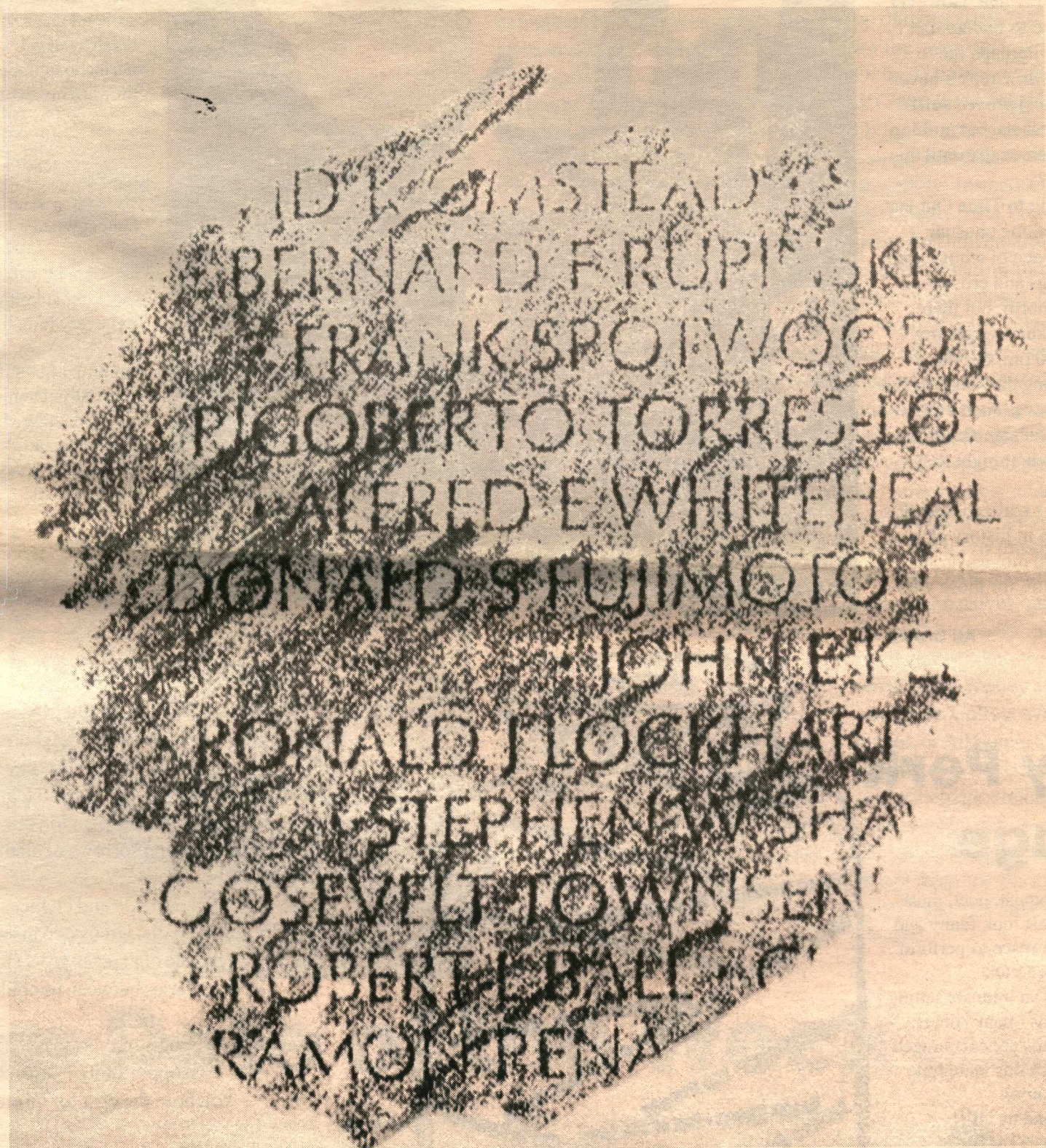


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"Above all, Vietnam was a war that asked everything of a few and nothing of most in America."

Myra McPherson

I have always considered myself as well educated about the subject of Vietnam as anyone my age. However, recently I have come to realize that I have a lot to learn. Perhaps the history books (and Mr. Creek's never-ending documentaries) proved sufficient in teaching the facts, but nothing has influenced me personally until this week.

As I was walking to Time Out last night I noticed something unusual. Obviously the presence of a huge wall and the multiple flags and crosses on the lawn aren't the norm, but there was something else that caught my attention. It was 9:00 pm, but there were still people lining the length of the wall. This wall that was such a small part of my day, was so significant to these people that even at night they had come to see it.

At that moment I realized, that this subject that we learn in history classes or occasionally see in movies, is an inescapable part of life for those who endured its horror.

Ali Brown



Illustration by Andy Kerr and agreed to by Dane Leach

In Other Words.....

Sometimes I am alive because with every sideways glance my topsy turvy heart explodes once then twice another glance I drink you in detail by detail
perfections imperfections the same they are my definition of love

by Rebecca Merriam

I already had a love affair with life
its fierce blue skies
shocking autumn leaves
and everything in between

but now after suffering pain after eternal temporary immobility my love will go beyond an affair to deep thankfulness for each new day and the people skies and leaves in it

by Dawn Stuvland

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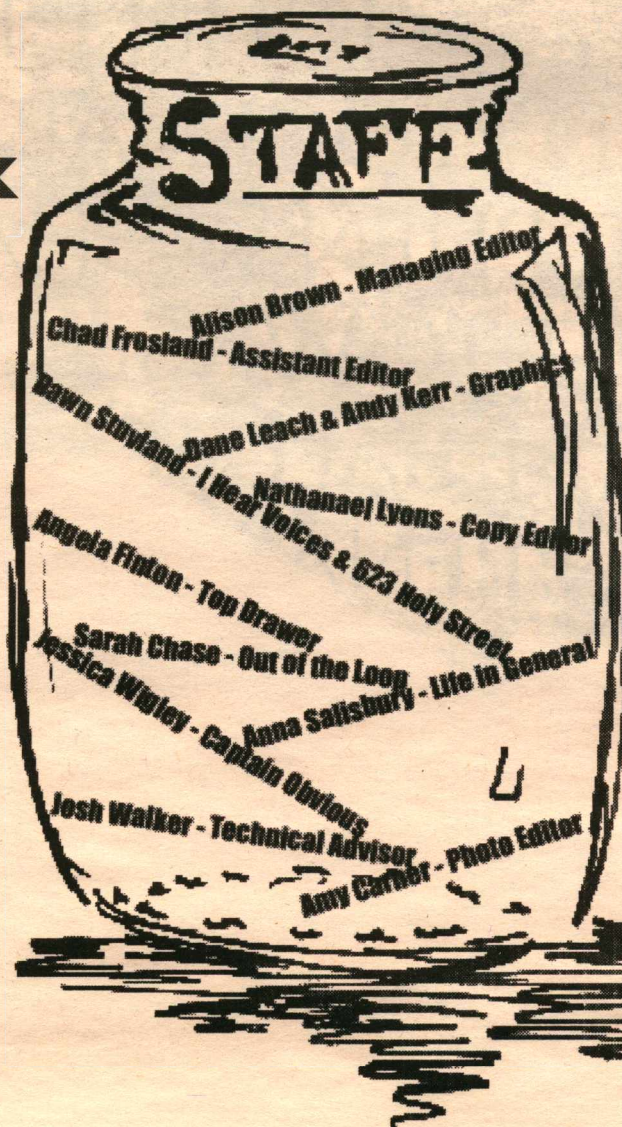
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Reflecting On Us

Friends before time began and friends throughout time
Until time is not more and we are left to reflect upon an eternity

While on Earth I knew you from teen years onwards
Countless days I spent in your company
Sharing the joys and sorrows of all that life unfolded

Choices made and chances taken
Our paths led us oceans apart
While our spirits grew closer
Till boundaries between us could not exist

Every day an opportunity to share the truth with you
An opportunity I neglected
You bore the cost for an eternity

An eternity has passed
We are together again
Time elapsed that can never be recovered

Reflection enlightens me
I ask for forgiveness
I resolve to share the truth regardless of your resistance
Now I know

Time will start again and I am ready

Words by Gideon Thomas

Hosting the Moving Vietnam Memorial: An Honor and Privilege

Compiled by: Jessica Wigley and Kenton Owsley

Three years of planning culminate into an incredible event this week. The Moving Vietnam Memorial has found its way to Nampa for the first time since its creation in 1984, nine years after the end of the Vietnam War. NNU has the honor and the privilege of hosting this Memorial, set up Monday, October 7th on the Brandt Center lawn, all week, through Monday, October 9th.

In 1975, immediately following the Vietnam War, American patriotism and respect for the Armed Forces was at an all-time low. Returning veterans could expect horrible slurs against their character and even violence directed at them in retaliation for their involvement with the war. It wasn't until seven years following the war that the Vietnam War Memorial was constructed in Washington DC to honor those who were killed in action, missing in action, or prisoners of war. That memorial is a wall, etched with the names of the 58,225 men, women, and in some cases, adolescents, who died for their country in the jungles of Southeast Asia. The mobile representation of that same wall has been traveling around the United States for 18 years now, and has finally made its way to Idaho and the NNU campus.

The Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday began a very emotional week for many members of the community. Shortly after 7:30 AM, the military band from the 25th Regiment began playing Sousa marches while members of the Nampa and NNU communities made their way to their seats. The audience also comprised of 251 small white crosses symbolizing those killed in action from the state of Idaho. Tom Dale, NNU alum and Mayor of Nampa, spoke of his experiences in Vietnam. Following his speech, four helicopters flew low overhead to reverent applause and patriotic glances. Representatives from the state of Idaho, Canyon County, and the city of Nampa read proclamations encouraging citizens to visit the wall and spend the week in remembrance for those who served in the forces.



photo by Dane Leach

The sun rising over the Brandt Center, strains of "America" played on the trombone, and the placing of a wreath at the base of the wall left the crowd in a surge of emotion and patriotism in conclusion of the ceremony.

The Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall is open 24 hours a day to students and members of the community. It is fully expected that there may be as many several thousand visitors per day. It represents a very emotional time for many people in the community, considering that many of the visitors are family and friends of the deceased who come to remember, grieve, or just pay their respects.

There are several volunteers on hand to answer any questions about the wall and even to find specific names. In light of the increased volume of people on our campus, the courtesy and patience of the student body is much appreciated.

Several events this week allow people to get a full view of the wall and the Vietnam War. On Friday the Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall Speaker Series is in the Swayne Auditorium and begins at 7pm, during which several veterans will speak in remembrance of the war.

On Saturday at 10:30am, a motorcycle parade will make its way

from Lakeview Park to the wall in procession. Lastly, Sunday night at 6pm, the week's events will conclude with a candlelight ceremony at the Memorial Wall stage.

While the wall's main audience may be veterans and those who lived through the tragedy, it can prove to be a powerful experience for all on campus. Perhaps, it may be the only way younger generations can experience this piece of history first hand.

Fletch encourages students

Spiritual Emphasis Week provides food for thought

by Kailee Fjeld

Spiritual emphasis week at NNU has always been a time of spiritual refreshment and growth for the students, as well as for the professors and faculty. It is a time when we can all focus on the real reason why we are here: to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The entire campus was blessed by the dynamic passion filled sermons that were delivered from Dr. Steve Fletcher, commonly referred to as "Fletch."

He took us all the way back in time to when Alexander the Great introduced the guttural Greek language to much of Europe, and then brought us back to the present reality of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. Chapel services, as well as Time Out, were full of people who were literally on the edge of their seats

wanting to soak in more of the message. The reality is that people all over this campus are experiencing God in new ways and are excited about what the Lord wants to do in this place.

So what was the most important point to get across to students during a week when the focus was supposed to be a spiritual one, despite the always-ensuing focuses on homework, roommates, and what food to eat at the cafeteria? "To instill in students' lives deep, spiritual determination to stay true to Christ in all their tomorrows regardless of circumstance." Fletch said was his main point for the week.

The biggest piece of advice he has for this campus is to, "Be faithful in your daily walks with Jesus in prayer and in the word in a deeply personal way."

On Friday during chapel, Fletch revealed to the campus that he has the greatest time of his life preaching.

Many people were touched this week and learned a great deal. Here is what some students said when they were asked to say one thing the Lord taught them during the week. "Because Fletch has talked so much about the overwhelming numbers of people around the world being saved for Jesus, a flame has been reignited in my life to share the Good News overseas through my education major." Sarah Orias

"I was reminded this week to embrace that relationship with Jesus NOW, live it, and share it!"

Melody Allgeier

"The Lord really showed me that my faith is a choice. Whether it's getting up on Tuesday and Thursday

for chapel or reading the Word on a regular basis, it's completely my decision. I only hope my faith can be as contagious as I want to make it with those I come into contact with."

Zach Marble

It is very exciting to see the excitement that people are developing in their walks with God. Many are seeking for something called revival. While only God himself knows exactly what revival entails, his people can run after it with all their might.

"God blesses those who realize their need for Him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is given to them."

Matthew 5:3 (NLT)



by Charlie Ecker

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

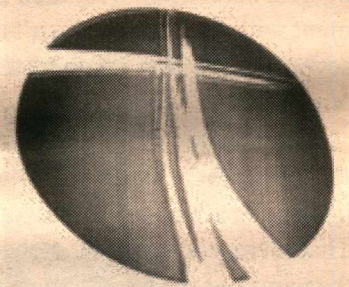
by Anna Salisbury

real-life

As Pastor Ed Snyder told me, Real Life Community is "not your mama's church." That statement just about sums up the attitude at this laid back, fun loving church. Started one year ago by Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, Real Life is a mission church. Its goal is to be "the church for people who don't like church." I have attended Real Life since it's opening and found it to be wonderfully refreshing. The music is very upbeat and the atmosphere is friendly and inviting. Real Life is a church where something is always happening and there is always somewhere to be involved. As Pastor Paul Johnson will inform you, "we don't want any benchwarmers at Real Life, everyone should be actively seeking or serving." As I can attest, attending Real Life is a roller coaster

ride. They have any number of ministries to participate in including: home groups for every age category, nursery, children's ministries, drama, music, and puppets. So whether you miss your home church where you practically lived in the youth pastor's office, or you came to college to escape your mom's evil shriek to get out of bed on Sunday morning, I promise you will find Real Life an exciting place to be.

Real Life Community Church
Pastor: Paul Johnson
Assistant Pastor: Ed Snyder
Location: Green Hurst Elementary School, Nampa
Services: Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Office: 465-1771



Oops we did it again

by Ali Brown and
Crusader Staff

Late at night, in the Crusader office, when the shadows are tall, the coffee pot is empty, and computer screens jump around in fuzzy eyes, mistakes and bad judgment calls occasionally happen. As Managing Editor I take full responsibility for these mistakes. In the last issue of the Crusader, an article was printed in this section entitled "Till Death Do Us Part." This article by David Zirschky was an opinion poll quoting many students on the subjects of marriage, relationships, and sex.

In its original form some of the quotes were anonymous. Why? Some students, whose opinions seemed to be a little less than the moral norm, chose to remain anonymous. This is a problem that comes with a small Christian school; people gossip, the gossip escalates, and people are judged by hearsay and looked at differently by people they don't even know. They may even be judged by faculty members and administrators who

have heard rumors about them. It happens. Students are aware of that and so they try to remain anonymous. Understandable.

Those of you who read the article may be wondering how you missed the anonymous quotes. Don't worry, you didn't. The powers that be, who look over the paper before it is printed, saw the anonymity as a problem and told us to not run the article or to put names on the quotes. The section editor had gone home for the night, before the problem was evident. Thus began the frantic phone calls. Various staff members began calling around to see if anyone would be willing to claim these quotes. While some people were willing, others only received a message and had not responded when their names were placed. Looking back in retrospect, this was a measure that should not have been taken. We felt that if we omitted the quotes the article would be a one-sided, sugar-coated feel good piece. In a way it would be compromising the truth by

not printing a full spectrum of student responses, but only those that more accurately reflected the schools values. On the other hand, we had no back up article to print in its place and our deadline was rapidly approaching. The following names were placed next to the anonymous quotes: Mike Jeter, Dan Rosenthal, Dan Pahlisch, Berto Martinez, and Andy Kerr. These people did not give a quote to the paper; their only connection was a friendship with a staff member, who thought that the use of their names would be the answer to our dilemma.

The whole thing felt wrong, so when computer problems caused us to move the deadline, I figured it was divine intervention. After sleep and reason were added into the equation, we realized the severity of the situation. Now given the opportunity to right this wrong our staff decided to make a new page.

We decided to print the opinions page as a blank page with a label

marked **censored** diagonally across it, as opposed to printing the substitute names or printing the quotes anonymously. We e-mailed the publishers, where the rest of the paper was lined up to be printed that next morning, with the change. They did not receive the e-mail in time, and the page was printed with the substitute names. This was not ethical and should not have happened. We apologize. We want to clarify that we're apologizing for the substitute names, not for the content of the article, and not for the fact that the quotes did not all agree in principal with the school's code of morals. This is a student publication and it will contain student voices, regardless of whether or not they coincide with the ideology of this school. This doesn't mean that we will print vulgar or distasteful articles. It means that if it is sincere, well-written, is relevant to us as a student body, and backed by the author's name, we are obligated to print it, because it is a student voice.

Golf is not a sport

by Jayson Grenn

This summer Lance Armstrong won his *fourth* straight Tour de France. Watching highlights on SportsCenter, I was astonished by the amount of hills and miles these guys cover (a total of 4,500 kilometers) in a two-week span. But I was also astonished by an article I read online claiming that bicycling wasn't a real sport. These guys sweat more in 14 days than I will in a lifetime and spend more time on a bike seat in a year than I'm in a car seat. And some people have the nerve to not call it a sport? Bicycling is sport. Golf is not a sport. Let the argument begin.

First things first. Is golf in the Olympics? No. Next, do golfers sweat? Only when it's hot outside and because they're wearing khakis, 2 shirts, a hat, and walking outside in 80% humidity. When Tiger Woods wins 5 events in a row, the accomplishment is most certainly difficult and amazing. But so

is the world lumberjack contest, and no one goes on ESPN and argues that the winner is the best athlete in the world or that lumberjacking is a sport. He's just a guy who operates an axe better than the rest of us.

ESPN's SportsCenter updates us on golf tournaments - even the Seniors tour - because that is what they do. They also had a special last week on a dog competition that involved running through tiny gates and jumping over small fences. Draw your own conclusions.

People who play sports do more than swing a stick and walk. Dictionary.com defines sport as, "An activity involving physical exertion and skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs and often undertaken competitively." It is the first part of the definition that excludes golf from being a sport: "An activity involving physical exertion..." Unfortunately, I don't think

there's a whole lot of physical exertion going on at the local golf club. Every time I drive by a club I see plenty of less than fit human beings making the rounds. Golf carts, caddies, and the golf bag carriers that people roll behind them remove the majority of the physical (i.e. lugging a heavy bag for several kilometers) side of golf. In my mind, if you can get off the couch after several years of inactivity and complete a round without breaking a sweat, it's a game, not a sport.

Golf is more of mind game than anything else. How do I maximize my drive? How can I use the wind to get the ball where I want it? Which club will do the best job for this situation? This places golf in the category of chess. I don't think that too many people would argue that chess is a sport. It's a game. Give two people a chess set and tell them to walk through a meadow while playing and you've got

golf. Ask the question sometime: "Do you play any sports?" "Sure, I golf," will be the most likely answer. Couch potatoes, has-been athletes and never-were athletes, can all proudly proclaim that they are "sportsmen" if they play golf. The older you get, the more seductive this idea becomes. You can't run, play basketball, bike or do anything else like you used to, but by golly, you can play golf! You're still an athlete. Aging ex-athletes are prime candidates for this argument. So let's just put golf back into the game category and forget about making it a sport. I somehow don't think that the guy who can do a round or two of golf is in the same physical category as someone who runs 40 kilometers or lifts 600 pounds. Until golfers carry their own clubs around the course and run between holes, it's a game. And don't even mention cheerleading.

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Ponsford Ponders Life

by Kenton Owsley

Northwest Nazarene University really prides itself in having a sense of community. The community is one of the key traits that attracts students from all over the country, and even the world. In an effort to foster this unity, the Crusader is debuting a new feature this week.

Whether you love their classes or hate them, it can't be denied that the professors at NNU bring a dynamic, passionate edge to every subject. So, each week Captain Obvious is going to bring you an interview with a different professor, delving into their lives for the lesser known facts and fascinating tidbits.

Chances are you've seen him stalking around the halls of Wiley. Complete with the clogs, mug, and ponytail, if you didn't already know, you could almost guess that Dr. Ron Ponsford is a psychology professor. Sitting among masses of books and papers, I interviewed Dr. Ponsford for over an hour about everything from music to marriage.

Kenton: Why did you choose psychology for a profession?

Dr. Ponsford: Hmm... well, I was a chemistry major in college doing titrations on metals that ran between 18 and 30 hours. I really liked chemistry and I was in the process of deciding to teach because I really like to work with people. I took a week off one summer to work as a counselor at a junior high camp and loved it. So, in the summer between my junior and senior year, I changed my major to psychology. It wasn't as large of a switch

as it sounds, though. I had taken many psychology classes. I was a cheerleader in high school and college and have always been fascinated with crowd behavior. Psychology let me explore that and work with people.

K: If you could change to any other profession, what would it be?

Dr. P: Well, I already do a little of this, but I'd go with liberal studies. Working with literature, philosophy, and history,

K: What are your passions?

Dr. P: Helping people see and reach their full potential, whether it's getting a student to understand their abilities or a delinquent realize skills that they've never recognized before. Also, I love to ride motorcycles with my wife.

K: Are you currently active in the psychology field?

Dr. P: Yeah, actually I evaluate adolescents for the juvenile court system in about 6 counties in Idaho. I also do some counseling, and am on a council that evaluates accreditation at colleges and universities.

K: How long have you had your ponytail?

Dr. P: Haha... Hmm... In college I drove charter buses, so my hair couldn't

touch my ears. All throughout the 60's I was extremely clean cut for that reason. From 1972 to about 1992, my hair was long, past my ears, but not in a ponytail.

In 1992, I had to make a decision. Because of my receding hairline, it just didn't lay right anymore, so I put it in a ponytail. A ponytail really is the easiest way. I wash my hair in the morning, tie it in a knot, and I'm ready



From ponytails to brain research, Dr. Ponsford tells all

K: Why did you choose NNU?

Dr. P: That's an interesting story, I suppose. Let's see... I was working in research at UCLA doing brain research. I was in administration at a foster home and I was teaching a Pepperdine. I really loved the research, but I had to spend a lot of time writing for grants, and I really didn't like that. I was actually waiting in a room for an interview at a school when I got a call from NNC. I really like big cities, but I interviewed with NNC on a lark and was very impressed. It really is an excellent school. Many students don't realize what a good school NNU really is.

K: How did you meet your wife?

Dr. P: I've known Sharyn since we were 15 in high school and dated

for 6 years before we got married. This last summer was our 40th summer together.

K: What's your favorite... book/movie/song?

Dr. P: Let's see... for music, my favorite music is from Jesus Christ Superstar, the show, not the movie, and Les Miserables. Also, I really love Bruce Springsteen's new album. Currently, my favorite song is Beethoven's Piano Concerto "The Emperor" 2nd movement. In movies, I watch a lot of foreign films and enjoy those a lot. I suppose my favorite movie, though, at the moment is a little film in the theaters now called Possession. It's just a really good little movie. For books, I love Mark Twain, so anything by him is wonderful. My favorite books though are Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy and Joan of Arc by Mark Twain.

K: What's your favorite class to teach?

Dr. P: I sincerely don't have one. I really like everything I teach and I like different classes for different reasons. I really love Intro to Psych. because it's big and full of energy and we get to hit all the fun topics. On the other hand though, I really like Statistical Analysis because I get to help students do math who don't think that they are capable of it. I don't know many people who get up in the morning and thank God that they get to go to work, but I do.

Judgment Call

by Jessica Wigley

NNU claims to be a liberal arts university full of diversity and open-minded ways of thinking – thinking objectively. However, the option of having one's own opinion is unheard of.

The university handbook states that NNU is "committed to an educational process that pursues both intellectual and spiritual development." Intellectual and spiritual development isn't acquired when everything in and around one's environment is happy and perfect. People mature both spiritually and intellectually when they are challenged by opposing views and insights. Christians are called not to judge; yet at this Christian campus it happens. Why is that? It is understood that not all of the population is or claim to be Christians, but those who do claim to be make a conscious effort everyday to live how they are called. Nevertheless, there is one area that tends to get overlooked, and that is the area of judgment.

In a recent *Crusader* article, controversial opinions were printed. Opinions concerning marriage, sex, and homosexuality were expressed as the students felt. However, these particular views are considered a minority in the typical NNU scene.

There were opposing views about whether or not the anonymous views should be printed anonymously. The issue isn't about whether or not anonymous names were printed; it is why the students felt compelled to remain anonymous. Being fully aware of the likely reactions that would occur from their comments, the anonymous students didn't want to deal with the questions, looks, and, most importantly, the judgment they would have to face from students, professors, advisors, and faculty. The question at hand isn't why should they have to remain anonymous - because they shouldn't. It is why do they *want* to remain anonymous?

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A League of Their Own

By: Kenton Owsley

Intramurals have been up and running for several weeks now, and the leadership couldn't be more excited. Intramurals, originally managed by Student Development, switched hands this year to the Athletic Department. Tim Swanson, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach and new to NNU's staff, has been awarded the privilege of advising Intramurals. A graduate from NNC and active intramural participant himself, Tim brings lots of experience and ideas to the table.

This year intramurals have been more successful than ever, with more students participating, more sports to participate in, and a much more organized system to keep it all in line.

The student directors primarily run Intramurals. This year they are Dan Pahlisch, Katie Rotz, and Aaron Sanders. Darlene Brasch and Tim Swanson give guidance to the student directors, but have been very impressed with what a great job they are doing. "All three student directors are doing an awesome job!"

Darlene says.

Along with new student directors, intramurals this year have expanded significantly in the options they provide. In



Intramural teams fight for the #1 spot in playoff brackets

the fall (i.e. currently running or very soon to come) is flag football, coed 4-on-4 outdoor volleyball, and powder puff football. Later this fall a ping-pong tournament may also be added. In the winter it's men's and women's basketball, plus possible weekend tournaments in badminton, pickle ball, and racquetball. In the spring,

the intramural year will finish off with men's, women's, and possibly coed softball and a tennis tournament. Also, if there is an interest, laser tag and ultimate Frisbee may be added into the mix.

All of the student directors agree, intramurals is a fantastic way to get involved with friends and to have a good time and meet people. Things are running more smoothly than ever this year, and student involvement is up a lot from last year. There is always room for improve-

ment in any program, and the student and faculty directors are glad to take your suggestions and concerns. All of the director are hoping to improve the program next year and seeking to get more students involved.

What's Happening?
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POWDER PUFF
Sign-ups next week!

BROOM HOCKEY
Theme: Richard Simmons
vs. Billy Blanks
October 12, 9 pm
at Ice World

TIME -OUT!
With Marie Coelho
October 16, 9 pm

MIDNITE MADNESS
October 18, 12 am
At the Gym!

FRESHEREE
October 19
Tickets on sale next
week! \$2

TYLER HILL goes to
TWIRP with
AMY CARNER?

DAVID HILLE goes
to TWIRP with
ALI BROWN?

ERIC SLONAKER
goes to TWIRP
with JESS WIGLEY?

RYAN LEE goes to
TWIRP with ANNA
SALISBURY?

To Be Continued...

Upcoming Concerts

By Nathan Walker

Snapcase
Boy Sets Fire
Atreyu

Thur. Oct. 10th 6:30pm now
at JD's & Friends downtown
Boise \$12

Go For Broke
Sivle
Rachel Hayes

Fri. Oct. 11th 8:00pm Jubal's
Palace downtown Nampa \$5
Support local music and this
cool new venue in Nampa.
You don't have anything
better to do on a Friday night
in Nampa.

Further Seems Forever
Sivle

Tue. Oct. 15th 6:30 Joe's
6th & Main downtown Boise
This one is not to be missed.
Further Seems Forever are
one of my favorite bands
right now. Definately go.
Plus go support Sivle. \$10

The Strokes
The Donnas

Fri. Oct. 18th 7:00pm at The
Big Easy, Boise. \$21 at
www.ticketweb.com.
Rawk and roll New York
Style. Good times.

Stavesacre
Anything Goes
Go For Broke

Tue. Oct 29th 6:30pm 6th
and Main \$10
Stavesacre is extremely
underrated. They are an
incredible band. My band,
Go For Broke, is opening, so
don't be late.

bench
warmer

David Alban

In center field

Some days you wake up and the world is at your fingertips. Sunday, September 29, 2002, happened to be one of those days in my life. I was in the right place at the right time. It made up for all the times I've read, "Sorry! Play again," on the inside of a bottle cap. On this day, I was most definitely an instant winner.

I was visiting Hayley Yoder at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois. We left the campus at about 9:00 in the morning heading for Chicago, and arrived on the outskirts of the city shortly before 10. We took in the beauty of the Chicago Skyline, drove down Michigan Avenue and enjoyed the city before driving a few miles north to Wrigley Field.

We arrived at Wrigley Field about two hours before game time. We wandered around the outside of the stadium, looking at the street vendors' items, and enjoying the timeless aspect of Wrigley. It was a beautiful day in one of my favorite places in the world.

Hayley and I entered the venue and located our seats, on the third base side of home plate, 25 rows up. Batting practice wasn't scheduled, but we went down as close as we could get to the playing field and took pictures. Then, to kill time, we began to walk around the stadium; this is when our day became magical.

As we were taking pictures and walking down the third base side of the stands toward home plate, a man tapped us on the shoulder. He looked professional, so I turned around and began to listen to what he had to say. The man asked us if we would like to be a part of the Verizon Wireless "Hometown Team," and take the field before the game with the Chicago Cubs. Even in my very bewildered state, this was a no brainer. Hayley asked a little bit more about it, but I blurted out "YES!"

We followed the man a few rows up in the stands and sat down. He introduced himself as the marketing manager for the Chicago Cubs. He asked for our names and where we were from. He then proceeded to tell us to meet him at Customer Relations at

12:25 behind home plate.

Astonishment overtook me at this point. I could not believe what had occurred in the last three minutes. We just happen to be walking down the right aisle where this marketing man was seeking out people for their Sunday promotional. What are the odds that two kids from Idaho get lucky enough to take the field with the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field?

At about 12:20, we decided to go find Customer Relations, so that we wouldn't be late. Others who had also been selected were already gathered. Shortly thereafter, Dave (the marketing man) showed up and led all of us upstairs to the Cubs main office suites. We entered the Cubs meeting room and Dave began instructing us as to what was about to occur.

Dave passed out Cubs' Jerseys to each of the nine of us and to a few family members. Then he gave us Official National League baseballs for our own Cub player to sign when they came out onto the field.

Dave left us for a while, and then he came back, acting like he had bad news. "I'm sorry but I was wondering if I could take back one of the extra jerseys I gave out to a family member. A friend of mine is downstairs and asked for one. You might just know him. His name is Ernie Banks." A lady gladly forfeited her jersey, and tossed it to Dave who left the room once again.

Ernie Banks is "Mr. Cub," one of the best shortstops to ever play major league ball, and is a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. He is tied for 14th all-time with 512 career home runs. Cubs' fans around the world idolize this man. Even though he played before my time, I still have a great amount of respect for him.

Shortly after Dave left, he returned with a smile and a big burly black man behind him, followed by . . . Ernie Banks. Ernie walked right into our room with a big smile and greeted us. He sat down, shook hands, and got photographed left and right. I took a picture of Ernie and got a picture taken with him. My baseball received his

signature as I beamed with delight.

Ernie started to talk to me, asking me where I was from. He lit up when I told him Idaho. "I love Idaho. You guys have a beautiful state. You have the most government owned land, right?" I was very agreeable; I couldn't believe I was just shooting the breeze with Ernie Banks.

Dave then ushered us down near the field to wait for further instruction. Hayley and I were getting excited, taking pictures in our newly acquired Verizon Wireless Chicago Cub jerseys. A few minutes later, Dave waved us down onto the field. I was in a dream-like state, hanging out on Wrigley Field, taking pictures of the Cubs dugout and shaking hands with some of the players.

Our "Hometown Team" was waiting to get our picture taken in the Cubs' on deck circle right by the dugout, when I heard a familiar voice over my right shoulder call out, "Hey Idaho!" Yes, it was Ernie Banks and we continued the conversation we had started earlier. "Everyone needs to go to Idaho. You're the only one that looks like you are enjoying this. Don't you think everyone should go to Idaho?" asked Ernie Banks. I agreed once again, but was then called to join the picture in the on-deck circle.

Following the photo shoot by the Cubs dugout, we were escorted to the grassy area between home plate and the famous brick backstop marking the edge of the playing surface. There we stood in awe of all the fans and what was about to transpire in the next 15 minutes. Hayley and I took picture after picture, mesmerized by the beauty and wonder of this classic sporting venue. I managed to steal a little grass from the field and shove it in my pocket; Hayley also grabbed some dirt from the field.

There we stood, watching the first pitch thrown by another Hall of Famer and former Cub, Billy Williams. We were told to remove our caps as we honored our country in the playing of the National Anthem. I removed my cap along with the other ballplayers on the field and watched and enjoyed yet another incredible moment.

Within seconds after the last note of the National Anthem, we were given the cue to run out onto the field. I hesitated, looked at Hayley and smiled; this was the moment I had been waiting for. I began to jog out onto the field nonchalantly as if I had done this

before. But who was I trying to fool? I had to get the most out of this experience as possible. I changed directions from running straight out toward center field to touching third base on the way out to the ivy-covered walls of the outfield.

A cheer went up in the bleachers as we got to our spots.

The public address announcer proceeded to introduce us one by one. Being in the outfield, I was second to last. "Playing in center field from Nampa, Idaho, David Alban." I just stood there and waved. This was a feeling I will never forget. They even put my name in lights on the center field scoreboard, "David Alban, Nampa, Idaho." I was in complete amazement of what was occurring.

Seconds later, superstar Sammy Sosa came sprinting by on his usual route out to deep right field. I wanted to take pictures, but I just had to stand there and enjoy this once in a lifetime moment happening right before my eyes.

Chad Hermansen was the Cubs starting center fielder and came out to greet me. We talked for a little bit about his career, and then he signed my Jersey (I kept my freshly signed Ernie Banks baseball hidden in my pocket). A baseball came flying toward us and that was my cue to get off the field as the players were beginning their usual warm-up. I waved to Hermansen and jogged back towards the warning track, grabbed some ivy off the famous outfield wall in left field, and exited in the left field corner. Hayley and I were then led back up to the Cubs suites to grab our belongings and then we headed to our seats.

We got to our seats just in time to watch the first Cub batter, Bobby Hill, get a triple. Then the next batter popped out and Sammy Sosa came to bat. Sosa ripped a towering home run into the left-center field seats. It was his 499th career home run. The Cubs went on to win the game 7-3 in front of a delighted sell-out crowd.

This is a day I will never forget, a dream come true. I have been a Cubs fan for 15 years and this was without a doubt the sweetest moment. There haven't been too many sweet moments for the Cubs in the last 15 years, but it still doesn't prevent me from rooting for them year after year.



article and photo by David

Freshman Spotlight

Labree Neiberger

by Chris Canton

Status: Freshman

Sport: Volleyball

Major: Public Communications

B-day: 6/1/84 **Hometown:** Midvale, ID

Favorite sport besides VB: Basketball & Track

VB Position: Outside Hitter

Favorite athlete: Marion Jones

How were you initiated? Uhhh, I wasn't???

Ideal guy: Brown hair, 6 ft, good body, tan, greenish blue eyes and an above "A" personality that makes you want to stay with him for the rest of your life.

Favorite thing to do in

Nampa: Go see my boyfriend (Sorry Culver guys)* or just hang out with my new friends here.

Favorite food at the Dex: Manicotti

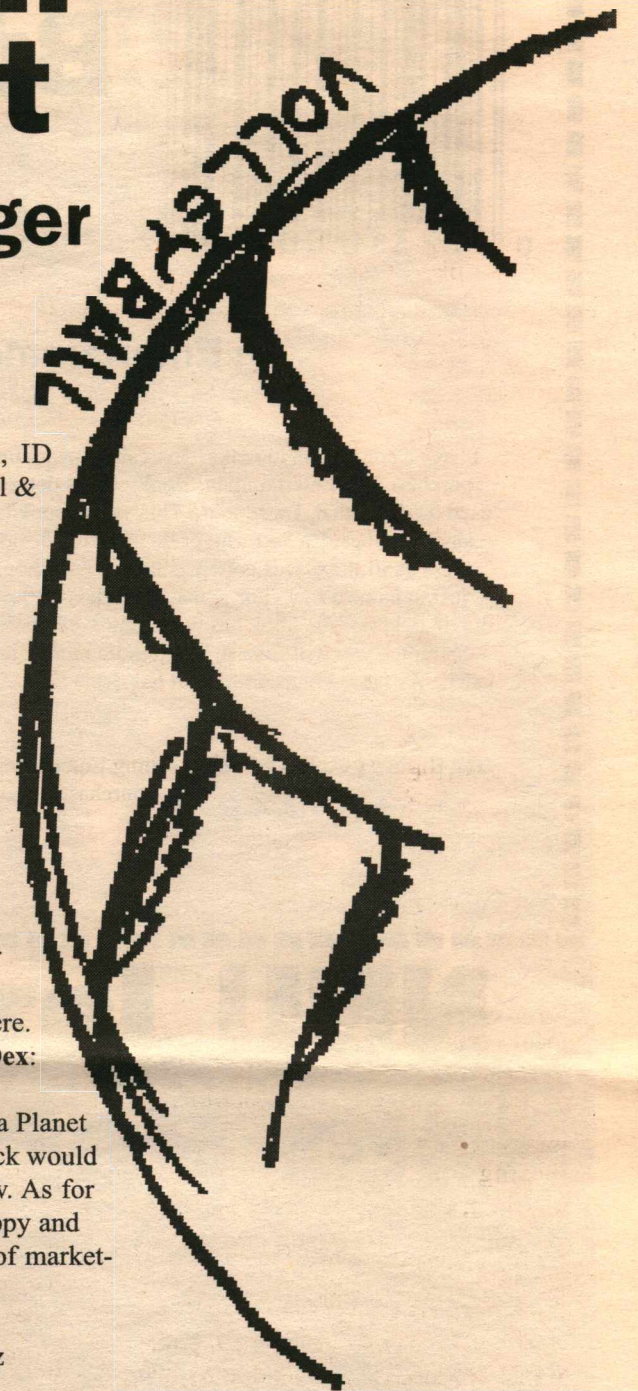
Ideal job: Working at a Planet Hollywood or Hard Rock would be pretty sweet for now. As for the future, I will be happy and successful in the field of marketing or advertising

*-Sports Editor's Note

Interview by Katy Rotz



photo by Amy Carner



Chili With the Disc

by David Hille

The "flicks" are flying fast and hard, the hucks are being chased down like Mike Grant on Alex Nord, and bodies are flying horizontal to make game breaking layouts. For most students on campus this probably means very little to their college experience, but to a few it creates excitement comparable to the child-like anticipation of Christmas Eve. It means that the NNU ultimate frisbee season has begun, and the promises that lay ahead for the year are as numerous as the cats along the banks of the Elijah drain.

2002 marks the fourth year of existence for the NNU Ultimate Frisbee

Club, and as everything in life, the passing of time has brought much growth and development. What started as 10 clueless freshmen taking a weekend trip to a tournament in Salt Lake City four years ago has developed into a respected college program in the world of Ultimate. The team's roster has increased even more this year to include 13 to 20 students who practice, play, and experience the crazy and highly cherished weekends of traveling with the team.

The team has jumped off to a fast start by already competing in two tournaments this fall. First, we competed in the Big Sky sectionals, which gave our newcomers some experience. Not to mention we had fun sleeping 19

people in a small house in Pocatello. Then we traveled to the Northwest regionals in Davis, CA. These tournaments were in the men's open tournament series for the country, and were great experiences for our team to start the year with. We saw some of the best ultimate frisbee in the world and got lost on the streets of San Francisco for our late night activities. Our team drooled in awe as we witnessed the skills of Mike Grant, regarded in the ultimate realm as the best player in the world. No joking around here, kids, it was some "hot" disc.

And yet, the best is still to come as the year goes on and we see the team meld together, develop more detailed organization, and get more tournament

experience. Our final goal is the Big Sky college sectionals tournament in the spring, where we will play to qualify for regionals. In the near future, our eyes are set on Logan, UT for the "College Warm Up" tournament in three weekends. It will be our first test of the year where we will be competing against college teams from around the region.

So, the moral of the story is... ultimate frisbee is the fastest growing underground sport out there and it is making its mark on the campus of NNU. Hold on to your shorts because, in the words of the renowned philosopher Toby Mac, it's "comin' at ya like a whirlwind."



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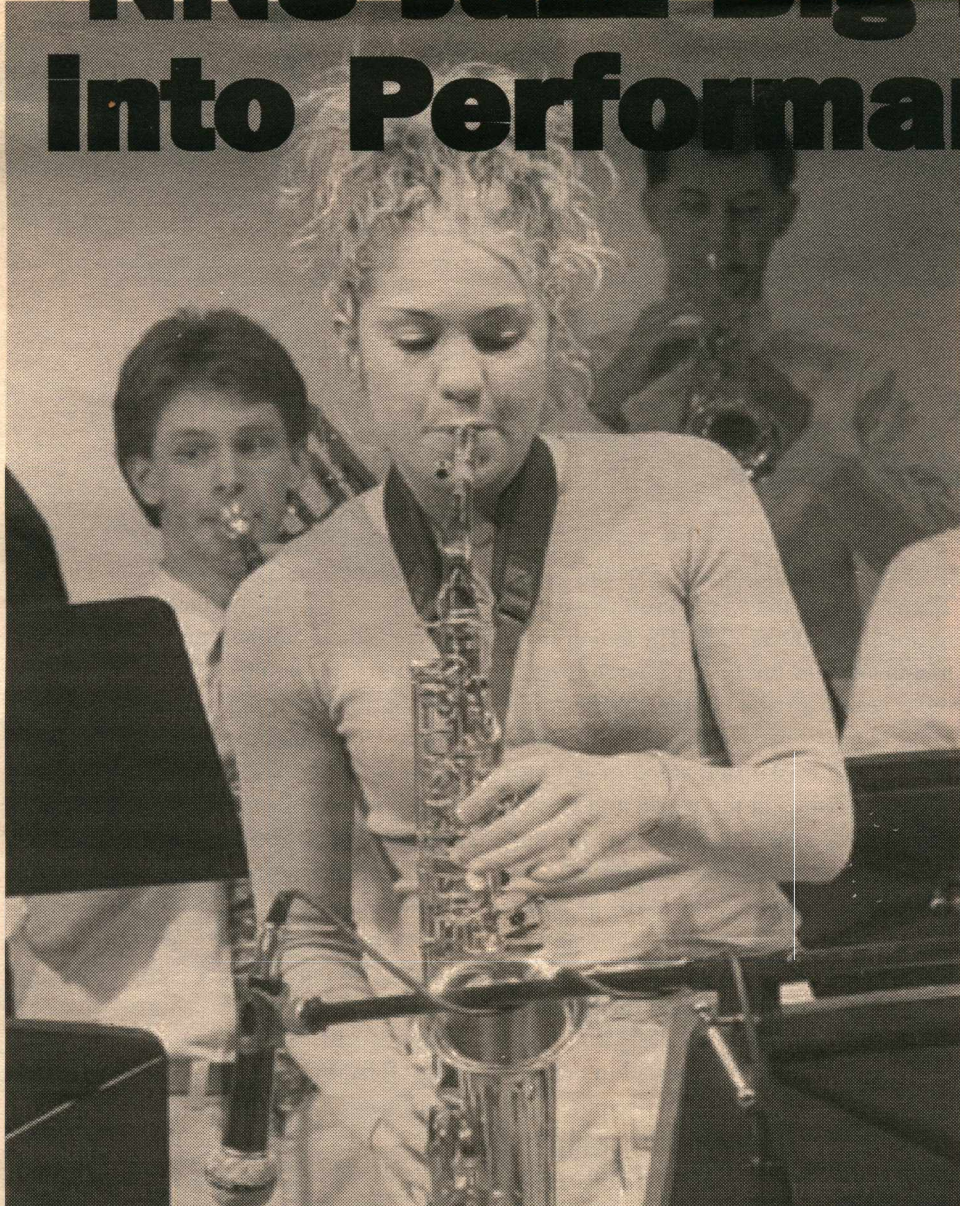
I have a confession to make. Ever since becoming a poor college student I have lost all my pride and become addicted to coupons. It all started last year when I splurged and purchased an Entertainment Book. I was determined to get my money's worth out of it and I was not disappointed. I saved more than the price of the book the first time I used it. After that, I was sold. This year's book is just as wonderful. I just picked mine up a few days ago and have already saved money at Edward's Cinema. If you ever eat anywhere besides Sodexo or do anything besides play Nintendo in your room on the weekends, the Entertainment Book is for you. It is full of two-for-ones and half price offers at all the places college students eat, shop, and play. This year's book has coupons for Jack-in-the-Box, OMC, Papa John's, Honker Café, Taco John's, and Flying M, just to name a few. For you avid readers of the Crusader, Le Café de Paris is also in the book. Even my coupon reluctant boyfriend was convinced after we saved a ton on movie tickets. The book has been improved this year and is easier to use than ever. I realize that twenty dollars seems like a small fortune to we income-impaired students, but I guarantee you will save so much more money in the long run. If you have a significant other, you need an Entertainment Book. In fact, if you have any friends at all you will use it. As far as entertainment, it has deals on BSU games, Edward's, The Reel Theater, Hollywood Video, Brundage Ski Resort, and Ceramica, among others. Buy it, stick it in your glove box, and save money on all the stuff you do anyway.

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by Anna Salisbury

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NNU Jazz Big Band Swings into Performance Season



The Jazz Big Band at Northwest Nazarene University presents their season-opening performance on Thursday night, Oct. 17 with a concert of traditional jazz and swing including a set of Broadway favorites by composer Harry Warren. Doors at NNU's Swayne Auditorium at the Brandt Center open at 7:30pm and the concert begins at 8:00pm. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and seniors, and children under 12 are free.

Composer Harry Warren is best known for the tunes *Chattanooga Choo-Choo*, *Jeepers Creepers*, and *I've Got a Gal in Kalamazoo*. Along with these favorites, the NNU Band will also perform other familiar Warren songs *At Last*, *Lulu's Back in Town*, and *Forty-Second Street*.

Casey Christopher, the band's director, is pleased with the music for this concert. "The Harry Warren tunes really resonate with those who remember when they were popular, but these arrangements bring them alive for today's audience as well. No one who likes big band jazz will be disappointed."

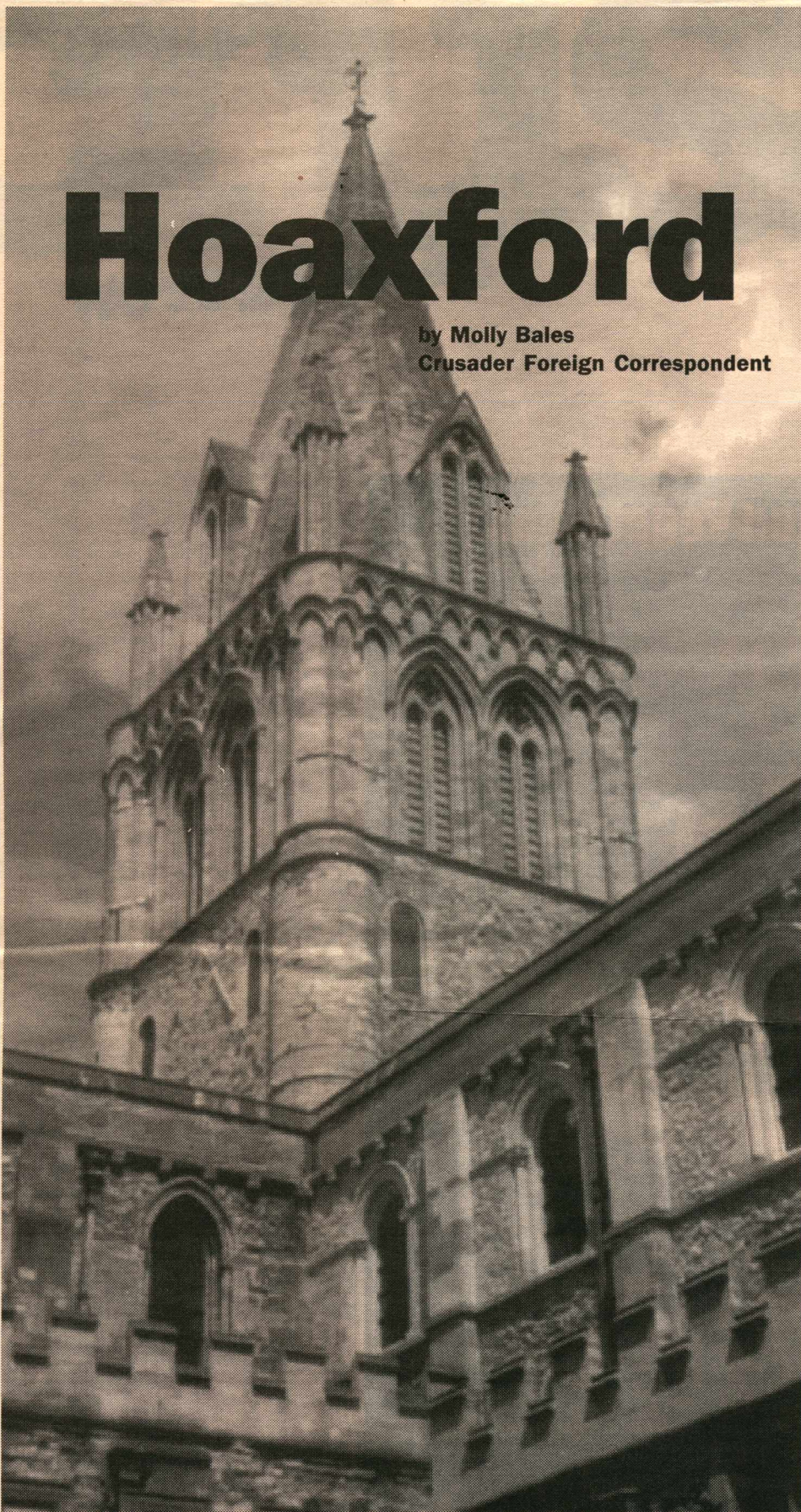
Alto saxophonist Kendall Yoder will be featured on *Georgia on my Mind*, and trombonist Camden Hughes will be the centerpiece on another ballad, *At Last*. The program will also include traditional jazz standards *Caravan*, *I'll Take Romance*, and *All the Things You Are*.

The NNU Jazz Big Band performs Thursday in Nampa before taking the concert on the road for two performances at the Sun Valley Swing and Dixie Jazz Jamboree, a trip that has become an annual event for the group. "I want people to hear this band," says Christopher. "Wherever we go, audiences are going to know that this band really likes to play."

For more information, please call the Northwest Nazarene University Department of Art & Music at 467-8413.

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by Molly Bales
Crusader Foreign Correspondent



Greetings from Oxford! No, I am not writing to you from the ever-famous Oxford, New Jersey. Rather, as I write this article I have an almost bird's eye view from my bedroom window of the dreaming spires of Oxford, the spires which signify the pomp and glory of knowledge, learning, and academia that are associated with one of Europe's most recognizable universities. Living and studying in this historic university town in England has brought with it many pleasant surprises. Yes, it is true that British people speak English. However, they do not speak English as we know it in the States. Rather, it takes a quick ear and a witty mind to realize that trousers are pants and pants are underwear in England. Better yet is the fact that in England engaged doesn't solely represent what every senior religion major is looking to become. Instead, engaged refers to an occupied state of a stall in a public restroom. While the above-mentioned language scruples are small and hardly noticed by the average person, there is one huge discrepancy that every non-British person can't help but notice when visiting Oxford. That discrepancy lies at the very heart of Oxford University. You see, everyone who passes through Oxford wants to know where he or she can visit and roam the halls of Oxford University. It's true that you can go to a store in America and buy Oxford University sweatshirts, mugs, pencils, and other paraphernalia. You can even do that on the streets of London or at a tourist trap shop in Oxford City Center. But that's all it is: a trap to get you to spend your money promoting some entity that does not exist. So, how can I be studying this semester at one of the most famous

European universities when I'm telling you it doesn't even exist? Well, let me explain through a little analogy that I like to title: How Oxford University is like the body of Christ. When somebody asks you, "Where is the body of Christ?" you don't point to a church building. Rather, you embrace the members of the church as the body of Christ, just as it says in 1 Corinthians 12:27. According to the Scripture, the body of Christ is made up of many parts that work together for the glory of God. So it is with Oxford University. Just as the body of Christ is not a building neither can Oxford University be broken down to a single building or even a single university. Instead, Oxford is made up of many parts, consisting of individual universities that each serve a certain function and purpose. There's Brasenose College, Christ Church, Keble College (where I am a student), and thirty-six other colleges that cover a variety of subjects and admit a variety of graduate and undergraduate students. Each college serves its separate purpose, yet they all come together under the common head of Oxford University. So now when you travel throughout England, you don't have to be the uninformed tourist who naively asks to visit Oxford University. Instead, you can intelligently ask to see Lincoln College where John Wesley attended, Magdalen College where C.S. Lewis taught, or All Soul's College, the only one never to have accepted undergraduate students and which currently has only one graduate student walking the halls. Needless to say, there are still many mysteries of Oxford that I have yet to unravel. Cheers!

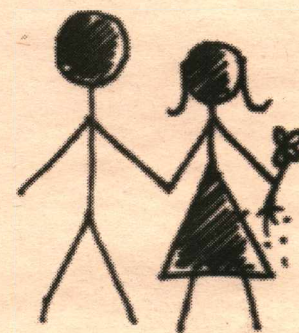
Cheap Date of the Week

by Eric Slonaker

Ever wanted to learn a few fancy steps for the dance floor or just maybe wanted a fun and inexpensive date? The Boise Valley Square and Round Dance Center is the place to go. I know what you're thinking, "Square and Round Dance? Are you kidding me?" Actually, it's great fun. It just so happens that I checked it out last weekend and now can dance a mean tango step. The Dance Center

consists of an 8,000 square foot floating hardwood dance floor, and is fully air-conditioned. This center isn't just for square dancing, but also ballroom dancing and some tango. The times for these sections vary. There is a lesson on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30pm, Tuesday nights from 7:00-9:00pm, and Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm. The cost for students is only \$3.00 per person.

That's a steal compared to the \$7.00 it costs for all others who are not students. There is an instructor who is very professional and teaches slowly for the rhythmically impaired. So grab a partner, get out your dancin' shoes and head over to the Boise Valley Dance Center this weekend. You never know when you may need skills such as these.



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