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Supreme Court still deliberating

Florida Legislature votes 79-41 in picking electors for Bush

By Noell Keyt
News Writer

With the presidency still hanging in the balance, the U.S. Supreme Court has come together and halted the manual recount.

Since Monday they have come together to hear the lawyers of George W. Bush and Al Gore give comments and answer questions on whether or not the state's Florida court has exceeded its authority by ordering the recounts.

Even though the nation is waiting for the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on the disputed presidential election, Florida's Republican-led Legislature voted 79-41, on Tuesday to take the first step towards selecting a president by picking its own 25 electors for George W. Bush.

As of Tuesday evening, the U.S. Supreme Court has not ruled yet and it is unknown whether or not they will decide a ruling in the case anytime soon, but the decision is expected to come any moment.

During their questioning, the justices raised many issues but there was no indication given that they were considering switching the votes, five to four, they cast on Saturday, December 9 that halted the Florida recount.

If the U.S. Supreme Court overrules the Florida high court, it will effectively mark the end of the Florida recount and give the Presidency to Bush. Although if they allow the Florida ruling to stand, Gore may be able to get a final count of the disputed Florida votes.

It has been exactly five weeks since the Nov. 7 vote date that marked the deadline for each state to pick their electors.

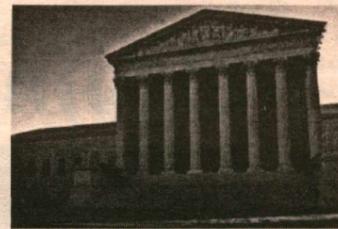
Democrats angrily accused Republicans of acting unconstitutionally in picking the 25 electors with out a confirmation from the U.S. Supreme Court. "We are on the verge of creating a historic mistake," said state Senator Steven Geller (D). "What we are doing is

being done for partisan reasons to ensure that George W. Bush becomes president of the United States."

Members of the House were urged to remain as nonpartisan as possible in picking the 25 electors. The electoral college will meet on Monday, December 18, 2000, to select the next President of the United States.

Both Bush and Vice President Gore need Florida's electoral votes to put them over the 270 electoral mark point and ensure one or the other the spot as the 43rd President of the United States of America.

Editor's Note: Late Tuesday evening the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, seven to two, that the recounts were unconstitutional. They also stated that there was not enough time for a manual recount.. Vice President Al Gore is expected to give a speech to the public Wednesday evening. It is unknown if he will concede or not.



Supreme Court- With the nine Supreme Court Justices still deliberating the ruling on whether or not to allow recounts in the state of Florida, Americans wait to see if there will be a President.

Supreme Court Justices

Justice	Appointed by	Sworn in
William H. Rehnquist	Nixon	1/7/72
John Paul Stevens	Ford	12/17/75
Sandra Day O'Connor	Reagan	9/25/81
Anotonin Scalia	Reagan	8/17/82
Anthony Kennedy	Reagan	2/18/88
David Souter	Bush	10/9/90
Clarence Thomas	Bush	10/23/91
Ruth Baderinsburt	Clinton	8/19/93
Stephen Breyer	Clinton	8/3/94

Editors Note

The Christmas Season has crept up on me altogether to soon, but boy am I excited to get home for the break and spend some time with family and friends. It will be good to be able to relax and not worry about homework, tests,

projects or finals. I am sure that most of you will agree, and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas break!

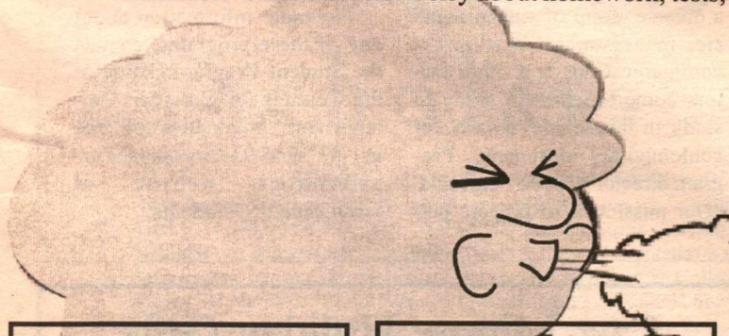
Although we will all be leaving here soon to enjoy all the wonders of the season, *The Crusader* newsroom will still be working on new ideas for the newspaper.

We will be changing some

things about the content, visual appearance, and excitement of the paper. Also, we have added a new and very important person to our staff, Adam Watkins. Adam will be our new advisor and help us with all of the changes we will be doing to the paper.

As you may see, we have already changed the face of our

paper. This is just the beginning of returning the paper back to what it was and showing the talent that we do have on our staff. I hope that you like the changes we have made and will be making. We want to make the paper appealing to the whole campus, and I hope that through our changes we will accomplish our goal. Merry Christmas!



Weather Forecast

Wednesday High 30 Low 18	Thursday High 28 Low 20	Friday High 33 Low 20	Saturday High 32 Low 21	Sunday High 31 Low 20
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Bachelor auction ups bid for future retreat

By Laurissa Hurst
Campus News Staff Writer

This past Sunday, on December third, ladies had a chance to bid on the man of their dreams at the 2000 Bachelor Auction. Fifteen of the most eligible bachelors on campus were auctioned off one by one as ladies whipped out the cash to grab their favorite hunk. The winning ladies received a date with the chosen guy and two tickets to Idaho's Botanical Gardens Christmas Light Show.

The event raised over \$200 for the sophomore class who will use the money to fund the 2001-2002 junior/senior retreat.

If you missed this event you missed out on an evening filled with a lot of laughs. First off, what is an auction without an auctioneer? Our very own Kevin Seward got the auc-

tion rolling with his skill and expertise in the field of auctions. He was kind enough not to speak in real auction speed so the average student could understand what he was saying.

After Seward supplied some information about the guys, they took a stroll down the "runway." Each contestant added his own little flair to his walk to capture the ladies and win their bids.

Jeremy Lindly, dressed as a firefighter and Jeff Glassnap as a logger, appealed to the ladies who were looking for the ruggedly handsome guy.

Jeff Wilson and David Hille added some humor as they came dressed as each other.

Let us not forget the creativity of Jerad Shoemaker being carried into the Dex in the manner of the ancient

princes of Egypt.

Joe Chapman appealed to the hopeless romantic strolling in his tux with sparkling cider and two long stem glasses.

Ladies wanted to go on dates in pairs were in luck because Brandon Hill and J.R. Caines were a package deal. Who does not like that, two for the price of one?

Many of the guys felt the need to take their shirts off to impress the ladies. Ricky Lankford on the other hand, did not. This guy did a back flip which was pretty impressive.

The other gentlemen, John Gallo-way (dressed as a pirate), Steve Roth, John Abernathy, Chad Frosland, Josh Fishburne and James Robinson also added a certain flair that captured the hearts and wallets of the ladies in the audience.

Ladies took a few times through the bidding process to warm up, but once they did there was no stopping them. Some of the participants sold for over sixty dollars while some sold for no less than twenty dollars. A few of the lucky winners were Kendra Thoren, Amy Taylor and...Ox. This just goes to show that anyone can get in on the fun at a bachelor auction.

After the final bachelor was auctioned and the final bid was cast, it

was time to go, or was it? A bachelor auction is not complete until the auctioneer himself is auctioned off.

The bids were going slow at first until Seward took over and auctioned off himself. Now that was a sight to see. He managed to sell himself off for twenty-eight dollars and that is not bad.

The students who attended agreed that Sunday was a great evening of fun for the bachelors, bidders and the spectators.

Crusader welcomes Mort

By Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

The students who faithfully read the sports section of the Crusader might be wondering: who is the new sports editor? The Crusader editorial staff would like to introduce the student body to Matt Mort, the man behind sports news.

Mort is a freshman at Northwest Nazarene University this year. However, he does reside in Corlett Hall which mostly houses juniors. As it turns out, Mort attended Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee two years ago, so he does have some credits prior to his college experience thus far in Nampa.

Mort is an Applied Studies major at the moment. However, he would like to go into Journalism as his future career. As he put it, "My dream is to write sports, hopefully for something like Sports Illustrated Magazine, also I wouldn't mind being a sportscaster for ESPN."

This dream definitely coincides with the work that Mort does at



Amy Carner/Crusader

MATT Mort is excited to work on the editorial staff at the Crusader as the Sports Editor. His enthusiasm shows in all of his efforts.

the Crusader. Having the opportunity to work as the sports editor has been a good way for him to get experience in this field. He is excited that this position opened up, "I get experience writing sports and the experience of working for a newspaper (even if it only college) which is what I may end doing

right after college, unless I get lucky."

Mort is currently from Clarksville, Tennessee. However, he has lived in many different places. During his lifetime he has lived in Charlevoix, MI, Cadillac, MI, Ellsworth, MI and Ft. Lewis, WA.

Mort chose to come to NNU, because he believed that this was what God for him and his life. NNU has not disappointed him, either. One of his favorite assets to NNU is its community. "I really like this school. The people here are great."

Good luck to Matt in all of his work at the Crusader.

Hey Students!!
How would you like to make some really fun plans after Time Out on Wednesday? Well SGA has the answer for you!! Come to a Christmas party after Time Out on Wednesday, have fun and relax in the Dex before focusing on your finals!

D.C. council offers off-campus study in contemporary music

Washington, D.C.--Beginning Fall 2001 college students interested in pursuing a career in writing, recording, performing or marketing popular music will have a chance to test the waters in the Contemporary Music Program, an off-campus study program offered by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Aspiring singers, songwriters, musicians, recording engineers and producers will use the program's professional recording studio and rehearsal facilities to hone their craft, while business, communications and marketing students get hands-on experience in record company operations, marketing and sales.

The semester-long program is open to students from any discipline at a CCCU member institution. "We look forward to seeing a diverse group of students-music, management, marketing, communications and other majors-come together to study to study in this artists' colony for contemporary musicians," Program director Warren Pettit said. "Our mission is to prepare per-

sons academically and creatively for potential careers in the music industry."

In addition to hands-on experience, program participants will take two core classes, "Faith, Music and Culture" and "Inside the Music Industry." Students will also choose an area of concentration-performing arts or music business-that will involve coursework, labs and directed study. The students work will culminate with the creation and marketing of a CD of original music.

The Contemporary Music Program is the newest student program offered by the CCCU. Other off-campus study opportunities exist in Washington, D.C.; Russia; the Middle East; Latin America; China; Hollywood and Oxford, England.

For more information about any of these programs, contact the Student Program Office of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities toll free at 1-877-946-9373 or visit the organizations website at www.ccu.org/students.

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Gender issue may affect election

Washington, D.C.-The National Organization for Women (N.O.W.), claiming "The majority of disputed ballots in Florida were cast by women and people of color," has called for women to rally in opposition to the suit before the Supreme Court tomorrow.

The suit by Governor George W. Bush's campaign challenges the decision by the Florida Supreme Court to allow disputed ballot counts in several Florida counties. George W. Bush argues that the Supreme Court of Florida exceeded its authority by creating new state election laws, a role reserved to the state legislature.

Janice Shaw Crouse, Senior Fellow of the Washington, D.C. based, Beverly LaHaye Institute, for BLI,

said "The N.W.W. feminists claim that all women support their increasingly radical pro-choice, anti-marriage and anti-family agenda. But a significant swing of conservative women of faith do not fit that profile at all." Crouse continued, "Election results indicate that while Al Gore won the women's vote overall, a significant bloc of conservative women voters concentrated mostly in the Midwest and Southern states supported George W. Bush by enough of a margin to have made a difference in crucial states in the close election outcome."

Before the election, The Beverly LaHaye Institute: A Center for Studies in Women's Issues commissioned an extensive poll of women voters by Wirthlin Worldwide. The

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~Janice Shaw Crouse

poll identified a significant bloc of women voters, 58 percent of whom supported George Bush.

Known as "Bible Study Moms," these women-nearly one quarter of

women voters-are overwhelmingly pro-life (81 percent) and consider the decline in moral values as the major issue in this campaign. Post-election surveys confirm that Bush's strongest support among women was indeed among women in the Midwest and South. Crouse concluded, "Bible Study Moms are concerned about the world in which their children are growing up. They are disturbed about the decline in moral values and the increase in crime. They don't want these negative influences impacting their kids, and a majority of them are convinced that George W. Bush would address those issues most effectively."

The Beverly LaHaye Institute is

a research think tank founded in May 1999 as a center for research on women's issues. BLI has already established a reputation among marriage and family scholars and among women's groups as a source for reliable data and quality research and writing on issues of concern to women.

Janice Shaw Crouse, Ph.D., BLI Senior Fellow, is an authority on presidential communication, marriage, family, cultural and women's issues.

A former Bush Presidential Speechwriter, she wrote commentaries on the Republican and Democratic Conventions and conducted numerous interviews since on this and many other subjects. Dr. Crouse is available for interviews and statements. Phone: 202-289-4182 or Cell 202-258-8363.

Bertha Dooley contest seeks student authors

By Kami Watson
Copy Editor

The Bertha Dooley writing contest deadline is quickly approaching. This contest is open to all NNU students. Entries must be received by Wednesday, January 24th at 5 p.m. Each entry must follow all of the rules and guidelines in order to be eligible for judging.

The entries must be typed and stories and essays must be double spaced. Every entry should include a title, however the name of the author should not appear on the entry. The box number, along with the title of the entry should be written on a 3x5 card and attached to the entry.

Each writer may submit up to six poems of any length. Each writer may submit two stories from 1000 words to 3000 words.

The word length for essays is 800 words and each writer can

submit two.

All winners and other outstanding entries will be printed in The Gallery. The writers will be notified of the outcome of the contest at the earliest possible date. Awards will be presented in an awards convocation in April.

The submission of poems, stories, essays, photos, or other artwork implies permission to print contest entries in campus publications. The prizes described in the guidelines will be given only if judges determine that the works submitted possess award quality. If you are interested in submitting an entry mail it to Dr. Lynn Neil through campus mail or deliver it to Wiley Learning Center Room 202D.

The following are additional guidelines for the contest:

1. When submitting poems:
 - a. Type only one poem per page

- b. Submit no more than six poems
- c. Any length, style or subject is acceptable
- d. Judges will look for interesting sound effects and visual images as well as originality of both content and form

2. When submitting stories:
 - a. Type double spaced
 - b. Submit no more than two stories
 - c. Remember the 1000 to 3000 word limit
 - d. Follow the conventions of story. Most stories have (1) a fully developed plot (consisting of a conflict introduced early and eventuating in a climax, and a resolution of the conflict-but not and "easy" or predictable resolution); (2) well described characters; (3) realistic dialogue (4) a discernable theme.

Although fantasy or animal stories may not have human characters, they usually follow the other conventions of a story.

3. When submitting essays:

- a. Type double spaced
- b. Submit no more than two essays
- c. Remember the 800-2000 word limit
- d. Follow the conventions of an essay. Expository essays, serious or humorous, should include a thesis (that is stated or clearly implied) full discussion and illustration of the thesis and should be organized topically.

Informal or personal essays, which contain more descriptive elements, are also acceptable.

4. Photos and other art work:

- a. Each entry selected will receive \$10.00
- b. Illustrations selected on artistic merit and how well

they illustrate the winning entries

c. They should be black and white or have strong contrast

Prizes:

Poetry
1st--\$70
2nd--\$50
3rd--\$30

Story
1st--\$70
2nd--\$50
3rd--\$30

Essay
1st--\$70
2nd--\$50
3rd--\$30

Honorable Mention prizes of \$20 may be awarded in any or all of the categories.

Remember to think about this contest over the break. Good luck to all of the contestants!

The English Department is excited for another year of great writing and creativeness from the NNU students.

Othello speaks to students

By Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

The applause rang after every bow taken these last three weeks. The Readers Theater group from NNU had done an incredible job performing William Shakespeare's tragedy Othello.

The performances began on November 22 and closed on December 8. This troupe of players traveled throughout the Nampa area to share this piece.

This particular production of Othello was different than most for two different reasons. The first reason was because the director, Professor M. Brooke Ferdinand had condensed the script from two and a half hours to 50 minutes.

The second apparent difference was the size of the cast. There were only eight performers.

The cast was a small one, but they worked well together. Brandon Hill portrayed Iago and Brooke Van Damm played his wife Emilia. Charlie Ecker and Marissa Edwards were the famous couple of Othello and Desdemona. J.R. Caines played Desdemona's father Brabantio. Aaron Peplinski was the role of

Cassio. Lynette Brown played the Duke. Laurissa Hurst was the Senator.

Auditions for the show were held at the end of September. The cast worked hard on the weekdays and Saturdays rehearsing for hours in order to do well.

Much time was spent outside of the rehearsal practices working on the memorization of the lines.

Memorizing lines is no easy task, but it becomes harder when the English used is not the modern usage of the language. Shakespeare can be one of the harder types to memorize.

Not only does an actor/actress need to memorize the lines, but they also needed to understand them, and sound as though this is a way of speaking with which they are familiar.

The first performance took place the night of the Homecoming Banquet. The students seemed to enjoy the show, and the fact that the cast wore modern clothing may have assisted in the understanding of the play.

The second performance was at Skyview High School for the 9th

grade Honors English Class and the seniors. The students really appreciated the show being done at their school.

One Skyview student made the comment that though he had never seen or read Othello before, he was able to completely understand the plot. Pictures and a little mingling were involved after the performance.

The final destination was at Northwest Nazarene University in the Science Lecture Hall on Friday, December 8, 2000. Though the audience was small, the cast put all their energy into the performance, making it the best one yet.

There were supposed to be more performances, however the details did not quite work as planned, so they did not occur. They were to take place at Nampa High School and Vallivue.

Through the months of hard work and laughter, the cast and director ended up with a wonderful finished product. The memories of working together on one of the greatest Shakespeare plays will stick with them for years to come. They were blessed to have this opportunity.

Santa Paws is coming to town

Boise, ID—Pets love Christmas too! The Idaho Humane Society Auxiliary will sponsor its 13th annual Santa Paws December 16-17 at four participating Zamzows in the Boise area.

All species are welcome. Bring your pets and your children for photos with Santa Paws. The times are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 16 and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 17. Zamzows stores are located on Fairview, State Street and Federal Way in Boise and in Eagle. Santa Paws photos make great gifts for relatives and memories the entire family can cherish for years to

come. Discounts are available for senior citizens.

Looking for the perfect gift for you finicky pet? Santa Paws will also feature a wide selection of handcrafted pet gifts. For dogs, Auxiliary elves will be making gourmet-Bone-A-Petit-dog biscuits, bandanas, beds and other items. Cat lovers can choose cat beds, toys and homegrown, organic catnip balls.

The Idaho Humane Society Auxiliary helps curb pet-overpopulation in the Treasure Valley by spaying and neutering animals. All of the proceeds from Santa Paws are used for this purpose.

Writers are needed for the Campus News section of the Crusader! Like to write? Like to earn \$\$? Call Lynette at 8510 or the office at 8656!

Community lighting builds community

By Lynette Brown
Campus News Editor

Wednesday December 6, 2000-the campus of Northwest Nazarene University saw the dawn of a new tradition. The tradition being born was the first annual Christmas Tree Lighting in the courtyard next to the Student Center.

Time Out appeared to be normal for the students walking into the Brandt Center. There were a number of students in various groups conversing before heading into Swayne Auditorium. Seats filled up quickly as the talking continued.

There was, however, one difference that some noticed. Many members of the staff were also in attendance at the Wednesday night worship service.

The worship service continued with many songs that both celebrated the season and the love

of God. Brent Earwicker was the speaker and gave the students of NNU a wonderful challenge-to give the Lord every part of their hearts. Yes, God loves what He gets, but we should be willing to give more.

The end of Time Out would normally see students heading back to the dorms for homework or an evening of fun with friends. To some in attendance of Time Out last Wednesday it still could have meant that a load of homework awaited them, but to many the night still had plans that involved anyone on campus. The first annual Christmas Tree Lighting and carol fest.

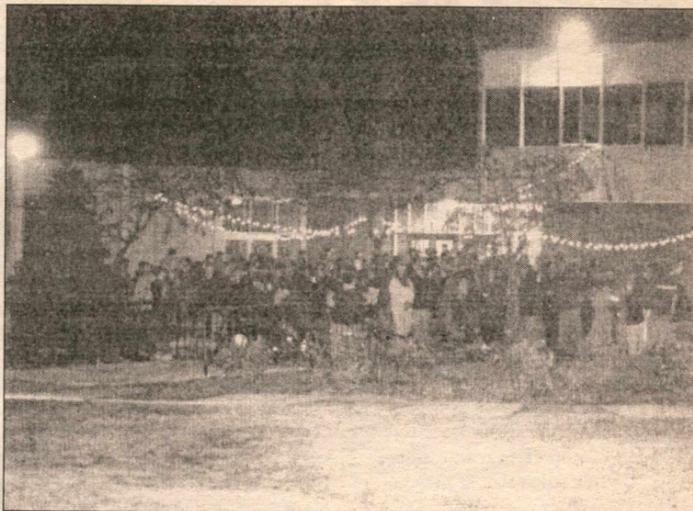
Free Hot drinks and cookies awaited the student body in the Student Center those attending this activity. The weather outdoors was cold, students gathered for a fun time of singing. Many staff members of NNU joined in the fun of caroling

and anticipation of the Christmas Tree Lighting.

Dr. Richard Hagood came to speak after the singing was concluded. He talked about how the school would eventually like to have many of the trees on campus be decorated with lights during the Christmas season. Students agreed that this would be a great idea for future December decorations.

Dr. Hagood and his wife then plugged in the lights for the gazebo and the Christmas Tree. Many oohs and aahs arose from the crowd who witnessed the event.

The transformation was a beautiful sight to see, especially since many students may not get to be home in time to assist in the decorating process with their families. This tradition was long overdue, and will be appreciated by everyone who will be able to witness it.



Bryanna Buckley/Crusader

SINGING in the Christmas season, the students of NNU enjoy a night of singing, traditional Christmas hot drinks, cookies and the first annual lighting of the Christmas Tree. This was enjoyed by all.

Scenes from past America

Boise, ID-All that is Glorious Around Us: Paintings from the Hudson River School at the Boise Art Museum presents 57 rare, original masterpieces from one private collection.

Organized by the Westmoreland museum of Art, the exhibition includes works by Thomas Cole, who led the Hudson River School and promoted the American soil as a subject that deserved attention as opposed to the traditional custom of painting only European subjects. Considered by many to be the first American School of painting, Hudson River School artists include Asher B. Durand, Albert Bierstadt, and John F. Kensett.

Their paintings are characterized by panoramic, sweeping vistas with breathtaking sunsets, many-hued cloud formations, gracefully bowed

trees and majestic mountains.

The late 19th century in America was a time like no other. Artists and writers were attempting to capture the natural beauty of the American wilderness by presenting it as a morally instructive message.

The American landscape was romanticized; it was filled with the raw promise of youth and it signified the glorious presence of God on Earth. The Hudson River School, while not a formal training center, was a group of important artists who shared this common vision, a group of artists who ultimately were responsible for elevating landscape painting to the top of the hierarchy of worthy painting subjects.

All that is Glorious Around Us: Paintings from the Hudson River School is part of BAM's series of landscape exhibitions, Now and

Then: Visions of America from 1827-1999.

The series explores both the historical and contemporary representation of the American landscape. Beginning with Beyond the Mountains: The contemporary American Landscape, the series now continues with All that is Glorious and After Lewis and Clark: Explorer Artists and the American West.

All that is Glorious is made possible, in part, by generous support from Wilson Properties, Pete and Vicki Helming, Beaux Arts Société Medieval Party, and Key PrivateBanking.

Christmas celebration

Christmas at University Christian: will be presented on Saturday, December 16th, at 7:30 pm at the University Christian Church, located at 1801 University Drive. The event will feature the Celebration Choir, a 35-voice ensemble, performing the cantata, touched by a Child, Touched by a King. This thirty-minute work features a variety of new dramatic works and traditional carols while telling the Christmas story.

The program will also include an area bagpipe ensemble performing God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

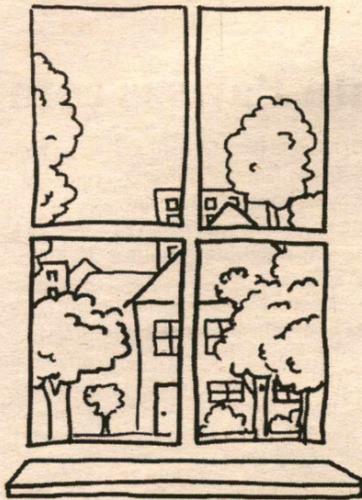
Deck The Halls, among other selections. The Chancel Bell Choir, a three octave English Hand Bell ensemble, will perform a variety of Christmas Classics. Brass will also be featured in the program. A free will offering will be taken to support the music programs at University Christian.

University Christian Church's Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 24th. The Celebration Choir will perform special selections. For more information call 343-5461.

Top Ten Family Films

In order of age range:

1. Chicken Run
2. Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas
3. Fantasia 2000
4. The Emperor's New Groove
5. Flintstones In Viva Rock Vegas
6. Faeries
7. Dinosaur
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9. Frequency
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Ministering to outside community

By Sonya Wold
Copy Editor

Students who would like to become more involved during their college experience at Northwest Nazarene University, some new opportunities just surfaced. Next semester feel free to look into some of the new ministry clubs that are starting up. These new clubs are open to anyone to join.

For those of you looking for a way to get involved in ministry to the community there are a several new opportunities available.

Skaters in Christ recently got their club constitution approved by Senate and are now meeting. Any questions of how to become involved can be directed to R.J. Strickland at 461-6170.

Also starting after Christmas Break a new club will be meeting that deals with Child Evangelism Fellowship which is like a Vacation Bible School for children living in apartment complexes.

The group has already had two

training sessions. The first one was on how to lead a child to Christ using the wordless book. The second training session dealt with how to help children understand the importance of their decision to follow Christ.

It is not too late to get involved in this club. They still need to decide when to meet and how exactly to run the club. The main goal of this club is to lead kids to Christ and then to get them plugged into a local church. This club is still in the process of organizing, but will be in full operation next semester.

The Prison Ministry will also be starting when we get back from break. In this particular ministry group, the students will visit local prisons and minister to the inmates. Joshua Zickefoose is in charge of this new club, so contact him at 467-8262 if you have any questions.

Kim Hadden is in charge of getting all the new clubs started. Hadden stated the reason the school is starting new clubs is because it



(Photo taken by Amy Carner)

SKATERS serving God in a very unique way; through skateboarding.

gives a chance for more students to get involved.

Many clubs can only handle so many members. New clubs also allows for a variety of opportunities for people with different interests to get involved. Not everyone wants to visit the elderly, hang out with

kids or be with prison inmates.

These new clubs allows different groups to reach out to may be an unreached area of our community. If there is ever a new idea for a ministry club, feel free to contact Hadden at 467-8377. Hadden would like to help new ministries begin.

Gift Drive for Nursing Home

By Dawn Stuvland
Campus News Staff Writer

Thanks to the hard work and coordination of our Student Government Association the past few weeks, hundreds of elderly people in our community are getting at least one Christmas gift this Christmas.

Since the eighties, our Student Government Association officers have been involved in a community-wide nursing home gift drive.

"There are six different homes involved this year; one shelter, one retirement home, and four nursing homes," said Sara Keller.

Keller got in touch with each of the activity directors, who in turn talked to each of the residents. Each director wrote lists of what each resident expressed an interest in receiving for Christmas.

The lists were printed in the Idaho Press-Tribune with code numbers for each person. People in the community who expressed interest in shopping for certain gifts, called our SGA office to sign up.

The officers took turns answering phones from 11-5 p.m. each day last week, and as Nampa residents called

in, they marked off the code numbers for gifts that were being purchased.

Many students who have been students at Northwest Nazarene University for awhile may be wondering why they have never heard of this particular gift drive before. Keller said that it has not been publicized much to the students on campus, since the emphasis is more on the participation of the community.

Besides, students are not usually searching for another gift to add to our growing Christmas list, while submersed in our end-of-the-semester finals preparation. (Not to mention our typical lack of fundage.)

So, with a couple notices in the Crusader and Cru-Keys, the drive goes on. According to tradition, the drive has been a favorite among the faculty members, who enjoy giving gifts.

Last Saturday, SGA officers and any other volunteers, gathered upstairs in their office to wrap and label all the presents. It took them only two hours, and, according to Keller, the most important part of the project was that, "every resident get

a gift." And they all did. Monday and Tuesday of this week, SGA is delivering all the gifts to the homes.

Many students are sure to be impressed with all that the SGA members have done while the rest of the

student body was oblivious.

What a great community service project! It is a tradition that should keep going. Good work. Thank you SGA, this is a great pre-Christmas project!



Sonya Wold/Crusader

National contest for future filmmakers

New York-Attention all college campuses! The Christophers have announced their Thirteenth Annual Video Contest for College Students. The contest includes cash awards of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 for the top three entries. Winners will also have their work featured on the syndicated television program Christopher Closeup. The program reaches millions of people throughout the United States and over one hundred and fifty foreign countries via the Armed Forces Network.

To enter, students must interpret the theme, "One Person Can Make a Difference." Past winners have used a variety of styles and genres that have included drama, comedy, documentary, news format, music video and animation.

Gerald M. Costello, President and Administer of The Christophers, announced this year's competition,

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saying, "I'm excited by the growing participation this contest generates each year. It is encouraging to see so many young people using their creative vision to express belief that each of us truly can make a difference in the world."

Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted on standard, full-sized VHS only, and must be five minutes or less in length. The contest is open to all currently enrolled college

Grants for the Humanities

Boise, ID-The Idaho Humanities Council is calling for grant proposals from individuals and organizations for humanities projects that may begin as early as Spring 2001. Teacher Incentive Grants for elementary and secondary teachers of the humanities are available during this cycle.

The deadline for grant proposals is January 15, 2001. IHC staff is available now to discuss ideas for grant proposals with prospective applicants and to review proposal rough drafts. All prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to contact IHC staff in advance of the deadline to discuss their project ideas before beginning a draft proposal.

The council over the years has supported proposals for museum and traveling exhibits, oral history projects, heritage tourism projects, the preservation of historic photo archives, lectures, Chautauqua programs, library reading programs, humanities-focused conferences and a variety of projects and programs that inspire community dialogue in the humanities. A listing of recent grant awards, in addition to grant forms and easy staff contact information, is posted on the IHC website: www2.state.id.us/ihc/

The 26-year-old Idaho Humanities Council is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing public understanding and appreciation of literature, history, law, anthropology and other humanities disciplines in Idaho. The Council receives its funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and from the generous philanthropy of corporations, foundations, and individuals. For more information, call the IHC toll-free at 888/345-5346 or at 345-5346 in the Boise calling area.

Merry
Christmas to
NNU from the
Crusader staff!

Senior Class celebrates Christmas



(photo taken by Amy Carner)

NIGHT of fun and friends awaited the students at the Brick House last Thursday. Seniors really enjoyed the time with free drinks for their party.

Supreme Court decides Gore v. Bush



AL AND TIPPER ~ Vice President Gore and wife, Tipper, arrive for lunch at Cafe Deluxe in Washington D.C. All eyes were on the Florida Supreme Court as recount decisions were made.

By Lesli Nees
Off-Campus News Writer
Tallahassee, FL— Editor's Note:
Since the writing of this story the United States Supreme Court has ruled to cease the recount of votes in Florida. The Court overruled the ruling of the Florida Supreme Court to allow the manual recount of thousands of votes in that state. At our deadline, no final decision has been made by the United States Supreme Court in the case of Gore v. Bush.

Vice President Al Gore regained presidential hope Dec. 8th after the Florida Supreme Court made a decision for a manual recount of thousands of Florida ballots.

The four-member majority rule of the seven-member court used their power and ended the growing sense of inevitability that had developed for Governor George W. Bush and began the seemingly endless days of chaos and confusion.

Just an hour after the court's decision, Florida officials began to organize for the quick recount of the ballots that had previously shown a "no" vote for the President.

The court ordered the recount to

go beyond the two counties that Gore had originally contested. It would also include the so-called undervotes which are estimated to number over 45,000.

Lawyers for Bush rushed to the United States Supreme Court to end the count while filing a request for Justice Anthony M. Kennedy to stay 31 days after the election. They also requested an emergency hearing from the United States Court of Appeals for the 11th circuit in Atlanta. All briefs were required to be filed for the appeals court by Saturday morning.

James A. Baker III, a Bush representative, said the opinion was a disappointment, suggesting that it may take away the rights of Florida voters.

Attendees of special sessions that will appoint presidential electors on the side of Bush will continue their work, no matter how the vote turns out, according to Republican leaders in the Florida state legislature.

Democratic lawmakers are opposed to this move and are threatening to produce two slates of electors if Gore wins the recount. This would force the already divided

Congress to choose between them. Chief Justice Charles T. Wells envisioned this possibility in his opinion.

"Importantly to me, I have a deep and abiding concern that the prolonging of judicial process in this counting contest propels this country and this state into an unprecedented and unnecessary constitutional crisis," Wells wrote.

The candidate who wins the state after the recount will be awarded Florida's 25 electoral votes, according to the Supreme Court.

The court also added to the state total, votes for Gore that were previously counted in Palm Beach County and 168 from Miami-Dade County.

Bush's current margin over Gore has been reduced from 537 to either 154 or 193 votes because of the court order. This will all depend on the side that wins the dispute over the number of votes Gore actually won in Palm Beach County. This decision significantly increases Gore's chance to gain disputed votes to eventually win the presidency.

Items included in the Keep Kids Warm On-air Auction:

1. Autographed T-Shirt, Hat and Photo from Mark Wills
2. Kissin' Star Guitar with multiple country artist autographs
3. Autographed Dixie Chicks Guitar
4. Autographed life-size Faith Hill stand-up
5. Autographed Tracy Lawrence Guitar
6. Autographed Keith Urban Levis
7. Complete Direct TV system with one year subscription
8. Autographed Jessica Andrews CD
9. Autographed Jeff Foxworthy CD
10. Autographed Chad Brock CD and mini stand-up
11. Autographed Toby Keith ball cap and sweatshirt
12. Autographed JoDee Messina denim tour jacket
13. Autographed "Like The Rain" sheet music from Clint Black
14. Mini Denver Bronco NFL Helmet signed by owner Pat Bowlen
15. Autographed Chris Cagle color photo
16. Autographed Clay Davidson B&W photo and CD
17. Autographed Jerry Kilgore T-Shirt
18. Autographed Diamond Rio character poster
19. Autographed Rusty Wallace T-Shirt (NASCAR)
20. Mounted and Framed, signed and numbered Rusty Wallace print (32x32) by artist Sam Bass, autographed by NASCAR Driver Rusty Wallace
21. Autographed Steve Young color photo
22. Autographed Wally Dallenbach, Jr. promo card (NASCAR)
23. Autographed Michael Waltrip promo card (NASCAR)
24. Autographed Elliot Sadler promo card (NASCAR)
25. Three Bach Photography portrait sittings
26. Autographed Richard Petty promo card (NASCAR)
27. Autographed Kenny Rogers color photo.
28. A trip to see Kenny Rogers in concert in Las Vegas, in February of 2001. Includes airfare, hotel, concert tickets and meet and greet passes
29. 16" Cordura saddle, breast collar & pad from 75 Saddle-N-Tack
30. Several home made quilts again this year (auctioned separately)
31. One year lawn care from Tru Green Chem Lawn
32. Autographed book collection from Richard Paul Evans
33. Kissin' '92 T-Shirts autographed by Davey Hamilton (CART and IRL)
34. Autographed Montgomery/Gentry hat, CD, and shirt
35. Dinner for four at Roundtable Pizza
36. Autographed Steve Wariner photo
37. Two home-made baby blankets from Kim Lippert (auctioned separately)
38. Autographed Alan Jackson color photo
39. Autographed Jeff Carson color photo
40. Autographed Darryl Worley photo
41. Autographed Kevin Sharp photo
42. Autographed Aaron Tippin photo
43. One year Personal Internet Account from RMCi
44. One year Small Business Internet Account from RMCi
45. Autographed Chicken Soup for Christian Family Soul books (Two -- auctioned separately)

Local radio station seeks to help children in the Treasure Valley

Laura Berzins
Off-Campus News Writer
BOISE, ID— It seems commonplace for people to extend kindness and goodwill to those around them at Christmas time. Even more, the holiday season has also traditionally been associated with helping the those less fortunate and people in need.

Likewise, this Christmas spirit is alive and well around Kissin'92 (KIZN 92.3) studios. Kissin'92, a local country radio station in the Treasure Valley, has established a unique charity called *Keep Kids Warm*. By way of a benefit auction and donation requests, Kissin'92 hopes to raise money to pay heating bills and buy items to keep children warm this winter. The auction, which includes autographed items from music and NASCAR stars, will be held on the air from December 18-22nd.

Keep Kids Warm started back in 1996, when a young girl named Christian called the station with a heartbreaking request. Armed with the knowledge that radio stations are always giving things away, she was wondering if there was a chance that she could win some heating oil for her family, since her mother could not afford to buy any. Her request was simple: "We're cold and we want to be warm for Christmas... that's all we want."

Christian's plea was heard and answered by the staff at the radio station. All too familiar with the biting cold winters here in Idaho, the staff and the listeners of Kissin'92 responded greatly and stepped right into action.

Keep Kids Warm is an on-air auction that consists of unique

and valuable items that have been donated by country stars, NASCAR drivers, sports players and even listeners of Kissin'92. Some notable items for this year's auction include things such as a Kissin'92 guitar with multiple country artist autographs, an all-inclusive trip to see Kenny Rogers in Las Vegas in 2001 and even hand-made blankets made by the listeners. To date, there are sixty items on the list, but the list is growing and will continue to do so until the auction begins on December 18th.

So what exactly is done with the money once it has been received? It is given directly to social service agencies located locally in the Treasure Valley. From there, the agencies use the money to keep the kids and their families warm. This is accomplished by paying the heating bills of the families in need and also buying them items of clothing such as hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, blankets and more.

"We're cold and we want to warm for Christmas...that's all we want"
~"Christian"

One of the greatest things about this auction is that those who are involved in running it are not keeping even a single dollar of the proceeds. Through volunteer work and the absence of administrative salaries and fees, all money generated by the auction will be immediately turned over to families that so desperately need it.

Overall, since the beginning in



KEEPING WARM ~ Kissin' 92's Keep Kids Warm Auction has been a huge past success, with this year promising to continue that trend.

1996, *Keep Kids Warm* has been very successful. Since 1996, a total of \$107,248.37 has been raised to help 1,103 families.

Commenting on the auction, Don Jarrett, a Kissin' DJ, said, "We usually raise about \$42,000 each year. It's an annual thing, we 'help to pay heating bills, buy coats and things to keep kids warm all winter long. We all believe that no child should be cold at Christmas."

Kissin'92 is providing a wonderful opportunity for people to really get involved and help those who are struggling. This is especially true since the money raised will truly meet such an obvious need: warmth.

For those who want to contribute to the cause without participating in the auction, donations are gladly accepted.

Russians arrest American on charges of espionage



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ALLEGED SPY ~ United States Congressman John Peterson, right, and Cheri Pope, wife of alleged U.S. spy Edmond Pope, stand outside a Russian courtroom in Moscow. The Russian court convicted Pope and sentenced him to 20 years in prison on espionage charges.

By Mackay Dufour
Off-Campus News Writer

MOSCOW, Russia— Edmond Pope, a retired United States Naval Officer, has been sentenced to 20 years in a Russian prison by a Moscow court on the charge of spying and espionage. He is the first American convicted of espionage in Russia in four decades.

Francis Gary Powers, a U-2 spy pilot was last man convicted of espionage. His conviction, back in 1960, was overturned by the Russian government.

A senior State Department Official replied to the conviction by saying that there was no evidence that Pope committed any crime and should be released. The White House called the conviction "unjustified and wrong."

Pope, founder of CERF Technologies International contends the plans for a high-speed torpedo that he obtained were not classified. CERF Technologies International is a United States based company specializing in studying foreign maritime equipment.

"There's no doubt that this has cast a shadow over U.S.-Russian relations," White House spokesman Jake Siewert said in reply to the verdict.

The defense said that the closed trial, held in a drab Soviet-era building in an industrial section of Moscow, was largely predetermined, with the judge making little attempt to establish the truth.

Pope's lawyer, Pavel Astakhov, elaborated and told

sources the verdict appeared to have been written before Pope made his closing statement. The court adjourned for less than three hours after Pope spoke, and returned with a 22-page guilty verdict. "It is impossible to write in 2.5 hours a verdict that took an hour to read," Astakhov said.

In an emotional closing statement, Pope accused the pros-

"I am very deeply hurt, but I am not giving up. We just want him to be home so we can love him and help him to get through this horrible nightmare."

~ Cheri Pope

ecution of dealing in fabrication, and "absurd" conclusions.

The defense quoted Pope as saying, "Although I spent eight months in prison in Russia, I am not a spy. The only decision that you must make is to let me go home to my family."

The court rejected Pope's plea for clemency so that he could return home for medical treatment. The 54 year old man had suffered from bone cancer and was in the process of remission when he arrived in Russia earlier this year. His family fears that it may have returned during his incarceration in the Lefortovo prison. The remis-

sion could prove fatal.

United States Secretary of State Madeleine Albright telephoned Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov on Wednesday to stress U.S. concern over Pope's health and urge his release. Ivanov's response has not been disclosed at this time.

Pope's family and lawyers, as well as the U.S. government, had called repeatedly for him to be freed on humanitarian grounds.

"I really believe that if we don't get him to a hospital soon, he will die," Pope's wife, Cheri, said Wednesday.

In brief remarks to state-run RTR television, Pope said the arrest and trial was "a very heavy ordeal for her and all my family," according to the station's Russian translation.

Pope told reporters that he regretted what had taken place, but that he did not regret ever coming to Russia.

"I am very deeply hurt, but I am not giving up. We just want him to be home so we can love him and help him to get through this horrible nightmare," Cheri Pope told news reporters from her home in Grants Pass, Oregon.

The guilty verdict marked the first time a United States citizen was convicted of espionage in Russia since Powers was shot down over the Soviet Union in 1960. Powers was freed and sent home two years later in exchange for a held Soviet spy.

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News Briefs

U.N. observers taken hostage by mercenaries

TBILISI, Georgia— Two members of a United Nations (UN) observer mission were kidnaped Sunday, December 10, in a breakaway province of the former Soviet Republic of Georgia.

The men, one Polish and one Greek, were patrolling the Kodor Gorge in Abkhazia province when they lost contact with the mission office, said Veselin Kostov, political adviser at the UN office in Georgia's capital, Tbilisi.

They had been traveling in a jeep in convoy with another UN vehicle when they were ambushed by a group of armed men, Kostov said on Georgian television. Kostov would not give the men's names. Their whereabouts remain unknown. According to the ITAR-Tass news agency, an envoy of President Eduard Shevardnadze traveled to the region to help search for them.

This attack is only the latest in a string of kidnappings in the former Soviet republic. Two Spaniards were captured on Nov. 30 outside Tbilisi and authorities are still searching for them. Last June, four members of the UN Abkhazia mission were seized in the Kodor Gorge. The captives were released several days later and officials said no ransom was paid. Seven UN workers were seized in October 1999 in the same area and released unharmed after two days.

Abkhazia, a small region bordered by the Black Sea and Russia, has been effectively independent since separatists drove out government forces during a 1992-93 war. The two sides reached a cease-fire in 1994, but peace talks on a political solution have stalled.

Vatican demands purity of church doctrine in schools

VATICAN CITY—Missionaries, private teachers and other religious workers filled St. Peter's Square Sunday, December 10, to hear Pope John Paul II. The message was one of obedience to the faith and adhering strictly to the church doctrine in teaching.

John Paul dedicated the Holy Year event to those who spread the message of the Roman Catholic church. He has presided over jubilee days throughout the 2000 Holy Year dedicated to various trades and segments of society.

"Your message to men and women of our time cannot betray the truth and the continuity of the doctrine of faith," John Paul said.

Citing predecessor Paul VI's words of caution after the liberalizing 1960s, John Paul denounced "the dangerous tendency to reconstruct, on psychological and sociological bases, a Christianity."

Sunday's message was the Vatican's latest call to order on doctrine. The Vatican angered other faiths this year with a reassertion of the primacy of the Catholic Church, which it said it issued to correct some theologians' insistence on the universality of religions.

John Paul wheeled through the crowd after the speech in a white, open-air jeep, clinging to a handrail as the jeep wound among the bouquets of flowers and the hands that reached out.

Speaking repeatedly of "straightening out the path," John Paul deplored "those believers who from the integral and unchanging patrimony of the faith fashion their own individual, subjective choices."

The religious workers in the square represented an estimated 2.3 million worldwide, who teach the faith to the world's one billion Catholics.

U.S. astronauts leave international station

SPACE CENTER, Houston— Astronauts on the space shuttle Endeavour continued their trip home Sunday, December 10, after leaving the new International Space Station. Meanwhile, NASA officials are still beaming from the shuttle crew's successful installation of the space station's new electricity-producing solar wings.

"It's probably the most difficult, most complicated integrated job to date relative to what we do in human space flight operations," said Milt Heflin, deputy chief flight director.

Early forecasts predict favorable weather conditions for the shuttle's landing Monday evening at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

Endeavour's crew was to have a fairly sedate Sunday as it planned to do a routine checkout of the shuttle's rockets and control systems in preparation for its return to Earth.

Endeavour undocked from space station Alpha on Saturday, one day after its crews met in person. The two spacecraft were linked for one week, but a difference in air pressure between them forced their hatches to remain sealed until shuttle astronauts completed three spacewalks to install Alpha's new solar wings.

Before the shuttle astronauts left, space station commander Bill Shepherd thanked them and saying simply, "Job well done."

Shepherd and his Russian crewmates, Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, have been aboard Alpha since November 2nd and will remain there through late February.

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NNU STUDENTS SHARE THEIR

A PUSH IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION: A WILD AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

MIRACLE: (1) A WONDER, MARVEL, AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENT MANIFESTING DIVINE INTERVENTION IN HUMAN AFFAIR

MEDICAL MYSTERY

In July my uncle had a physical exam for his life insurance. At the time, he felt that he couldn't breath as well as he used to. The doctors found fluid in his lungs and when they scanned his chest, they found cancer. So they put him on chemotherapy, but they had told my aunt and cousins to start their mourning process because his time was limited. My uncle continued on chemotherapy until last month when he went in for a check up. The doctors were shocked because all the fluid and tumors were gone. They just couldn't explain

NOELL KEYT

THE POWER OF PRAYER WHEN A DRUNK DRIVER STRIKES

lot of screaming. I couldn't move. My arms were resting on the dashboard. I couldn't talk very well either because there was an injury to my jaw. The ambulance came eleven minutes later and put one of the girls on a stretcher, then they used the Jaws of Life to get my door open and pull me out. One of the clearest pictures in my mind is when they were tilting me up on the stretcher and I really got a look at the wrecked car. There was blood everywhere and chunks of hair hanging from the dashboard. They even put me in the ambulance with the drunk driver. He only had a cut on his head. Jessica had to have stitches because she bit through her lip, another one of the girls had severe whiplash that lasted for a year, and she had a very bad concussion. I had a really bad cut on my chin and my elbow because it broke through the window, so I had to have a lot of stitches. My seat belt actually caused severe injuries to my internal organs, and it over-stretched some of my muscles. The injuries still affect me today.

While I was in the hospital, people

were always there visiting me. I couldn't retain memory of any events. I would wake up constantly and ask the same questions over and over again. The doctors said I had short term temporary memory loss. I missed 20 days of school, and when I went back, it was hard because I couldn't even remember what classes to go to. I couldn't read for almost three months because I would get motion sickness and I took codeine for a year. My GPA surprisingly didn't drop all that much during that period of time. My teachers were really lenient and compassionate.

I truly believe that God did a miracle in that accident. Everyone was so certain that I was dead. I found out later that at the exact time that the Bible Study began praying for us, that was the exact time that I started to wake up. I am reminded of God's protection each time I look at my Bible. It had been sitting on my lap during the accident, and now it is stained with my blood. God is so faithful.

A NEW YORK TICKET IN THE NICK OF TIME

This summer I was interning in the Dalles, Oregon. I was working as a Children's Pastor at the time and one of the girls that worked with us found out that her father had a heart attack. The girl really wanted to go see her dad, but he was in New York and she had no money to get there. It would have cost \$400-500 for an airplane ticket. She was dealing with a lot of difficult things in her life at the time and it seemed to be just another worry added to her load. During a staff prayer meeting we really felt lead to pray for her. We knew that if God really wanted her to go, then He would make a way. This prayer request made its way through the church. One day a lady showed up at the church office and said she had some plane tickets that she didn't need. She had a teacher's training meeting come up and couldn't use the ticket, and she didn't know what to do with it. It was for New York and it was scheduled at the exact time that the girl could go. It was so amazing to see God make everything work out in an answer to prayers.

CHAD STOLZFUS

MIRACLE: (3) A DIVINELY NATURAL PHENOMENON EXPERIENCED HUMANLY AS A FULFILLMENT TO SPIRITUAL LAW

I have had two miracle experiences. The first happened while my family was living in South Africa. My Dad, sister and I were on the way to the airport to pick up an evangelist. We had stopped at a rest stop, which was a dirt patch on the side of the road. My dad was taking a rest in the car, and my sister was eating a sandwich, but I really wanted to explore. So I got out and went to examine a tree that looked cool. My sister was watching and she saw a little bird bob up behind me. It wasn't long until she realized that that little bird was no bird at all. It was a Cape Cobra. If someone is bitten by this

particular type of snake, it only takes 30 seconds for them to die. The cape of the cobra was shaking and Sarah yelled to me to get away. All of a sudden I felt a forceful push into the bush, and I jumped into the bush and started sprinting. Sarah and I were screaming so loud that my dad woke up scared. When I looked back to see the snake, all I could see was its tail going under a fence. The snake was aiming for a pop can that was right by my feet. God was saving me there.

There was also a time when our family went to a huge national park. This park was the size of a small country. There were lots of animals spread throughout the park. We came along to this water hole where we saw elephants splashing around. My mom really loves el-

phants. My dad decided to be adventurous and got out into the tall grass by the water hole. All of a sudden the ground started shaking. All along the horizon, almost two hundred elephants started stampeding towards us. We have always heard never to get between an elephant and their water. So my dad races back to the car and struggled to get in because my mom got scared and locked all the doors. Finally she let him in and we sat there as the elephants got closer. When elephants are stampeding they take out anything in their way. Just as they got to our car, the elephants moved into a "V" and actually went around the car. We were totally amazed. There was no reason for the elephants to go around our car. God parted them and saved us.

JESSICA CUNNINGHAM

It was a Wednesday night. It was raining where I live in Texas, and my friends and I were just coming home from a Bible Study. My friend Jessica was driving and we were coming around a curve when we saw another car coming towards us in our lane. She swerved to get away, but he hit us anyway.

On impact I lost consciousness. I barely remember anything about the accident. Once we had come to a stop from the spinning, Jessica got out of the car, but another girl and I were in complete shock. Jessica looked at me and she thought I was dead. The girls that were conscious were trying to get help, and one went back to the Bible Study to get help and bring people down to pray for us. The Bible Study group was quick on their way to the scene of the accident, praying from the minute they heard.

My flashbacks start with a

TABITHA CHAPMAN



A DEAD CAR PROVES TO BE A

Once upon a time there was a girl named Kelli out to start Bob and he just wouldn't start. The antenna went up, but Bob just wouldn't start. My dad and he didn't know what to do either. So my dad drove to Nampa, to come and check out my car. Arnie was wrong. I turned the key, and low and behold the car started. I couldn't understand what happened. I was over for nothing. Arnie said, "Well, let me look at it." He came and said, "Gosh Kelli, you have the biggest gas leak. I believe this was a miracle. The Lord really parted the gas leak. The Lord really

A FRACTION OF AN INCH FROM A DISASTER

I have two miracle stories that happened in my family. Two years ago, my brother was in a car accident. His car smashed into a railroad maintenance building. The doctors said that the initial hit alone should have killed him. Considering the speed and the type of sports car my brother was driving, the car should have crumpled on impact. In the accident, the car was crushed to the point that it was within a fraction of an inch away from the gas tank. There were sparks the whole time, but the car never exploded. The fumes also should have killed him, but he only passed out. Twenty minutes after the accident, a car came and got him

out of the car and called for help. My brother had quite a few angels looking out for him that day. I also had a miracle experience. When I was a little girl I broke my arm pretty bad. There was no one around and I was quite a distance away from home. I didn't know what to do, and I probably could have injured myself worse, when two ladies walked down the road and saw me. They told me what to do and helped me get home. The amazing thing is, that those ladies never walked that way, they just decided to take a different route that day. God really brought them to my aid.

KAREN SCHLATTER

New technology makes inroads into China

Amy Oglevie

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GUANGZHOU, China— As the after-school crowd drifted into the Jegaxunlian Phone Store, the staff was ready. Clad in shiny metallic windbreakers, that made them look similar to aliens, sales clerks swarmed over the young customers.

They showed the latest cellular phones by Motorola and Nokia, as well as local brands, Konka and TCL. The staff raved about new features, like wireless Internet access, a built-in Chinese-English dictionary and new covers in fluorescent red and green, to spice up the phones.

"Everybody in China wants to own a mobile phone," said Hacken Hwang, age 23, the store's general manager.

"For men, it's like having a cigarette lighter. For women, it's like wearing an accessory."

Jegaxunlian is one of over 200 stores that line a boulevard in this southern Chinese city. Local residents call it Telecom Street and it is a popular gathering place for students, street hustlers and off-duty soldiers. Everyone, it seems, is looking for to own a piece of cutting-edge technology.

Two decades after American

corporations began talking about China, making bold statements about selling cars and Coke to a billion people, the country finally seems to have generated the consumers to buy such products.

Cellular telephones are a genuine revolution in China and other parts of Asia. Not only are they a way for people to sidestep China's cumbersome phone network, they are the status symbol of choice for a generation of Chinese.

"As a hip Chinese yuppie in Shanghai, you're much more likely to be concerned about carrying around the latest phone than if you are a yuppie in London or New York," said Patrick Benzie, chief strategist at Intrinsic Technology, a wireless Internet services company in Shanghai. "You're talking about a massive number of phones."

Intrinsic estimated that China has 65 million cellular users, the number is expected to rise 105 million by next year. By the year 2002, China is expected to surpass the United States as the largest wireless market.

China Mobile, the dominant cellular provider, has over 40 million subscribers and is the world's second-largest carrier. The largest carrier, Vodafone AirTouch, re-

cently paid two and a half billion dollars for a small share in the company.

China Mobile and its main rival, China United Telecommunications, do not sell phones at a subsidized price along with service, as is done in the United States. Thus, the phone marketers, such as Jegaxunlian, strive to reach their target audiences at all costs.

This has led to a fiercely competitive market, in which the foreigners coax affluent buyers with great features while the local companies scrap for the mass market.

"The foreign brands are doing massive amounts of marketing," Benzie said. "That's the challenge for local companies."

From billboards to television commercials to displays in shopping malls, cellular phones loom large. China, far from lagging behind more developed countries, is helping set the pace in the design and marketing of cellular phones.

Phillip Leacock, director of mobile-phone marketing for Motorola of Greater China in Beijing, said, "The U.S. has the latest of everything in the wired-telephone business. But when it comes to wireless, China has a much greater appreciation of technology than the U.S."



HELLO? ~ This China Mobile employee examines a cellular phone for a customer. China Mobile is the dominant cell phone provider in China with over 40 million subscribers.

Tuberculosis rages out of control in Russia

Sonya Wold

Crusader Copy Editor

VORONEZH, Russia— Natalia Kostina was flat on her back on a metal examining table in tuberculosis hospital in Voronezh, Russia, staring at the ceiling. She was waiting for her weekly treatment when a doctor will jab her with a thick needle attached to a syringe and push in a few cubic inches of air into her abdomen.

Injecting air into the abdomen is a painful and out-of-date effort to battle tuberculosis (TB) when medications are scarce or are no longer effective. Doctors often use air injections to fight TB strains that resist the most commonly used drugs. The technique compresses infected lungs, giving them time to rest and heal. This treatment has not been used in the West for decades.

Kostina, 24, was healthy until two years ago. She had been working as a nurse at the local prison, just a mile down the road from this hospital, when she became sick with a fever and cough. In most of Russia's overcrowded prisons, tuberculosis has been spiraling out of control, so doctors quickly decided that she had caught tuberculosis from one of her inmate patients.

Despite months of treatment, her disease got worse. All four of the anti-tuberculosis drugs she tried were powerless. Moreover, during the year she spent traveling from work to home, then into the hospital, then to a convalescent home and then back to the hospital, she had

undoubtedly exposed countless others to her drug-resistant germs.

Russia's political turmoil, economic crisis and new freedoms have been accompanied by a wave of old diseases. Tuberculosis is flooding the country, producing what some authorities are calling the world's largest outbreak of the drug-resistant variety.

Other infection rates, including those of hepatitis, syphilis and AIDS, are also skyrocketing. An epidemic of diphtheria

"It's not surprising to see a case here, but it's a good reminder that it doesn't take much for one person to be a vector and start an epidemic."

~ Barry N. Kreiswirth

swept through in the mid-1990's. Regional outbreaks of encephalitis, typhoid fever, malaria, polio, pneumonia and influenza are reported on the nightly news. People dying of terrible diseases are a common occurrence in many towns and cities in Russia.

Russia's prison system is described as an "epidemiologic pump," by health experts, which are continuously seeding the country with pockets of TB that can spread on their own.

Tuberculosis cases of Russian origin are becoming increasing common in the Baltic countries and even in countries as far away as Germany and Israel.

Specialists worry that if the rising rates of infectious diseases in Russia continue unabated, the country itself may end up sending infectious diseases into the rest of the world.

"It's not surprising to see a case here," said Barry N. Kreiswirth, a tuberculosis expert at the Public Health Research Institute in New York City. "But it's a good reminder that it doesn't take much for one person to be a vector and start an epidemic."

Tuberculosis is not new to Russia. Before the Soviet Union fell, such diseases were finally brought under control through major government effort and expense. Infection rates, though roughly three times higher than in the United States, were falling in proportion with those in Europe and developed countries elsewhere.

However, now with thin budgets, government health programs are no match for infections given new momentum by increasing factors; poverty, stress, alcoholism, overcrowding and intravenous drug use have risen sharply in recent decades.

The prison populations soared in Russia after the Soviet Union collapsed. Russia now shares the highest per capita rates of incarceration status with the United States.

Tuberculosis is rampant in overcrowded prisons where hundreds of prisoners are ill with the deadly disease. Due to the nature of TB, sneezing or coughing transmits. Being an airborne virus, tuberculosis is very diffi-



TUBERCULOSIS ~ Russian doctor examines X-ray of man with tuberculosis. TB is an epidemic in Russia; once under control, the disease is now rampant, and in many cases, deadly.

cult to contain once it begins to spread in crowded areas, such as prisons.

Without a steady supply of the right type of medications, tuberculosis becomes resistant to drugs and much harder to treat. This was the case in the prisons, where anti-tuberculosis medications are continually running short, and prisoners still in need of treatments are released or transferred.

It is estimated that as many as ten percent of Russia's million prisoners now have active tuberculosis. More than half of those cases are resistant to at least one anti-TB drug, and 20 to 30 percent of them are resistant to several.

Treating drug-resistant tuberculosis is among the greatest of medical challenges. It requires expensive, "second-line" drugs,

which must be taken for years instead of months, and which have many side effects.

In Voronezh, Kostina has been luckier than most. To supplement the painful weekly injections of air into her abdomen, which let her infected lung rest, doctors found her a last-ditch pair of medications: a spray she inhales directly into her lungs and expensive American pills imported by the Russian government and doled out in tiny quantities to outlying hospitals.

With this concoction of archaic and cutting-edge treatments, she has gotten better. Her fever is gone. She has gained weight and the cavities in her lungs have shrunk. She left the hospital last September to convalesce at home. So far none of her family has contracted tuberculosis.

NNU Basketball kicks off season

By Matt Guthrie
Sports Writer

After starting off strong over the Thanksgiving break, the Crusader men have hit somewhat of a roadblock. The jump to Division II has proven to be a significant challenge while the team does not look as if they have fully come together yet.

In their last five games they have recorded four losses, although they did knock off UC-Davis, the third ranked team in the nation.

The first game was the hype-filled rivalry against Albertson College. Now that Northwest Nazarene University has made the move to D-II, Albertson will be on the schedule only once a year. Because this was such a big event the game was held at the Idaho Center where three thousand plus fans were in attendance.

After a slow start by both teams, the Crusaders looked strong as they took the lead into halftime. However, the second half was a different story as Albertson shot 50 percent from the field compared to NNU's 34 percent. The Coyotes also dominated in the rebounding category 44-33.

With just under 10 minutes to play Albertson took the lead for good. NNU tried to come back, led by forward Jeff Nielsen who scored 24 points in just 25 minutes off the bench, but they could not get enough going. The game ended with a score of 73-59. Later that week, the 'Saders

traveled to California to play in the Hamilton Classic hosted by UC-Davis. In the opening game, NNU surprised the host team 73-68. The key to the victory turned out to be free throw shooting as the Crusaders made nine in the final 81 seconds to clinch the win. Josh Coopriider led the Crusaders with 17 points and dished out five assists while playing all 40 minutes.

The next night Sonoma State handed NNU a loss by the score of 68-55. Both teams struggled to score early on as the game was still 0-0 after nearly five minutes of play. However, Sonoma continued to put points on the board and quickly went up by 17. NNU made several attempts to come back but could not put anything together. SSU was led by Mat Knydson's 15 points including 10 in the second half.

The guys spent this last weekend in sunny Hawaii where they dropped two non-conference games. The first was an 84-57 loss to Chaminade University on Friday night. It was the Silverswords' third straight win. The next night the Crusaders suffered an 87-70 loss to the Hawaii Pacific Sea Warriors.

The NNU women's team have played well lately, going 1-2 in their last three games.

The girls dominated Western Washington University on November 30th by the score of 84-64.



Haniel Massoud/Crusader

We love NNU!--(from left) Dan Mangeac, Jake Proffitt, Sam Horny, Jon Pereira, and Mike Wolfe cheer their team on.

The former Division II Final Four team trailed the Crusaders most of the game, even with the Lady 'Saders in early foul trouble.

The Crusaders were led by Chelsey Hall and Alysson Kollmann, both of whom had 21 points. Kasha Lawrence added 17 points and ten rebounds and Stephanie Imhof added 11 assists in the 'Saders' effort.

The next game was a 79-68 loss to Seattle Pacific University, the

number one ranked team in the conference.

SPU jumped out twice to a 15 point lead in the first half.

However, NNU rallied back to within one at halftime. Chelsey Hall tied the game three minutes into the second half with a three pointer but that was as close as the game would get. The Falcons jumped back into the lead and held off several runs by the Crusaders to seal the win, led by Gus

Balogh's 27 points and 10 rebounds. Chelsey Hall led NNU with 20 points including five of nine shooting from beyond the arc.

On December 9 the Crusaders suffered a lopsided 103-71 loss to Lewis-Clark State College. Early in the second half the Warriors went on a 23-2 run and never looked back. The loss put the Crusaders at 3-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

We can still win this!-- Coach Sanders talks with NNU players during a timeout at the NNU vs. ACI game, ACI won 73-59.



Haniel Massoud/Crusader

Money Shot!-- NNU Basketball player James Thomas shoots over an ACI defender.



Haniel Massoud/Crusader

Team schedules 2000-2001

Men's Basketball

- 12/14 Seattle University
- 12/16 **Chaminade University**
- 12/29 Seattle University
- 1/4 Western New Mexico
- 1/16 **Montana State-Billings**
- 1/11 Western Washington
- 1/13 Seattle Pacific
- 1/18 **Western Oregon**
- 1/20 **Humboldt State**
- 1/25 **Saint Martin's**
- 1/27 **Central Washington**
- 2/1 Alaska-Fairbanks
- 2/3 Alaska-Anchorage
- 2/8 Seattle Pacific
- 2/10 **Western Washington**
- 2/15 Humboldt State
- 2/17 Western Oregon
- 2/22 Central Washington
- 2/24 **Saint Martin's**

home games in bold

Women's basketball

- 12/14 Seattle University
- 12/16 Lewis-Clark State
- 12/22 Seattle University
- 1/4 Humboldt
- 1-/6 **Western Oregon**
- 1/11 Western New Mexico
- 1/13 Montana State-Billings
- 1/18 **Alaska Anchorage**
- 1/20 **Alaska Fairbanks**
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- 2/22 Alaska Fairbanks
- 2/24 Alaska Anchorage
- 3/1 Central Washington
- 3/3 Saint Martin's

TIME OUT

Come and worship as we hear Adrian Anderton speak. Join in and be a part of the coolest thing this week or just get chapel credit. 9:00 pm this Wednesday in the Brandt.

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A-Rod signs richest deal in history

Ex-Mariner heads to Texas for \$252 million

By Matt Mort
Sports Editor

Yes, Alex Rodriguez is for now the richest athlete in the history of sports. The most-prized free agent in baseball history has finally been signed. The lucky team is the Texas Rangers. Rodriguez agreed to a 10-year, \$252 million contract this week.

A-Rod will receive \$21 million per season from 2001-2007 and has an escape clause after 2007. To keep him, the Rangers must give the 25-year old shortstop either an \$8 million bump per season or \$1 more per season than the highest paid player at that time. The deal includes a \$1 million bonus every season.



Alex, Texas Ranger--Alex Rodriguez dons his new uniform.

Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras, and Rangers owner Tom Hicks are meeting today with lawyers to finalize the deal, which does not include any special perks that Boras reportedly had been seeking.

In seven seasons with the Seattle Mariners, Rodriguez compiled a .309 career batting average with 189 homers and 595 runs batted in (RBI).

In February, Seattle traded Ken Griffey, Jr. to Cincinnati rather than risk him becoming a free agent after the 2000 season. The Mariners decided they would keep Rodriguez and try to re-sign him.

Seattle won the American League wild card and swept Central Division champion (and AL's best record) Chicago in the first round, but the Yankees beat the Mariners 4-2 in the AL championship series.

Asked what was next for Seattle, Pinella said: "We'll go upstairs and take a close look."

In Texas, Rodriguez joins a team that has never gotten beyond the first round of the playoffs. But the Rangers have already signed three free agents in the first three days of the winter meetings: first

baseman Andres Galaraga, third baseman Ken Caminiti, and right-hander Mark Petovsek.

These new players will add to an already powerful lineup that includes former AL MVP, Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro, but starting pitching is weak, with Rick Helling and Kenny Rogers.

After winning the AL West in 1999, its third division title in four years, Texas dropped to 71-91 and finished with a 5.52 ERA, the worst among the 30 major league teams.

Until Saturday, the largest deal in baseball history was a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract that brought Griffey to the Reds.

Left-hander Mike Hampton and the Colorado Rockies agreed Saturday to a \$121 million, eight-year contract, just short of the record for any sport, a \$126 million, six-year

deal between Kevin Garnett and the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves.

Rodriguez falls short of the highest average salary. Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers will average \$29.5 million in an \$88.5 million, three-year extension that starts with the 2003-04 season.

The Rangers results from the upcoming season will test how good A-Rod really is and if he is worth \$252 million, remember how Griffey, Jr. did last year with Cincinnati.

••••• NNU Homecoming Tournament •••••

••••• Congratulations to NNU women's basketball players Amber Hellberg and Alysson Kollmann for making the All-Tournament team and to Stephanie Imhof for being named Most Valuable Player! •••••

28 year-old takes Heisman

By Matt Mort
Sports Editor

Before Saturday night the question was "Who will this year's Heisman Trophy winner be?" Would it be TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson, Purdue's Drew Brees, Oklahoma's Josh Huelpe or Florida State's Chris Weinke?

The decision was finally made in New York City this weekend putting to rest the controversy of whether or not a 28-year old quarterback playing for the number-three ranked team could win the Heisman, as Chris Weinke won by 76 points.

It came down to which player had the best stats, not the best team. However, Weinke's team could pull away with a second straight national title with a victory over number one ranked Oklahoma (and Heisman contender Josh Huelpe) in the Orange Bowl on January 3rd.

Weinke capped a remarkable back-to-school story, winning the Heisman Trophy in the seventh closest votes in the history of the award. The closest was Auburn's Bo Jackson's 45-point victory over Chuck Long in 1985.



Heisman Winner--2000's Heisman Trophy Winner, Florida State's Chris Weinke.

In the final weeks before his name was called, Weinke's age became a huge issue, one that even worried the quarterback. "If people wanted to leave me off the ballot because they didn't think I was the best player, that's OK," Weinke said after becoming the oldest player to ever win the Heisman in its 65-year history. "But don't leave me off because I'm 28. It's too bad those things have to come up."

Weinke, who spent six years playing minor league baseball before returning to school in 1997,

had a record-setting season. The St. Paul, Minnesota native led the nation with a school-record 4,167 yards passing, threw 33 touchdowns with only 11 interceptions and set the ACC's career passing record with 9,839 yards.

Chris had 369 first-place votes and 1628 points; Huelpe had 286 first-place votes and 1552 points.

"I don't think age should have been a factor to determine it--it's for the best college football player in the country," Huelpe said.

Purdue quarterback Drew Brees was third, followed by TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson and Northwestern back Damien Anderson in voting by 796 of the 922 eligible Heisman voters.

This Heisman race was one of the most competitive in recent years. In the first few weeks, Weinke was among a handful of Heisman contenders, with Huelpe an afterthought--at best. Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick was the front-runner, but when he sprained an ankle and was unable to play much in the Hokies' loss to Miami, Weinke became the favorite.

Information for this story taken from espn.com

Bowl schedule

December 20, 2000
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Southern Mississippi (7-4) vs. 16.Texas Christian (10-1)

December 21, 2000
Las Vegas Bowl
Arkansas (6-5) vs. UNLV (7-5)

December 24, 2000
Oahu Bowl
Virginia (6-5) vs. 24.Georgia Tech

December 25, 2000
Aloha Bowl
Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5)

December 27, 2000
Motor City Bowl
Cincinnati (7-4) vs. Marshall (7-5)

Gallery Furniture Bowl
East Carolina (7-4) vs. Texas Tech (7-5)

December 28, 2000
Humanitarian Bowl
UTEP (8-3) vs. Boise State (9-2)

Music City Bowl
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4)

Insight.Com Bowl
Pittsburgh (7-4) vs. Iowa State (8-3)

MicronPC.Com Bowl
Minnesota (6-5) vs. N.C. State (7-4)

December 29, 2000
Liberty Bowl
23.Louisville (9-2) vs. 22. Colorado State

Sun Bowl
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4)

Peach Bowl
LSU (7-4) vs. 17.Georgia Tech (9-2)

Holiday Bowl
12.Texas (9-2) vs. 11.Oregon (9-2)

December 30, 2000
Alamo Bowl
19.Northwestern (7-4) vs. 8.Nebraska (9-2)

December 31, 2000
Silicon Valley Classic
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3)

Independance Bowl
Mississippi State (7-4) vs. Texas A&M (7-4)

January 1, 2001
Cotton Bowl
21.Tennessee (8-3) vs. 9.Kansas State (10-3)

Out back Bowl
South Carolina (7-4) vs. 18.Ohio State (8-3)

Gator Bowl
13. Clemson (9-2) vs. 5.Virginia Tech (10-1)

Florida Citrus Bowl
20.Auburn (9-3) vs. 15.Michigan (8-3)

Rose Bowl
14.Purdue (8-3) vs. 4.Washington (10-1)

Fiesta Bowl
10.Notre Dame (9-2) vs. 6.Oregon State (10-1)

January 2, 2001
Sugar Bowl
7.Florida (10-2) vs. 2. Miami(FL) (10-1) vs.

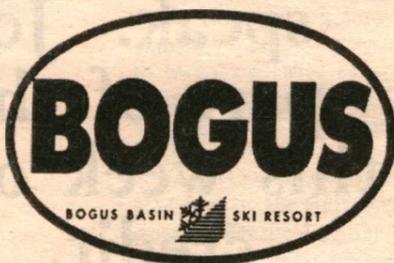
January 3, 2001
Orange Bowl
3. Florida State (11-1) vs. 1.Oklahoma (12-0)

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Down with the Crusaders

Years ago, a large army marched across eastern Europe and into the middle east in an effort to "liberate" the Holy Land for Christianity.

The Holy Land was never theirs to protect, or even to liberate for that matter. Christian or not, nobody ever gave that land to them, and they had no right to invade it. The invasion did more harm than good, and ended only in massacre and wasted human lives for both sides.

According to the Bible, the Holy Land belongs to the Jews. It was theirs to protect and theirs to liberate. The Jews lived in relative peace with the Arabs during this time period; Jews got along with Arabs and vice versa.



It was not until the Crusader invasion that Jews began to suffer. The Jews had lived under a policy of tolerance and benevolent rulership under the Arabs. Under the Crusaders, however, they did not live at all: many were killed.

In their sack of Jerusalem during the First Crusade, the Crusaders massacred, pillaged and raped at their leisure in the Holy City. One has to ask, if they were there to liberate the Holy Land, why did they pillage and burn the Holy City, sacred to Christianity, Islam, and Judaism?

If they were there to liberate the Holy Land, why did they kill innocent civilians—Jews, Arabs, or Christian. Why did they defile God's chosen people—Jewish women—by wantonly raping them? That is not to say that Jerusalem's non-Jewish women did not suffer the same fate.

Regardless of who was involved, and regardless of the tragedy of war, that was a tragedy that didn't need to happen.

Many modern-day Europeans even recognize their past decision to invade the Holy Land as an arrogant, inhuman, and shameful act. Why should we, then, take pride in such people, in the Crusaders, by naming our sports teams after them?

The crimes they committed against the Jews were not unlike those committed by the Nazis. Crusaders also killed hundreds of Jews and it did not matter to them.

The Crusaders also massacred

the people of Constantinople (Now Istanbul), fellow Christians mind you, after Constantinople had asked for their help.

The Crusaders betrayed their brethren in Christ for the sake of gold and women. They betrayed Constantinople and their brothers and sisters, but even worse, they betrayed the Word of God.

Nobody is perfect, and most of us are hypocrites when it comes to our faith. However, when hypocrisy costs human lives, and

God's name is brutally defiled through death, fire, rape, and destruction, then as Christians, it is our duty to draw a clear line between respecting God and the tenets He set for His Church, and focusing only on His

loving nature. Just as we modern day Christians have no right to abuse the gift of God's grace, the Crusaders had no right to abuse that gift either.

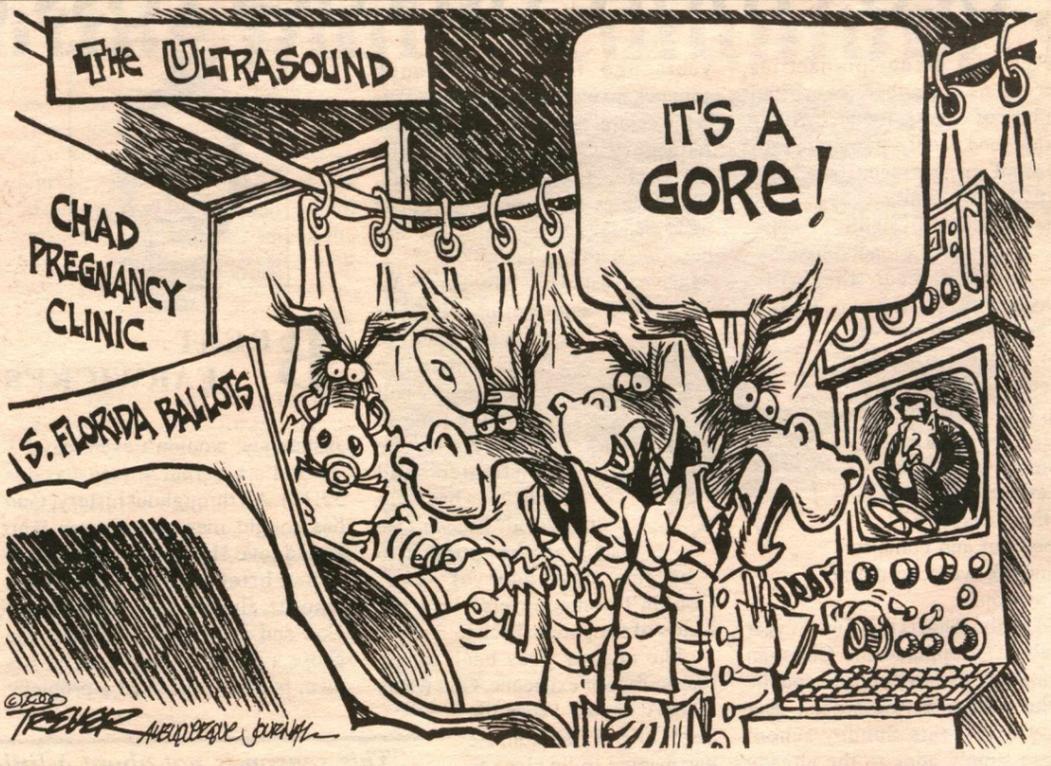
The Crusaders did not respect the faith, their God, human life, or any of the things for which Christianity truly stands. Taking this into account then, why does a school which promotes the love of God take on such a shameful and honorless name for their sports team?

Would we do right to take pride in a name so stained with dishonor, destruction and human blood? While for some, it may not seem like a big deal, and while some of you may laugh it off, please do well to remember that the women who were raped by the Crusaders were not laughing. The children who were orphaned by the Crusaders or sold into slavery were not laughing. Why then do we take the name of our sports team so lightly, given what its original proponents stood for?

John 8:44 reads, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning..." Indeed the Crusaders carried out their father's desire. Given who their father was, we should not name our teams after them.

In conclusion, I would like to thank those who support me in my endeavor to show the complete absurdity of the pride we hold in the title of our teams.

Saad Al-Otaibi



Editor's Note:

We would like to make the following corrections: In our previous issue, the Keegan Lenker's name, as well as Scot Mortimer's were spelled incorrectly. Also, in our November 6 issue, Tim Milburn's name was spelled incorrectly. We apologize for this mistakes.

The Crusader welcomes it's new advisor, Adam Watkins. Adam is an admissions officer for NNU and has extensive background experience in newspaper editing. He will be assisting the staff each week in improving styles and raising the standard of this publication.

Combined Christmas Party!

All ministry club members are invited to attend a Christmas party Thursday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Meet in the Student Center and bring a dessert and a white elephant gift. The party will be at the Watson's house.

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What would you like to get from your parents this year for Christmas?



Lincoln Hagood Freshman Engineering Nampa, ID

"Free tuition for Third West Culver."



Tara Ryan Sophomore Soc. Serv. Min. Homedale, ID

"I'd like a leather coat, a new CD player, some new tennis shoes, a bike, new jeans—oh, and I could use a new car."



Lane Chitwood Junior (Senior) Physics & Phil. Spokane, WA

"I want a ski helmet so I don't brain myself on a tree."



Shelley Bowes Senior Math Education Nampa, ID

"Four monks for the E-1 nunnery."

New Don Roos film flies into theatres

Film illustrates how the small choices we make each day can influence lives.

In Don Roos' latest film, *Bounce*, Ben Affleck plays Buddy Amaral. Amaral is a sleek suited Los Angeles advertising executive who is recovering from alcoholism.

One night, while waiting for a delayed flight in Chicago and after signing an airline as a big client, Amaral has a few drinks with some strangers in the airport, a young blonde and Greg Janello, played by Tony Goldwyn.

We all want to be with our families during the Christmas season. Imagine not being able to spend the holidays with your family because of delayed flights, which result in several layovers. Greg Janello, jumped at the chance to accept Buddy Amaral's (Ben Affleck) ticket on one of the last planes to leave the airport. After all, Janello had to keep his promise of helping to sell Christmas trees with his son.

Janello and Amaral met in the airport bar and shared a few drinks together, along with a cute blonde. When it becomes apparent to Amaral that this blonde would have a layover that night, he willingly gave up his tickets. At the time Janello and Amaral felt this was a perfectly fine idea.



After all, they were both getting the things they wanted for the season, family for Janello and a cute blonde for Amaral. With a few winks and a little switching of names on the manifest, Janello was on his way home.

Little did both of them know, this decision would decide the fate and end the life of Janello. The plane crashes in Kansas, killing all 200 passengers. This event starts the beginning of the story of Buddy Amaral and how he deals with the regret of the crash that kills Janello.

A guilt stricken Amaral soon crosses the drinking line into alcoholism. After embarrassing himself at an awards ceremony for his contributions to a feel-good ad campaign for Infinity Airlines, he checks into rehab.

At this point the story skips

ahead a year. Amaral is now dried up and as part of his 12 step atonement he pays a visit to Janello's widow, Abby, played by Gwyneth Paltrow. However, he does not tell her of his connection to her dead husband.

As a widowed mother of two

young boys, Paltrow gives a performance of astounding delicacy and depth. Amaral passes himself off as a client, inviting Abby to broker his office's incipient real estate deal. Attracted to Amaral, Abby, who says she is divorced, hesitantly initiates a

dating relationship. The romance that occurs is based on trust as well as deception. As the relationship becomes more serious, the inevitable question looms of how and when Amaral will tell her the truth. If Amaral reveals the truth of how he found his way to Abby, he'd make himself look like an opportunist.

Some of the minor characters in film include Amaral's hard-nosed boss, Joe Morton, as well as his gay assistant, Johnny Galecki, a twelve-step graduate who minces no words. David Dorfman and Alex D. Linz, play Abby's two young sons, who are almost too cute.

Bounce was a cute movie showing that even the smallest of life's decisions can have drastic consequences and aftermaths. *Bounce* is definitely recommended to all those who are looking for a little romance and emotion. Two thumbs up to Don Roos' latest.

Bounce

Starring
BEN AFFLECK

Reviewed by
**SONYA WOLD
& NOELL
KEYT**



Crusader Reviews

OUR RATING SYSTEM

- ✓✓✓✓ DEFINITELY
- ✓✓✓ YEAH
- ✓✓ MAYBE
- ✓ NOT LIKELY
- UH, NO

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There is not a place for evolution and creationism to stand side by side and be embraced as both equally sound.

Must we debunk all we have learned as children in our Christian homes, in our Sunday School classes, and from the sermons we have heard in our churches when we reach college? Is it all just myths and misguided learning? I think NOT. The Christian writer, G.D. Watson in his book entitled, *God's First Words: made this statement, "The Bible, from beginning to end, teaches creation as against evolution. There is an infinite gap between a thing being created and being evolved out of some previous substance . . . Hence the whole teaching of evolution is absolutely atheistic and a denial of God and of creation and leads to every form of falsehood in doctrine, in life, in morals and everything else."*

What a wonderful time of the year this is as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and realize that this is the fulfillment of the promise given to Adam and Eve. "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." Genesis 3:15.

There are certain nonbiblical theories as to where evil in humanity originated. I mention only the one that has to do with evolution so that we can contrast it against the biblical teachings of creation by the spoken Word of God. Some evolutionists say that evil is the residue of the evolutionary process. "This theory, as taught by some, holds that evil is the savage remnant of humanity's evolutionary climb physically and mentally. When man's ethical lag

catches up with his psychological and physical advance he will become morally good. Borden Parker Bowne (1847-1910) wrote that evil is, "a relic of the animal not yet outgrown, a resultant of the mechanism of appetite and impulse and reflex action for which the proper inhabitants are not yet developed. Only slowly does it grow into a consciousness of itself as evil." (A Contemporary Wesleyan Theology, Vol.1, Charles W. Carter, p.239-244-245)

There is the theistic evolutionary theory that at some stage of animalistic evolution, God intervened and imparted a higher kind of life and personhood to certain members of the more advanced animal kingdom. There are other theories that are viewed with equal incongruity, and not in harmony with the biblical account of creation. If we accept the view of Borden Parker Bowne, there is no need for the promise in Genesis 3:15 to be fulfilled. This promise in Genesis truly deals with the remedy for sinful mankind and is an important tenancy of the Christian faith.

I am glad for this Christmas season in that we can celebrate the fulfillment of the promise in Christ, for in Him only, is found humanity's remedy for sin.

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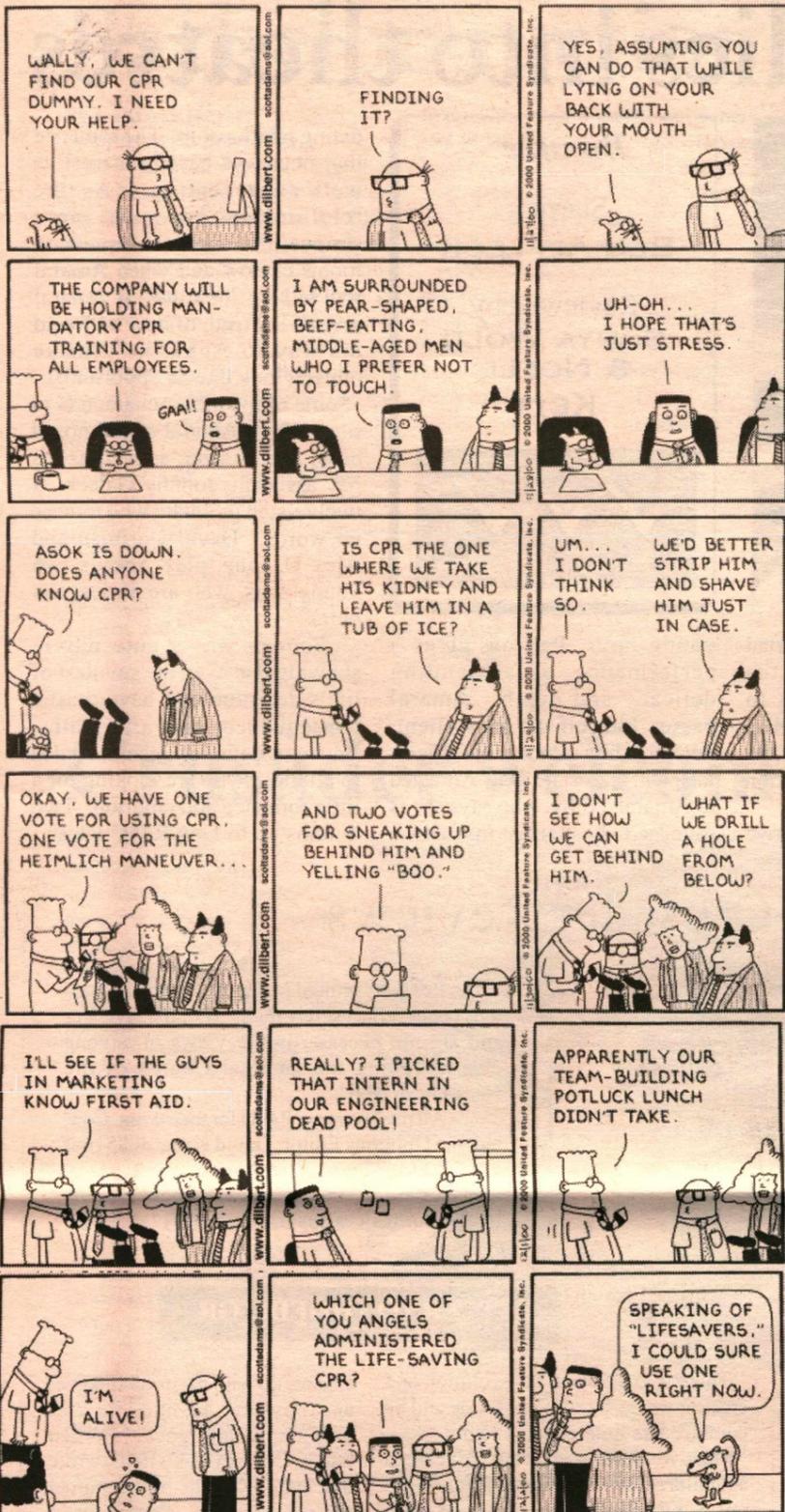
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