Summer weddings abound

Students announce their engagements and wedding plans for this summer.

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The ASNNU senate will be discussing two important bills tonight at 8.

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"Unite the pair so long disjoined, knowledge and vital piety." -Charles Wesley

SGA office goes into debt

Senate votes to deplete the rest of SGA general to make up for the \$1,800 in money owed to businesses

by CHRIS DAVIS

As SGA begins to close out the year and transition from officer to officer, one thing in particular will weigh heavily on decisions and choices. The current Student Center Director, Jeff Shaw, has accrued debts over the semester that exceed \$1,800, and there are currently no funds in the Student Center Director's account to cover the budgeting slip-up, says

freshman Senator Preston O'Malley.

The Student Center Director, who oversees the programming and overall atmosphere of the Student Center, Amity Perk, and Wednesday Night Live, reportedly spent much of the money on Wednesday Night Live and the numerous bands that played at Amity Perk.

In the past, such cases

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Catcher Ryan Bailey makes a big hit on Saturday's game against the Saints. The Crusaders went on to split the series and set a school record for wins in a season (photo by Robin McConkey).

Three professors will say farewell and retire this year

by RACHAEL FINCH

NNU will say farewell to three professors, Dr. Chris L. Kapicka, Professor Reginald (Reg) M. Hill, and Professor Melvin Glen Jolly, who will be retiring this year.

Kapicka, who actually retired after fall semester, is a biology professor. She has a B.S. in Biology from

Humor

Boise State University, a Master of Bacteriology and Public Health from Washington State University, and a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology from University of Nevada, Reno.

Kapicka taught junior high for two years, high

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Baseball goes down in the record books

Crusaders break single season win record with split against St. Martin's on Saturday

by CHRIS DAVIS

Despite near-record temperatures last Saturday, the Crusaders baseball team split their series with the St. Martin University Saints to

set a new record for number the Crusaders would go up of wins in a season.

4-0 on a two-run double by

The previous record of 23 games was broken after NNU won the opener against St. Martin's 16-5. After a scoreless first inning,

the Crusaders would go up 4-0 on a two-run double by Cory Warburton and a tworun home run from Severo Rodriguez, his sixth of the season. The Crusaders would score two more before the sixth inning, where they tore the game wide open seven runs to put them ahead of the Saints 13-1. Senior Alex VanOeveren

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Quote of the week

"When a dog bites a man

when a man bites a dog

that is not news, but

that is news."

Hi: 66° | Low: 38°

FRIDAY
Mostly sunny.

Hi: 64° | Low: 34°

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny.

Hi: 51° | Low: 30°

SUNDAY

20% chance of snow.

Hi: 47° | Low: 26°

MONDAY Partly sunny.

Hi: 44° | Low: 28

NNU News Briefs

President Hagood retirement celebration April 21-25

Retiring NNU president Dr. Richard Hagood will be honored next week for his years of service to the university. Monday's final community chapel, hosted by SGA, will celebrate his life and accomplishments at NNU. Wednesday night, SGA hosts the "Habad to the bone" celebration, open to all students. It will start at 5:00 p.m. in Finkbeiner Park. It will be followed by bowling at Nampa Bowl.

A public reception will be held for the Hagoods on Friday, April 25 from 3-6 p.m. in the Brandt Center lobby. All students, staff, and community members are invited to join in on this event.

Student fees may increase

by CHRIS DAVIS

Students returning next year might find a slight increase in the annual fees as inflation rates continues to

The annual student fees—which go to pay for, among other things, public events—have not changed since 2001, and may rise from \$85 to \$100 next school year—this is still \$6.75 off from what would be needed to counteract inflation entirely, but works better as a rounder number.

To some, this \$15 increase might seem like a very small drop in a very large bucket, however, as Athletic Liaison Grant Miller puts it, "When you've got 1300 drops, it makes quite a difference." About a \$20,000 dollar difference, in fact.

Senator Aimee Niles, who co-authored the bill to raise the fees with Senator Tony Napier, felt that a change needed to happen in as far as funds went, and wrote in her proposal that "budgeting has become much more difficult as things begin to cost more, yet fees remain the same...the General Fund has been nearly depleted as Senate has needed to go to it to allot more funds to more clubs and SGA officers during the last two semesters." The resolution plans to help with this lack of funds.

Student Senate feels largely that this is a necessary course of action, albeit a little late. Says Freshman Senator Preston O'Malley, "it should have happened awhile ago, and it's about time!" Sophomore Senator Jake Bodenstab notes that "as long as we have people who are deciding where the money goes...it's okay." Bodenstab adds, "SGA knows what they're doing."

The bill plans on only raising the student fees of full-time students.

Tonight there will be a vote and discussion to pass the resolution, where the bill will then be put before the student body to vote on whether or not to bring up the issue to the Administration. If the Administration feels the bill worthy enough, it will be brought up to the Board of Finances.

Debt

Mishandling of fees forces the use of remaining funds continued from page one

have been remedied by simply transferring the needed funds from the SGA General Fund. However, this scenario is unprecedented in the amount of money in deficit.

A bill was passed last week to let the remainder of the SGA General Funds (\$1,253) be used to pay off as much of the debt as possible, and to allow the \$600 difference to be made up by asking other clubs and branches of SGA to give

any excess funds to help pay the debt. Speed is the

The Student
Center Director
has accrued debts
over the semester
that exceed
\$1,800

ultimate goal for SGA this week, as numerous businesses that provide much

needed and valued support for the school threaten to withdraw their backing if the debt is not fulfilled, according to the bill proposal.

Director of Campus Life Tim Milburn noted in the senate meeting discussing the situation that, "it would not be in the best interest to absorb the officer's pay ... or have him removed." This decision lines up with the constitution in that Shaw did not attempt to charge anything to the account after it was frozen by the Business Manager. Had he, Statute 5, Paragraph 2 would have dictated how to repay the \$1800 deficit: "Subsequent purchases made by the Officer shall be deducted first from the salary of the Officer and second from the school account of the officer."

To keep such oversights from occurring in the future, an amendment has been added to the constitution revision for the students to vote on, stating that "Executive Officers may also be required to obtain an expense approval form signed by the Business Manager and the Director of Campus Life for off-campus expenses under \$100."

Students can expect to vote on the new constitution sometime next week.

New tenure system will change the structure of NNU's faculty and departments

by IAN BAUDER

For years NNU faculty have been just that, faculty. While the student body refers to them as professors, that is not a correct title. When applying for grants they would be required to select an "other" category for the description of their position. That may change with the introduction of a new rank and tenure system currently being implemented by the faculty.

Donna Allen, the faculty secretary, said the current system is based on one year or three year contracts. New professors get a one-year contract, every year, until they have been at NNU for three years. Then they get a three-year contract, which is renewed annually. Pay is increased based on teaching experience and degree level only.

Allen said that the new system would give teachers ranks based on number of factors, most notably scholarship. Allen said that the most common form of scholarship is writing and publishing papers, but that the terms for scholarship at NNU tends to be broad. Dr. Steve Shaw, head of the committee on rank and tenure, said that they would include presenting a paper at a conference, or (for a music teacher) writing a symphony.

After a certain period of time, the teachers would be

able to apply for a promotion in rank. The ranks are, in order of lowest to highest: instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and full professor.

When a teacher reaches the rank of associate professor, they will become eligible to apply for tenure. Tenure is a long-term contract, but one that does have its limitations. "It's not a global for-life contract," said Allen. Every five years there is a review process, where the teacher will have to prove their teaching and scholarship just like at a lower position. Shaw said that he believes that the idea of tenured professors ending their hard work when they get tenure is a "myth."

Allen said that the benefits for the new system would be that it allows the faculty to have a system that is translatable to other universities as well as give more job security to those who are tenured. Shaw said that it serves as a salary reward for professors who work hard.

However, the system is not with out its detractors. Allen said that there is a fear by some of the faculty that it will create a change in the NNU culture, where some faculty have reason to believe that they are superior to others. Shaw said that he does not believe that this is a problem. He

said while the new system would require the faculty to "bear the burden of proving their scholarship," it is really a reward for teacher's accomplishments.

For teachers currently at the school, the faculty has come up with, what Shaw describes as "generous," grandfathering system. Teachers with a

certain degree and who have been at the school for a long enough time would be grandfathered in to the new tenure system.



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Senate looks at new bill proposing community board

by RODNEY STRYKER

Newly appointed SGA Community Relations Coordinator and current Junior Class senator Tony Napier put forth a bill last week to create four new student government positions to serve on each class council and as Community board members. The positions, one per class council, will have two specific purposes. The new positions will serve as elected members of their class council by planning each semesters community service project and act as primary Community Board members serving under the Community Relations Coordinator.

Napier wants to see more connection between the Community Relations

Coordinator and the class councils, something more stable than what we currently have. Napier stated, "The benefit of these new positions would be a class council that would be more connected to the community outside NNU." There is a community board that exists currently where people are appointed, however with this new position things will

be more concrete and organized with actual positions being held within the class councils.

The bill will be going to senate for discussion and voting at the last senate session of the year tonight at 8:00 p.m. in Wordsworth. The bill is up to be amended to the ASNNU code and constitution.

US faces worst food inflation in 17 years

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steve Tarpin can bake a graham cracker crust in his sleep, but explaining why the price for his Key lime pies went from \$20 to \$25 required mastering a thornier topic: global economics.

He recently wrote a letter to his customers and posted it near the cash register listing the factors — dairy prices driven higher by conglomerates buying up milk supplies, heat waves in Europe and California, demand from emerging markets and the weak dollar.

The owner of Steve's Authentic Key Lime Pies in Brooklyn said he didn't want customers thinking he was "jacking up prices because I have a unique product."

"I have to justify it," he said.

The U.S. is wrestling with the worst food inflation in 17 years, and analysts expect new data due on Wednesday to show it's getting worse. That's putting the squeeze on poor families and forcing bakeries, bagel shops and delis to explain price increases to their customers.

U.S. food prices rose 4 percent in 2007, compared with an average 2.5 percent annual rise for the last 15 years, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And the agency says 2008 could be worse, with a rise of as much as 4.5 percent.

Higher prices for food and energy are again expected to play a leading role in pushing the government's consumer price index higher for March.

Analysts are forecasting that Wednesday's Department of Labor report will

their children soda because it's cheaper than milk, Di-Chiara said.

dairy products jumped 13 percent, chicken and other poultry nearly 7 percent.



Brunch at Marysville Church of the Nazarene (photo by Darby Montgomery).

show the Consumer Price Index rose at a 4 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year, up from last year's overall rise of 2.8 percent.

For the U.S. poor, any increase in food costs sets up an either-or equation: Give something up to pay for food.

"I was talking to people who make \$9 an hour, talking about how they might save \$5 a week," said Kathleen DiChiara, president and CEO of the Community FoodBank of New Jersey. "They really felt they couldn't. That was before. Now, they have to."

For some, that means adding an extra cup of water to their soup, watering down their milk, or giving

U.S. households still spend a smaller chunk of their expenses for foods than in any other country — 7.2 percent in 2006, according to the USDA. By contrast, the figure was 22 percent in Poland and more than 40 percent in Egypt and Vietnam.

In Bangladesh, economists estimate 30 million of the country's 150 million people could be going hungry. Haiti's prime minister was ousted over the weekend following food riots

Still, the higher U.S. prices seem eye-popping after years of low inflation. Eggs cost 25 percent more in February than they did a year ago, according to the USDA. Milk and other

USDA economist Ephraim Leibtag explained the jumps in a recent presentation to the Food Marketing Institute, starting with the factors everyone knows about: sharply higher commodity costs for wheat, corn, soybeans and milk, plus higher energy and transportation costs.

The other reasons are more complex. Rapid economic growth in China and India has increased demand for meat there, and exports of U.S. products, such as corn, have set records as the weak dollar has made them cheaper. That's lowered the supply of corn available for sale in the U.S., raising prices here. Ethanol production has also diverted corn from dinner tables and into fuel.

AP News Blurbs:

Around the world in four stories

Benedict the XVI makes his first US appearance ROME, Italy

From a presidential welcome, to two Masses at baseball stadiums, to a stop for prayer at ground zero in New York, Pope Benedict XVI will get a heavy dose of the American experience in his first pilgrimage to the United States.

Benedict departs for Washington on Tuesday, with President Bush planning to make the unusual gesture of greeting him when his special Alitalia jetliner touches down at Andrews Air Force Base — the first time the president has greeted a foreign leader there.

Planners have kept that as Benedict's only public appearance on first day of six in America, clearly trying to help him get over any jet lag. He will turn 81 on Wednesday, although he seems spry and aides pronounce him in good health.

A visit by the leader of the world's 1 billion Catholics is clearly a big deal, despite the American tradition of separation of church and state

Raid in Texas may produce lawsuit **EL DORADO, Texas**

Mothers separated from their children as part of a wide-ranging abuse investigation within a polygamist retreat accuse state officials of misleading them before taking their offspring into custody.

Authorities raided the sect's ranch more than a week ago in response to allegations that underage girls were forced to marry older men. Women and children from the secretive community were taken to a West Texas fort-turnedmuseum and a rodeo pavilion, but on Monday officials began separating women and some of their offspring without warning, members of the sect said.

While some women and children were taken from the shelters to the nearby San Angelo Coliseum, other women were allowed to return to the ranch — but only those who were childless or had children under the age of

Scientists predict large earthquake for California LOS ANGELES

California faces an almost certain risk of being rocked by a strong earthquake by 2037, scientists said in the first statewide temblor forecast.

New calculations reveal there is a 99.7 percent chance a magnitude 6.7 quake or larger will strike in the next 30 years. The odds of such an event are higher in Southern California than Northern California, 97 percent versus 93 percent.

"It basically guarantees it's going to happen," said Ned Field, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena and lead author of the report.

The 1994 Northridge earthquake under Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley was magnitude 6.7. It killed 72 people, injured more than 9,000 and caused \$25 billion in damage in the metropolitan area.

Mid-west colleges reopen **CHICAGO**

Two colleges returned to normal class schedules after a promised doomsday scrawled in graffiti came and went without incident, but one university remained closed Tuesday as administrators weighed the seriousness of the threats.

Administrators told students and nonessential personnel to remain off campus at St. Xavier University, where a message in a bathroom reading "Be prepared to die on 4/14" resulted in empty campuses Monday not only at the Catholic liberal arts college on the city's southwest side, but also at four nearby elementary and high schools.

Unlike officials at St. administrators Xavier, at Malcolm X College, a public school west of downtown, and Michigan's Oakland University decided to resume classes.

Help, I need somebody to save me from the thinker twin

Perfection is wonderful, isn't it? Of course, I have no personal experience with such greatness. No, all of my experiences with perfection come from my, oh so wonderful, twin brother.

When I say he is perfect, what I truly mean is, he's the good twin.

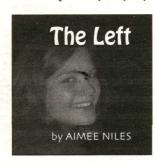
When stereotyping twins, often it has been the misconception and pitfall of various baby-sitters and teachers to think female equals well behaved.

In reality, twins come in two roles: the thinker and the doer. I am the doer.

This means he comes up with a brilliantly, misconceived master plan; but he is too chicken to try it out. Enter, the doer.

We are trusting souls, the doer twins. Our loving womb buddy has a wonderful idea, which will only come to fruition upon our willing backs.

This is probably why my



emergency room visits are, embarrassingly, in the double digits and his are zilch.

Let me give the prime example of such plans delved from the historical archives of family legend.

Toddlers are not supposed to eat Tylenol. Nay, acetaminophen poisoning is hardly fodder for any

But nothing stops a mother's heart like seeing the doer twin chowing down on pills while the thinker twin looks on.

Never wager with the doer. We will accept your bet and rub it in your face.

Concussions, stitches and emergency room visits are the legacy of the doer

The thinker loves to remind us of this. In fact, if the thinker has the same personality as my wonderful twin, they also like to capture their brilliance on video.

Until recently, the videos remain a family secret. A funny little illustration for the anecdote they love to tell; embarrassing, but its all in the family.

YouTube came Then

As the doer twin, I am terrified to search YouTube for videos of me. Already, friends have told me about

I live for that day, the doer twin will turn the tables. Some day, the thinker will finally step up and execute his own plan. Never mind that his plans are exponentially better conceived than those of our childhood; there is always the possibility of disaster.

And when that day comes, I will be there, with a video camera, ready to show the internet and the world the downfall of the thinker twin.

a wonderful, humiliating clip they've found of mecourtesy of the thinker One of these days, and

Many students may be hearing about tenure for the first time. A system to structure the faculty based on seemingly reasonable factors may not appear to be an issue students should consider, but it may have an effect on the campus One of the things our school takes great pride in is the

Tenure system, good or

bad, needs to be better

explained to students

f I he winds of change are blowing through NNU. Oth-

What is tenure anyway? Tenure is a system that ranks pro-

fessors based on different factors such as scholarship, degree,

er than the obvious change in presidency, students may be

affected by the implementation of the new tenure system.

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and teaching experience.

relationships that are formed between students and faculty. With this tenure system our professors, who are known for being easily accessible to students with regular office hours and, many times, open door policies, may be tied down by other obligations. To maintain tenure, professors must do research and other projects outside of their regular coursework. This may give professors less time to get their course work done and be available for consultation.

If this system has the ability to impact campus this way, why don't more students know about it? We should be just as invested in this as the faculty. It has the possibility to affect a part of campus life that draws many students to NNU.

However, the fault cannot lie merely with the students the school should be informing students of the change as well. Better communication with students would clear up a lot of the confusion about the system and ease potential worries.

Hello, goodbye to The Crusader for this year

I hate good byes. However, as cliché as it seems, a goodbye usually marks the beginning to something exciting.

That is what happened this year. We said goodbye to the old Crusader and tried to bring in something new and fresh.

I knew the campus needed a change and students wanted it. It was all a matter of getting the right people in the right place to

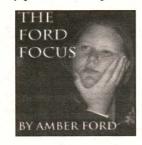
It is impossible for me to sum up this year in one word or phrase. How can you bring together the final thoughts on nineteen newspapers?

However, one thing is certain: I have no regrets.

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I am very pleased with the final product this year.

A college newspaper is not supposed to please every person on campus. If it



is doing its job, it should be bringing healthy discussions about issues concerning us in today's world. I don't lose any sleep over the fact that the paper has ruffled some feathers. I wouldn't expect everyone to think the same about every issue.

However, I feel that occasionally our intentions this year were misunderstood. My goal was not to make people mad—I resolved to run a real newspaper that carried itself professionally. Nothing printed in this newspaper was meant to be malicious and it is discouraging to me that some on campus believe that, including those that know

A few students and faculty have told me that what we worked for this year has been a waste because of the controversy over the last

At times, when the work is piling on and I am severely sleep deprived, I am discouraged and wonder whether this year has been worth it for me. Did the nights in the office until 1:00 a.m. make a difference? Were the personal sacrifices I made to help build this paper worthless?

Absolutely not.

Every Wednesday, when I walk around campus and see people reading The Crusader, I am proud to have been the editor in chief. The goodbye is bittersweet-I am proud of everything we accomplished this year. But I am excited to know that this marks the beginning of something even better.

So do me a favor and keep on reading. It really does make a difference.

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--Herbert Bayard Swope

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Everyone wins by going green

Joing green. Everyone's doing it: Al Gore, Toyota, and my sister. In the past, hoping to protect the environment immediately earned a person a hippie label -- sort of an insult,

However, with gas prices shooting up every week, energy conservation has become a lot more relevant.

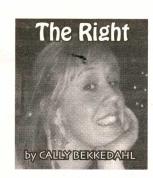
Our generation might actually have to deal with the extinction of oil. Environmental conservation is important and we should, as Christians, take care of the temporary home God has made for us.

Capitalism has found one more way to make money off of Americans. Going green has become like Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and all the greeting card holidays honoring every person in your family and workplace. But the great thing is, this is the one consumer trend that should actually have a positive end.

I've noticed that several Facebook pages are now "green." Somehow, their

pages are more energy efficient than the rest of ours.

There are all sorts of books now about how to make your house "green", and stores now have organic food aisles. There



are hybrid cars and ethanol gas, even organic cleaning

Home and garden magazines are filled with pictures of houses that are build to be more energy efficient, and first time home buyers are snatching them right

In the same way that capitalism is now a global concept, capitalism has also been able to profit from people all over the world. Everyone wants to get in on this green trend. How else does Al Gore winning the Nobel Peace Prize make

Before, going green was not really helpful to big companies because it meant creating more energy efficient factories. Instead, they have found a new way to make money and still appease consumers.

Their products aren't cheaper, but they are environmentally friendly, so most of us are willing to pay the difference. It seems Americans are willing to buy anything with an organic label on it, because it's the right thing to do.

What makes this even greater is that it makes both sides happy. People are consciously trying to make the area where they live a better place, and the economy will benefit from it. Companies don't even have to lower their prices because consumers expect organic products to be more expensive. All the while, people are actually making the world a better place. So, neo-hippies and neo-yuppies rejoice, you both win.

The 2008 Idaho legislation reflected legislators, not Idahoans

During the 2008 legsession, Idaho's legislators conservative forgot they aren't the only Idahoans.

The legislation they passed-and didn't passreflected their refusal to acknowledge the needs of children, gay and lesbian citizens, and Idaho's working poor.

Part of the legislature's mission is to, "Adopt a system of laws that promote the health, education and well-being of Idaho's citizens."

The mission doesn't specify only rich citizens, nor does it leave out huge portions of the population, such as children. It also fails to specify that the legislature will only promote the wellbeing of Idaho's heterosexual citizens.

The day care bill would have increased standards for small daycares, ensuring safety for Idaho's 389, 964 children. The bill would require background checks for daycare workers and smoke alarms—nothing too

Some legislators, however,

refused to pass the legislation on the grounds that women should stay at home with their children and daycares shouldn't be necessary.

Perhaps more women could stay at home with children-if they wanted to-and daycares wouldn't

be as necessary, if the legis-

lature had passed legislation

more helpful for working

The grocery tax rebate

legislation, for instance, give

something back to citizens,

but it is not nearly as help-

ful as last year's version. An

additional thirty dollars a

month will hardly keep the

29% of Idahoans earning

tors refuse to help those

who aren't ex-attorneys and

CEOS, many Idaho families

will continue to struggle.

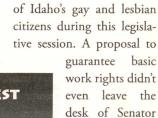
And for two-parent working

families, daycare remains a

And as long as legisla-

poverty-level wages afloat.

and middle class families.



for children.

Kurt McKenzie, R-Nampa. said there was insignificant support to give the

necessity. It is unclear why

the legislator refuses to

make Idaho daycares safe

Legislators also refused to

acknowledge the basic rights

proposal a hearing.

In Idaho, gay and lesbian citizens are not guaranteed stability in their jobs. They can be fired because they're gay or rumored to be gay.

Idaho legislators needs to remember their missionto promote the health and well-being of all Idaho citizens, including children, poor, and minorities.

Perhaps if conservative senators like McKenzie valued such citizens, proposals to help the at-risk wouldn't end up in the garbage, but would be given a place on the legislature's agenda.

GUEST OPINION

Boycotting the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games isn't a surefire answer

Last week the Olympic torch arrived in San Francisco, its only American stop on its 133 day long journey from Greece to Beijing.

It was supposed to be a triumphant celebration of the international spirit. Thousands lined up along the relay-route to watch the event. But most of them were robbed of the chance when the organizers decided, at the last minute,

to change the pre-planned being held in Beijing.



It was a response to all the protesters that were preparing to use this latest event as a platform for their political objections to the Olympics

Activists have been using

the torch as a way of getting recognition since the torchlighting ceremony,

Olympia, Greece, was interrupted by members of the French freespeech advocacy group "Reporters Without Borders."

The Beijing Olympics has

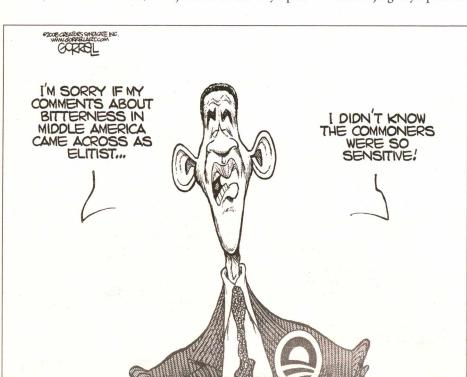
become a rallying point for groups advocating almost anything you can think of: human rights, stop genocide in Darfur, Free Tibet as well as environmental

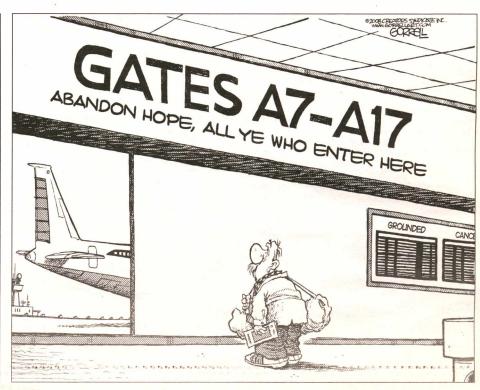
All have the same message: China does not deserve the honor of the Olympics because of how they treat their people and the world in general.

The actions of the torch organizers in San Francisco reveal the pressure that is on the United States to lead the charge. However, President Bush is still planning on attending the opening ceremonies as well as some of the events. The Olympic teams are still planning on attending the opening ceremonies as well.

But the question remains: should they? Should the athletes of our nation be responsible to make a statement against a tyrannical

government? I guess that depends on your point of view. Do you think it is moral to participate in an event that will give millions of dollars in revenue to a government that actively supports genocide in Darfur and oppression in Tibet? Would a boycott even do anything other than rob the athletes of their chance to compete? It's a sticky situation.





NNU alumni becomes Starbucks ambassador

by ALLI SCHISLER

If you're wondering what to do with your NNU accounting degree, take some advice from Brent Cashell. Cashell, who graduated from NNU in 2003 with an accounting/finance degree, recently accepted the position of Manager of International Accounting for the Europe, Middle East and Africa region (EMEA) with Starbucks.

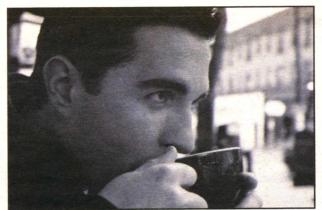
Cashell began working as a Starbucks barista while attending NNU and in 2007 he returned as a manager of International Accounting—Latin America.

Cashell and his wife Ruth, also an NNU graduate, are moving to Amsterdam, Netherlands in June

so Cashell can be more involved in the development of joint ventures in Europe. He'll also oversee Starbucks administrative offices in Amsterdam, as well as the Amsterdam roasting plant, and work closely with offices in France, England, and Germany.

On top of his promotion, Cashell recently, earned the title of Starbucks Coffee Ambassador. In non-Starbucks lingo, that means he knows a lot about coffee. The process of becoming a Coffee Ambassador starts with becoming a Coffee Master

Starbucks employees can become Coffee Masters by tasting all core coffees—and completing a "coffee passport"—participating in



Brent Cashell has turned his college job as a barista into a lucrative career (photo courtesy of Brent Cashell).

three classroom and four online seminars, and taking a written certification exam. After completing this, employees receive the title of Coffee Master and a "black apron."

Cashell said, "If that seems intense, it pales in comparison to the process

to become a Coffee Ambassador. The primary role of a Coffee Ambassador is to help lead coffee education both inside the company and to external groups."

To become a Coffee Ambassador, Starbucks Coffee Masters must participate in blind coffee tasting, jeopardy-style coffee questions, and presentations. Candidates must also know facts about coffee and Starbucks's Corporate Social Responsibility Efforts.

Coffee Ambassadors receive a "brown apron" and qualified employees to go on to compete in the overall Corporate Ambassador Cup. Each year there are approximately 10 new Ambassadors for the corporate offices. They hold that position for 1 year to participate in the coffee education programs for Starbucks' approximately 4,000 corporate office employees.

Cashell is currently one of Starbucks' Coffee Ambassadors. He offers advice to NNU students, "There is no single path for career growth, but having an Accounting/Finance degree has really helped me step into the business world. NNU has great professors like Dr. Crabb and Dr. Houghton who have career experience and can be invaluable in helping to guide your first career moves."

"Lastly," Cashell said, "remember that life is a journey not a sprint, and taking the long-term view of things (even despite short-term pressures) has really helped me not to worry or stress about things I can't control."

Summer ministry groups get set to travel, sing and act across the Northwest

by CHRIS DAVIS

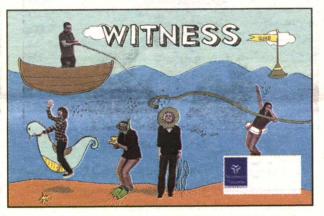
This summer, as many students go out to pursue jobs, internships, family, or friends, three groups of NNU students will set out to try and make a difference in the greater Northwest through music, servant hood, and drama.

Our summer ministry groups, Covenant, Parable, and Witness, will leave the third week of June and not return until the third week of August. While out and about, each of the groups plan to influence the people they meet for the better, albeit, each in different ways.

Witness newcomer Jael Henthorn says that she, along with the four others in her group, plans to serve the camps that she works at by doing whatever she is told. Her goal in working at various camps this summer is to "make life easier on somebody else."

Witness teammate Amy Carroll says that she joined the traveling group because she has a "heart for ministry," and can't wait to see how the Lord uses their group this summer. The group plans to aid at least eight camps or events in four states - including Alaska - before school begins again in various ways, including leading worship, acting as counselors, and generally aiding the camps behind the scenes.

Ryan Donley of Parable echoes Carroll's hope to see the group used this summer, stating that he and the group intend to build relationships and meet ministerial needs wherever they go. Donley saw Parable, the traveling acting group, numerous times in high school, and now welcomes

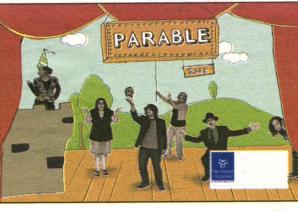




Top: Witness' Brian Loeber, Nate Berrian, Amy Carroll, Ann-Jean Pillers and Jael Henthorn.

Middle: Covenant's Jerad Larson, Adam Lyon, Stephanie Swanson, Kyle Blaser, Nathan Dupper, Megan Nichols, Thomas Barnett, Holly Beech and James Snyder.

Bottom: Parable's Mandy Hacker, Sarah Austin, Brandon Haskins, Lacey Smith, Ryan Donley and Karissa Ellingson (posters designed by Nate Hanson).



minister."

Donley and the five other people in his group will present their skits, ranging from 20 to 60 minutes,

the opportunity to utilize

his "passion for dramatic

ministry ... and skills as a

present their skits, ranging from 20 to 60 minutes, at eight camps or events this summer all over the Northwest.

The final group to set out

and represent NNU across the Northwest is Covenant, the nine-member worship band.

Acoustic guitarist and vocalist Adam Lyon says of the upcoming summer that "I love music, I love

people, and I love God. I get to do all three things at the same time all summer, what could be better?"

Fellow vocalist Holly Beech comments that she is equally excited for the upcoming summer, because, as she puts it, "I have desperately wanted to be on Covenant ever since high school, [and] it's actually one of the factors that led me to NNU."

Covenant will attend at least nine different Christian camps and events this summer before returning.

Farewell to retiring professors

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school of biology for ten years, and has been on the faculty at NNU since 1994. In that time she has also been a part of Alpha Epsilon Delta.

When asked what she enjoyed most about NNU, Kapicka said, "The fellowship with faculty, staff and students and the friendly atmosphere."

Kapicka plans to continue writing high school biology texts, doing medical mission trips and traveling. "Currently we are following NASCAR races for 6 months this year", said Kapicka.

Hill, professor of English, has been teaching at the college level for 42 years, 39 of which he has spent teaching British literature and Shakespeare at NNU. Hill has also been active in numerous clubs and extracurricular events, including taking students to Oregon Shakespeare Festival, campus racquetball tournaments, and teaching Shakespeare to NNU students in London and leading tours through England.

Hill received a Bachelor of Arts in English from George Fox College, a secondary teaching credential from Oregon College of Education (Western Oregon College), and a Master of Arts in English from University of Oregon. Hill did his doctoral studies at Washington State and attended Western Evangelical Seminary for one year.

Hill has plenty of plans for his future, including teaching online Shakespeare and Classic Cinema courses, visiting his sons and his sisters, and traveling with singing groups. "Finally, I plan to ride as many roller coasters as I can locate throughout the country with my sons," said Hill.

Jolly, Professor of Accounting, has been teaching for 40 years, seven of which he spent at NNU. He has also helped with the accounting club.

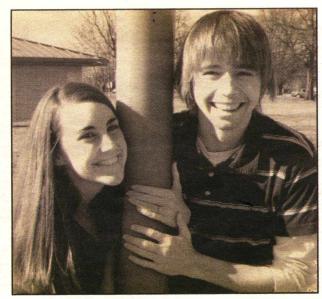
"I have enjoyed the variety of students in our traditional day time program, our STEP program and our MBA program", said Jolly.

Jolly received his Ph.D from University of Idaho in 1992, his M.B.A. from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1967, and his B.A. from Seattle Pacific University in 1965.

"NNU is a community of great people who care about each other. I have really enjoyed working with my colleagues in the School of Business and the students in our three programs", said Jolly.

Jolly will be moving to Sisters, Ore. He plans to spend more time with family and enjoy more outdoor activities. He will also continue teaching some courses online.

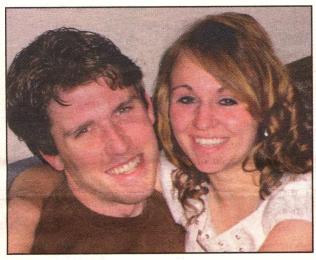
Summer wedding announcements



Weaver - Hanson

Kendra Kay Weaver (junior) of Covington, Wash., and Nathaniel Glenn Hanson (junior) of Colville, Wash. announce their engagement.

The couple will be married June 21, 2008 at Kent Church of the Nazarene in Kent, Washington.



Chase - Smith

Karen Colleen Chase (senior) of Cave Junction, Ore., and Erick Cloyd Smith (senior) of Greenleaf will be married August 2, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Caldwell Friends Church (Caldwell, Idaho).

Chase and Smith will be graduating from NNU with degrees in Physics and Music education. Chase will be graduating in 2009.



Colbo - Lambert

Allison Marie Colbo (junior) of Tumwater, Wash., and Kevin Gene Lambert (senior) of Nampa announce their engagement.

The couple will be married on July 12, 2008 at Meridian Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian.

Irwin - Dufour

Charissa Marie Irwin (sophomore) of Olympia, Wash., and Mackay Alexandre Dufour of Nampa announce their upcoming wedding. The ceremony will be on May 24, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. on the Brandt Center Lawn.

Dufour graduated from NNU in 2005 with a Music degree, and has worked for the Brandt Center on campus.



Illustration from a book of acrostic poems by Robert Blackwell, Nashville, 1861 (www.unc.edu)

Yancey - Buchanan

Kathleen Aston Yancey (sophomore) of Star, Idaho and Steven Gary Buchanan of Mukilteo, Wash. will be married June 14, 2008 in Kauai, Hawaii.



Lewis - Hays

Janet Lewis (junior) of Nampa and Eric Hays of Boise will be joining together in marriage on August 16, 2008 at Tillamook Church of the Nazarene in Tillamook, Ore.

Hays is a student at BSU, and proposed to Lewis during one of her business classes.



Elliott - Bicker

Stephanie Elliott (senior) of Vancouver, Wash., and Stephen Bicker announce their engagement.

The couple will be married in Lewiston, Idaho on October 4, 2008 at the Lewiston First Church of the Nazarene.

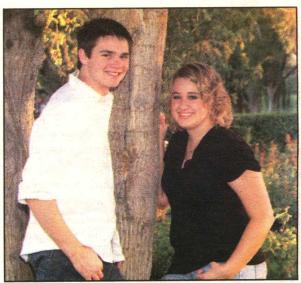
Nisly - Stuart

Alicia Nisly (sophomore) of Corvallis, MT and Eric Stuart (sophomore) of Eagle proudly announce their engagement. The couple will be married in Nampa on July 19, 2008 at The Secret Place.

Peters - Gaige

Monica Grace Peters (junior) of Homer, Alaska and Jonathon Gaige announce their upcoming wedding.

The ceremony is scheduled for May 10, 2008 and will take place in the bride's hometown of Homer.



Clark - Butler

Erin Clark (junior) of Boise and Anthony Butler (junior) of Caldwell announce their upcoming wedding.

The couple's nuptial ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2008 at St Mark's Catholic Church in Boise.



Luhn - Haskett

Dana Leila Luhn (senior) of Longview, Wash., and Anthony Haskett (senior) of Homedale happily announce their wedding. The couple will be married at Calvary Community Church in Longview, Wash., on May 24, 2008.

Luhn and Haskett are graduating May 2 with degrees in graphic design and elementary education, respectively.





Schultz to sue Sonics

SEATTLE (AP)—Former Seattle SuperSonics owner Howard Schultz plans to sue to get the team back from its Oklahoma City-based ownership group.

Richard Yarmuth, Schultz's lawyer, said owner Clay Bennett failed to make a good-faith effort to fulfill a promise made at the time of the 2006 sale to keep the basketball team in Seattle.

"The damages that are being sought is to rescind, unwind the transaction," Yarmuth said. "It's not money damage, it's to have the team returned."

Recently disclosed e-mail between Bennett and other owners showed they have been talking about moving the team to Oklahoma City since April 2007.

"The theory of the suit is that when the team was sold, the Basketball Club of Seattle, our team here, relied on promises made by Clay Bennett and his ownership that they desired to keep the team in Seattle and intended to make a good-faith effort to accomplish that."

Record 24 wins for baseball team

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pitched the entire game and was credited with the win, striking out eight Saints and giving up just one run.

Just as in so many doubleheaders this season, though, the Crusaders were only able to take one of the games with them.

Starting pitcher Kyle Holloway (2-3) only pitched to 8 batters before being pulled in the first inning. Reliever Ty Grant, put in as an attempt to stop the bleeding, was unable to. The Saints ending up scoring 10 runs in the first inning, adding one run more in both the second and third.

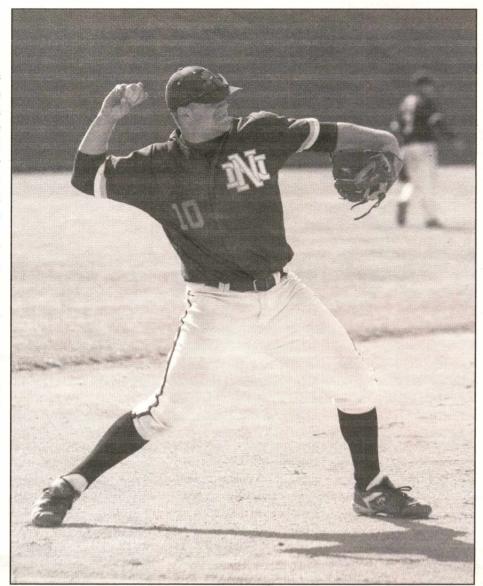
The Crusaders then made a valiant comeback attempt, scoring 10 runs by the fourth inning, cutting the lead to 2.

However, Saints reliever Andrew Neisinger would hold the Crusaders at 10 for another three innings to win the game. Saints closer Pat Capone would also earn his first save as he caught the comeback ball off pinch hitter Joel Oliver in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded and two outs, leaving the final score at 10-14.

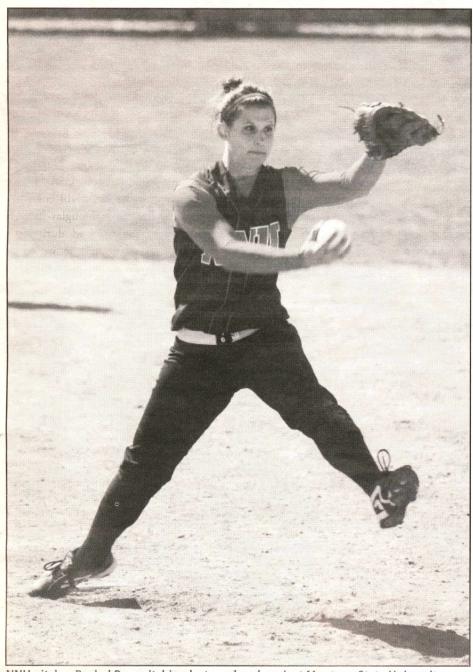
NNU's 24 wins, thus far through the season, tops the previous NNU record for wins in a single-season; the record was formerly held by the 2006 Crusaders, who went 23-24 on the season.

The Crusaders will play their next games against GNAC conference Western Washington this Friday and Saturday.

Crusader Joel Oliver has helped the team to a school record for wins in a season. The Crusaders currently sit in fourth place in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (photo by Jenn Hush).



Softball hoping to rally at season's end



NNU pitcher Rachel Bare pitching last weekend against Montana State University-Billings. Bare did good work over the four weekend games, going 1-1 from the mound and knocking in two runs with her bat (photo by Robin McConkey).

by DEREK DE ROOY

The NNU softball team hosted the Montana State University-Billings Yellow-jackets this past weekend, losing both games of a doubleheader by scores of 10-2 and 12-3. Both Rachel Bare and Dana Shipley pitched complete games for losses.

Bare (8-15) pitched for the first loss of the day, giving up 14 hits and 10 runs in the outing, walking 2 and striking out 2.

Bare did bring her bat to the morning game, however, as she drove in Jael Henthorn in the first inning with a double, then singled in the fifth.

The Crusaders didn't get much other help, however. Beside Bare's two hits and two from Henthorn, only catcher Katie Free and left fielder Sarah Varady managed hits.

Despite this, NNU kept the game close until the top of the fourth inning, when the Yellowjackets racked up 6 runs on 5 hits and an error to make the score 8-2.

MSU left 2 runners on base in the seventh inning, as they added two more runs to seal up the game.

In the second game,

NNU took an early lead again, with home runs by Haley Hevern and Kat Lowery in the first and third innings, and an RBI double by Sara Varady in the fifth.

But the Yellowjackets responded with six runs in both the fifth and the seventh innings, running away with the win. Yellowjacket shortstop Jessica Frank alone had 4 hits and 3 RBIs, including her eighth home run of the season. Frank's effort was only part of a successful day, as the Yellowjackets racked up 15 hits, 7 walks, and never struck out against Crusader pitcher Dana Shipley (0-15).

With the losses, the Crusaders dropped to 2-14

in conference play, while the Yellowjackets now sit at 9-5, in strong contention for the conference lead with Seattle University and Central Washington University.

The Crusaders leave for games against Seattle University and Western Washington University this week, as they try to make up some ground in the conference standings.

The Crusaders hosted the University of Great Falls on Monday, splitting a doubleheader with a 2-1 loss and a 7-4 win. Shipley was saddled with the loss, and Bare earned her ninth win of the season behind a solid team effor and a Katie Free home run.



Track & Field team sets more records

by CALLY BEKKEDAHL

It was another big weekend for NNU Track and Field as they left the Eastern Oregon Invitational with 15 wins including one school record and one NCAA Division II provisional qualifying mark last Saturday.

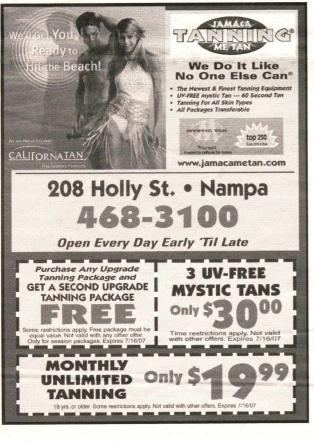
Grant Miller set a school record in the hammer throw, despite being injured; He took a discus to the knee earlier last week. Greg Hamm won the triple jump with an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. Coincidentally, the 47-5 3/4 jump was the best of his life.

Track & Field Head Coach John Spatz was very excited about the weekend. "The team's results at the midway point of the outdoor season indicate that we are in good shape as we prepare to sharpen and continue to qualify for the GNAC Championships coming up on May 2nd and 3rd.

The rest of the men's

team also did very well. Dan Hill won in the 400m (51.09 seconds), Dallas Beaty in the 400m Hurdles (56.53), Zach Barclay in the Shot Put (47'1.75"), Grant Miller in the discus (140'3"), Josh Heidegger in the javelin (186'8") and the 4 x 400 relay team (Dan Hill, Matt Stark, Dallas Beaty, Tim Green) with a time of 3:26.57.

The women were just as successful. LaToya Tidwell won both the 100 and 200m races and Amy Carroll won both the shot put and discus events. Not only did Laura Von Arx place first in the long and triple jump, but she set personal records in both events. Ashley Rendahl came in first in the 5K and Annie Larlee took first in the 400 meter hurdles. MJ Usabel won the women's pole vault and the women's 4x400 m relay team finished the meet with a first place finish.



Summer sports predictions

It's been a great year writing to you faithful readers (all three of you). Really. But with the school year winding down, it's time to make some predictions:

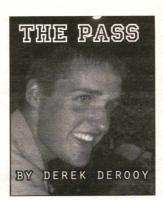
NBA MVP: Kobe Bryant. Kobe's been playing without Andrew Bynum and recently-acquired Pau Gasol most of the year, and he's been playing with a bad pinky for the last two months. I know Chris Paul is playing better than any black point guard since Kevin Johnson, and I know Kevin Garnett is still hailed as the centerpiece of the Celtics' turnaround this year. LeBron's still LeBron. I'd vote for Garnett if given my choice, but as every

distinguished sports writer will tell you, it's Kobe's time.

Stanley Cup Champions: Pittsburgh Penguins. It's nice to see these guys back in contention, even if it's without Jaromir and Mario. Frankly, I thought Montreal was overrated all season, and Detroit's just been a little frustrating to watch at times. At least Pittsburgh had excuses (injury of Sid the Kid, lack of Marian Hossa). I see them beating Detroit in 6.

Beijing Olympics: Team U.S.A. will show up. Everyone's protesting them because of Tibet, and I think Tibet should be freed. Trouble is, athletes are wondering if they should go into

a country with such bad environmental standards and take a chance at ruining their careers. But really, the window's so small on an Olympic athlete's career that they need to take this



chance. Americans will win lots of events, like always.

Celtics. Their Big 3 just sat out the entire game as the rest of the team beat the Bobcats, and they've been playing their starters only 20-25 minutes a night for the last two weeks. They'll be fresh. The Lakers, Hornets, and Spurs are all great teams, but there's something wrong with each of them, too. The Lakers have inconsistent health in their big men, the Hornets have inconsistent shooting from Peja and a tendency to fade down the stretch (though that hasn't been the case this year), and the Spurs are about as old as planet Earth.

NBA Champion: Boston

AP Bytes: Beasley, Rose going pro

MANHATTAN, Kan.—

After putting together one of the best freshman seasons of all time, Michael Beasley is headed to the NBA.

Kansas State's All-American announced Monday he will skip his final three college seasons to enter the June 26 NBA draft, where he could be the first or second player selected.

"It's time to take my game to the next level," Beasley said as his family and several teammates looked on. "I think I proved myself over the course of the season. I just think it's time for new challenges."

Beasley dominated in his lone college season, averaging 26.2 points and becoming the third freshman to lead the nation in rebounds. He had 12.4 boards per game. The 6-foot-10 Beasley had the second-most rebounds and third-most points by a freshman in NCAA history, helping Kansas State to its first NCAA tournament

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victory in 20 years.

Beasley also was a consensus All-American, was named Big 12 Conference player of the year and finished second to North Carolina junior Tyler Hansbrough for numerous player-of-the-year awards.

"Mike's as good as I've seen," said Kansas State coach Frank Martin, seated next to Beasley in front of dozens of reporters.

NBA scouts and general managers like Beasley, too. Most projections list Beasley and Memphis point guard Derrick Rose as the top two prospects.

It wasn't until Monday morning, hours before his self-imposed deadline, that Beasley made his final decision.

"I kind of made my mind up, then went back to being undecided," said Beasley, who signed with agent Joe Bell. "Today was when my decision stuck."

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MEMPHIS, Tenn.—

Memphis freshman Derrick Rose announced he was jumping to the NBA Tuesday, the same day coach John Calipari agreed in principle to a contract extension with the school.

Rose capped his spectacular first season by leading Memphis to the national championship game, where they lost to Kansas in overtime.

The 6-foot-3 guard from Chicago averaged 20.8 points in six NCAA tournament games and will likely be taken with one of the top picks in the draft.

Terms of Calipari's deal have not been finalized.

Rose, who helped Memphis to an NCAA Division I record 38 victories last season, said he enjoyed his year in college but is ready to make the leap to the NBA.

"My only regret is not winning a national title for the University of Memphis," Rose said. "I am, however, very excited about the prospect of playing in the NBA and continuing to strive to be the best player and the best person I can be."

Rose's announcement was hardly shocking.

He came to Memphis as one of the nation's top recruits, and spent the year in college only because of the NBA rule that requires a player to be at least one year removed from high school before entering the draft.

Calipari said he always worked under the assumption that Rose would be a one-and-done player.

Memphis is still waiting to see if junior guard Chris Douglas-Roberts, the team's leading scorer and Conference USA Player of the Year, will enter the draft. Douglas-Roberts had indicated during the season that he would at least submit his name into the draft to test interest from teams.

NBA

NBA Standings 4/15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Northwest	W	L
Utah (4)	54	27
Denver (8)	49	32
Portland	40	40
Minnesota	21	59
Seattle	19	62
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Pacific	W	L
LA Lakers (1)	56	25
Phoenix (6)	54	27
Golden State	48	33
Sacramento	38	43
LA Clippers	23	57
Midwest	W	L
New Orleans (2)	55	25
San Antonio (3)	55	26
Houston (5)	54	27
Dallas (7)	50	31

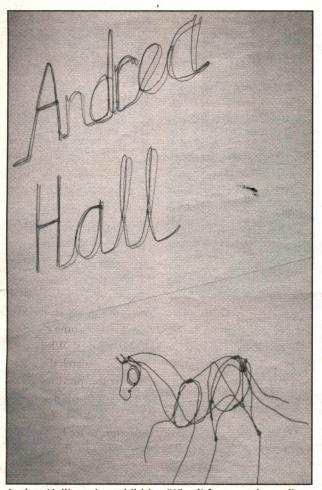
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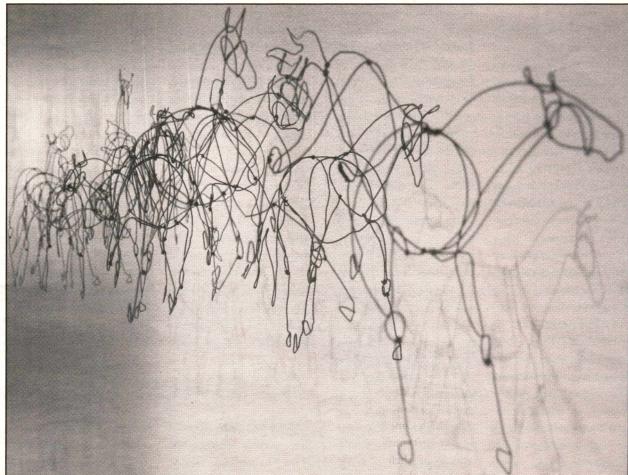
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Boston (1)	65	16	.802	-	W3	9-1
Toronto (6)	41	40	.506	24	W1	5-5
Philadelphia (7)	40	41	.494	25	L3	4-6
New Jersey	33	47	.413	31.5	W1	4-6
New York	23	58	.284	42	L2	3-7
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Detroit (2)	57	23	.713		W2	7-3
Cleveland (4)	45	36	.556	12.5	W2	5-5
Indiana	35	46	.432	22.5	L2	6-4
Chicago	32	49	.395	25.5	W1	4-6
Milwaukee	26	55	.321	31.5	L7	2-8
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB	STRK	L10
Orlando (3)	50	30	.625	-	W1	5-5
Washington (5)	43	38	.531	7.5	W2	6-4
Atlanta (8)	37	43	.463	13	L1	7-3
Charlotte	31	49	.388	19	W1	6-4
Miami	14	67	.173	36.5	L3	1-9

Get 'Wired' with Andrea Hall





Andrea Hall's senior exhibition 'Wired' features three-dimensional sculptures that show the gracefulness and expression of horses, using wire, light, and shadows (photos by Rodney Stryker).

by RACHAEL FINCH

Senior exhibitions continue this week, and Monday marked the opening of student Andrea Hall's show, entitled "Wired".

The show consists entirely of three-dimensional sculptures. But don't expect to see the average clay sculpture. Hall created about twenty wire sculptures of horses.

"I've titled it "Wired"

mainly because of the material that I used for the pieces, but also because I've been in love with the subjects of my work for a long time. So I guess you could say that I'm 'wired' on horses," said Hall.

"I made my first wire sculpture the fall of my junior year. My classmates and professors were impressed", said Hall. "Since then, it's been kind of a joke with Amanda [Professor Hamilton]. She's told me I should make 40 of them ever since the first one was made, and now look at me. I'm about halfway there!"

Hall has been working on the pieces for the show for the past three months. "They've been accumulating in our living room, and I haven't conducted a head count recently. I'm pretty sure my roommates will be

happy to get the small herd out of the house at last", said Hall.

When asked where she found her inspiration, Hall said, "Ever since I was a little girl, I've been in love with horses. My love for the animals has turned into admiration and an inspiration for my art."

Hall wants people to walk away with more than just an appreciation for

her work, she wants them to appreciate the grace of her subject. "I really want to share my love of horses, but I also want people to see how graceful and expressive a 2,000 pound body can be. They can be almost human at times", said Hall.

However, in true artistic fashion, the sculptures are intended to express beyond the physical appearance of the horses. "I chose not to

represent the horses realistically so they would seem more like the 'essence of horse.' The way I've worked the wire is like drawing in three dimensions; it's very gestural but also implies the mass of muscles and bones in the horse's structure.

Hall will host the artist's reception tonight before Time Out, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Friesen Galleries in the Brandt Center.

Graphic design class of 2008 presents their best work to the community

by ANDREA HALL

As their last year of college draws to a close, the seniors of the art department have been making plenty of last minute preparations for their largest final project ever. This project is not for any class, but rather a requirement to pass the department's final scrutiny, making sure that these students are prepared to enter the real world of design. The project is the senior portfolio, and eight seniors will be putting their best work on display for two weeks in the Friesen Galleries, before they head off into their new jobs and new lives as college graduates.

"My portfolio is made up of my best work that

I have done. This is also what I show to potential employers to give them a visual for what I can do," said senior graphic designer Dana Luhn.

Each designer has put together a box, folder and even a suitcase full of their best design work. These portfolios will not only be displayed for the student body to see, but will also showcase their talent to future employers and the university's accreditation boards. According to professor Jamie Tucker, student work is always documented and filed for the accreditation process, to show the effectiveness of the staff's time and teaching methods.

The senior design show will be very different from

the three previous studio exhibitions in the gallery. All eight graduating designers will be sharing the gallery space and displaying their work as a group. With eight different designers, eight different portfolios of varying sizes, and eight different artistic styles, working out a plan for the show presented the students with several challenges.

"Everyone has been very cooperative in working with the space," said Mike Bartlett. "We have discussions many about how to organize the space. We created a cohesive theme that would amplify our work and show the campus how much of a family we are in the Art

Department."

Postcards for the design show went out last week. The cards and any other material promotional were a collaborative effort between all the designers, each of whom created a character to represent themselves on the card. Senior Nate Hansen then combined all the characters into the final image on the postcards, and designed the card to go along with the theme chosen by the group.

Peter Johnson is looking forward to the portfolio show. "I'm glad we are doing a group show," he said. "It's more appropriate to our careers and should be a lot of fun."

Each designer gets a small

section of the gallery wall and an area of the floor to set up their portfolio. Kyle Andersen will be using his space to create a comfortable and casual area for people to view his designs. He is hoping to bring in a couch and a coffee table to create a relaxing ambiance. A couple of the other designers are planning similar layouts for their spaces, including Bartlett.

"The space might seem limited," said Johnson, "but actually I think it is going to be about the perfect amount of room."

"Each one of us has to be willing to bend a bit to help each other out," said Luhn.

All of the artists have been planning this show since January, constructing their portfolios and figuring out how best to display their work. Included in this year's show will be a mockup of the 2007 yearbook from Bartlett, illustrations from Andersen and several other designers, product design and marketing material, and covers for books and CDs, and that's only the beginning.

The Senior Design Show begins April 21 and runs through the last two weeks of school, closing Friday, May 2. The artists' reception will be Wednesday, April 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. with food and drinks provided.

Feature Band: He Is Legend



by RACHAEL FINCH

Metal, hard core, emo core, or screamo; call it what you will, but whatever it is, these guys rock it. He Is Legend brings pure energy to their elusive genre tunes.

The band cites a wide variety of inspirations including Jars of Clay, Creed, Billy Ocean, Peter Gabriel, Raffie, Godsmack, and Hinder (from myspace. com/heislegend).

The members of He Is Legend seem to be pleasantly aware of their unique sound, claiming it as possibly the only predictable thing about their music.

"We pride ourselves on being the most random band in the universe. There is no one concept, no one rule to how we do things. We don't agree on anything besides the music we write," said front man, Schuylar Croom (quote from virb.com/ heislegend).

The band, including drummer Steve Bache, vocalist Croom, guitarist Adam Fanbouz, bassist Matt Williams, and live guitarist Worth Weaver, hails from Wilmington, North Carolina. The group formed in the early 90's with a slightly dif-

ferent line-up and under a variety of names. In fact, they have releases under the name No One Wins, and The Uriah Omen.

It wasn't until after the release of their 2004 EP, "91025" that they were signed to Solid State Records. Their following two albums "I Am Hollywood" (2004) and "Suck Out the Poison" (2006) were both released on Solid State.

There has been debate



He Is Legend features a combination of hard core, metal, and screamo that results in a high energy sound (photo from Myspace.com).

as to whether the band is Christian or not. Solid State Records, an offshoot of Tooth & Nail Records, is a Christian label, and while several members of the band may be Christian, He Is Legend does not claim to be a Christian band. Solid State does not sign Christian bands exclusively, but encourages music containing positive messages, without explicit content.

Summer movies that are

sure to be hits



by IAN BAUDER

School is coming to an end, and soon summer will be upon us, and I think that we all know what that means: Summer movies! Here are the five movies that you should definitely see this summer:

"The Fall" (Tarsem Singh, dir.) – Set in a Los Angeles hospital, The Fall is the story of a bed-ridden young man telling a magical tale to a girl with a broken arm to pass the time. I expect this to be the underground hit of the summer.

"Mongol" (Sergei Bodrov, dir.) – A historical drama based on the life of Genghis Khan, the fierce Mongol leader who at one time ruled the largest empire in the world, this film takes a more sympathetic

look at the warrior/emperor. This film looks to set Khan as a hero of the common man, instead of the traditional brutish thug.

"Get Smart" (Peter Segal, dir.) – Based on the classic 60's TV show, Steve Correll and Anne Hathaway play agents for the organization CONTROL, who fights the nefarious organization KAOS.

"Wall-E" (Andrew Stanton, dir.) – Pixar's latest film about the last robot on earth looks to be the best animated movie since, well, last year's Pixar movie. They really look to have outdone themselves with the animation this time, and the story seems to have all the cutesy charm style that we expect out of a Pixar flick.

"The Happening" (M.

Night Shyamalan, dir.) — While I absolutely hated Shyamalan's last movie Lady In The Water, I have high hopes for his latest offering. Starring Mark Wahlberg, The Happening is a drama set during an Apocalyptic "event" that is sure to hold plenty of Shyamalan's trademark twists.

"Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull" (Steven Spielberg, dir.) – I know I said that I was only going to list five movies, but come on, it is Indiana Jones! While it is unlikely to match the greatness of the previous three films, you can't deny that it will be worth the ticket price just to see Indy whipping his way through the jungles of South America.

'The Invasion' promoting new album

by IAN BAUDER

Next Wednesday local indie-rockers "The Invasion" will be playing at the Big Easy Concert House to promote the release of their first full length album: "How I Learned To Stop Worrying And Love The Madness."

The album is the culmination of three years of song writing. "We had all these songs, and we thought we should record them," said front man Aaron Brown. "We didn't set out to write an album." Brown also added that the

title track, as well as the title itself, is lifted from the classic Stanley Kubrick film "Dr. Strangelove."

Bassist Nathan Walker said that the band draws from a wide range of influences. He said that most of the members of the band liked "a lot of classic rock" as well as other genres like Jazz, Indie and even Classical. When describing the band's sound, senior NNU student Nate Hanson said that "people tell us we sound like Radiohead, Muse or Queen."

The Invasion has been playing the Nampa scene

since 2003, when Senior Hanson and native Nampan Brown, having previously played in separate bands, decided to join forces. They picked up Shawn Mckinley for drums, and after a rotating set of bassists as well as some auditions, Nathan Walker joined up on bass. In 2005 they released their first recording, a self-titled EP.

You can buy tickets on Ticketweb, or at both Flying-M locations. Walker said that you need to "get them while their hot, because they might sell out."

Marlett brightens the stage

by RACHAEL FINCH

From the moment Dr. Judy Marlett walked on stage on Saturday night, with her professional manner and energetic air, the audience knew they were in for a fascinating performance. Marlett, in recital with Amelia Cilley and Becky Nelson, presented a wide variety of pieces with passion and charisma.

Marlett teaches voice and choir at NNU, and is the director of the music education program. Cilley is an NNU alumna. She received her Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance in 1998. Nelson, who received a degree in piano performance from NNU, is an adjunct piano teacher at NNU.

Marlett began the program with four well known Italian pieces. Even these "beginner" pieces sounded like brilliant masterpieces on the lips of this musician. Most noticeable in these four pieces was Marlett's controled tone and vibrato. Marlett's emotion shined through every motion in her voice and her expression showed distinctively through her eyes, springing the music into life.

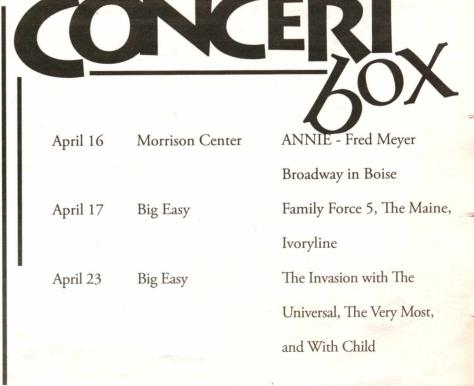
The pieces increased in difficulty and complexity with German composer Hugo Wolf's "Mignon Lieder". This piece is darker, both in terms of music and mood, sounding desperate and, at times, brooding. The dissonance resonated beautifully through the hall.

Marlett also performed a piece by Manuel de Falla, a Spanish composer. Marlett displayed dazzling variety in this piece, ranging from vibrant up-tempo vocals, to slow and melodic vocals.

Cilley performed "Three Browning Songs", a selection by Amy Cheney Beach. Cilley, once a student of Marlett, presented a strong soprano voice with a warm and lulling quality.

Marlett and Cilley performed the final piece, "Flower Duet", composed by Léo Delibes, together. With it the created the dialogue of two equally powerful musical voices with a flavor of collaboration rather than competition.

Throughout the recital, Nelson shone as brightly as the vocalists. Her fingers danced with the control and intensity that only a skilled pianist can bring. From the brightest pieces to the gloomiest melody, Nelson set the tone, playing with, not behind, Marlett and Cilley.



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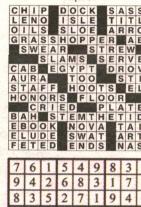


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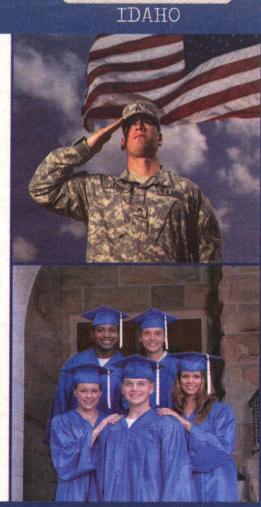
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