

"Seek ye First The Kingdom of God"

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March of Dimes sparks student interest

By Molly Bales
Campus Writer

This past week, the Freshman Class Council has been raising money for the March of Dimes foundation. Through the Penny Drive/Kiss-A-Pig Contest and the Conyan Aviation Plane Toss, faculty, students, and community members were able to raise over \$430 to benefit the March of Dimes.

March of Dimes is an organization whose mission is to improve the health of babies through preventing such things as birth defects and infant mortality. Franklin D. Roosevelt founded this voluntary health organization in 1938. It currently helps fund programs of research, community service, education and advocacy.

The March of Dimes fundraiser was a three-part activity on campus taking place throughout the month

of February. It began with the week-long Penny Drive and Kiss-A-Pig contest, continued with the Conyan Aviation Plane Toss, and will finally conclude with the Mr. NNU Pageant this weekend.

The yearly Penny Drive took on a little different twist this year. Instead of being a class competition, four faculty and staff members on campus ran against each other to see who could bring in the most change in the form of coins throughout the week. The contestant who brought in the most money had to kiss a pig during half-time at the basketball game last Saturday.

The four contestants in the Penny Drive were Ed Castledine, Professor Reg Hill, Carey Cook and James Stinson, the manager of Marriott. It was a close race between contestants all week. However, at the close of the penny drive Stinson, pulled

ahead due to an overwhelming contribution of pennies from the freshman boys of Culver. Since pennies were considered positive points and all silver change and dollars were considered negative points, Stinson was the only contestant to remain with a positive amount of \$38.53. The runner-up was Professor Hill had a negative \$20.42 by the end of the competition. Overall, the penny drive raised a total of \$203 to benefit the March of Dimes.

As the contestant to have the most positive points at the end of the Penny Drive, Stinson, had the privilege of kissing a pig during half-time at the boys' basketball game on Saturday. As Stinson swooned the swine, the crowds went wild and crazy; a wonderful culmination to a successful Penny Drive. ~Continued on to pg. 3



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JAMES STINSON, Manager of Marriott, was the winner of the Penny Drive. Stinson had the privilege to kiss the pig at half-time of the boy's basketball game on Saturday.

White House security responds to gun fire

By Amy Oglevie
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WASHINGTON, D.C. - A retired Internal Revenue Service (IRS) accountant fired shots outside the White House Wednesday, Feb 7, alerting guards to Presidential danger.

After a ten minute standoff, the shooter was wounded in the knee by a Secret Service agent. The man was identified Friday by the United States Park Police, which patrols the area just outside the White House gates, as Robert W. Pickett of Evansville, Indiana. No one was injured, however, and officials said that President Bush was not in immediate danger. The shooting

by the South Lawn revived the debate over how close the public should be able to get to the White House and whether Pennsylvania Avenue, running along the north front of the presidential mansion, should be reopened to traffic.

The incident sent the police and heavily armed Secret Service agents swarming across the White House grounds and into the surrounding streets about 11:30 am. White House officials said President Bush, who was exercising in the residence area of the White House at the time, was never in danger. Ari Fleischer, Bush's Press Secretary, told officials that after he had informed the President of the gunfire by the Secret Service, Bush resumed exercising.

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Editors Note

By Noell Keyt

Striving for Excellence

Excellence: this word refers to a standard that seems to rate something in the category of "best of kind" or "better than most". But how can we achieve excellence?

Recently *The Crusader* has been dealing with the issue of "striving for excellence". Our mission as a school newspaper has always been to provide an appealing and an interesting paper for our community. This requires much work and dedication from the staff,

students and even faculty. It can be difficult as a small organization with a limited amount of time to produce an "excellent" or even "superior" paper. For the quality of the paper to be truly outstanding support is essential.

The community's support, which is ultimately the most important, must be acknowledged by the staff for the eventual attainment of excellence in the school newspaper. Without support from our community, issues that are important to students are often overlooked.

Support from the community means that we need a more open line of communication. Students, faculty and staff can email, call or even talk directly to staff members and express their concerns or ideas. We want to know what you want to see in the paper because we care.

With God's grace, we want to strive to do the best we can in order to bring into existence a paper that all students, faculty and staff can be proud of.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Weather Forecast

Wednesday

Highs 36
Lows 20

Thursday

Highs 40
Lows 21

Friday

Highs 35
Lows 22

Saturday

Highs 36
Lows 22

Sunday

Highs 38
Lows 24

Morrison Hall receives break from dorm students

By Sarah Shoemaker
Campus News Staff Writer

In chapel, Mon. Feb. 5, a surprising announcement was made: next year the sophomore girls will live in Dooley Hall, not Morrison Hall due to the condition Morrison is in.

The people who work in Student Resources are always listening to the concerns and complaints of students and parents. In recent years, many of the complaints and comments have been about the condition of Sutherland Hall and Morrison Hall, and a majority of those were about Sutherland Hall.

Many among the student body have never lived in Sutherland Hall, but most of them know that there have been some major changes made inside the building, such as the end of the community showers. Now it is time for Student Resources to turn its attention to the concern about the condition of Morrison Hall.

Because of budget concerns, there are no specific plans for Morrison.

"The status of Morrison is a year-to-year decision at this point," Karen Pearson, Director of Resident Life, assures.

That means there are not plans for Morrison Hall beyond next year. Morrison Hall will not torn down in order to build another dorm building like Ford Hall. They are not just letting it sit for a few years in hopes that it will somehow miraculously change, either. The people in Administration just have not decided the fate of Morrison Hall yet.

When Student Resources was trying to decide what to do, they looked at the numbers. The student body is still small enough that all of those living on campus will still fit when Morrison is closed down according to Dr. Hagood's announcement in chapel.

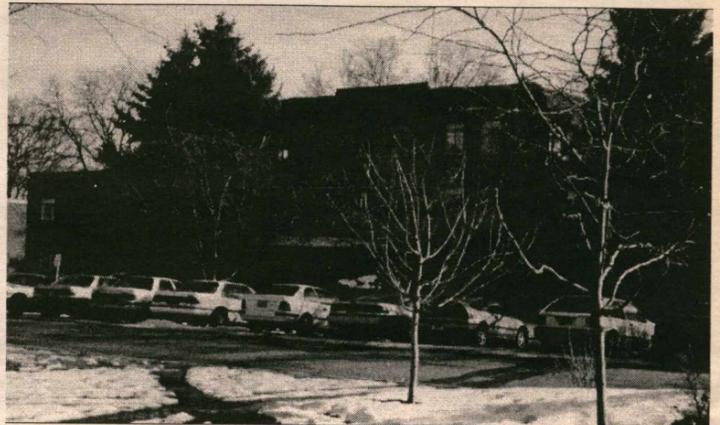
But Dooley Hall will not be completely like the building we all saw before the fire in the lobby earlier this semester, and not just because there was a fire either. Before the fire that

Fri. morning Jan. 19 either. There were already plans to make changes in the building. A volunteer group was already planning to upgrade the bathrooms, specifically to add more showers.

How are the ladies moving into Dooley Hall taking it? Many are glad the change has been made. Devon VanEssen said, "It is a good change, Dooley rooms are much nicer."

Some are indifferent to the situation, but some although agreeing that Dooley is a nicer building, are a little disappointed. Julie Beymer said, "There is just something in the whole dorm experience that we will be missing by not living in a building like Morrison."

Many other freshman ladies have expressed one disappointment in the new situation. Morrison Hall provided a chance for sophomore ladies to get to know each other a little better: the



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MORRISON HALL stands in what may be the last year it is used to house female students on the campus of NNU.

lack of definite wings made interaction with the other girls in the building a little easier. The size of Ford has made it difficult to meet many of the other ladies in the class which is why there have been so many activities planned in Ford to let the

freshman girls get to know each other a little better.

Though the feelings about future dorm arrangements are mixed, Student Resources have tried to do what they thought was in the best interest for living conditions on campus.

Freshman open house time expanded

By Devon Van Essan
Campus Writer

Freshmen in Ford and Culver have finally gotten a much looked-for change regarding Open House schedules for the rest of the semester and the future. After receiving many requests, Kim Haddon and Joe Peppley, the RD's of Ford and Culver, decided to double the number of Open Houses in their dorms.

Every Tuesday is now an Open House day in one of the freshman dorms, alternating weekly between Ford and Culver.

Last semester, both dorms were open at the same time on every other Tuesday night. This new schedule allows an Open House each week without causing more work for Freshman RA's. Open Houses in Ford and Culver will continue to be from 7 to 10 pm.

Weekly Open Houses are a new concept for freshman at NNU. While it may not seem often enough compared to the upper-classmen dorms, it is a great improvement to last year, when there were only three Open Houses scheduled each term in Ford and Culver.

The new Open House schedule has already begun. With Culver hosting the girls on Feb. 13 and Ford opening to the guys on Feb. 20.

The attitude of the freshmen towards these changes is overwhelmingly positive. The new schedule

holds many advantages for guys and girls, freshmen and RA's. The most important thing, according to many students is that they do not have to wait two weeks for an Open House.

"It's better because you have something to look forward to every week," said Ford-resident Amy Sauter.

Another benefit is knowing that everyone will be in the same dorm. Students will no longer have the experience of going to visit a friend on Open House night, only to realize that he or she is in the opposite dorm. Friends can gather in one place, rather than being divided between two open dorms.

Those of you who dislike cleaning your rooms for Open House will be happy to realize that this new schedule allows for double the social opportunities without forcing you to clean your room more

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Amy Sauter

than once every two weeks. It also gives each dorm a "week off" for the benefit of students who need the time to study.

For many students, the new changes are not that big of a deal. They will still continue with their normal Open House activities: hanging out with friends, lis-

tening to music, playing card games, watching TV, and occasionally doing some homework with a study group. The only difference will be whether they are doing these things in their own room or a room in the opposite dorm.

Resident Assistants of Ford and Culver are supportive of the change. Besides knowing that the freshmen are enjoying the new schedule, RA's themselves also benefit from it. Even though the number of Open Houses has increased, they are not expected to be patrolling their halls for three hours every Tuesday evening.

Ruth Voelker managed to sum up the opinion of many RA's when she said, "I think there should be more Open Houses... as long as I don't have to be there for them."

For the first time, RA's are able to participate in some of the Open Houses and visit one another's rooms, instead of staying in their own dorms the entire time.

While freshmen are thankful for this new change in Open House policy, some would like to see even more Open House opportunities in their dorms.

Others are happy with the schedule just as it is, giving them plenty of guy-only or girl-only time in their own dorms. Nearly all consider the new schedule better than the one before and are excited for the rest of the Open Houses scheduled this semester.

Fund-raiser builds comedy on campus

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The second part of the March of Dimes fund-raiser was the Conyan Plane Toss, which also took place during halftime at the boys' basketball game last Saturday. Paper to make planes was sold as 1 plane/\$1 or 3 planes/\$2. The people who bought paper used it to make their own original paper airplanes, which they flew from the balcony of the gym during halftime. Each contestant's goal was to land his or her plane closest to or on a prize. Prizes included donations from such places as The Little Kitchen, Hogi Yogi, The Rose

Corner, One More Cup, Conyan Aviation, plus many more. Thanks to everyone's contributions and willingness to buy planes, over \$225 was raised from the Plane Toss to benefit the March of Dimes.

The third and final part of the March of Dimes fund-raiser is the Mr. NNU Pageant happening this Saturday, February 17 after the basketball game. Tickets will be sold for \$3 all week during lunch and dinner.

Be sure to buy your ticket in advance to reserve a good seat as well as support the March of Dimes.

Kurt Finkbeiner
Wednesday, Feb. 24th,
donate your lunch to help those effected in the earthquake in India. Come to Wordsworth Dining room, eat soup and have fun and fellowship with friends.

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Time Out ignites chance to worship

By Anita Nevin
Campus News Staff Writer

It is Wednesday night, and you have got a pile of homework a mile high, a test tomorrow you have not studied for, an essay due Friday and a huge migraine. You need a break. Your roommate decides to go to Time Out, and you decide it might not be such a bad idea. You deserve the rest.

Time-out is more than just a break. It is a time for worship, and a time for students to gather and hear other peers speak from their heart. Time-out is a core part of the NNU community.

A student started it in 1985 by the name of Scott Daniels. He decided

that NNU (NNC at the time) needed a time for the students to worship. A time with no faculty, no adults, just students. The first two to three years it was successful, then in '92-'96 the attendance dropped. Students were not interested anymore. The weekly attendance varied from 0-2 students.

In '97 Carey Hill, the current Campus Ministries Coordinator, decided to get it going again. Before this, the school faculty was thinking of taking control because they thought that it lacked leadership.

Hill petitioned to give Time Out a second chance. The school gave it to him. Hill rounded up committed student leaders, and jump-started Wednesday nights. That year the

attendance went from 20-150 students. Now, the average is 500-600 weekly.

Time Out is a time to give the students an opportunity to worship without time limits. With student speakers and student lead worship teams, Time Out is different than the weekly chapel services.

According to Gene Schandorff, Time Out is "the centerpiece for student spiritual life on campus. It is a student lead opportunity for an open-ended time of worship without any restrictions." Through time-out, the student's voice is heard. Time Out is also a significant social event. It

is a good time to hang out with your friends, and it is one of the main events on campus. This causes problems sometimes because some students tend to go to visit and catch up on the campus gossip. This is a rarity, though.

Time Out is very important to the school. But the most important thing is that it stays student lead. Currently, Time Out is trying to reach out to the campus community as a whole. It has gone from mainly student sermons to mainly worship and testimonies.

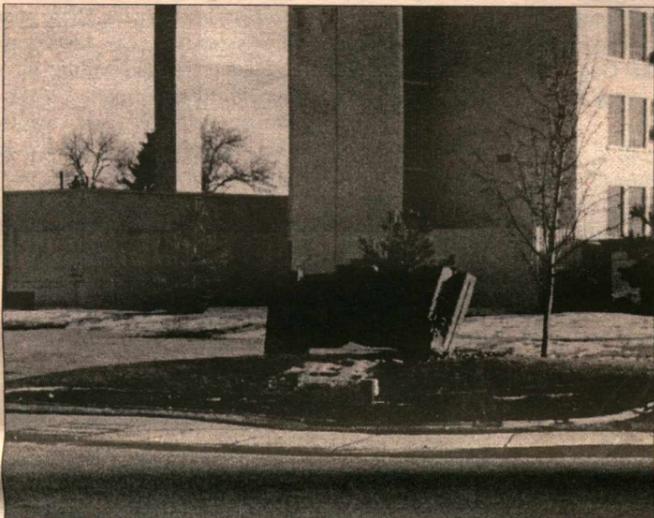
Nate Roskam sees this as "a growth with a focus on the students." He believes that the students truly love to go. "It is a time for students to come and worship in a setting that

caters to them. They can share with their peers messages from their heart."

Time Out relies heavily on peer influence. Roskam believes that without student support for their peers, time-out would lose its impact. Currently, he is working on improving the balance between contemporary worship and traditional worship.

Time Out is one of the most important community gatherings on campus. Student lead, and student supported, it tends to touch the campus community in a special way. It is a time for students, as one group to worship the Lord in any way they want, without restrictions, adults, or rules. Every student is invited to come each Wed.

Truck wrecks North Gate sign



SonyaWold/Crusader

THE NORTH Gate laid demolished Sunday, Feb. 11 at 1am Many students witnessed the accident in which the driver was seriously injured. The current condition of the driver is unknown. While roads remain slick it is necessary to maintain speed limits appropriate for the conditions.

Kids Activity Day takes off

By Sara Keller
Campus News Staff Writer

Ah, the sweet sounds of February...love is in the air, the snow is melting, and Kid's Activity Day is coming! On Feb. 24 second and third graders from Nampa elementary schools will be at the NNU gym having a morning of fun and excitement! Kid's Activity Day is an annual event put on by SGA to bring kids of Nampa to NNU. Each year about 60 kids come for a morning of fun in the gym.

KAD will be from 9:30 to 12pm. The schedule goes something like this: the kids arrive around 9:30 am and play around the gym for awhile. The "opening ceremony," (which is designed to get everyone into the swing of things) then they are divided up into four groups.

There are going to be four stations: art, science, games and snacks. They will rotate through, spending about 25 minutes in each place. For the art station,

there is going to be sort of an instructional, "learn-how-to-draw-this" exercise. The kids will learn how to draw something, say a cartoon and then be able to keep it and take it home. For the science section, there will be several fun experiments, all hands-on, to get the kids involved, rather than just watching.

There are ideas about having a "science circus" and doing wacky science experiments, and that is still in the works. Tiffany Brush is going to be heading this section up, so if you have questions or suggestions, let her know.

For the game, they will be playing the ever-popular kickball, and possibly having some fun with the parachute (remember that from grade school?). After all the teams have been at every station, they will have the "closing ceremony" and wrap up

the morning's activities.

This event will need many more volunteers. The more NNU students that are there to help the more fun the kids will have. Part of the purpose for KAD is to have interaction between NNU and the community, and to provide elementary school kids with a positive environment to play in.

Lots of students need to come out and get to know some kids in our community. This is a perfect opportunity to be a positive role model in a child's life.

Remember when you were in grade school, and the kids in college were so cool? Now is your chance to be that cool person! Do not pass this opportunity by! Whether its being involved in a specific station or hanging out with a "team" of kids, there is a spot for you to help! Call Sara at #8778 ASAP, or leave a message.

Phone rings in money

By Amy Oglevie
Off-Campus News Editor

An army of postcards was sent out to Alumni of Northwest Nazarene University last January, their mission statement clearly printed: "Help us have a ringing success.."

The 2001 Phon-a-thon is the combined efforts of twenty-one students, two advisors and hundreds of alumni and friends of the university.

The Phon-a-thon is a bold fundraising effort to supplement NNU's Annual Fund. According to the postcard sent to Alumni, "Annual Fund gifts make a difference by providing the students with essentials such as financial aid, computer and library resources, laboratory supplies and more."

The expressed goals of the Phon-a-thon are equally noble: To raise \$65,000 for the Annual Fund, foster closer ties between alumnus and NNU, verify addresses and phone numbers, gather alumni information and process comments and concerns relating to the school.

Alumni graduating as far back as 1940 are participating in this year's Phon-a-thon. Reverend Norm

Stueckle, the 1954 class agent, was excited to hear from one student caller. Rev. Stueckle, a retired senior pastor at Wenatchee, Washington, Church of the Nazarene, is actively involved and interested in what goes on at Northwest Nazarene.

"I'm so happy you called me tonight," Rev. Stueckle said. "You all are doing such a wonderful job and a good thing for NNU. I pray that God will bless you all richly."

NNU alumni are being contacted across the entire United States, with a even few in Hawaii. With such a wide calling-range, student callers must be mindful of time-zone issues.

All calls are conducted within a two-hour window, from 7 pm to 9 pm in the alumnus' time zone. The logic is simple: Before 7 pm., people are likely to be out or eating dinner and do not wish to be disturbed. After 9 pm, people are often trying to go to sleep and do not want to be bothered or woken up by a someone wanting money.

Student participation involves more than just calling and asking for money. Student callers have the opportunity through programs like the Phon-a-thon to establish contact

with people who care about them and Northwest Nazarene University in general.

Most Alumni are interested the school; events on campus are important to them. They want to know details, such as if a certain major is still around, how the basketball team is doing, to send a greeting to a favorite friend or professor, etc. Callers do their best to help Alumni feel included and to update them on the latest news.

However, student callers are still students and money is very involved with their commitment to the Phon-a-thon. The students working for the fund-raiser are paid \$6.00 an hour to call Alumni and ask for a contribution.

Callers ask for a set amount and can then feel free to negotiate a comfortable pledge for the donor. Donors are encouraged to commit to a written amount and can pay their gift over the phone via credit card.

For more information on the 2001 Phon-a-thon, visit the website at or contact Darl Bruner at the Alumni House.

Marriot changes face

By Sarah Hughes
Campus News Staff Writer

Did you know that once a month a group of your fellow students meets with the management team of what is now Sodexo Marriott to discuss anything and everything involved with our dining experience?

Even though it may not always seem like it, many changes have been made through these simple monthly meetings. These meetings were originally established to open up the communication lines between students and those in charge of feeding students. This process had been successful.

Basically the representatives voice their concerns to Debbie, Stacy, and James on what is working and what is not. They offer suggestions, new possible menu ideas and things that need to just go. They then take what was said and try to adjust it to what is wanted. Then the managers tell share any new ideas they have. They chat back and forth, coming up with many new ideas on improvements, menu items and atmosphere.

Do you remember way back in the beginning of last term when many filled out a survey telling Sodexo the goods and the bads? Here are some changes that hap-

pened as a result. The vegetarian bar has been expanded. Just in case it got missed, it is against the same wall as the toaster. The windows got a new look, and the blinds are no more! Also, nutritional info has been added to the menu signs.

Some other items to be taken into consideration are as follows; please do not use forks or knives on the little grill. Utensils other than the spatula provided do lots of damage. The Dex has already gone through a many of them this year. Also, keep eyes peeled for the mystery chefs; they may show up anywhere.

As an added note, the cereal dispensers need to be returned. Certain cereals will not be available until they are returned.

Most of all, the managers really do care how the student population feels about the food service; students have been heard. Students should consider themselves wonderfully blessed to have a management team that cares like they do. Remember, a voice can make a difference.

The food committee consists of Sarah Hughes (8502), Telfer Griffith (466-6908), Amanda Marble (8930), Sara Orias (8046), Josh Fishburne (8741), Esther Heath (8504) and Jennifer Gerner (8481). If you have any questions contact these numbers.

NNU students back from Promised Land

By Laurissa Hurst
Campus News Staff Writer

As students prepare for a brand new year of college this past August several of our fellow students were experiencing the new semester in a way many of us could never imagine. Traveling half way across the world, these students began their semester classes at Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem, Israel. The students who took this opportunity were Nick Mahaffey, Kristen Rasmussen, Krista Stoltzfus, Andy Smith, Jason Gingerich, Kristina Roth, Kara Langley, Maranda Schmitt, and Jessica Powell.

"Why Israel?" Roth said, "I have always wanted to go to Israel. It has been one of my goals to make it there someday. When I found out about JUC I was excited. I saw it as an opportunity to really be submersed in the culture and earn class credits at the same time."

Smith agreed, "I was looking for a fresh perspective on the Bible and felt like getting to walk in the land would tie the information together for me."

Many of the students who went said that the testimonies and influence of other students who had attended JUC really influenced their decision to go.

Langley also saw Israel as an amazing opportunity, "one that I did not want to pass up, but, mostly, I really felt The Spirit calling me to that place."

The students shared with me things that could only be told from experience. Kara Langley said, "Less than a mile off campus were the old city walls of Jerusalem, it was breathtaking. There were always new places to explore, new faces to meet and new challenges to encounter."

Smith shared, "my favorite time was when we were at the Sea of Galilee. It provided a time for quiet meditation. I found myself in awe of the fact that Jesus spent so much time along those shores. I was in such awe, in fact, that I forgot to take many pictures."

Roth also found being at the Sea



Kristina Roth/Crusader

JUNIOR KRISTINA Roth shows the weapon and the place where David defeated the giant Goliath. This picture was taken in Elah Valley in Israel.

of Galilee a memorable time. "One day we were on the Sea of Galilee in a boat. Our professor cut off the engine and read the passage in the bible where Jesus calms the storm. As I sat there just feeling the breeze and hearing the waves and how peaceful everything seemed, I was in awe. That was the closest I had to feeling what Jesus felt as he spent much of his time on a boat on that very sea," said Roth.

Schmitt's most memorable experience was when "we went to Bethlehem in early December. The whole week before there had been fighting in the areas between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We went to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. It was cool because no one was there; it was empty except for the priests and two reporters. We took a tour of the church... We stopped at the nativity scene and read the Christmas story and sang Christmas carols. It was so amazing to me to sing the familiar carols we had always sung with our ideas of what Bethlehem was like and then to actually be there and know what it was really like."

Concerning the danger and fighting in the Middle East the students who were there wanted those of us

who were here to know that Israel is a safe place.

"I never felt personally in danger," said Smith, "and for the most part was never personally aware of how close [the fighting] was. The school made every effort to reduce our chances of finding ourselves in dangerous situations, but tried to give us as much freedom as seemed prudent."

Schmitt added, "Don't be afraid of the fighting that is going on. It is still safe there. If you stay in the right areas and do the right things you are always safe."

The students are all more than willing to share any part of it with those who are interested or who may consider an opportunity such as JUC.

"I had to be careful of not getting too caught up in thinking that just being in the Holy Land was enough. It is a great experience, and you can feel God's presence, but you can't stop doing your devotions and having that quiet time with God. I was able to experience God in unexpected places and not just the "holy" places.

"I experienced Him on my rooftop in the mornings and one day in Hezekiah's tunnel which is pitch black inside and we all just started

singing praise songs to God," said Roth.

Langley stated, "It is hard for me to sum up what God did for me while I was there... what He did wasn't just in me, but in my family and friends as well. I mean I was in the very Jerusalem where so many events of the Bible took place, it put a whole new perspective on the words written in the script, and I will never read the Bible the same again. He [God] was teaching me many new faces of Himself, and challenging me to see outside the box of my American Christianity. He was teaching me that He was world wide and alive. He also gave me a heart for these people and all their suffering, showing me my ignorance when it comes to the loving, supporting and praying for the lost in other countries."

God gave these students a heart for the people of Israel. "I didn't put it together until I was back here," said Smith, "and read an e-mail from a friend back there. The people are what God really cares about, and that is what he wants us to care about too."

Roth shared another story that was particularly touching to her life. "We made an Arab friend named Amir while in Israel. We had many opportunities to share Bible passages with him and talk to him about Christ. Amir said that every time he read about Jesus, 'I have a good feel-

ing in my heart.' Around Christmas time we had an amazing opportunity to share Christ with our friend. Arabs don't celebrate Christmas so he knew nothing about it. We drove our Christmas Tree through the city and set it up in Amir's shop. Then we shared the story of Christ's birth and what Christmas is all about. We still keep in touch with him and hope that he will someday become a Christian."

This was not just an exciting time, but according to the students, a life changing time. "If you decide to go, expect to be changed," says Schmitt. "You will learn so much about the Bible and about people that are different from yourself. Be willing to take yourself out of your comfort zone and take time out from your life for a while and be changed."

Smith added, "I think anyone who has the opportunity to go, and has the desire to have the Bible open up to you in a new way, should go."

Roth sums everything up with some words of wisdom. "Make sure you go with the right intentions. Many people would get so caught up in the fact that this was the Holy Land and would get so emotional when experiencing various parts of the city. Don't worship the place, worship the God who acted in that place."



Kristina Roth/Crusader

A BAR Mitzvah takes place at the Western Wall close to the school.

Financial Aid issues affect NNU students

By Randi Ingersol
Campus News Staff Writer

It is that time again to start looking ahead to the new upcoming school year. With all the spring activities going on right now with classes, sports, social events and playing in the snow we tend to overlook the things that have to be done and thinking we have plenty of time to do them. Do not be so hasty in making this the frame of thinking.

There are many scholarships and financial aid applications that have early deadlines. The deadline for scholarships through NNU already passed on Jan. 31. The next thing due to the financial aid office is the FAFSA.

FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. By filling out who you are, what you do, and giving your tax information, the school is able to decide what federal aid you qualify for.

The FAFSA must be mailed by Wednesday, Feb. 14 to the Federal Processor so that it reaches the

financial aid office priority date on Mar 1.

There are two ways to do the FAFSA. You can go pick up a copy and mail it in, or you can fill one out on-line. To fill one out on-line you need to go to www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Click the icon in the middle that says FAFSA on the Web.

If you have previously filed a FAFSA and just need to update it, then when the new page comes up, go to where it says "Which FAFSA Do You Want to File" and click the down arrow where it says "select".

Choose the 2001-2002 renewal FAFSA. Then click "next" at the bottom of the page. A page entitled "What to Expect with the FAFSA" map will come up. Just click next at the bottom of the page.

This will take you to a page that requests your PIN. You will need this to access your FAFSA. If you have it, click "next" and a new window will come up explaining what the renewal FAFSA is and what to do. If you cannot remember

or do not have your PIN, click "Request My PIN" and you can have it mailed to you.

If you have never filled out a FAFSA before, click the FAFSA on the Web link and when the new page comes up and says "Which FAFSA Do You Want to File", go to select and click the down arrow. Choose 2001-2002 FAFSA.

Go to the bottom of the page and click "next". This will take you to a page titled "What to Expect" and gives you the FAFSA map. Click next at the bottom of the page. The next page that comes up will say "Using a PIN to Electronically Sign Your Application".

Read this page and decide what you want to do, then click next. The following page is called Login Information. Fill this out and press "submit". At this point you can keep clicking the "next" button at the bottom of the page to be walked through the process or choose what you want to do by using the menu on the left-hand side of the

page. Do not worry, there is still hope for those of you procrastinators that wait until the last minute thinking they have plenty of time! There are still many scholarships from outside NNU still available for those of you interested.

There are several web sites that are definitely worth checking out. Get to a computer and check out www.Scholarships.com. All you do at this site is fill out all the information it asks for and it gives you a list of scholarships that you qualify to apply for. It lists the scholarships and the web sites to get all the information.

Some other good scholarship sites are www.college-scholarships.com, www.grant-info.com, and www.collegeapps.about.com. Another way to find scholarship information would be to go to a search engine and type Scholarships.

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Sharon invites Barak, Peres to top positions

By Ryan Hanson
Off-Campus News Writer

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister-elect of Israel, Ariel Sharon, offered the post of Defense Minister to departing Prime Minister Ehud Barak, on Friday, Feb. 8. Barak, who has not yet accepted, is weighing the offer a few days after announcing his retirement from politics.

Sharon has also invited Shimon Peres, a former prime minister and longtime peacemaker, to be foreign minister. Sharon is determined to form a coalition with the Labor party in order to stabilize the government, and the offer of two key ministries to the two senior Labor officials is a significant enticement.

By law, Sharon has 45 days from his overwhelming election on Tuesday to form a coalition. Up until he does form that coalition, Barak remains a caretaker leader.

Sharon, however, is eager to move more quickly. He faces the threat of new elections if he does not assemble a government on time or if he fails to get a majority to approve this year's budget by March 31.

The conflict with Palestinians is also far from being put aside while Israelis fight political battles. Violence has flared up since the elections and Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen exchanged live fire in the West Bank towns of Ramallah and Hebron. Israeli soldiers also killed a Palestinian teenager in the Gaza strip, Palestinian officials said.

Even so, the Palestinian leader, Yasir Arafat, recently spoke by telephone with Sharon for the first time since the election. Arafat indicated an interest in restarting peace talks, while Sharon told him that violence by the Palestinians must first be halted.

"I told Arafat, 'The matter is in your hands,'" Sharon said.

During an interview on Israeli television, Peres expressed his pleasure that Sharon had talked with Arafat so soon after the election. He said he was convinced that Sharon would soon invite the Palestinian leader to Sycamore Ranch, his home in Negev.

When Peres said that he had to leave the studio early in order to attend a going-away party for a grandson entering the army, the interviewers asked Peres if he feared that the grandson would end up fighting a war.

"Absolutely not," Peres responded. "I'm convinced Sharon wants peace."

In an interview published earlier that day, however, Sharon indicated that he had set his sight on long-term security instead. He told the Israeli newspaper Yedoit Ahronot, "I am for a nonbelligerency accord."

The Palestinians remain interested in a full peace agreement that resolves the 52-year-old conflict. They insist that the starting point should be where they left things with Barak's negotiators in Taba, Egypt several weeks ago, a demand which Sharon rejects.

"I want to reach an agreement with Sharon," Saeb Erekat, a senior Palestinian negotiator said in English to an Israeli television interviewer. "But if he tells me he's not going to negotiate Jerusalem, he's not going to negotiate refugees, he's not going to negotiate settlements, he's going to hold on to 58 percent of the West Bank, we'll meet in the next life, Sharon."

It was just Tuesday night that Barak, after losing by a 25 point margin to Sharon, announced that he was retiring as Labor leader and quitting his Parliament seat to take a break from public life.

In a defiant speech that night, which was not received well by



NEW ISRAELI Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, shakes hands with former Prime Minister Ehud Barak after inviting him to be Defense Minister and uniting Barak's Labor Party with Sharon's Likud Party.

many Israelis, Barak told the country that he was ahead of his time. Later, he told aides that he planned to return to political life when the country's thinking caught up with his own.

It became immediately apparent that Barak was not prepared to go quietly. First he weighed retaining his Parliament seat when he realized that vacating it would mean creating an opening for an associate of his former foreign minister, David Levy. Levy who is nominally part of the Labor/One Israel faction but

defected to Sharon during the campaign.

Then Barak, who had not yet officially resigned as Labor leader, stunned his party on Feb. 8, by announcing that he and Peres would head the unity government negotiations. Peres was expected to step in as party steward while primaries to elect a new Labor leader were organized. He expected to lead the party's negotiations by himself, and he was not pleased by Barak's announcement.

Barak and Peres have had a turbu-

lent political relationship. Once Barak assumed power, he sidelined Peres, but last fall he relied on him as liaison to the Palestinians after Barak's relationship with Arafat fell apart.

Peres, in turn, sought, but did not receive, the leftist Meretz Party's backing to run as a third candidate in the election. Later, his advocates kept the idea alive that Barak would, at the last minute, let Peres run in his place. Barak blamed Peres for sabotaging his campaign before it had even ended.

New class of AIDS drugs appear promising

By Sonya Wold
Crusader Copy Editor

In Chicago, the Eighth Annual Retrovirus Conference drew to a close on Feb. 8.

The focus was on new types of anti-AIDS medications that work in completely different ways than the drugs that are on the market. These new drugs attack the virus before it ever enters cells, before they wreak havoc on the immune system.

A vaccine to stop the spread of AIDS is still years away, but scientists agree that progress is being made on the war against AIDS. Many of the experimental medications offer major advantages over the current ones, such as the fact that they are easier to take, carry less toxicity and appear to work even in those whose viral strains have developed resistance to all of the 15 approved drugs.

It has become increasingly clear that the current drugs do not eradicate HIV in the body and would have to be taken for a lifetime, which cause many problems. First of all, some of the regimens are hard to swallow. Some of them require taking 20 pills a day at strictly scheduled times. Many cause side effects, including elevated lipid levels that increase the risk of heart disease and diabetes.

When AIDS patients begin to switch drugs, trying different combinations, they often develop drug-resistant strains of a virus that hide in their body. Close to 70 percent of patients develop resistance to a drug in at least one of the three classes of AIDS medication, said the University of California, San Diego's Dr. Susan Little.

"Many AIDS patients are running out of options," Dr. Roy Gulick of Cornell University in New York, said. "They've cycled through all 15 approved drugs in last-ditch attempts to keep HIV in check."

That's where the new agents come in. "If the promising results we are seeing in the lab and in early human trials pan out, we'll be able to offer significantly better choices," said Gulick.

There are many different drugs at various stages of testing. The most exciting of these belong to a new family of molecules, known as entry inhibitors. These new agents prevent the virus from ever getting inside the cell, rather than preventing replications of HIV once it enters the cell, as current drugs do.

Gulick explained that entry inhibitors grow out of a better molecular-level understanding of HIV infection. To establish infection,

the virus has to seek out and make contact with immune system cells known as CD4. When HIV first encounters CD4, though, there is no way for it to enter. In order to enter, it has to go through a multi-stepped process.

Different types of entry inhibitors interrupt different steps in this process. Two of the furthest along, according to Gulick, are Trimeris' compound T-20 and its younger cousin T-1249 - fusion inhibitors that prevent this final joining together from ever taking place.

"They fit many of the criteria we are looking for in a new agent, particularly very good activity against multi-drug resistant strains of HIV," he said. "They fall down a little in that they need to be given as an injection twice a day, but it's a simple regimen, like insulin shots."

Seventy patients have been studied that have been treated with about ten other anti-AIDS medications without benefit, T-20 appeared to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood of patients.

"The most significant side effect - soreness, redness and inflammation where the drug was injected into the body - was minor compared to some of the toxicities we're seeing with drugs on the market," Gulick commented.

1. **Women are most likely to contract HIV:**
 - A. Through heterosexual sex
 - B. Through intravenous drug use
 - C. Through contaminated blood transfusions
2. **How long after possible exposure to HIV does the CDC recommend you be tested in order to rule out infection?**
 - A. One month
 - B. Six months
 - C. One to two years
3. **Risk of contracting HIV is increased by:**
 - A. Being previously infected with another sexually transmitted disease
 - B. Drinking alcohol
 - C. Shaking hands with someone who is infected
4. **Some medical centers are offering drug therapy that may be able to:**
 - A. Cure AIDS
 - B. Help prevent HIV infection shortly after exposure
 - C. Effectively treat HIV/AIDS without side effects
5. **Pregnant women infected with HIV:**
 - A. Are unlikely to infect their child
 - B. Are powerless to prevent the transmission of the virus
 - C. Can take medication to reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission

Space shuttle Atlantis conducts perfect launch

By Joseph Stone
Off-Campus News Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, FL – The space shuttle Atlantis created a spectacular Wednesday, Feb. 7, as it rocketed into the twilight.

The vessel was transporting a giant American science laboratory that will anchor further expansion of the International Space Station.

Carrying a crew of five, the shuttle rose from the Kennedy Space Center in a dazzling splash of color across the sky to begin a two-day chase of the space station. The mission, one of the most crucial for the station, is to give the orbiting outpost the ability to do cutting-edge science, one purpose of the \$60 billion program.

The launching was timed for 6:13 pm EST in coordination with the orbit of the space station. It sent the shuttle climbing into the fleeting rays of the setting sun, which turned the thick rocket plume into a tower of changing colors that varied from beige to orange to several shades of yellow and white. Light filtering through the exhaust also created a bluish-red rainbow that arced across the sky toward a full moon over the Atlantic Ocean.

"I've never seen any launch that was as beautiful as this," said Dr. Roger Crouch, NASA's Chief Scientist for the space station. "You can hardly believe what your eyes are seeing."

Ground crews faced no major technical problems before the flight, and the weather was ideal. There was concern at first about poor weather

over three overseas emergency landing sites, one of which must always be available before a shuttle launching. Controllers approved the liftoff of the Atlantis when weather over the site in Zaragoza, Spain improved.

The shuttle, guided by Kenneth D. Cockrell, the mission commander, and Mark L. Polansky, a former Air Force flier on his first shuttle mission as pilot, went into orbit without incident in pursuit of the station. The remainder of the crew consists of Marsha S. Ivins, Cmdr. Robert L. Curbeam, Jr. of the Navy and Thomas D. Jones, all mission specialists and veteran space fliers.

The space station and its three-man crew had just crossed Newfoundland and was moving over the North Atlantic when the Atlantis was launched.

The station's crew, William M. Shepherd, an American, and Sergie K. Krikalev and Yuri P. Gidzenko, both Russians, were awake during what would have been their normal sleep period and smiled as they watched a video playback of the takeoff of their guests.

The Destiny laboratory module, a \$1.38 billion investment built by the Boeing Company, is the most expensive segment developed for the station and is expected to be the cornerstone for research aboard the space outpost for 10 to 15 years.

The laboratory, which is 28 feet long and 14 feet in diameter, weighed more than 29,500 pounds at launching. It was stripped of much of its gear at the time of launch



WITH THE full moon as a backdrop, Atlantis soared through golden dusk skies above the Kennedy Space Center. The eight and a half minute climb into orbit went off trouble free.

because its weight would overload the shuttle's capacity. Its peripheral equipment will be re-engaged at its new home aboard the International Space Station as parts arrive at a later date.

The laboratory module is equipped with five of the 24 removable, closet-sized racks of equipment it will even-

tually house. The initial racks, with six more to be delivered this spring, are packed with equipment and computers to support the laboratory and the rest of the station, including the means to control power, temperature, cooling, humidity, communications and orientation of the complex.

Before completion of the station in 2006, the module will get another 13 racks that will house equipment to study human physiology, molecular structures, crystal growth

and materials processing and perform pharmaceutical research and studies in many other disciplines.

The station will also later receive research modules made by other partners in the project, including the European Space Agency, the Japanese Space Agency and Russia.

When the Destiny module is attached, the space station will have a mass of 112 tons and the greatest habitable volume of any spacecraft.

Bush formally abandons Clinton's Middle East peace plan for his own

By Amy Oglevie
Off-Campus News Editor

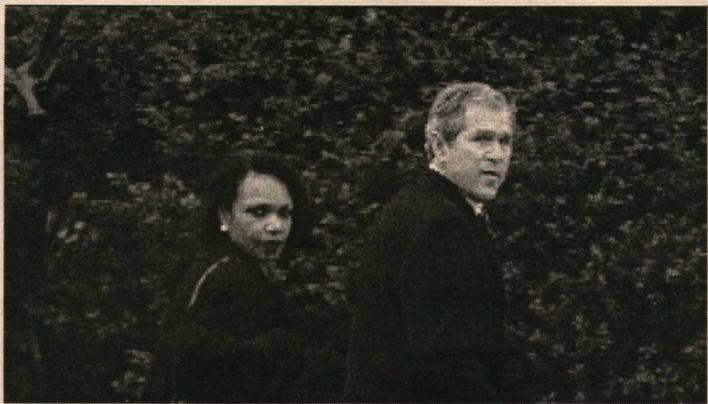
WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Bush Administration formally abandoned the Middle East peace proposals of President Clinton Thursday, Feb. 8. According to officials, the plan belongs to the former president and does not apply now that Ariel Sharon has been elected prime minister of Israel.

Making a clear break with Clinton's hands-on approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Condoleezza Rice, President Bush's National Security Adviser, said that more responsibility for future negotiations should be left to the Israelis and Palestinians themselves. She recommends that the United States should be careful before intervening as a mediator in that situation again.

"We shouldn't think of American involvement for the sake of American involvement," Rice said in an interview today in her West Wing corner office at the White House. "Rather, Mr. Bush will consider when American involvement makes sense, when can the American President or Secretary of State advance the ball."

Washington, Rice said, should not consider it a slap in the face of the United States or a disengaged American policy if the parties can progress on their own.

After Sharon's election, Secretary of State Colin L. Powell suggested that the administration would be looking at the conflict in the context



PRESIDENT BUSH, seen here returning from a Black History Month conference with an advisor, announced Thursday that his administration's relations to Israel will take a new direction.

of its full impact in the region and not just focus on it as an isolated issue between the Israelis and Palestinians.

However, when Palestinian officials requested to pick up the Clinton talks where they had left off, the Bush administration found that it had to be more specific and pronounce the Clinton proposals as dead.

Feb. 10, State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher, declared the official decision of the Bush administration to change directions with regard to foreign policy. Rice used the example of the administration's neutral approach to the Israeli election, when Bush administration officials avoided saying anything about their preferences, as an ex-

ample of the new tone at the White House.

"It was extremely important that we send a signal that the Israeli election was the business of the Israeli people and not the business of the American people or the President of the United States," Rice said.

In another sign of change, General Powell conferred with Ronald Lauder, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, who is a major Republican fund-raiser.

Lauder, who is described in General Powell's autobiography as a good friend of the Powell family, said Friday that he spoke with the general after Sharon's victory and that they had exchanged favorable views of Sharon.

Local woman kills husband

By Joseph Stone
Off-Campus News Writer

HOMEDALE – Annie White remains in jail on second-degree murder charges after admitting she shot her husband during an argument on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The victim, Stanley Dewayne White, was shot in the left side of his chest while standing outside the couple's West Oregon Avenue home.

Investigators said White, age 39 and a former Caldwell resident, died of a single .38-caliber gunshot wound to the left side of his chest at about 4:30 pm Tuesday. His wife, Annie Lisa White, age 49, was arrested on charges of second-degree murder Wednesday night, Feb. 7.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said officers had responded to the couple's home for domestic disputes in the past but declined to elaborate.

On the afternoon of the murder, Eidemiller said Owyhee County dispatch received two calls on the incident. The first was from a nearby neighbor who said she heard shots fired, and the second caller has not been identified.

White initially told Homedale police her husband had accidentally shot himself, but immediate evidence failed to match her story, Owyhee County Prosecutor Ed Yarbrough said.

"Police Chief Eidemiller imme-

diately recognized that her story wasn't consistent with some obvious facts at the scene," said Yarbrough. "When he suspected she wasn't telling the truth, he called the state police in to help with the investigation."

Yarbrough commented that during questioning White admitted she had shot her husband. According to White's statement, she and her husband were having an argument in the house shortly after 4 pm which continued outside in the front yard.

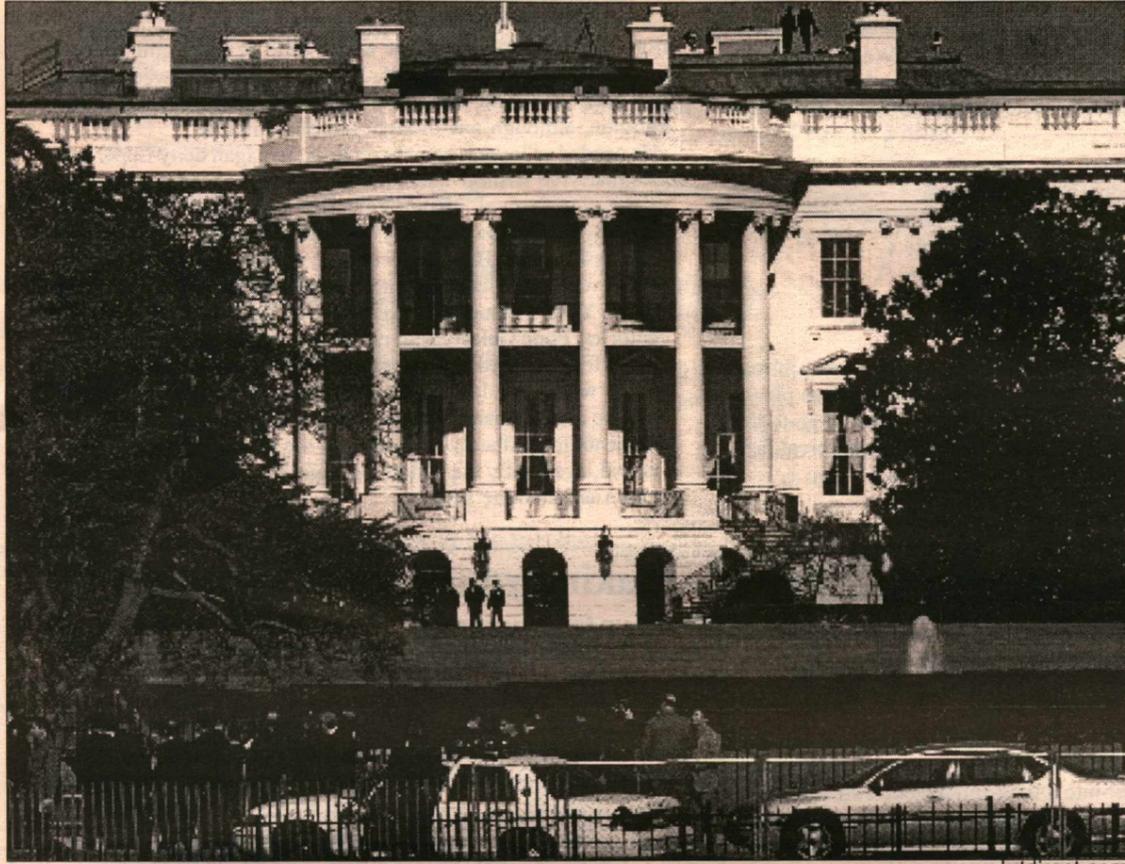
White told police she followed her husband outside with the Derringer, which apparently belonged to her, and shot him once in the chest.

"She told us she'd gotten the pistol from her bedroom while he was getting dressed in another room. She confronted him with the pistol while he was dressing to leave," Yarbrough said. "He was leaving and apparently taking a black leather coat that she didn't want him to take."

The victim was shot from the front, and the bullet entered the left side of his chest and pierced his jugular vein as it exited his neck. Eidemiller said the victim struggled back inside the house, where he died minutes later.

White's husband was pronounced dead at the scene by Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme, Idaho State Police Detective Sgt. Dave Kynoch said.

Former IRS agent shot in leg by secret service



POLICE AND U.S. Secret Service officers man the street, lawn and roof of the White House as they investigate the scene of a shooting outside the south fence Wednesday, Feb. 7. Security officers shot an armed man in the knee after reportedly talking to him for about 15 minutes.

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By Mackay Dufour
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The avenue was originally closed to traffic, but not to pedestrians like the gunman, in 1995, after the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. President Bush promised during the campaign to review the White House security. Some Republicans said Friday that the shooting was likely to slow their efforts, but Fleischer said that the President had not yet made a decision on the future of the street.

A Secret Service official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no indication that Pickett had ever threatened a past American president. He is not on any list of individuals who might pose a future threat to national security either.

Those familiar with Pickett's court history said he had demonstrated a history of mental illness in his submissions. Secret Service officials also said they had recovered a five-shot .38-caliber handgun from the scene, along with several shell casings.

According to the accounts of tourists in the area, eyewitnesses and the White House Security Officials, several shots were fired just before 11:30 am in the general direction of the White House. A nearby patrol car immediately arrived at the scene, and the officer driving had a long conversation with the shooter. Meanwhile, agents swarmed across the lawn and shoed away tourists, including some evacuated from the White House during the incident.

From the spot where the shooting took place, tourists on the street outside the fence had a clear but distant view of the main part of the White House, including

some of the upper floor windows of the residence. However, every window in the White House is bullet-proof.

About an hour and a half earlier, Bush was on the South Lawn with families that he said would benefit from his tax-cut plan. They met in an area largely obscured by strategically placed bushes, trees and earthen berms that also block any sight of the Oval Office.

Pickett left the IRS more than a decade ago and sought to get his job back. It is unclear whether he was fired or resigned first.

"It was pretty scary. [The Secret Service Officers] were fairly aggressive in telling us to get down and get away."

~ Dan Halpert

Pickett's lawyer in that suit, Joseph Yocum, said, "They said he wasn't doing his job properly and having trouble with attendance." Pickett lost that court action.

Later, acting as his own lawyer, he filed several suits against the IRS, his supervisor there and the National Treasury Employees Union, which represents agency workers. Some of those suits were dismissed, but one against the IRS remains in court.

On Jan. 19, the day before President Bush's inauguration, a federal magistrate in Cincinnati said he would consider a motion by the agency to dismiss the suit and gave Pickett 30 days to show why the suit should not be dismissed, according to documents from the Federal District Court.

Neighbors and other acquaintances described Mr. Pickett as a quiet and gentle person who helped his father, who died sev-

eral years ago, prepare taxes.

"I don't think he would hurt anybody," Dr. Kocakulah, a past professor of the gunman, said.

It is not clear when he arrived in Washington, but police said that by Wednesday morning he was standing by the South Lawn fence brandishing a gun. The police and uniformed Secret Service officers urged him to drop the gun. It is unclear why one officer decided to shoot him in the knee, but, according to some accounts, Pickett alternately threatened to shoot himself and others.

Dan Halpert, a medical student from Flushing, Queens who was visiting Washington as a tourist, said armed Secret Service agents appeared all of a sudden near the White House gate.

"It was pretty scary," Halpert, age 24, said. "They were fairly aggressive in telling us to get down and get away."

The police cordoned off the area. Halpert said that after the commotion he heard a single gunshot and then saw an ambulance pull up and take Pickett to George Washington University Hospital for treatment.

Officials at the hospital said that Pickett was subdued and silent despite the pain caused by the single shot to his right knee, and doctors recommended a psychiatric examination. Pickett was listed in serious condition after two hours of surgery to remove the bullet.

The closing of Pennsylvania Avenue by President Clinton was recommended by the Secret Service after other confrontations outside the mansion. However, it has led to considerable traffic disruption in downtown Washington, and city officials have sought to reverse the action.

News briefs

Tennis star Andre Agassi stars on *The Simpsons*'

LAS VEGAS – There was another bald guy in the Sunday Feb. 11th episode of *The Simpsons*: Andre Agassi.

The world-class tennis player was featured on the FOX television hit, in an episode entitled *Tennis the Menace*.

"I saw the likeness," Agassi said, referring to Homer Simpson, the leading character in the animated comedy. "Standing next to Homer and Bart, I'll look a little better."

Fellow tennis stars Pete Sampras, Venus Williams and Serena Williams are also on the show. Agassi recorded his voice-over part last summer.

"I was just asked to be part of it," Agassi said. "The Simpsons' has been around a long time and added a lot to a lot of people's lives, including mine."

Agassi reacted to his most recent Grand Slam title with a Homer-like celebration, jumping into the Yarra River after winning the Australian Open last month. In retrospect, he admits it was a questionable decision.

"I said three weeks earlier that if I won, I had to jump in," he said. "You see that river every day for three weeks. But when the time came, I wished I hadn't said I would do it. It was a lot dirtier than I anticipated."

Boise legislators propose \$136 million tax-cut plan

BOISE – The tax plans of the last few months have left some Idaho statesmen close to nervous disorders.

However, lawmakers hope their third attempt to write a tax-cut package will generate the support it needs to move forward.

Governor Dirk Kempthorne is indicating some of the revisions legislators want to make to his \$136.6 million plan might be too much for the Governor. Even so, there is general optimism surrounding the latest proposal.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee is expected to review the newest proposal after support for a second \$147 million proposal died just before the panel was set to review it.

Chairwoman Dolores Crow said the newest package cuts corporate and individual taxes by 0.5 percent, doubles the grocery tax credit for everyone, repeals the capital gains tax and lets the governor's rural development tax benefits expire in five years instead of three.

Kempthorne said extending the life of his rural tax programs is something he supports. The governor told the Idaho Press Club during a Thursday luncheon that he will discuss a 0.5 percent reduction in individual and corporate tax rates but said he is not ready to sign on yet.

Also Thursday, Feb. 8, the House Tax Committee agreed to introduce a bill that rural lawmakers have considered critical to any tax-cut negotiations. House Bill 187 would remove the personal property tax from agricultural machinery and equipment and stimulate the rural economy.

Theory of supercontinent supported by ancient DNA

LONDON – British and Spanish scientists have sequenced the DNA from extinct birds in a feat that may shed new light on the break-up of an ancient super-continent. The theorized continent, labeled Pangea, has long been thought to have encompassed all the entire landmass of the world.

Alan Cooper of the University of Oxford and a team of researchers have mapped short pieces of DNA from cells of two moas, large flightless birds from New Zealand, and an extinct elephant bird from Madagascar.

"We have determined the first complete mitochondrial genome of any extinct group," Cooper said in a study reported in the science journal, *Nature*.

The researchers used DNA from the mitochondria, the powerhouse of cells, taken from fossilized bones and compared it with similar sequences from the ostrich, rhea and chicken to determine how flightless birds, or ratites, evolved. Their research showed that the moa and kiwi evolved from different migrations of ratites to New Zealand.

The scientists also believe the bird lineage offers clues about the break-up of the ancient continent of Gondwanaland which separated into Africa, Australia, New Zealand, South America and Antarctica. His team believes they can support theories that land bridges existed between Australia, Antarctica and Indo-Madagascar.

"Such a land link may have allowed both the elephant-bird and ostrich to enter Indo-Madagascar, with the ostrich eventually arriving in Eurasia via the northerly movement of India," explained Cooper.

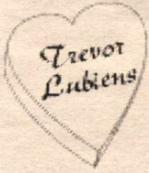
The theory could also help to explain the dispersal of other land-based species between South America, Antarctica, Eurasia and Africa.

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Creative Dating

NU Students share their dating experiences



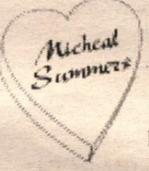
It was a double date. We had clues for the girls. They had a time limit to find us. We had presents for them and if they didn't make it in time, they didn't get the presents. We gave them a cell phone and if they called us for help we would dock off five minutes. We had a spot in some trees with blankets and candles and their presents. We had coloring books and we had a coloring contest and then we just talked until we couldn't feel our hands and toes.

I made a list of 20-30 prepositions such as about, against, under, around, etc. We took a disposable camera and went downtown and took pictures of ourselves doing poses that had to do with those prepositions (around something, under something). We even took pictures with people we didn't know. Then we took it to a one-hour photo processing place and went out for something to eat. When we got the pictures back, we put them together on construction paper and mounted them. We wrote a whole bunch of funny things to remember the evening by.



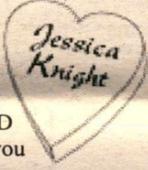
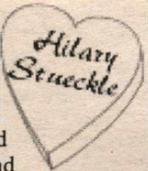
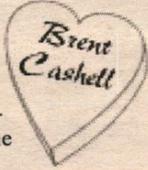
On prom night, we went with a group out to a really fancy restaurant in a stretch limo. It was pretty far from the place of the dance, so on the way to prom, we stopped at random places along the way. We stopped at 7-11 to get slurpies, and we stopped at Sheri's just to go to the bathroom. We stayed up the whole night, then in the morning, the guys made us all breakfast. It was such an amazing night.

I was just getting to know my boyfriend when he told me that he was going to take me out to dinner and he told me that I should dress up. I really didn't know the area very well so it took me a while before I realized we were driving down a country road. I thought to myself, "Why would there be a restaurant way out here?" Then we came to this barn and he told me to wait a minute. It was a very cold January night. He took me upstairs where he had decorated it and set up a blanket with candles. We ate peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and Doritos, and listened to Sting. It was cold, but memorable.



We started out the evening with dinner at a very nice restaurant. After dinner we went outside to watch a meteor shower. We dragged a bean bag chair into a field and watched the meteors for a long time. It was barely even 5 degrees so we bundled up in blankets and fell asleep. We woke up at 3 am when I realized we missed her curfew. So I had to do a bit of explaining to her parents, but I will never forget that night.

It was a surprise. We went to a concert then afterwards he told me we were going to go out and I should put on some warm clothes. I thought we were going to play in the snow so I put on some snow clothes. We were driving around for a very long time then we finally parked in front of the gazebo in the park. He opened up the trunk and pull out this big camping backpack. He pulls out a little stereo, a blanket and hot apple cider. He had his friends burn a CD of Jazz songs and we danced to them in the gazebo. Then the cops came cause apparently you cant' be in the park after dark.



Quiz Answers from Page 9
(1) True (2) False (3) False (4) False (5) 30 (6) b (7) a (8) a (9) False (10) c (11) a (12) b (13) d (14) 20 years older (15) c (16) b (17) b (18) c (19) c

Psychologist and Professor Ron Ponsford discusses: The Realities of Relationships

What is the biggest reason why relationships tend to fail?

As relationships progress, people learn about each other and they get to the point where they see the person's character and potential and realize that it isn't what they wanted. It may be that they realize that it is not worth the effort of maintaining. I think people are looking at it from the wrong view. Some students feel that if a relationship does not work it is a failure, but it is not. My hunch is that relationships break up not because people are afraid of commitment. I think that people tend to look at what they have to gain or lose and what it will cost them, and they see that the cost is too high. Perhaps it is a fear of maintaining commitment, rather than simply getting into a commitment.

I get nervous about couples who think that they should stay together despite the fact that they have a really rocky relationship because their peers see them as a couple or their relationship has reached a certain physical level that they feel they should stay together. I also am really worried about the relationships that are on-again off-again. Those types of relationships tend to be on a path to failure.

When in a relationship is a couple ready for marriage?

It is a maturity issue. A person has to understand themselves quite well in order to know what kind of person they would enjoy being with. It really depends on the models that they have had. There comes a point in the relationship when they start thinking in the first person plural and thinking about their future together. At that point, I don't think it is a struggle of "Are we going to get married?" it is "When are we going to get engaged, or when are we going to get married." It is a natural evolution.



Physical intimacy tends to accelerate emotional intimacy, but Physical intimacy should never lead emotional intimacy.

-Ron Ponsford

The Day of Saint Valentine



The middle of February was traditionally the time of the Lupercian festival, an ode to the God of fertility and a celebration of sensual pleasure. It was a time to meet and court a prospective mate. In AD 496, Pope Gelasius outlawed the pagan festival, but he was clever to replace it with a similar celebration, although one thought morally suitable.

He needed a "lovers" saint to replace the pagan deity Lupercus. The martyred Bishop Valentine was chosen as the patron saint of the new festival. Saint Valentine had been beheaded for helping young lovers marry against the wishes of the mad emperor Claudius. Before execution, Valentine himself had fallen in love with his jailer's daughter. He signed his final note to her, "From Your Valentine", a phrase that has lasted throughout centuries. Pope Gelasius did not get everything he wanted. The pagan festival died out, it is true, but he had further hoped people would emulate the lives of saints. Instead they latched onto the more romantic aspect of Saint Valentine's religious life. While not immediately as popular as the more passionate pagan festival, eventually the concept of celebrating true love became known as Valentine's Day.

Making your partner feel loved

- Stand up for your partner.
- Give your love a big hug out of the blue.
- Hold Hands.
- Make your partner feel beautiful or good looking when they are sick or look their worst.
- Remember special holidays like anniversaries and birthdays.
- Rub your partner's shoulders while you are watching T.V.
- Ask your partner, "Is there anything I can do for you?"
- Dance close to each other to a slow romantic song.
- Give an unexpected kiss.
- Stroke your partner's hair for no reason.

The Game Called

Where should the line be drawn with Physical Contact?

I think it is sexual from the very beginning. To me holding hands is sexual. However, I do not think that all physical contact leads to sex. Physical contact should not exceed their emotional intimacy. Physical intimacy seems to accelerate emotional intimacy, but it should never lead it. Physical contact is a nice part of being with someone. It is inappropriate whenever it is uncomfortable for either or both of them. I think that you shouldn't engage in things that you can't talk about. The physical aspect is so confusing. I do not think that decisions about physical intimacy should be driven by guilt.

The church has been really unclear about dating and relationships. If you take away pregnancy, and take away the assumptions that all physical contact leads to sex, the church might not have much of a stand on in the issue.

I decided I don't like the promise ring idea. Why should a daughter wear it and not the son? It leads to the notion that she is damaged good, which is the extension of the old stereotype.

Do you think that there is more of a pressure on students of NNU to get married than other colleges?

There is a definite pressure. Which is partly self imposed and partly the activities on campus. Dating can be a difficult thing here. We support some of our own stereotypes. Don't get me wrong, this is a good place to find someone to marry because of the large pool of people with the same interests. Mate selection is really important.

I think that it is relatively easy to fall in love, especially for young people. At some point you quit shopping. We are built to find people attractive. It is part of the fun in life. The problem in this particular campus environment is that if you were dating two different people in a month, you are seen as a player.

Survey Says

How well do you know the opposite sex?



1. Women end more romances than men. (True or False)
2. Which of the following areas do most men feel they could use some help in attracting women?
 - (a) better looks
 - (b) money
 - (c) personality
 - (d) intelligence
3. Single men typically live longer than married men. (True or False)
4. Men cling longer to a dying relationship than women. (True or False)
5. Approximately 90% of American women marry by age:
 - (a) 22
 - (b) 27
 - (c) 30
 - (d) 35
6. Which of the following is not one of the top ten things women find sexy in a man?
 - (a) Manners
 - (b) clean home/apartment
 - (c) one who never compares them to another woman in a past relationship
 - (d) reliability
7. Which of the following is most likely to make a man cry?
 - (a) Death of a loved one
 - (b) failure of frustration
 - (c) physical pain
 - (d) happiness
8. Almost 99% of women would like to experience more of the following:
 - (a) hugs
 - (b) kisses
 - (c) holding hands
 - (d) smiles
9. Most women tend to fall out of love easier than men. (True or False)
10. What percentage of women think the man is usually at fault in an argument?
 - (a) 45%
 - (b) 65%
 - (c) 75%
 - (d) 85%
11. What do 90% of single women say is the most common lie told by men?
 - (a) I love you
 - (b) I'm not seeing anyone else
 - (c) I'm disease free
 - (d) I'm going to marry you
12. The most common topics discussed by women include all the following except:
 - (a) men
 - (b) arts/entertainment
 - (c) relationships and family problems
 - (d) news events
13. According to American Study 98% of women want men to do which of the following?
 - (a) Send flowers more often
 - (b) send them notes more often
 - (c) kiss more often
 - (d) talk more about feelings and emotions
14. Would most men surveyed prefer to marry a woman 20 years older or 20 pounds heavier?
15. Men's conversations are usually dominated by topics of:
 - (a) philosophy
 - (b) feelings
 - (c) facts
 - (d) relationships
16. Which is not one of the top 3 reasons men marry?
 - (a) love
 - (b) sex
 - (c) equal partnership
 - (d) family
17. Which of the following is not one of the primary needs of a man in a relationship?
 - (a) trust
 - (b) caring
 - (c) acceptance
 - (d) appreciation
18. What is most frequently expressed complaints men have about women?
 - (a) don't listen to me
 - (b) doesn't appreciate me
 - (c) always is trying to change me
 - (d) always wants to talk about something
19. Which of the following is a gesture men secretly love?
 - (a) candlelight dinner
 - (b) phone call at work
 - (c) love note
 - (d) holding hands

Survey of Published Data: 1995 Gender Gap

Sweet sayings that give you a toothache

- I love the way we finish each other's sentences.
- I love the way we cuddle and watch sunsets together.
- I love the way I can't imagine a day without you in my life.
- I love how our hands just fit together when we hold hands.
- I love how you tuck your hair behind your ears.
- I love the way we glance at each other across the room and know what each other is thinking.
- I love the way you won't let me compromise myself and how you won't compromise yourself.
- I love your ability to speak without saying a single word.
- I love the way your voice sounds over the phone.
- I love the way your hair brushes against my face when we kiss.
- I love the look in your eyes when I tell you how beautiful you are.
- I love how I thank God everyday for bringing someone as wonderful as you into my life.



The Average age that a woman gets married is 24 years old.
 The estimated total number of marriages for the year was 2,344,000.
 The majority of weddings take place in June and the least in January

Checklist for the Romantically Challenged

- Give your partner a smile or soft kiss and just let them know you are there for them.
- Cuddle together on the couch and watch a movie.
- Cuddle together on the couch and talk about your dreams and future plans.
- Ask each other out on dates.
- Write sweet letters.
- Rub their feet.
- Read to each other.
- Send a romantic e-card.
- Picnic under the moonlight.
- Bring flowers when they least expect it.
- Create love, friendship and devotion page for each other.
- Go hiking.
- Stick little notes in their car.
- Give a single perfect rose for no reason.
- Cook together.
- Cuddle up with your love in the cold.



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NNU's Aaron Matthias sets school mark

NNU track star qualifies for two national events

By Matt Mort
Sports Editor

Let's take a trip back to February 6. Here in Nampa, Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University's own, Aaron Matthias qualified for the NAIA National Indoor Meet in the 3,000 meter run with a NNU

record of 8:40:52 minutes. The National Meet is March 2-3 in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Matthias also placed fourth the same day, in the same event at the University of Idaho.

Other results from Moscow, Idaho are:
Ben Wornell-10th in mile,

4:38.95 minutes.
Ann-Marie Wiggins-9th in mile in 5:49.81 minutes.

Kristina Romero-15th in the 20lb. weight throw, 42-01.50 feet.

Maryann McDonald-13th in shot put, 39-00.25 feet, 18th in 20lb. weight throw, 40-03.50 feet.

Lindsay Glaze-16th in 55-low hurdles, 9.70 seconds.
Melissa Proctor, 15th in 60-yard dash, 8.41 seconds, 17th 200

meter run, 27.52 seconds.

David Olsen-34th in the 60-yard dash, 7.50 seconds.

Greg Duley-34th in the 400 meter run, 53.82 seconds.

Lincoln Hagood-21st in 800 meter run, 2:06.64 minutes.

This past Saturday, the NNU Track & Field team traveled to Reno, Nevada to compete in the Bill Cosby Invitational at the University of Reno.

Aaron Matthias of NNU qualified for a second event in the NAIA National Indoor Meet while competing Saturday. He was timed in 4:13 minutes for the mile run.

NNU Track will compete this week, Feb. 17th in Moscow, Idaho at the University of Idaho.

NNU Hoop teams grind out rough week

Crusader men and women basketball teams survive tough times

By Matt Mort
Sports Editor

This was not the best of weeks for basketball at Northwest Nazarene University. Both the men and the women had to battle in order to stay alive.

Let's begin with the Crusader men. They came into their game on Thursday riding a three-game losing streak.

They faced Seattle Pacific University in their first of two games this week. This was unfortunately another loss for the

men as they fell 66-57 to SPU. One bright spot for NNU was Josh Coopriider scoring his 1,000th point. "Coop" led the Crusaders with 16 points. Sophomore Ryan Marquez, who was entered into the starting lineup, added 10 points.

With their skid now up to four games, the guys were looking for a win on Saturday. In their last home game of the season, the NNU men were up against league-leading, Western Washington University.]

Sadly, they lost again, this time

102-86. Michael Gely led the way with 25 points. Kelly Herron added 12 points on 4-of-6 shooting from behind the arc. Tim Johnson scored 12 points as well and James Thomas, Jr. scored 10. The night was highlighted by a big dunk by Matt Warner who got an alley-oop pass from "Coop". Seniors Herron.

The women did not have it much better. The most recent memory many fans had was of the ladies losing their last game to SPU.

On Thursday they were looking to turn things around against Western Oregon University. They did not get the turnaround and fell to Western Oregon 81-70. Not

only did they lose the game, but they lost their starting point guard, Stephanie Imhof to an injury (broken foot).

Imhof led the Conference in assists per game at 6.6 per contest. Chelsey Hall led NNU with 14 points. Kasha Lawrence added 13 points, 11 rebounds, and five blocked shots. Freshmen Molly Vail, who stepped in for the injured Imhof, had eight points and seven assists.

On Saturday, the 'Saders were looking to sweep Humboldt State University, NNU beat Humboldt State, on Jan. 4, 113-68. It was a good game, but HSU, not NNU, prevailed 85-82. A little bit of not

so sweet revenge on their part. It was NNU's third straight loss (all road games) and tough one for the Lady 'Saders, still playing without Stephanie Imhof. Alysson Kollman led the way with 16 points and eight rebounds. Chelsey Hall pitched in with 15 points.

It was definitely a tough week for both NNU players and fans alike. The Crusader men (6-8, 9-14) and women (11-5, 13-7) ended the week on losing streaks of five games and three games.

Let us hope next week is better when the women play their last two home games.

Northwest Nazarene University 2001 Baseball Schedule

February	March	April	May	June
2-14 at Cal Baptist 12pm	3-2 at Lewis & Clark 1pm	4-3 at Albertson 3pm	4-29 thru 5-5 Post Season Play	5-25 thru 6-2 NAIA World Series in Lewiston Idaho
2-15 at Vanguard 1pm	3-3 at Williamette 1pm	4-6 W.Oregon 4pm	TBA	
2-16 at Biola 3pm	3-9 Albertson (tourney) 5pm	4-7 W.Oregon 1pm	5-9 thru 5-12 Regional Tournament	
2-17 in LA v. Albertson 11am	3-10 (tourney) 12pm	4-13 St.Martin's 4pm	TBA	
2-23 at LCSC(tourney) 1pm	3-12 (tourney) 1pm	4-14 St.Martin's 11am	5-17 thru 5-19 Sectional Tournament	
2-24 at LCSC (tourney) 1pm	3-14 Masters 5pm	4-17 Albertson 7:30pm	TBA	
	3-16 Concordia 4pm	4-20 at W.Baptist 2pm		
	3-17 Concordia 12pm	4-21 at W.Baptist 1pm		
	3-20 Albertson 7:30pm	4-24 at Albertson 3pm		
	3-23 at BC 5pm	4-27 at Central WA 1pm		
	3-24 at BC 1pm	4-28 at Central WA 12pm		
	3-30 E.Oregon 4pm			
	3-31 at E.Oregon 1pm			

bold=home games

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How the West was finally won

By Matt Mort
Sports Editor

The West is too big, the West is too talented, the West is unstoppable. Ever since Michael (Jordan) left the game, these are the words uttered by almost every basketball fan across the country. The world watched San Antonio win the title from New York in a strike-shortened season in '99. Then last year, Los Angeles took the gold with relative ease over Indiana.

On Sunday, a very hungry Eastern Conference All-Star team took away some of the West's pride with a 111-110 victory. An undersized team with its two best big men, Alonzo Mourning and Theo Ratliff, on the sidelines, it seemed as if the West had all but sealed the win.

The East was led by the game's MVP, Allen Iverson, scoring 25 points, leading all players in that category. Playing in front of his hometown, Iverson teamed with Stephan Marbury to hit some big shots in the fourth quarter to hold off the West. Iverson was the heart and soul of a team that truly played their hearts out and were well rewarded.



The Hero!! All-Star MVP Allen Iverson shares his moment in the spotlight with mom.

The West was led by Kobe Bryant and Tim Duncan. Bryant finished with 19 points and Duncan added 14 to go with 14 rebounds. This team was said by many to be better than last years' that more than overwhelmed the small East squad. However, a key injury for the West team was the reigning MVP (regular season, finals and all-star game),

Shaquille O'Neal.

The game wasn't a blowout, in fact it came down to the last play, a shot by Duncan (off a Bryant pass) which went off the rim. Chris Webber followed with a tip-in that fell short as the buzzer sounded.

Iverson's help included highlight star, Vince Carter who had 16 points, who had a spectacular dunk

in the second quarter. Ray Allen added 15 points including a hot second quarter where he scored nine points. Last, but not least, is Dikembe Mutumbo who gave the smaller East team a defensive presence in the middle. The seven-foot-two Mutumbo forced the West to look for other shots than east dunks and layups. He also grabbed 22 rebounds.

Carter's dunk wasn't the only highlight of the night. Included was Iverson's fourth quarter performance where he knocked down 15 points. Possibly the biggest thrill of the night was the showdown between Marbury and Bryant in the fourth quarter. Kobe got hot in the fourth quarter and began sinking some shots. After one of Kobe's three-pointers, Marbury returned the favor on the other end of the floor. Kobe then dribbled the ball back down and hit another three himself. This motivated Marbury who hit his second three-pointer in a row. They did this in four straight possessions and under a minute's time.

Whatever you may have thought, this was an All-Star Game for the ages. The question on everyone's mind was whether or not the East

could challenge the big West All-Stars. The "Answer" was playing on the East's side Sunday, his name is Allen Iverson. Despite being the incredible underdog, the East prevailed with a 19-point deficit after three quarters of

"Everybody was saying we couldn't win because of our size. It's not about size. It's about the size of your heart..."~Allen Iverson

play. They proved to the world that the West can be beat.

Included in the All-Star weekend activities were the Slam Dunk contest, won by Seattle rookie, Desmond Mason; the Rookie Game, won by the sophomores team. Minnesota's Wally Szczerbiak was the MVP and had 27 points. The Two-Ball competition was won by Sacramento's team of Ruthie Bolton-Holyfield and Pedrag Stojajovic.

NBA Power Rankings-Top Ten

1. Philadelphia 76ers (34-10)-All-Star MVP, Iverson, gets ready to lead the Sixers to the promised land!
2. San Antonio Spurs (31-16)-The Texas Towers hope to keep All-Star from into second half.
3. Minnesota Timberwolves (32-18)-NBA's hottest team, behind Garnett & Brandon have won eleven straight games.
4. New York Knicks (29-18)-New York is beginning to show some title form.
5. Los Angeles Lakers (31-16)-Kobe displays his hidden talent (passing) in the All-Star Game.
6. Portland Trailblazers (35-15)-Finally atop of the Western Conference.
7. Miami Heat (30-20)-'Zo continues to inspire his team from the sidelines.
8. Sacramento Kings (31-25)-Three consecutive losses entering break knocks Sac-town out of the West's top spot.
9. Utah Jazz (32-15)-Malone & Co. hope to keep win streak alive.
10. Milwaukee Bucks (29-18)-All-Stars Allen and Big Dog hope continue their run to the playoffs.

The AP NCAA Division I Basketball Rankings' Top Ten

Men's

1. North Carolina (21-2)
2. Stanford (22-1)
3. Duke (22-2)
4. Illinois (19-5)
5. Michigan State (19-3)
6. Kansas (19-3)
7. Iowa State (21-3)
8. Arizona (17-6)
9. Boston College (18-2)
10. Syracuse (19-4)

Women's

1. Notre Dame (22-0)
2. Tennessee (25-1)
3. Connecticut (20-2)
4. Duke (21-2)
5. Georgia (20-4)
6. Iowa State (20-2)
7. Purdue (22-4)
8. Louisiana Tech. (21-4)
9. Florida (20-3)
10. Oklahoma (17-5)

Nation's leaders reveal true Christian heritage

With the upcoming birthdays of two of America's greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, it is a good time to discover the rich Christian heritage that men like these wove into the early fabric of America. Men like Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams, Alexander Hamilton and Jonathan Witherspoon, who fought valiantly to establish a new nation, believed that only the Christian faith would serve as the necessary foundation for a lasting government, and it was precisely upon such a bedrock that they built this "Nation Under God."

For example, consider the following. Out of the 55 men that signed the Constitution, 52 were committed Christians. Out of the 56 men that risked their lives by signing their names to the Declaration of Independence, 54 were unquestionably Christian, and out of those 54, exactly half, 27 of them, were theologians with seminary education! Here are some of the profound and inspiring proclamations made by the men of faith who established our great nation:

"We have staked the whole future of American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government; upon the capacity of

each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." - James Madison, forth President and Father of the Constitution.

Make no mistake about it, according to James Madison, the security for America's future rested not in any package of lofty government programs, but rather in whether or not America was obedient to God's law.

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

"Lastly, our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral habits....Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens."

"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and



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received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the Gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" -Psalms 33:12

and darkness will reign without mitigation or end." -Daniel Webster, Famous American Statesman and Diplomat.

Simply put, Webster is saying that the reason for America's greatness is her adherence to Biblical Truth, and that if her Scriptural foundation

ever is abandoned, evil will run rampant and America will soon become nothing more than a byword among nations.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ." -Patrick Henry, Famous American Revolutionary.

The historical revisionists today would have us believe that America was founded primarily by deists, agnostics, skeptics, masons and even atheists. Yet, the fiery Christian patriot, Patrick Henry, sets the record straight. This Nation owes its origin not to secular ideologues acting on abstract philosophies, but rather to Bible-believing Christians dedicated to building a nation squarely upon the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the late 19th century, the Supreme Court undertook a ten year study dealing with the question of whether America was truly founded as a Christian country. In 1892, *Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States*, they released their verdict:

"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to

this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.... The people of this State, in common with the people of this Country, profess the general doctrines of Christianity, as the rule of their faith and practice.... We are a Christian people, and the morality of the country is deeply engrafted upon Christianity, and not upon the doctrines or worship of those impostors [other religions]." -United States Supreme Court, 1892, *Church of the Holy Trinity vs. United States*.

These declarations, as well as many others, testify that America has a distinct and unmistakably rich Christian heritage. Unfortunately, in recent decades, that legacy has been slipping away as our culture has plunged he into unprecedented rebellion against Biblical morality while the Supreme Court has relentlessly tried to kick God out of the public square. It is my hope and prayer that a mighty revival of God's Spirit will sweep across our land and that this new presidential administration will see the return of America to the Christian foundation upon which she was built so that the words "In God We Trust" will not only adorn our currency but will also be found upon the minds and hearts of all Americans.

All quotes are excerpted from "America's God and Country" by William Federer.

The heart of worship: Finding more than music

You walk across the green carpeted expanse toward the massive cherry wood doors. Even before you arrive, you can hear the beat, victoriously pounding out praise to God. As you approach, the music envelops you and you enter the great hall full of a thousand voices singing and shouting to their God. The drums are powerful; the guitars are moving; the bass shakes your very being; the piano strikes chords of exaltation. The music flows into and out of your soul as you join with the crowd, swept away with emotion and heartfelt adoration. You have just entered the worship service.

This scene is well known to anyone familiar with modern Christian congregational meetings. But however common this spectacle has become, the concept of worship has come to mean something entirely different than it was first intended. The "worship" of the Church has come to mean nothing more than the musical aspect of a church service. It is now simply musical in nature, pumped out by the team of "worshippers," and even mass-produced by record companies. The "worship service" occurs once or twice a week, has a beginning and an end, and in between, it gets even more intricate.

Within the context of the service, the quality of the music equals the quality of the worship "experienced" and the service must be emotionally oriented and/or driven. If the songs are unfamiliar, the worshippers are left in the dark, unless of course there are adequate visual effects to make the crowd comfortable in their padded seats

and air-conditioned buildings. The style of music is key to the experience of the worshipper, for if an alternate style of singing is presented, many become offended, dissatisfied, or simply bored. The musical service must have entertainment value and leave the congregation feeling good about the worship they have just encountered.

We must ask ourselves, what is the concept of worship all about? I would love to dispel the common thoughts about worship as a church service, or as a musical experience, and explain what the idea is really about.

To truly "worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth," we must first realize that we were created to do so. God's entire purpose in creating a people for Himself was to enter into a covenant relationship with them, to walk with them, talk with them, to love them and have them return His love. The God made of love made man in His image to be loved and to love Him back. Throughout the Old Testament, we see a picture of God declaring, "I will be their God and they will be my people" (Ex. 6:7; Lev. 26:12; Jer. 24:7). In the New Testament, we see a watching, waiting, running, embracing, kissing, dancing God (in the parable of the lost son: Luke 15:11-32). We have a Father who desires to be in a love relationship with His beloved children.

Secondly, we must understand that worshipping God is not just a recommendation or a nice suggestion but a command from God. "You shall love the Lord you



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God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

It sounds almost selfish for God to require the praises of His people, but this is not so. God has made us in such a way that our praise to Him not only blesses His heart but also satisfies ours. It is only natural that the people created to worship could only be fulfilled doing that for which they were created: worship.

I have a little oil spot of a dog that has the life purpose of eating, sleeping, begging, and loving/licking visitors to death. Now my pup will not be satisfied pulling a dog sled, chasing sheep, or trotting down the yellow brick road. My dog was not created for these jobs any more than we were. He was born to be a lazy little ankle biter, and we were made to worship. When we honor the Father of our souls, when we adore Him with all of our being, then we are truly and totally satisfied. Fulfillment, satisfaction and ultimate

completion are only found in the Presence of the Almighty. For this purpose we were created and we are commanded to carry it out.

In First John we find a reiteration of Matthew 22: loving God and our neighbor are tied together. "...He who loves God must love his brother also" (I John 4:21). Here we find that worship is not just about us adoring God, telling Him we love Him in sort of a "Godfriend" relationship, but here is the next step: if we say we love God, we must put feet to our worship and love our neighbor also.

This is where the road gets rough. Our worship of God must now jump out of the service mentality and onto the streets. Now our worship of perfect, holy God includes the least of these brothers of ours, and some of them aren't so appealing. If we say we love our God, we must obey His commands (I John 5:3). He said to look after widows and orphans (James 1:27), love our enemies (Luke 6:27), to feed His sheep (John 21:17) and many other commands regarding the practical application of

our proposed love for Him.

So how do we do it, then? How do we break out of the "worship service" manner of thinking so rampant in the Church today? We must now come to a definition of true worship. The root of the concept lies in love for God, yet at the same time, love for others. Worship is not a song sung but a life lived for the glory and honor of God. We must strive to be obedient to His commands throughout our week and carry out His will in everyday life. We must not only worship with our words or our tongue but with our hands, our feet, our actions. We must live the life of a worshipper.

Lately, God and I have been talking about how He feels. God has feelings too, you know. We've been discussing what He wants and what He needs from our relationship. You see, He's already given all the love He has and now waits for me to give Him my heart and all that I am. As we pass the time together, the most exciting thing is happening: we're falling in love.

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Hannibal churns stomachs once again



Anthony Hopkins takes his character nearly over the top in this newest installment to the Hannibal Lecter series. Here, Lecter carries Starling to safety.

The Silence of the Lambs was, in my opinion, the best horror/suspense film ever made. It was a film that made TV critics literally lose their lunch during its first viewings. Due to its multiple subplots, though, it rose above the cliché of traditional horror which relies strictly on gore.

The much-anticipated sequel, *Hannibal* (which really isn't a sequel) did rely a little too much on grotesque scenes to carry it along. What you see on the big screen is some truly sick stuff; material so horrific

already-blood-and-guts-numb culture. The methods of its climactic killing has been done on the big screen before, but not in the graphic detail you'll see with this movie.

I thought that I was going to hate a new actress in the role of Clarice, but I felt that Moore did an excellent job of portraying the role. It was evident that she took the role seriously.

Obviously, the screenwriters felt that there was plenty of character development in *Lambs*, and that we would not really want to know anything more about the characters in this movie. The plot, while entertaining during the movie, leaves much to be desired in retrospect.

If you're a fan of *Lambs* or you have seen it and want to know what happens in the next film, then I

would suggest taking a look at *Hannibal*. If not, then you probably won't get much out of it. Well, nightmares maybe. Basically though, it would have to take either a very sick or extremely tolerant

person to even want to see this movie a second time.

If you are a fan of the Lecter series, you may be interested to know that *Hannibal* is not a sequel to *Lambs*. It is actually the third movie in the series. The first movie, *Manhunter*, was based on the original novel, *Red Dragon*, which was also

Hannibal

Starring
ANTHONY HOPKINS

Reviewed by
DAVID KADEL



written by Thomas Harris. The first film was, however, made by a different company and with different actors. So, if you are interested in finding out how the story began, then check it out.

Last summer, I was at a mall in Visalia, CA waiting in line to see *X-Men*. That was the first time I saw a poster for the movie *Hannibal*. Up until that moment, I had had no idea that they were even planning for a sequel, and ever since then I had been eagerly waiting for its release.

This movie picks up the story of the fugitive cannibal Dr. Hannibal Lecter (Anthony Hopkins) ten years after his escape at the end of *The Silence of the Lambs*. The story begins with Lecter living quite comfortably in Florence, Italy as an art historian. Clarice Starling (Julianne Moore), having built a strong career as a special agent in the FBI, is struggling with media pressures.

Starling is suddenly contacted by millionaire Mason Verger (Gary Oldman), the only of Lecter's victims to have survived, who has

new information on the doctor's whereabouts, and who has a \$3 million bounty on his head.

Meanwhile, Italian detective Pazzi (Giancarlo Giannini) has discovered Lecter's history and tries to devise a plan to capture the illusive doctor on his own in order to receive the bounty money. Verger has his own plans though, and takes action with his goonies to acquire Lecter in order that he might get a little revenge out of the ordeal.

When Starling and Lecter finally make contact (a scene that sends chills down your spine), it pulls the two unavoidably into each other's lives again. Once back in the United States, Lecter finds himself pursued on one side by Verger and on the other by Starling. The final scene with Starling and Lecter is neither scary nor suspenseful, but can be summed up in two words: uncomfortable intimacy.

that the only reaction is to laugh, nervously.

Nobody just dies in this movie. Rather, they are killed in seemingly the most creative and disgusting ways that the writer(s) could think of. In fact, it seemed that most of the graphic scenes were put in this film just to push the limits of our

Crusader Reviews

OUR RATING SYSTEM

- ✓✓✓✓ DYNAMITE!
- ✓✓✓ WORTH LOOKING INTO
- ✓✓ IT HAS ITS MOMENTS
- ✓ TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
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CULTURE SHOCK

"The goal of philosophy is to be interestingly wrong."

-Rob Thompson

"I do not approve of anything that tampers with natural ignorance. Ignorance is like a delicate, exotic fruit. Touch it, and the bloom is gone."

-*The Importance of Being Earnest*

Answers from Pg. 5

1. A. While injection-drug use once accounted from most new cases of HIV in women, the latest data shows that the majority of females are now infected through heterosexual sex with an HIV-positive partner.
2. B. HIV tests look for antibodies produced by the body to fight infection. Antibodies generally develop within three months but can take as long as six months to show up.
3. A. STD's that cause sores on the genitals provide an easy entrance for HIV. Also, a previously ill person will have a weak immune system.
4. B. So-called "morning after," or post-exposure, HIV treatment is now being offered to people who engaged in unsafe sex in the previous several days and therefore may have been exposed to HIV. Treatment may take up to 30 days and is not guaranteed to work.
5. C. Studies have shown that AZT can cut an infant's risk of contracting the virus by two-thirds.

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What is the lamest gift you've ever recieved?



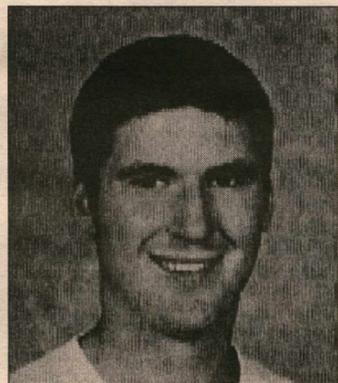
Jeff Baumgartner Freshman Bus. Mngmt. Richland, WA

"One time, when I was thirteen, my grandma gave me Aladdin pajamas. You know, the one-piece."



Cami Koepke Sophomore Philosophy Missoula, MT

"Once, I got a short, leather skirt from my stepmom. I was, like, fourteen at the time."



Brandon Workentin Junior Math Ed. Blaine, WA

"It was this little jet boat air freshener that stinks."



RaChelle Lundy Senior Soc. Sci. Ed. Vancouver, WA

"My grandma knitted me this homemade magenta sweater vest. I think its nice for her to make things, but they're ugly."

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LETTERS to the EDITOR

Nabbing Napster

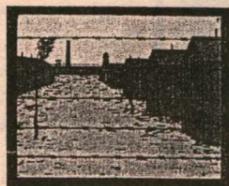
The use of Napster on campus has turned out to be a controversial subject. Students, for the first time, were told that they could not use Napster on the school server. Many students expressed agitation when threatened by the loss of their free music. The day that the first e-mail was sent out, which announced that using Napster as a server would not be allowed, provoked students to give their opinion on the subject. Most of the opinions from students were, "this is so stupid", or "I can kinda understand but it's still really lame" or the most common "this vehemently inhales (you know the slang for this)". Just about every Napster user was upset by it.

But as it turned out, the e-mail message was largely misunderstood. The thing that NNU now disallows is serving songs to the public through Napster. Students are still currently allowed to use Napster to download music for their personal use, as long as it is legal. This clarification included much-needed facts. Napster was created as a way for sharing mp3's in a large community. So, the school says students cannot download mp3's for free because

it is clogging the network and is unethical, and its students are outraged. Then NNU makes the clarification that students can still download the mp3's, they just cannot share the files with the community and everybody is fine with that. The problem of paying for the downloads is no longer an issue. It seems like the common attitude is "As long as I can still pirate mp3's for free, I don't care if I have to share or not."

Questioning the ethics of using Napster in the e-mail was what caused such a commotion among the students. People never like to be told that what they are doing is wrong and the students of NNU are no exception. It might have been better to leave that issue out of the stated decision. The issue of Napster files clogging the network lines is a hard issue to argue with. Most likely, the students who are downloading and serving Napster files are complaining about how slow the campus network is. They themselves are part of the problem. We will see what the future holds for Napster and this campus. Chances are that things will change with Napster's court ruling which is (though it seems like it has been forever) coming soon.

Danny Schulz



Roger Shimomura, An American Diary:
August 17, 1942, Acrylic 11" x 14", 1997.



Roger Shimomura, An American Diary:
December 7, 1841, Acrylic 11" x 14", 1997.



Roger Shimomura, An American Diary:
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OPENING SOON...NW Perspectives:

Roger Shimomura: An American Diary

February 17 - May 6, 2001

Roger Shimomura has produced a series of paintings and accompanying text inspired by diary entries written by his grandmother, Toku Shimomura, while she was incarcerated at Camp Minidoka in Hunt, Idaho during WWII. Drawing upon written and visual materials, as well as his own personal memory, Shimomura expresses the ironies and cultural complexities surrounding the relocation and internment of Japanese-Americans during the war. The thirty works in this exhibition blend pop, comic-book style illustrations with the more traditional style of Japanese woodcuts. The works present a certain tension between their light, nearly humorous appearance and the more heavy-handed content.

Shimomura is a professor of art at Kansas University who has had over 100 solo exhibitions of his paintings and prints. He is the recipient of four National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships in painting and performance art, a recipient of a McKnight Fellowship, a Civil Liberties Public Education Fellowship, and was the first artist internationally to be awarded a Japan Foundation Grant.

The exhibition at BAM is of particular significance given ex-president Clinton's announcement in November, 2000 to preserve the very site Shimomura's exhibition centers upon—the Japanese internment camp, Camp Minidoka. The memorial at Camp Minidoka (in Hunt, near Twin Falls) will be a permanent reminder of a sad chapter in American history, where 120,000 Japanese Americans were interned during WWII.

Boise Art Museum is located downtown in Julia Davis Park. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults; \$2 for seniors and students; \$1 for children grades 1-12. Admission is free for Museum members and children under 6. Extended hours (10 a.m. - 9 p.m.) are offered on *Free First Thursday*, which also offers admission for all visitors on the first Thursday of each month.

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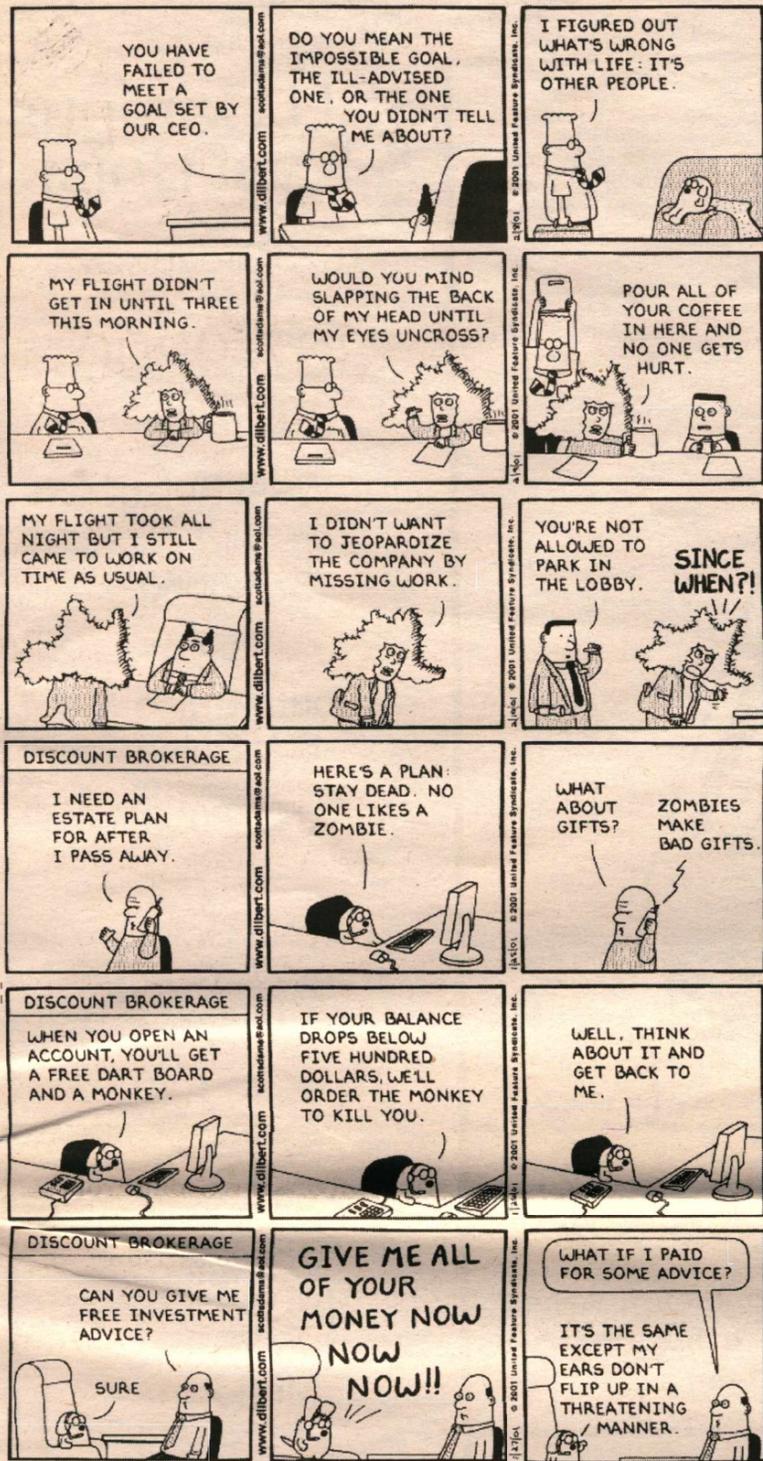
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Top Ten Reasons You Know You're a Senior and Single

10. Only freshman guys call you.
9. At the Dex, you sit with the RDs.
8. You're in everyone else's wedding but your own.
7. Your distant cousin is looking better and better.
6. Your parents have decided to adopt grandchildren.
5. The only relationship you've had in 4 years is with you plant, and it died.
4. You hear a double ring and automatically say, "Hey, Mom."
3. There is no hint of a tan line on your left ring finger.
2. Dressing up means putting on a clean pair of pajama pants.
1. You spend 45 minutes making up a top ten list about why you're single.

Submitted by: Five Single Senior Gals

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Think About Your Image!

There are still openings in the new "Body Image" group. It meets on Tuesdays @ chapel time in the Student Resource Center Mtg R. (downstairs across from the bookstore). If you are interested in discussing diet, exercise, nutrition, self-image and other health-related issues in a small group setting - then join us!!

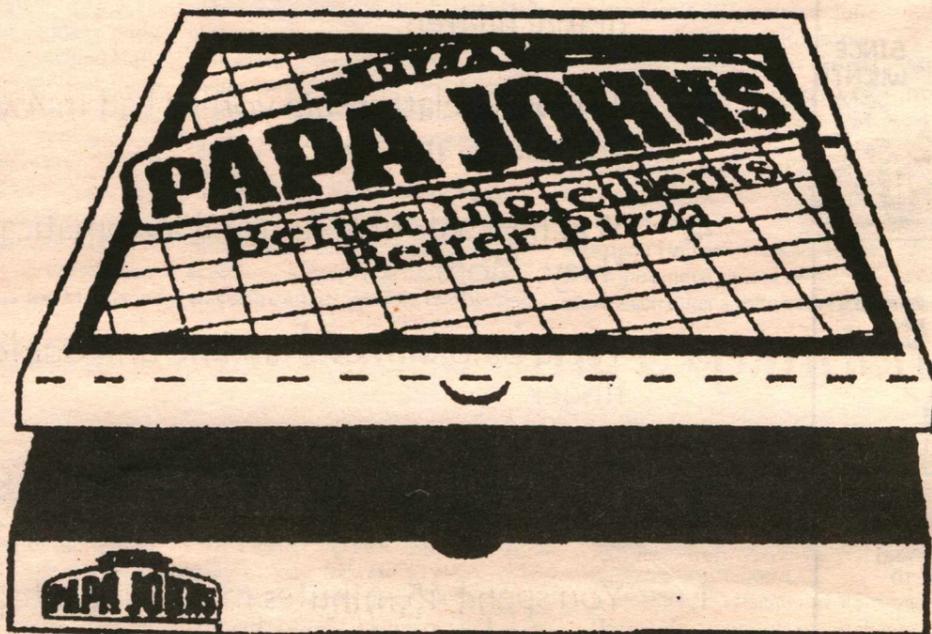
To sign up, please call Joanne Rittmueller (8674 of Chri Marshall (8768), group co-facilitators.

Men's Talk Group

This group (male-facilitated) will provide a relaxed and informal place for guys to talk with other guys about their NNU experience and whatever else is on their mind. It will meet on a regular basis—day, time, agenda to be determined by you, the facilitator, and other group members. If interested, contact Scott (8766) or Paula (8767).

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