fourth full-length album entitled "It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright."

3 full years after their previous album "Brother, Sister," was highly anticipated by their cult-like following and the music community at large.

"It's All Crazy," like the band's music at large, can be described by one word: diverse.

Unlike the majority of music today the album does not contain one theme, idea, sound or subject.

Musically the album ranges from soft melodies reminiscent of childhood lullabies to swelling finales of songs that erupt in singular lines like "you're everyone else," repeated in a way that could easily cause one to stand on a table pounding chest with fist with eyes turned



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

### "It's All Crazy! It's All False! It's All a Dream! It's Alright" is mewithoutYou's fourth full-length studio album released this summer. The band's tour visited Boise in June.

album contains nearly anything-- anthropomorphic vegetables

in the context of the Biblical David.

Similar to the influences of mewithoutYou's previous 3 albums the title and themes of "It's All Crazy" are taken from the book "The Golden Words of a Sufi Sheikh" by Bawa Muhaiyaddeen.

The band has often explored and been influenced by Sufism-- the mystic sect of Islam-- and this album follows suit.

The opening track finishes with a singing of an Arabic verse that ends with a portion of the Shahada-- the Islamic statement of faith, "There is no god but God"-- while the final track "Allah, Allah, Allah" is obviously tied to Islam

claim itself as Christian but rather explores spiritual themes from various religions and maintains that it is only a band that is spiritual and committed to a connection with God, not loyal to any one religion.

For some who have adored mewithoutYou over the years, this album may come as a disappointment.

The frontman Aaron Weiss has more or less abandoned his famous sing-shout-spoken word form of vocals for a much calmer singing, and instrumentally they have drifted very far from their post-hardcore musical origins.

The album is a work of genius that shows development and maturity, and was certainly

## Kanye West apologizes for Swift outburst at VMAs

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Kanye West apologized for yet another outburst at the MTV Video Music Awards, this time directed at country-pop sweetheart Taylor Swift. The disruption upstaged not just Swift's awards speech, but the entire evening, including an emotional tribute to Michael Jackson.

In a rare conciliatory moment, West took to his blog to apologize. In a standard all-caps message, West said: "I'm Sooooo Sorry To Taylor Swift And Her Fans And Her Mom. I Spoke To Her Mother Right After And She Said The Same Thing My Mother Would've Said. She Is Very Talented!"

West — who has flipped out after losing at the VMAs, the Grammys, the American Music Awards and more — again took umbrage when the awards process didn't go the way he wanted it to go. This time, it was on behalf of Beyonce.

Beyonce, nominated for best female video for "Single Ladies," was bested by Swift, the best-selling artist of the year outside of Jackson. The 19-year-old was giddy when she won for her clip, "You Belong With Me," the first award given out Sunday, and said, "I always wondered what it would be like to maybe win one of these someday, but never actually thought it would happen."

But West ruined her moment when he jumped on stage at Radio City Music Hall.

"Taylor, I'm really happy for you, and I'm gonna let you finish your speech, but Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time," he said, and a shocked Beyonce looked on

and the crowd began to boo.

A crestfallen Swift didn't finish her speech, but the audience applauded her anyway. She later performed "You Belong With Me" in a subway station.

Swift later got a speech do-over, courtesy of Beyonce, who won video of the year for "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)." Beyonce recalled that she won her first VMA at age 17, as a member of Destiny's Child.

"I remember how excited I was," she said. "I'd like Taylor to come out and have her moment."

A smiling but nervous Swift then said, "Can we try this again?" before going on to thank everyone she would have thanked had West not interrupted her.

Later, backstage, Swift said she had never met West and had been a fan. She declined to get into a verbal tussle with West: "I don't know him and I don't want to start anything."

Instead, she praised Beyonce for giving her the stage. "I thought that I couldn't love Beyonce more and then tonight happened and it was just wonderful."

The celebrity crowd was unforgiving of West. When Diddy read West's name later in the show while introducing the nominees for best male video, the crowd booed, and Diddy said in mock surprise, "What happened?" The crowd responded by chanting Swift's name. (T.I. won the award.) The audience booed West's name later in the show.

Said West on his blog: "Beyonce's Video Was The Best Of This Decade!!!! ... Everybody

Wanna Booooo Me But I'm A Fan Of Real Pop Culture!!! No Disrespect But We Watchin' The Show At The Crib Right Now Cause ... Well You Know!!!! I'm Still Happy For Taylor!!!!"

The incident provided the VMAs with its traditional watercooler moment, but also completely overshadowed what had been expected to be the show's main attraction — a poignant, tender tribute to Michael Jackson by Madonna and sister Janet.

Madonna gave a moving speech about her relationship with Jackson, which began when she was a youngster idolizing the then-child star, then morphed into a friendship when both were at the apex of their careers and later, grew distant. Madonna lamented the negative publicity that dogged Jackson in his later years.

"Sometimes, we have to lose things before we can truly appreciate them," said Madonna, dressed in black. "Yes, Michael Jackson was a human being, but yes, he was a king. Long live the king."

The musical tribute began afterward, as Jackson clones dressed in some of the King of Pop's signature outfits performed his famous video dance moves.

Then, as "Scream," his duet with Janet, appeared on a large screen, his sister came out to recreate the moves from their only video together as the crowd cheered her on. Afterward, she looked heavenward, and bowed.

Jackson died June 25 at age 50. He was not only an integral part of MTV's history, he also

provided the VMAs with some of its most memorable moments, including his infamous smooch with then-wife Lisa Marie Presley, in 1994.

The night had its surreal moments, too. Lady Gaga — who arrived at the show wearing a gold mask right out of "Phantom of the Opera" and with Kermit the Frog as her date — gave a typically eccentric performance of her song "Paparazzi." It included a bedazzled wheelchair, Lady Gaga dancing with a crutch, and ended with her hanging as fake blood drenched her torso.

Later, when she won the award for best new artist, she accepted it swathed in red lace from head to toe. She ripped the lace from her face during her profanity-laden speech, which she ended by saying, "Thank you for God and for the gays."

The night's best performance may have come courtesy of Pink, who delivered a high-flying version of her song "Sober" with an acrobatic, trapeze act that had her dangling from the rafters.

And the night didn't just focus on music: Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner, the stars of "Twilight," presented an extended trailer from the movie's sequel, "New Moon."

A Jackson moment ended the night, however. The full trailer for "This Is It," the documentary about Jackson's preparations for his comeback concerts that were to be held in London, was shown. The film is to be released in October.

## Victoria Beckham: From celebrity to NY couturier

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Victoria Beckham knows fashion, not just how to wear it or how to buy it but also how to make it.

Beckham could have staged one flashy New York Fashion Week show to preview her spring collection, which would surely be a hot ticket no matter what was on the runway.

But the style star and wife of

soccer player David Beckham chose to personally show her line about a dozen times Sunday to small groups of editors and retailers.

It was an old-fashioned designer's presentation held in a spare art gallery, with only bowls of roses as decoration.

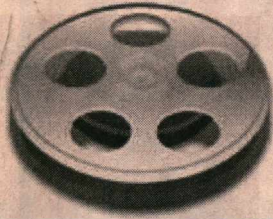
Beckham says she wants her customers to know they can rely on her.

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“Wise men talk because they have something to say. Fools talk because they have to say something.”

-Plato

## Dr. Horrible: A New Look at an Old Story



### REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN  
The Crusader

Joss Whedon, the writer and often director of shows like "Firefly," "Dollhouse," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel" has created a new take on the roles of superheroes in his short independent film "Dr.

Horrible's Sing-Along Blog."

Whedon developed the script for his short musical in 2007 during the Writers Guild of America writers' strike.

The independent film first appeared in late 2008 in San Francisco, and was then released onto the Internet for all people to view, said the official fan Web page for the film.

The film is a superhero story from the perspective of the villain, a rather meek timid character named Dr. Horrible who is played by Neil Patrick Harris.

The piece follows Dr. Horrible as he has to stand

up to the "good-guy," bully Captain Hammer, played by Nathan Fillion and gather the courage to speak to the girl of his dreams Penny, played by Felicia Days.

When announcing the film, Whedon described the story as that of a "low-rent super-villain, the hero who keeps beating him up, and the cute girl from the Laundromat he's too shy to talk to."

The musical numbers in the work flow well together, even though they are from many different genres.

The song "Freeze Ray," which is reminiscent of older style

Broadway, works well with the later piece "Brand New Day," which is more of a rock ballad.

The overall tone of the film is humorous, but it does present some interesting ideas.

Throughout the work it is apparent that Dr. Horrible, despite his name, has no wish to cause mass harm or kill anyone.

Yet the supposed superhero of the story is overly violent and basically blind to the problems of society as he focuses primarily on himself.

Overall the film, which is available online, is worth watching for its humor and new ideas.

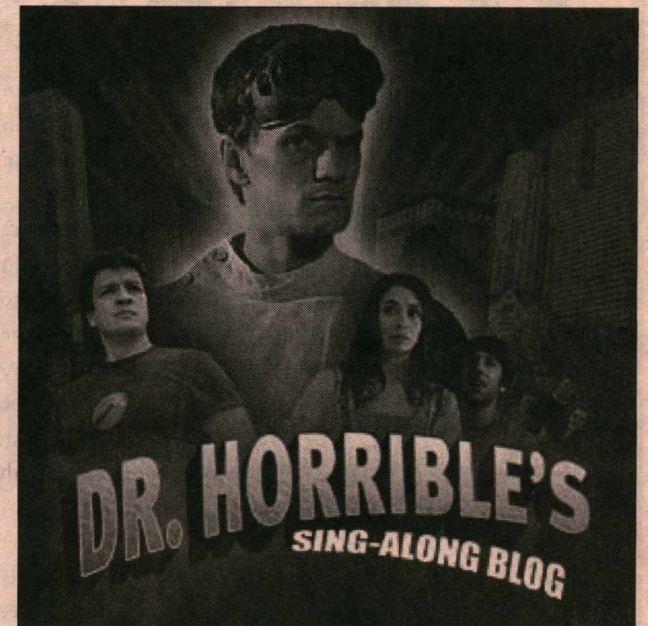


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## Tyler Perry has good opening with 'Bad'

### ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Being bad is good for Tyler Perry, whose latest movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself," opened at the top of the box office this weekend with more than \$24 million.

The Lionsgate comedy stars Oscar nominee Taraji P. Henson ("The Curious Case of Benjamin Button") as a hard-drinking nightclub singer forced to care for her delinquent niece and nephews.

Besides directing and writing the film, based on his stage play of the same name, Perry co-stars

as his brash, cross-dressing alter ego, Madea.

It's Perry's second film this year to open at No. 1. In February, "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail" debuted at the top spot with \$41 million, which stands as the biggest opening of his eight films.

"Tyler Perry has a special way of speaking to his audience, and it's unbelievable," David Spitz, Lionsgate's executive vice president and general sales manager, said Sunday. "He always knows what his audience wants, and I never underestimate him."

Spitz said the presence of the popular Madea character, plus a cast that included Henson, Mary J. Blige, Gladys Knight and Pastor Marvin Winans, helped put the movie on top. It also had the best critical reception of all of Perry's films, with 58 percent positive reviews on the Rotten Tomatoes Web site.

Perry, who's known for his productivity, has the sequel "Why Did I Get Married Too" coming out next spring. And in a rare adaptation of someone else's work, he's preparing to go into production on a film

version of the Ntozake Shange stage play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf."

Hollywood.com box-office analyst Paul Dergarabedian joked that his latest movie should have been called, "Tyler Perry's I Can Do No Wrong at the Box Office."

"Eight theatrical films, five No. 1 debuts — Lionsgate has a perpetually successful franchise in Tyler Perry," Dergarabedian said. "He is the brand. He's a very rare example of a director-writer-actor who is completely synonymous with his work and

with the success of his movies."

Coming in second was the dark, animated "9" from Focus Features, which made \$10.9 million this weekend, according to Sunday estimates. Since its Wednesday opening — on 9-9-09 — the movie has made about \$15.3 million.

The voice cast includes Elijah Wood, John C. Reilly, Christopher Plummer and Jennifer Connelly as hand-stitched dolls who represent the last vestige of humanity after a war between man and machine.

In what is traditionally a slow time at the box office between

the summer blockbusters and the fall prestige films, two other new releases had so-so openings.

The Summit Entertainment horror flick "Sorority Row" came in at No. 6 with about \$5.3 million, while the Kate Beckinsale thriller "Whiteout" from Warner Bros. followed in seventh place with \$5.1 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

'Left Behind' is an entertaining, biblical thriller

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### Movies opening this week

"Love Happens"  
"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"  
"Jennifer's Body"

### DVDs

"Grey's Anatomy: Complete 5th Season"  
"Easy Virtue"

## REVIEW

### DEREK SEPE The Crusader

Sixteen books after the end times-- most of you know I am talking about the book series Left Behind.

Written by Dr. Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, the series tells a story about a group of people known as the Tribulation Force and their struggles on earth after Jesus takes his believers in the rapture and everyone else is "left behind" to fight the cosmic battle of the ages against the Antichrist.

Not to worry, those who are left behind get a chance to either accept Jesus and go to heaven or pursue worldly pleasures and allegiance to the Antichrist.

Though some people may be a little skeptical to read a novel-- or should I say list of novels-- about the Christian faith, I say set all skepticism aside my readers, because this is an extremely good read.

While reading each book I found myself not wanting to put it down until I had finished.

The only time I did put the books down was to take a break from reading them.

That is their only downfall-- they are long, which can be tiring on the college student's brain.

However, each book's intensity makes up for it. Not to mention how complex these stories are.

I can't even describe how intricate the stories are that these two gentlemen came up with; you're going to have to read it

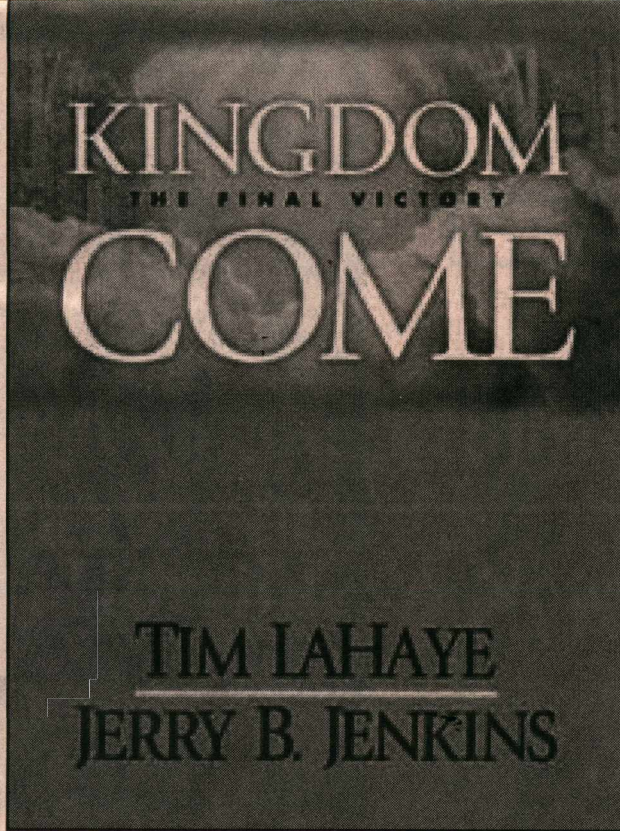


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**"Kingdom Come" is the twelfth and final installment of the "Left Behind" series. The series spanned from 1995 to 2007. There are 16 books in the series. The series also includes a sister series more set for a younger audience titled, "Left Behind: The Kids."**

to understand it completely.

The entire original series consists of 16 books: "Left Behind," "Tribulation Force," "Nicolae," "Soul Harvest," "Apollyon," "Assassins," "The Indwelling," "The Mark," "The Desecration," "The Remnant," "Armageddon," "Glorious Appearing," "The Rising," "The Regime," "The Rapture" and finally "Kingdom Come." Each of these books covers a certain chapter of the book of Revelation and puts a fictional twist on it.

I love how the authors write them as if they are happening right now.

These books employ a great mixture of biblical references, prophecies and stories along with sci-fi adventure to create a powerful page turner.

Now when I say powerful, I mean intense, emotional and connecting.

Perhaps it is because I can connect with the stories I am reading.

Or perhaps I can literally see in my imagination everything I read throughout the series.

Regardless, the series is very emotional and very-- too weak of a word-- exceptionally detailed.

The "Left Behind" series is no fluffy read.

The series can be very dark as the end of the world is going to be gruesome for those left behind, but for those who choose Christ over the worldly god (Antichrist), the gift will be glorious.

## Books

- "The Last Song"  
by Nicholas Sparks  
"True Compass: A Memoir"  
by Edward Kennedy  
"A Change in Altitude"  
by Anita Shreve  
"Have a Little Faith"  
by Mitch Albom

Movie information from [MSN.com](http://MSN.com)

Book and DVD information from [borders.com](http://borders.com)

"Ghosts of Girlfriends Past"

## Music

- "Resistance"  
by Muse  
"Brand New Eyes"  
by Paramore  
"Live Life Loud"  
by Hawk Nelson  
"Beggars"  
by Thrive

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SEA CAVES	09.23.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
ALLRED	09.25.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
JASON MRAZ	09.26.09	IDAHO CENTER
SNOW PATROL	10.11.09	KNITTING FACTORY
INGRID MICHAELSON	10.15.09	KNITTING FACTORY
MAE	10.19.09	BOISE VENUE
DARIUS RUCKER	10.26.09	IDAHO CENTER
MIRAH	10.22.09	VISUAL ARTS COLLECTIVE
MAT KEARNEY	10.29.09	KNITTING FACTORY
JOSHUA RADIN	11.03.09	KNITTING FACTORY

# 10 things that haven't changed from high school.

by nick ratliff

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10. Homework is always a good excuse to get out of an undesirable social event.
9. Backing your car into a parking space looks cool unless it takes you 3 tries.
8. Smoke alarms are still a pyro's enemy.
7. No matter how much planning, parties still generally consist of a bunch of people standing around in a living room yelling at each other over loud music.
6. The length of a guy's hair correlates to the probability of a sentence beginning with "Hey dude, I bet you can't..." and will end with a trip to the hospital.
5. Oinking at cops is only fun if they don't hear it.
4. Friday night activities are always in short supply (thus number 5's revelation).
3. That punk with a mo-ped insists on taking up a full parking space.
2. Who needs a savings account when you have parents?
1. A T.V. dinner in the microwave on high for 4 minutes still counts as cooking.

## GOOD WITH NUMBERS? SUDOKU ME.

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## Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

There's this girl in cornerstone that always sits next to me. She's pretty cute and, after having a few interactions with her, I'm pretty sure I like her. What do I do? How do I tell her?

--Pining for Pal

Dear Pining,

*I don't mean to question your judgement-- after all who knows the way you feel better than yourself-- but is there any chance that you may be rushing into things with this girl just a bit?*

*We started classes 2 1/2 weeks ago. This means you've had class with her a total of five times if your cornerstone falls on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. Four times if it's on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

*I'll give you an extra three days to account for move-in weekend, because there is a chance you may have met her at one of the many events that occurred and simply not remember it.*

*I'll even add four more days to the tally for run-ins-- both accidental and planned.*

*So that gives you 11 to 12 days. 11 to 12 days of small-talk with this cornerstone cutie. I apologize in having to tell you this but 11 to 12 days does not a partnership make.*

*Do yourself a favor. Get to know this girl a little bit better before creating a baby book for your future kids.*

*Ask her some more in-depth*

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# GOOD WITH WORDS? CROSSWORD IT.

## Newsday Crossword

**GRADED WORK** by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

### ACROSS

- 1 Prepare for a  
32 Down  
5 Coin-toss call  
10 Study hard  
14 Boxcar rider  
15 Singer  
Presley  
16 Roll-call  
response  
17 Capital of  
Norway  
18 Planet circlers  
19 Unwrap  
20 Disneyland,  
for one  
22 Wide  
23 Literary twist  
24 Keg contents  
25 Playful pranks  
28 Countertop  
appliance  
31 "Woe is me!"  
32 Short on flavor  
34 Spelling  
competition  
35 Upholstery  
problem  
36 Fall guys  
38 "Roses \_\_\_  
red \_\_\_"  
39 Day before a  
holiday  
40 Sulks  
41 Corrosive  
compound  
42 Snake  
44 Q's neighbor,  
to a typist  
46 Sits in the sun  
47 Baby grand,  
for example  
49 Youngster  
51 Lab glassware  
55 Intense anger  
56 Theater  
walkway  
57 Brief letter

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- 1 Photographed  
2 Very fancy  
3 Competent  
4 Apartment  
sharers  
5 Musical  
speeds  
6 Float \_\_\_  
(provide  
financing)  
7 Tusk material  
8 Sausage unit

- 9 Air-leak sound  
10 Tiresome  
tasks  
11 Return to  
give info  
12 Carpet  
measurement  
13 Make  
repairs to  
21 Make a  
mistake  
22 Necklace  
components  
24 Skeleton part  
25 Is concerned  
26 Vibrant  
27 Pseudo-  
powerful one  
28 Price markers  
29 Spine-tingling  
30 Like marsh  
plants  
32 Boxing match

- 33 Parcel of land  
36 Pay out  
37 Heavy weights  
41 Is plentiful  
43 Lightest-  
colored  
44 Spuds  
45 Hill-building  
insect  
47 Sauce made  
with basil  
48 Tiny spot of  
land  
49 Farm yield  
50 Angel's topper  
51 Cash drawer  
52 Canoe or  
kayak  
53 Suffix for  
kitchen  
54 Ooze  
56 Small-size  
batteries

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been," or "What did you think of Gene's sweater today?"

Ask about her hometown, her family, her major-- anything you would ask any other stranger.

Start with this step and assuming your relationship will continue as rapidly as it seems to have begun, you'll be renting a tux and discussing floral arrangements in no time.

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to [crusader@nnu.edu](mailto:crusader@nnu.edu). Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.

