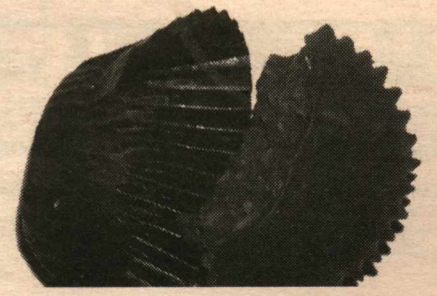
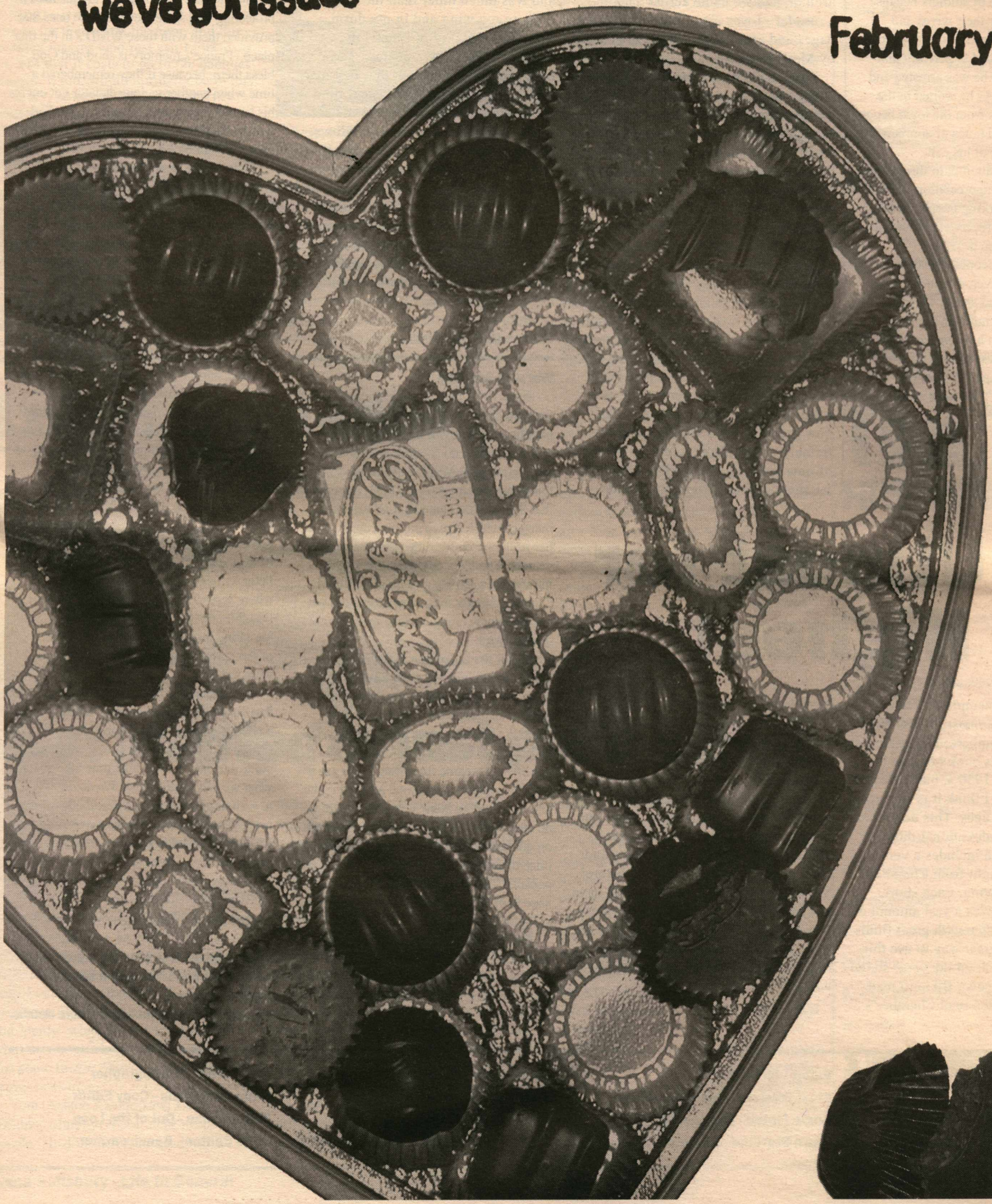


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**"No duty is more important than that of returning thanks."**

**-St. Ambrose**

There are several stories that claim to be the true history of the Valentine's holiday. As one legend tells it, St. Valentine was a Roman bishop who was martyred for his belief in love.

In 270 A.D. Emperor Claudius II banned the marriage of soldiers because he saw their love for their wives and dedication to family as military handicaps. St. Valentine continued to perform marriages illegally until he was arrested and sentenced to death. As he waited in the prison, young lovers from the town began to throw flowers and notes of appreciation through the window of his cell.

In this issue, we attempt to throw some of our own notes of appreciation. There are several hard-working people on this campus who do not receive the recognition that they so often deserve.

There are many people who deserve our gratitude. However, due to the confinements of time and space, we have limited ourselves in number.

We hope that you have noticed the wonderful things these people do, and if you have not, we hope that you will after reading about NNU's *Unsung Heroes*.

Ali Brown

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# My Utmost for His Highest

by Kailee Fjeld

One very classic example of a devotional book is *My Utmost for His Highest* by Oswald Chambers. Young adults may stray from this book because it was written in the 1930's, but it written in such a way that I think it is extremely effective for all ages. This devotional book consists of a devotional thought for each day, which includes a verse, and then some insight from Chambers immediately following. Each short page of insight carries a vast amount of wisdom and is written with great fluidity and beauty. A great way to use this devotional is to look up the verse stated for the day in your own Bible to read it in context and then read Chamber's

# Letters to the editor

Dear Dawn,

I am a 1995 NNC grad, and am currently teaching third grade here in Nampa. This past Sunday my family and I stopped by campus to walk around, and we came across *The Crusader*. I was skimming through the pages and articles and found the article by Mark Boswell.

I was a little surprised to read about Mark's frustrations because I remember specifically asking some of the same questions about disabled access when I was a student. I realize there is major expense involved with making all of the floors in all of the buildings accessible to all, but I am still saddened that the university I so proudly call mine is closed to specific people.

I tell my third-graders that I expect them to go to college and be successful members of the community. I also tell them that they can go anywhere they choose if they work hard enough. I have a student in my class this year who also suffers with Cerebral Palsy. She came to me in a wheelchair as a result of a summer surgery and has now graduated to a walker. She is extremely independent, and I am proud of how hard she has worked and how far she has come this year. She des-

perately wants to be like everyone else and have the same opportunities as her peers. How do I tell her that God will accept her as she is, but the University she may choose will not?

I came to NNC as a transfer student and was much older than the other girls on my wing and in my dorm. There were plenty of times I didn't feel I fit in with my "peers". I can only imagine how much that feeling is intensified because of physical limitations. People with special needs aren't asking for more than the law allows, and my experience has been that those people put up with a lot more inconveniences that I ever would. I agree with Mark that it is time for NNU to step up to the plate and make the necessary accommodations for students who have physical limitations. I also applaud Mark for being a role model for those he's never met.

Andrea (Shaull) Wallin

## War with Saddam-

Since 1991, the US has been at odds with Saddam Hussein. He has threatened the livelihood of many of innocent people and will continue to do so while spreading his reach across the Atlantic. Although some things have changed since 1991, it seems that Suadam has gained numerous allies, many of which live in our own country. It has been proven over the previous eight years that Saddam could get away with his atrocities as long as it didn't affect Mr. Clinton's hunger for power or sex, but we are under new moral leadership that is not driven by oil.

This is the biggest lie that the left has many buying into, but unfortunately there is the same amount of researchers in this country as there were voters in the last election. Here are some numbers for you, in 2001 the US imported 54% of its oil. Of this 54%, 9% came from Iraq. Let's see 9% of 54% is 4.86% of the total oil used in the US. It would be more in Bush's benefit to do away with Iraqi oil to increase demand on domestic oil, and in so doing increase the price of domestic oil all the while lining his pockets. But this is not the case. You don't have to be the head cashier at the Wal-Mart to figure that out.

The US is bullying the Middle East as well as the UN? First off the US is the biggest monetary advocate of the UN and secondly the UN will fall face first with-

out US support. Let's also not forget who passed resolution 1441, it was the UN Security Council by a vote of 14-0, which is the meaning of unanimous. But now the US is being crucified due to its courage to enforce what France and Germany will not. Granted France and Germany are justified in protecting Iraq since they were the ones that provided them with these WMD's in the first place. France's memory is short and God bless them, because if they remembered a time when another vicious dictator got out of his kennel they would be quick to put Saddam in his place. Maybe we have to remind them of Dunkirk?

I admire the desire to attempt a peaceable resolution, but peace only works in a few situations. Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr, and Jesus are the classic examples. Of course these victories are seen as pure when in all reality they are far from it. Gandhi won his cause due to 13 million people that died in Europe. Gandhi won his country's independence from Great Britain at the tail end of the war; it was a financial burden on the UK as well as the troops were needed. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man and hardly anyone will dispute it. It is hard to say where the civil rights movement would be today if he were alive, but you can't say that it is all good without him, and he was killed with violence. Jesus preached and taught peace, but we must have missed some parables on defense. If you will all recall what Peter did after the Roman's apprehended Jesus? He cut off the ear of one of the Guard's, but nobody ever asks why Peter was carrying a sword. I never read where Jesus told Peter and the rest of the Disciples not to carry a sword, and if it were his eating utensil then I'd like to see the size of the loaves and fishes that the 5 thousand were fed.

It is imperative that action is taken now, that our threats no longer ring hollow. When a child is allowed to be disobedient and unruly and the longer the action continues, control is lost. Let's not let time take away what we can control now. We do not want to wait until 6 million are dead before action is taken, and we don't want to wait until the US is blind-sided again by another attack of al-Qaida.

Respectfully,

Jeremy David Louis Lynch

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# Hit by Cupid coupled up on the big day

by Amanda Spies

I often wonder if Valentine's Day is all that it is cracked up to be. I never had a boyfriend on Valentine's Day until I got to college, and I have some trouble shaking residual bitterness over a holiday made only for couples. I know how it feels to be lonely on a day dedicated to love. Needless to say, I have also come to realize that there are some definite pros to being in a relationship this time of year.

The best thing about dating around Valentine's Day is the gifts. But strolling Wal-Mart aisles lined with chocolate hearts, flowers and teddy bears can be alternately depressing and exciting. A major perk to dating is knowing, rather than hoping, that I will be receiving something from such an aisle. However, that same certainty for receiving a gift from Wal-Mart may eventually be the only hope of receiving anything at all. It appears that long term dating two minutes from a Super Center works to stifle creativity. It also works to depress the boyfriends as they watch their bank accounts slowly dwindle.

Dating on Valentine's Day means I cease having to dodge Cupid. No more blind dates for me--I already have Cupid's

arrow firmly lodged in my posterior. Such a situation lends itself to pain at times, but is undoubtedly worth it. Being shot once is better than several glancing blows by would be match-makers.

I also appreciate being able to send those little candy hearts to my significant other without having to worry about what they say. In grade school you had to be very selective in sending the appropriate message to the right person. You can't send a pink "true love" heart to the boy three desks down who picked his nose. Now that I am dating I can send all the hearts I want and not stress over whether or not the "you're cool" message is an unwanted invitation.

There is of course one serious drawback to dating this time of year, particularly if you attend NNU. People start asking about rings, engagements and weddings. Like this day isn't hard enough without that issue coming up. They have a hard enough time trying to figure out what to get us-- give our poor boyfriends a break!

In all seriousness, the best thing about Valentine's Day (besides the kisses), is knowing that you are loved by someone other than your mommy.



photo by Amy Carner

# If the glass slipper doesn't fit... being single on Valentine's Day

by Dawn Stuvland

In a culture where entire store aisles become a blur of glossy red and pink and milk chocolate products that dominate the market for a month and a half, and couplehood is elevated and celebrated, how does a single, unattached person retain sanity? It's not too difficult. Unless of course, you're a closet romantic who is constantly bombarded by society's endless propaganda that depicts perfect two and a half hour surround sound true love encounters, enticing even the most cynical critic to buy the soundtrack and listen to it in secret.

Attempting to put my seasonal Cinderella complex aside, I outlined some good and some bad that come from being single around St. Valentine's Day.

First of all--the good: We have the freedom to ask any stranger out that we want to, and the option of never seeing him again if the night doesn't go well. No commitment, no expectations, no phone numbers, you get it.

On the other hand, we don't have to dress up if we don't feel like, and can sulk at home eating all the conversation hearts

and sugar cookies Mom sent us while dwelling on the injustices of living in a world of couples.

If we feel like kicking back with others in our shoes we can host UFO (Unattached Friends in Opposition) parties where we focus on the empowerment of singlehood and the wide world of options and freedom it opens to us.

There's always the avoidance of the awkward situation of spending the evening with a brand new significant other who, in his eagerness to impress you, is being way too romantic about the whole affair, tripping over himself and burning his fingers instead of the candles.

For the indecisive, there is also a lack of pressure for selecting a relationship-level appropriate gift from the overwhelming love market.

Since college students generally aren't rich, we single ones save money by not buying a gift and can spend it on the more essential toilet paper and milk.

Instead of focusing on what we don't have on Valentine's Day, we can take the

opportunity to show friends and family we love them by sending them cute little cards or ladybug boots filled with hearts.

Lastly, we could always invest our time in learning a new skill such as karate, ballet, or exploring the intricacies of bathroom cleaning (always useful).

Now on to the bad that comes from being single around the big day: No face comes to mind when we walk into any given store and see their colossal display of shiny pink love symbols with free gift wrapping.

There's always the risk that a guy we can't stand will ask us out, and in our weakness and longing to have *someone* on the someone day, we will consent and then have to spend the next few weeks ignoring his phone calls and flowers, maybe keeping a low profile or taking a quick trip to Mexico to keep him off our tracks.

We also can't *quite* rationalize buying silky heart-print panties and bras, even on sale.

When love songs play on the radio (which is always), we may feel especially

rejected and unloved and question our self-worth.

Worst of all is society's constant reminder everywhere we turn that we have no Prince Charming or Cinderella, as the case may be.

Remember how fun it was to build Valentine's Day boxes in grade school and analyze and cherish the "Cute Boys" (or Girls) Valentines you received? And how hard it was to decide over the My Little Ponies or the New Kids on the Block Valentines? Valentine's Day doesn't have to be a day of extremes-- a day of bitterness or bliss over what we have or don't have.

I find that the day comes and goes without being terribly disturbing to me as a single person, and can even be fun. I also think love can be displayed just as easily on March 14<sup>th</sup> as on February 14<sup>th</sup> and often has little to do with red roses and conversation hearts. It's probably more about glass slippers and Fairy Godmothers, and maybe some singing mice.

# Just changing the world, that's all

by Molly Bales

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is an organization devoted to helping people achieve their dreams through learning about and working with the dynamics of free enterprise. SIFE is committed to providing college students with the best opportunity to make a difference in the world while developing leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. The NNU SIFE team, headed by President Ashley Bruce, is devoted to fulfilling the mission of SIFE through student-led projects that are designed to make a difference both on the campus of NNU and in the surrounding community.

Currently, NNU SIFE team members are working on five projects that are all geared toward fulfilling the SIFE mission of practicing and teaching the principles of free enterprise. Elementary Enterprising, led by Mindy Swanson, consists of a team of NNU students who visit elementary classrooms bi-weekly to teach the students basic concepts about running a business. The lessons cover subjects relating to advertising, customer service, bookkeeping, and supply and demand. The elemen-

tary students then have the opportunity to implement what they have learned in a student store set up by the SIFE team.

Cynthia Pardue heads a team of NNU students that works with the Open Arms Baby Boutique associated with the Grace Episcopal Church in Nampa. Open Arms focuses on helping families that are 200 to 300 percent below the poverty line through promoting healthier pregnancies and healthier families. The SIFE team has developed a three-part lesson plan covering smart shopping, simple budgeting, and smart credit use that they will present to families at the Open Arms Boutique this semester.

Theresa Karenko recently became the project leader of the PREP team. These team members weekly interact with the mentally challenged PREP students, helping them to learn life skills that will allow them to gain independence.

Cross Country Currencies, led by Gloria Kindall, consists of SIFE students who have developed a lesson plan to teach elementary school students about currency exchange. In February, this team will present their lessons to elementary students and then facilitate an international store where



SIFE Team

photo by Tyler Gustrea

the students will be able practice what they have learned about exchange rates and cross country currencies.

Finally, Eric Slonaker leads the Crusader Ad project for the SIFE team. Networking with businesses in the Nampa and Boise area, this project team coordinates with the Crusader staff and sells advertisements for the local school newspaper.

SIFE team members are always thinking of new ways to expand and share the knowledge and principles of free enterprise in new and exciting ways. This

semester, new project teams are being formed that will potentially work with Career Week at NNU, developing a SI team at Africa Nazarene University, and forming a community-improvement project for a city within the Mexican state of Jalisco.

More than anything, SIFE students are energetic, passionate, and enthusiastic about changing the world! If you are interested in learning more about SIFE or possibly joining a project team, please e-mail or call Ashley Bruce at 8032.

## Basketball: It's not just for athletes anymore

by Jeremy Hodges

When most people think of basketball, things like three pointers, foul shots, and dribbling come to mind. However, if you picture things like earmuffs, goggles, and kneepads, then you have probably seen the Holly Street Hookers, NNU's most eccentric intramural basketball team. Despite what some might think the name refers to, it is actually because of the team's fondness for trying hook shots during the game.

This team has an impressive record... they haven't won a single game out of seven. However, few could argue with the fact that they seem to have the most fun. Senior David Hille, a member of the team, says that he joined because, "it's always been my dream to play with a group of guys who don't care about winning but care about fashion."

Intramural basketball is a great way for students who don't feel up to trying out for the men or women's basketball teams to be able to play. With both an A and a B League, anyone can feel comfortable playing. Matt Chitwood, a junior and member of the Holly Street Hookers, says

he joined intramural basketball because he's, "not good enough to be a real baller." In a league where it's just friends playing against friends, experience is not a factor. The Holly Street Hookers go to games with the attitude that they want to have fun no matter what.

They also try to put on a good show. With game moves like the "Arc Spark", where the whole team stands around the three point line and passes the ball to each other, and the "Nutmeg", where someone dribbles the ball towards the basket and then passes it under their legs to a teammate behind to shoot, it's impossible not to watch these unconventional players. But make no mistake about the fact that the Holly Street Hookers go to games planning to win. When asked what he likes about his team, junior David Alban stated, "Our incredible basketball ability and the way we psych our opponents out with our fashion." Playing on an intramural team is a great way to play basketball and have fun with friends, and teams like the Holly Street Hookers are what the NNU intramural basketball program is all about.



Holly St. Hookers "sport" their uniforms

photo by Tyler Hard

# Lumberjacks elude a major upset

by Chris Canton

Humboldt State (18-2, 9-2) escaped Nampa with a 72-63 victory over Northwest Nazarene University's men's basketball team (3-16, 1-10) Saturday night, with strong performances from PG Jeremy Robinson and C Fred Hooks.

When the #4 ranked Lumberjacks entered Montgomery Field House to play Northwest Nazarene, the game, that according to the conference standings was supposed to be an easy victory, turned out to be a hard fought battle stretching into the closing minutes.

Three minutes into the game, the Lumberjacks found themselves up 12-0

with ten of those points coming from SG Austin Nichols. After a Crusader time-out, the Crusaders came onto the court and ran their zone-defense to perfection causing confusion amongst the Lumberjack offense, and forcing three straight Lumberjack turnovers. The Crusaders also began to heat up from beyond the arc with consecutive three-point baskets from guards David Lehrschall and Ryan McCarthy.

After the Crusaders tied the score at 12-12, the teams began to trade baskets, but the aggressive style of play began to wear on both teams, as players began to get into early foul trouble.

A crucial point in the game occurred midway through the first half, when all of the Lumberjacks starters were on the bench due either to foul trouble or fatigue, forcing the Humboldt bench to pick up the slack. And sure enough they responded by creating enough space for Lumberjack guard Jeremy Robinson to drill four 3-point baskets, helping them to match the hot shooting of the Crusaders (56% in the 1<sup>st</sup> half). However, it was the Crusaders who led at halftime, 39-38.

Both teams came out strong at the beginning of the second half, but it was the Crusaders who were the aggressors. Their

zone defense continued to force the 'Jacks into making bad decisions. A basket by Larry Graves stretched the NNU lead to as high as six.

With six minutes left in the first half, and clinging to a 1-point lead, the shots stopped falling for the Crusaders who were already without Kevin Richard and Cam Wattling, both of whom fouled out. The Lumberjacks began to pound the ball inside to Fred Hooks, for whom the fatigued Crusaders had no answer.

The Lumberjacks outlasted the Crusaders, but the Crusaders gave their best performance of the season, and gave quite a scare to the #4 ranked Lumberjacks. The difference in the ballgame was Humboldt State's willingness to go to deep into their bench in order to give the starters a break. Granted NNU is not a nationally ranked team, but one has to wonder if they had utilized more of their bench players, they might have had fresher legs and the presence of Wattling and Richard at the end.

Larry Graves, Ryan McCarthy and Tyler Jeans all finished in double figures for the Crusaders. Graves also led the team with nine assists. For Humboldt State, Fred Hooks led the way with 21 points and 12 boards, and Jeremy Robinson finished the game with 16 points.

The Crusaders came up just short against one of the nation's best teams. They look to repeat this gusty performance next Saturday night versus Seattle University.



Above, NNU cheers their team on. Below, Allison Kollman makes one of many free throws. photos by David



## NNU Women unable to hand SPU their first loss

by Chris Canton

Seattle Pacific (20-0, 11-0) remains undefeated as they defeated the Crusaders girls' basketball team (12-7, 6-5) Saturday night, 81-74 before 1242 spectators.

The Crusader women's team, who are currently tied for third in the GNAC standings, entered the night upset-minded. As the night rolled on, it became apparent as to why the Falcons of SPU entered the night undefeated.

The Lady Crusaders played aggressively from tip-off to the final buzzer. Whitney van Brocklin, Jenny Binford and Allison Kollman all finished the game in double figures for the Crusaders. Kollman

also went a perfect 14-14 from the free throw line, which helped the Crusaders keep pace with the Falcons. NNU won the battle of the boards, but the difference in the game was the field goal shooting. SPU got better looks from the field, and shot over 40% from the field as opposed to the Crusaders, who shot just over 30%.

After a back-and-forth first half, the Falcons took an 8-point lead into halftime, and were able to maintain that lead throughout the second half, despite the Crusaders' spirited efforts. In the game's final minute, the Crusader trailed by seven, and were unable to get good looks

at the basket, forcing the Crusaders to launch a series of desperation shots.

The Falcons were led in scoring by Kerie Hughes and Stephanie Urrutia who each scored over 20 points.

Despite two solid efforts from both the Crusader men's and women's basketball teams against foes who were both first place in the GNAC conference, they were unable to seal up the victories in the games' final minutes. But what we do know is that both of these teams are capable of banging heads with the conference's elite teams.

# Unsung Heroes

by Angie Finton

## Nathan Miller

**Birthplace:** The Fine Arts building on campus (when it was a hospital).

**Favorite food:** Ice cream

**Hobbies:** Bow-hunting for deer and elk (something he learned to do long before he learned to hunt with a gun!), using the hides to make saddles, bridles, saddlebags, and chaps; training and riding his horses.

**Employed with Sodexo:** Since June of 1981. "It's just temporary, though."

**Favorite thing about his job:** Watching new students come in, trying to figure out what they want before they ask.

**Best memories on the job:** Harassing the cooks, scaring them when they're lighting the stove. "You should see a 60 year old woman come off the ground."

**Goals:** Build a house himself in the next ten years; add 30 acres to his current 100.

**What you should know about Nathan:** He will get up at 3:00 am, when the cows are delivering calves, then come into work at 5:00 am. He works until 1:30 and then returns home to work with the horses and cattle, often as late as 11:00 pm.

## Larry Bunts

**Birthplace:** Upstate New York

**Favorite food:** Chinese. His wife of 53 years doesn't like it much, but he developed a taste for it during WWII when he was stationed in China for 9 months. When he first came back after his time overseas, he lived in California and would sell live bullfrogs to local Chinese restaurants for frog leg dishes.

**Hobbies:** Building train sets for grandchildren. Has always been musical (French Horn), and has sung in church choirs for years.

**How long at NNU?** An NNU graduate, he and Ken Yoder attended together. Worked in the biology department for 3 years, worked in the alumni house, then in the administration building until '97. Now works as the Brandt Center custodian since Oct. '98.

**Job description:** Full time custodial in the Brandt Center (the gym and the Brandt Center are the only two on campus with full-time custodians). Trash clean-up, carpet/floor cleaning for lobby, galleries, etc.

**What does he want people to remember?** No food or drink in the Swayne Auditorium (this was followed by a long list of some really nasty things he has found on the floor of the auditorium).

**Future goals:** "Get old enough to retire."

## Bev Garmon

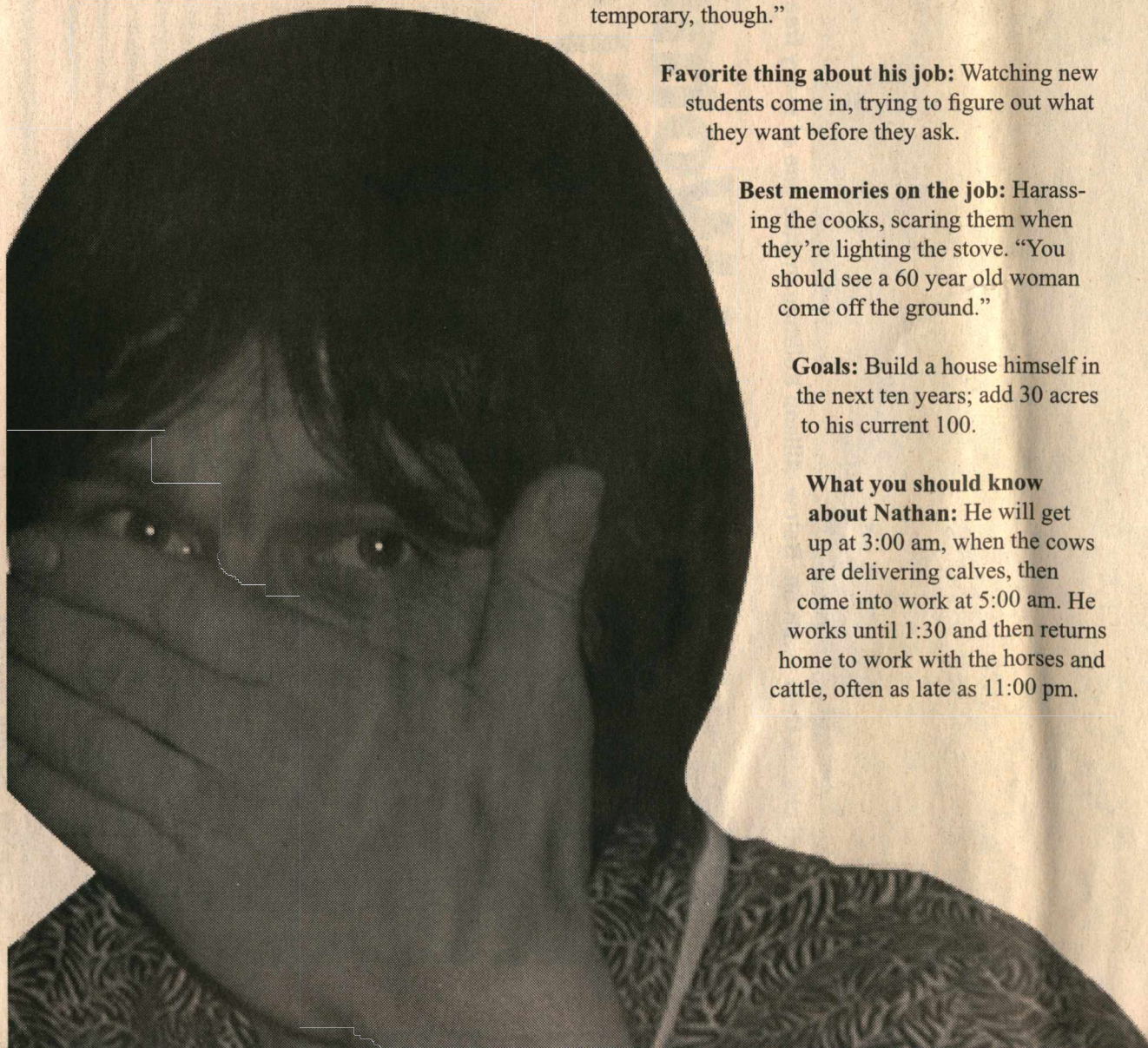
**Birthplace:** Marshalltown, Iowa

**Favorite food:** Seafood

**Hobbies:** Music and reading

**Employed at NNU:** since June 2000

**Job description:** Registrar's Office receptionist and verifications officer.



**What she wishes more people knew about her job:** Her goal in the Registrar's Office is to help students to become more responsible, a quality they hope will continue when the students leave NNU.

**Favorite benefits:** Working and socializing with students (she says it keeps her young), and being able to put her kids through college, something that would otherwise be impossible as a pastor's wife. "NNU is a blessing from God."

**Phyllis Goss**

**Birthplace:** Middleton, ID.

**Favorite food:** Chocolate

**Hobbies:** Cake decorating, crocheting, sewing

**Has worked at Sodexo:** 8.5 years

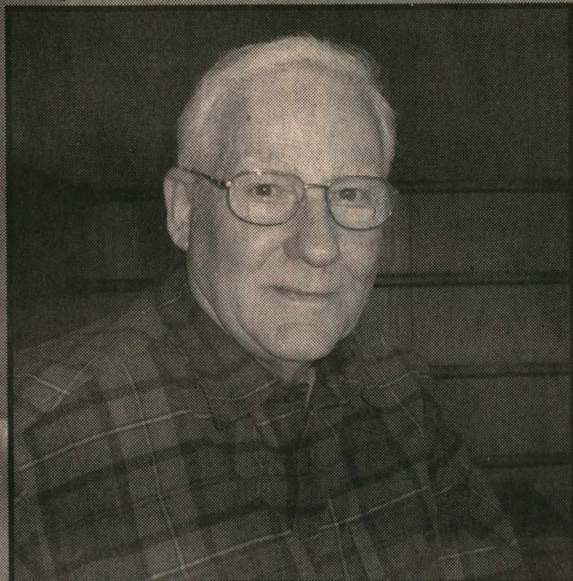
**Job description:** Go ahead and cut her picture out and hang it on your wall, she's the saint who makes our famous Sodexo cookies! Bakes everything on the dessert table in time for meals, and cleaning in kitchen (she admits she's a little messy at times).

**Favorite thing about job:** Getting to do what she loves best (bake) all the time.

**Goals:** Retirement, more time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sodexo workers are on a new program where they are rewarded with stars for not being tardy or missing work. The stars can then be redeemed for prizes. Phyllis currently has enough stars to earn a new camera.

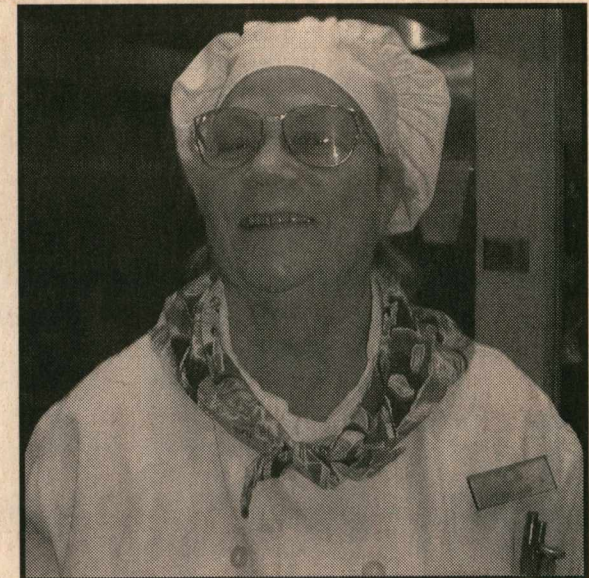
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# Bush calls for smallpox prevention

by Kelly Addleman

For the first time in 30 years, many U.S. citizens have been vaccinated against smallpox as part of a public inoculation program. The inoculations were offered to Connecticut healthcare workers January 24<sup>th</sup> as part of President Bush's plan for defense against possible bioterror smallpox attacks. About 4,000 more Connecticut residents are expected to receive the vaccination by April 1, despite the risks involved.

Since nearly half of the U.S. population has never been inoculated against smallpox, our country is a vulnerable target for deliberate planting of the disease by terrorists. Though the last natural case of smallpox occurred in Somalia in 1977, concerns remain. If released, the smallpox virus could easily spread.

Individuals most at risk for the smallpox virus have impaired immune systems, according to Dr. D.A. Henderson, who led a successful effort to eradicate smallpox from the wild. People who have serious cases of eczema, are being treated for cancer, are organ transplant recipients, or have HIV are most vulnerable to smallpox.

The vaccinations in Connecticut were administered to volunteers considered "first responders," who are hospital workers and public health officials. They would provide inoculations to the public should an outbreak occur.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, twenty states have requested nearly 100,000 of the vaccines as part of Bush's protection plan. Guidelines have been prepared for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Plans have been outlined for administering the vaccination to entire populations within a week of an outbreak.

Those currently receiving the vaccinations will be watched closely in the weeks following their inoculations. Health care workers in contact with patients will be

monitored to ensure that the vaccinia virus used in the vaccine is not accidentally spread. The vaccinia virus is a "highly attenuated form of smallpox (variola) virus."

Caution is especially important because of the risks involved in the smallpox vaccine. A patient's upper arm is jabbed fifteen times by a double-pronged needle dipped in the vaccine. Most recipients experience mild reactions to the inoculations, say health officials. It has been estimated that one or two out of every million patients will die from the vaccination.

The inoculations are effective if administered within four days of exposure, but are not recommended for the general public. Dr. Joel Garcia, health commissioner for the state of Connecticut, was noncommittal when asked if he himself would receive the vaccine.

"I'm not going to be vaccinated today, but that might happen in the next few weeks," he said.

Though some citizens say they would feel safer if they received the shot, health officials are still divided on the issue. Dr. B.A. Rubin, the designer of the needle used in the vaccinations, has urged physicians to not participate in the inoculation program.

"If you want to avoid trouble, just don't do it," he says. "First of all, I think it's unnecessary, and it's a lot more hazardous than people are led to believe. I myself have had the experience of vaccinating adults who never have been vaccinated. One hundred percent get reactions, and some are very nasty."

According to Bush's plan, about 500,000 troops deployed in high-risk locations have begun receiving vaccinations in the first phase of the plan. The second phase will be to inoculate approximately 440,000 health care workers. The vaccine will be made available for up to ten million police and firefighters on a voluntary basis.



A patient's upper arm is jabbed fifteen times by a double-pronged needle dipped in the vaccine. photo by Amy Carner

# Lott's decision supported

by Sarah Chase

After the controversy sparked by Trent Lott in the Senate this past December, expectations are running high for his replacement, Bill Frist. Amidst the rabble aroused by Lott, he was applauded by Idaho's Republican senators for his decision to step down.

Lott issued the following statement after he had attended the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Senator Strom Thurmond early in December. Thurmond is a Republican

from South Carolina who is famed for his 'Dixiecrat campaign' he ran for president, and for serving as the oldest senator in Senate.

"I want to say this about my state. When Strom Thurmond ran for president, we voted for him. We're proud of it. And if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over the years either." This comment supported the segregationist

campaign Thurmond ran in 1948 for president.

In the face of looming controversy, Lott apologized profusely to the public over the next several weeks, repenting over his 'poor choice of words.' He finally stepped down from his position, recognizing that he had caused more damage by his words than could be repaired.

Senators Mike Crapo and Larry Craig said that Lott's decision in leaving the

Senate was wise.

"It was very important that this issue be put away as quickly as possible," Craig stated, "I think it had the potential to hurt the party. It was moving beyond Trent Lott. Today that has been stopped."

Crapo mentioned this controversial situation would cause the Republican Party to have "a strengthened focus that we need to deal with the race issue more aggressively."



# Hare Krishna Temple

by Marci Thorne

A blue, topless man with four arms playing a flute... the smell of incense in the air... a young girl running from person to person, placing a carnation to their noses for each to smell. These images remain carved into my mind, and probably onto the minds of the rest of the students in Dr. Crawford's world religion course, who visited a Boise Hindu temple last Sunday as a requirement for the Asian traditions segment.

Hinduism is a religion formed in India around the year 2000 BC whose followers believe in three gods: Brahman, the god of creation; Vishnu, the god of love; and Shiva, the god of destruction and rebirth. In an attempt to understand this major belief system more thoroughly, it is important to personally witness expressions of their faith. With more understanding being the goal (and a better grade), approximately 20 students drove 30 minutes to the downtown Boise Hindu place of worship, not knowing what we would experience, or how we would react.

The temple is in a residential neighborhood, and

could easily be mistaken for a home, except for the large gold dome protruding from the roof of the building. Prior to entering, all of us were required to remove our shoes, placing them in front of the elaborately carved doors to the outside. Then, in a scene that vaguely reminded me of kindergarten story time, each of us grabbed a carpet square and congregated together on the tile floor of the incense filled sanctuary.

The service began with the repeating of a mantra in honor of Krishna, a widely worshipped form of Vishnu, as we all watched in wonderment. A young man played an Eastern-sounding string instrument, while another led the group in the mantra, especially urging the students to join in. Though many of us felt uncomfortable, most joined in this time, without knowing that this participation in chanting would be small compared to the upcoming excitement.

After a brief explanation of the figures illustrated on the stained glass and the many sculptures in the altar area, a large group of the congregation entered, and the party began!



photos by David Hille

Within moments, women of the congregation had gathered the female students, and we were dancing and jumping in circles, holding hands with Hindus adorned with facial markings and wearing saris. We were banging finger cymbals and tambourines to the beat of a song repeating, "Hare Krishna". The Hindu worshippers were dropping down, bowing to Krishna, and chanting prayers out-loud. Then, as suddenly as this jolt began, it ended, and we were all invited to eat a Hindu vegetarian feast with the rest of the congregation. After a meal of vegetables, rice, and

nearly every legume possible, the evening of culture was over, and we were forced to once again wear our shoes out into the secular world.

This Hindu community welcomed us into their sacred place, explained to us their faith, and even gave us a meal! Through these two hours, they gave 20 college students exposure to a different culture and religion, expanding the students' world. Hopefully, through this experience, each of us gained not just toleration of their practices, but respect for their beliefs.

## Church Spotlight: The Vineyard

Shelly Eckstrom

My family and I fell in love with the Boise Vineyard about six years ago. The Vineyard is located in Garden City off of Chinden. Worship starts at 9:00 and 11:00 am. They have created a very relaxed atmosphere with tables to sit at and coffee and muffins to buy before the service. They also have their own bookstore with a wide variety of Christian books and music. Worship is a high priority at the Vineyard, and the music is excellent. They invite you to stand, sit, kneel, or even get a little excited. Tri Robinson is the senior

pastor and is currently taking the church through the book of Romans.

The Vineyard offers a variety of opportunities to its members. There are many different classes to take for those from all different walks of life. There are discipleship groups that meet during the week in peoples' homes. Two college discipleship groups meet on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00. You can easily get involved in helping with nursery, children's church, worship, sound team, and outreach ministries.

The Vineyard values the community

and works hard to reach those in their area. Some of these ministries include the "Pantry", where food is given out to families who cannot afford it; "Feeding God's Children", which involves feeding the homeless at Julia Davis Park on Sunday afternoons; "Servefest", where the church gets together every other Saturday and demonstrates acts of kindness in practical ways (such as giving out pop, newspapers, or doing odd jobs for those in the valley); and several other opportunities to minister.

The Vineyard also offers opportunities for missions. These can include going overseas for short-term or long-term experiences. There are many different ways to get involved, and I would encourage you to check it out. I have been blessed and have grown so much since I have attended there. If you want to know more about the church, you can visit their website at [www.vineyardboise.org](http://www.vineyardboise.org).

# A Boise Classic

by Kandice Gingrich

The Brick Oven Bistro has been around for longer than I can remember. It has changed locations and menus throughout the years, but one thing has never changed: the quality. This restaurant prides itself on giving "home cooked from scratch" meals that taste just like your mother's cooking, only better. No offense to my mother here, but I would have to agree with them on that point. The Bistro serves a variety of meals, open-faced sandwiches, salads, gumbos, soups, side dishes, and desserts. And it is all delicious. Almost all entrees and salads are served with the Bistro's freshly baked French and wheat bread. The meal is prepared in assembly-line fashion, while you design it to your personal taste. This easy, relaxed environment is enhanced with open seating, lively music, and enthusiasm from the staff. During the summers, there is outdoor dining on the patio, looking out over the fountain, the Centre on the Grove, and the Bank of America Center. Prices vary, depending on what you would like, ranging from \$4.00-\$9.00.



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# On the trail of local bands

reviews by Nathan Walker

## Victor Wooten

### Marcus Eaton and the Lobby

This was definitely a highly anticipated concert for me. Victor Wooten is arguably the world's greatest bassist. Wooten usually plays with Bela Fleck and the Flecktones but is also a significantly busy solo performer. Being a bassist myself, there was no way I could pass up the opportunity to see the inspiration in action.

Marcus Eaton and the Lobby, who are quickly becoming local favorites, opened up the show. I was thoroughly impressed. These guys are great musicians and definitely deserve your attention, especially if you're a fan of great jam bands like Dave Matthews or even Burlap to Cashmere. Marcus Eaton has a vocal style reminiscent of Dave Matthews at times, without sounding like a rip-off.

It is an overwhelmingly daunting task to try to capture or even describe what would happen next. No matter what feeble attempts I will make, they just won't do this show justice.

Oddly enough, Victor Wooten was born in Mountain Home, Idaho just a couple hours east of us. At age two he began learning how to play bass with instruction from his older brother who was 10 at the time. By age five Victor and his brothers were touring, opening for acts such as

WAR and Otis Redding.

Since this show was so close to his hometown, both Victor's older brother (who plays guitar) and his younger brother (who played keyboards and sang) joined him on stage as a part of his band. The first song began and featured three, yes three, bassists, along with drums, keyboard, and guitar. Every one on stage was a phenomenal musician, from the Lauren Hill-look alike back up singer/rapper/great bass player to Victor Wooten's bass tech who also blew everyone away with his prowess on the bass. Every musician was given their own spot in the limelight to show their chops and it was just...well amazing. Speaking of amazing, during one of Victor's insane, unbelievable, bodacious, bass solos he went into a solo version of "Amazing Grace" on the bass. You have to either have been there or be a bass player to realize how incredible it is to have him playing the melody with harmonics while still playing intricate bass lines and accompaniment underneath.

There is no way I could begin to explain how incredible Victor Wooten's bass playing is to someone who wasn't there, so I won't try anymore. But...if you have 15-20 minutes with nothing to do, I'd gladly sit down and talk your ear off about how insane he is. Not only was his bass playing incredible but they were all quite

the showmen. From levitating and disappearing basses, to light up fretboards and note for note covers of "Purple Haze," this is one show I'll frequently be reliving in my dreams.

## The Juliana Theory Something Corporate

As a Christmas present, I had purchased tickets for Sherri and me to see The Juliana Theory since it had been a few years since I'd last seen them. Our sparse, hard-earned cash would once again be sacrificed for a rock show.

As we arrived I knew it would be a very different experience than most local rock shows when I saw the droves of mini vans dropping off their young adolescent passengers. More on this later...

The first band was pure Top 40 fodder, complete with squealing teens whenever the singer would go into falsetto. Not much to listen to, or to look at for that matter, with the unoriginal pop music and the guitarist's ridiculous pseudo-mohawk.

Vendetta Red surprised everybody and really impressed me. I've got a CD Ep of theirs that I can't stand at all, but live they really rocked. I think most of the teenyboppers didn't know what hit 'em. The energy was all there, just like a true punk rawk band--that just got signed to Epic. Too bad the singer never learned the

English language enough to expand his vocabulary beyond words that began with the letter "F." Lame.

The Juliana Theory, fresh off the completion of their major label (Epic) debut, found a way to liven up the crowd and played a pretty good show. Although they did use quite a few tracks and loops that I don't remember being a part of their earlier shows, The Juliana Theory was tight and did their fair share of rockin'. The high light of their set for me was the extended instrumental jams that showed a mature, developed band. Good times. Unfortunately...

Something Corporate was up next and then it was abundantly clear who all the 12 year old girls had come to see. Apparently these boys are all over MTV these days with songs like "If you C Jordan" and "Punk Rock Princess," which more than likely had everything to do with why this was a sold out show. The teenybopper choir chimed in as soon as they started playing, making it hard to hear the band at times. It was even more difficult to figure out if it was the 14-year-old girl beside me or the lead singer singing since he had a high, squeaky, and annoying-as-all-get-out voice. I think we lasted one and a half songs before we'd had enough and left.

# Cheap Date of the Week

by Matt Chitwood

This Valentine's Day, don't sell yourself short. Rather, follow these simple steps to not only impress the ladies with an enchanting evening but also to help determine if she is the one for you. This date is for the weary, the poor, and the huddled masses who just can't fork over the \$14 that it costs to go to the banquet tonight. I, too, would normally be in this category, however, I just received my semester dating stipend from my parents who are going through Empty Nest Syndrome and are desperate for grandchildren.

Let's start at the very beginning, a very good place to start: The pick-up. Most guys in all their cheapness, still have the decency to provide transportation for the evening and you should be no exception. My personal suggestion is to call the local favorite, Lenny's Limos, and have them send their finest over to her dorm at the appropriate hour. Undoubtedly she will be impressed leaving you well on your way to sweeping her off her feet. You may be thinking, "Why

Matt, that doesn't sound cheap at all." But what I didn't mention was that you should give ol' Lenny her billing address, keeping the wallet free from intrusion.



Next, while you both enjoy the plush interior of the back of the limo, direct the chauffeur to take you to the Powerhouse in downtown Boise. On Valentine's Day, there will without a doubt be a wedding reception ensuing upon your arrival, with elegant decorations, appetizers, drinks, and dancing. What could be more special. Or free. Plus, she need not even know that it is a wedding reception. With precisely timed dips and maneuvering on the dance floor, it will be easy to distract from the cake-cutting and toasts being made. Moreover, continually reassure her not to worry about how much you spent on the

tickets for the ball. "You're worth every penny," would be an appropriate line to use.

Finally, as the climax of the evening, head to the infamous Mona Lisa. There you can both enjoy a feast of succulent alligator leg and ostrich liver for a measly \$64.97 followed by a hearty helping of fondue. But don't stress about the cost. Following a lovely meal and a chance to get to know each other through casual dinner conversation, the true test of your relationship arises. Upon arrival of the bill, simply apologize for forgetting your wallet and her having to cover you both. If she is gracious or even grateful for such a lovely evening and the pleasure of your company, you have found yourself a keeper. However, if she exhibits disgust or disappointment, clearly she is not the one. After all, you don't want to end up with a girl who just loves you for your money. This ultimate test of love versus money is a surefire way to find the woman of your dreams...extravagance, deception, and love. After all, it worked for Joe Millionaire, right?

## Love Languages

by Amy Carner

There are several different ways that people give and receive love. You may or may not be aware of the ways that you feel appreciated and loved, but any way you approach it, every person is different and has different needs in a relationship. You may speak a totally separate love language than that of your boyfriend, roommate or sister.

In his book, *The Five Love Languages*, Gary Chapman explains and examines the different ways that people receive and

express love. For all those who have no idea what I am speaking of, no, French is not one of them. Quality time, words of affirmation, physical touch, gifts and acts of service are the ways he defines.

According to Chapman, the most common problem in relationships is the inability to successfully communicate love. However, when we become aware of the way in which the people we care about feel love, we become able to truly express that emotion to them.

It is also important that we discover our own love languages so that we are able to understand why we may or may not feel love from a person and then can express to them the way that we want to be treated.

This book is not only for married people or even couples, but a great tool for any relationship. As mentioned above, this is useful with friends and even family. *The Five Love Languages* is available in the NNU bookstore or at most Christian bookstores.

## Just Married or just plain bored

Zach Marble

Like it or not, marriage is all around us. If you're anything like me, it takes you at least two hands to count all the weddings you'll be attending in the next year. What's with this ginormous trend of "I do's," you ask? Well the first, and hopefully dominant factor in determining marital bliss is the big L. That's right folks, LOVE! People fall in love, and the next logical step is the long walk down the aisle. At least that's what society would like us to think. Now don't get me wrong, I'm all about love and weddings and "purdy" white dresses. But I'm also one who doesn't see a huge rush in getting to that point. In *Just Married*, just the opposite proves to be true.

Tom (Ashton Kutcher) and Sarah (Brittney Murphy) appear to be the perfect couple. He drills her in the head with a

football, they have a beer, and magically they fall in love and have this fantastic relationship. Unfortunately, they decide to do something that not only alters their lives forever, but totally ruins their relationship as they know it. They get married! Tom and Sarah are in love, or at least have a lot of fun together, and figure that getting married is the next logical step. Sound familiar? I thought it would.

As it turns out, the honeymoon is a complete disaster. Think of a mix between *Meet the Parents* and *National Lampoons European Vacation* and you pretty much have all the things that go wrong, without all the humor. Being a hopeless romantic, I couldn't really appreciate the humor that was trying to be squeezed out of this couple's misfortune. One bad thing led to

another, and before you knew it, the two weren't even speaking to each other.

It may appear as though I'm reading too much into this movie, but then again, a lot of what I saw in the movie could be happening all around us. I also hate to dwell on the negative aspects of this movie and its possible relation to our society itself. *Just Married* did have many funny moments, but truth be told, they're nearly all in the trailer. Mr. Kutcher was often hilarious, but I get more laughs from watching his sitcom *That 70's Show* than I did here.

With the phrase "ring by spring" hanging in the air, *Just Married* might just be the ticket you're looking for. But as is the case with most movies these days, this should be one of those flicks to check out... at the dollar theatre that is!

## In the Limelight: Upcoming Concerts

**Feb. 13-**

Where: The Big Easy  
What: Chevelle and The Exies

**Feb. 27-**

Where: JD and Friends  
What: Elliot  
Further Seems Forever  
Open Hand  
The Beautiful Mistake

**March 17-**

Where: Boise St. Pavillion  
What: Audio Adrenaline and Mercy Me

**April 22-**

Where: Fairgrounds  
What: "See Spot Rock" tour  
John Rueben  
Supertones  
Pillar  
Reliant K  
Sanctus Real

**May 27-**

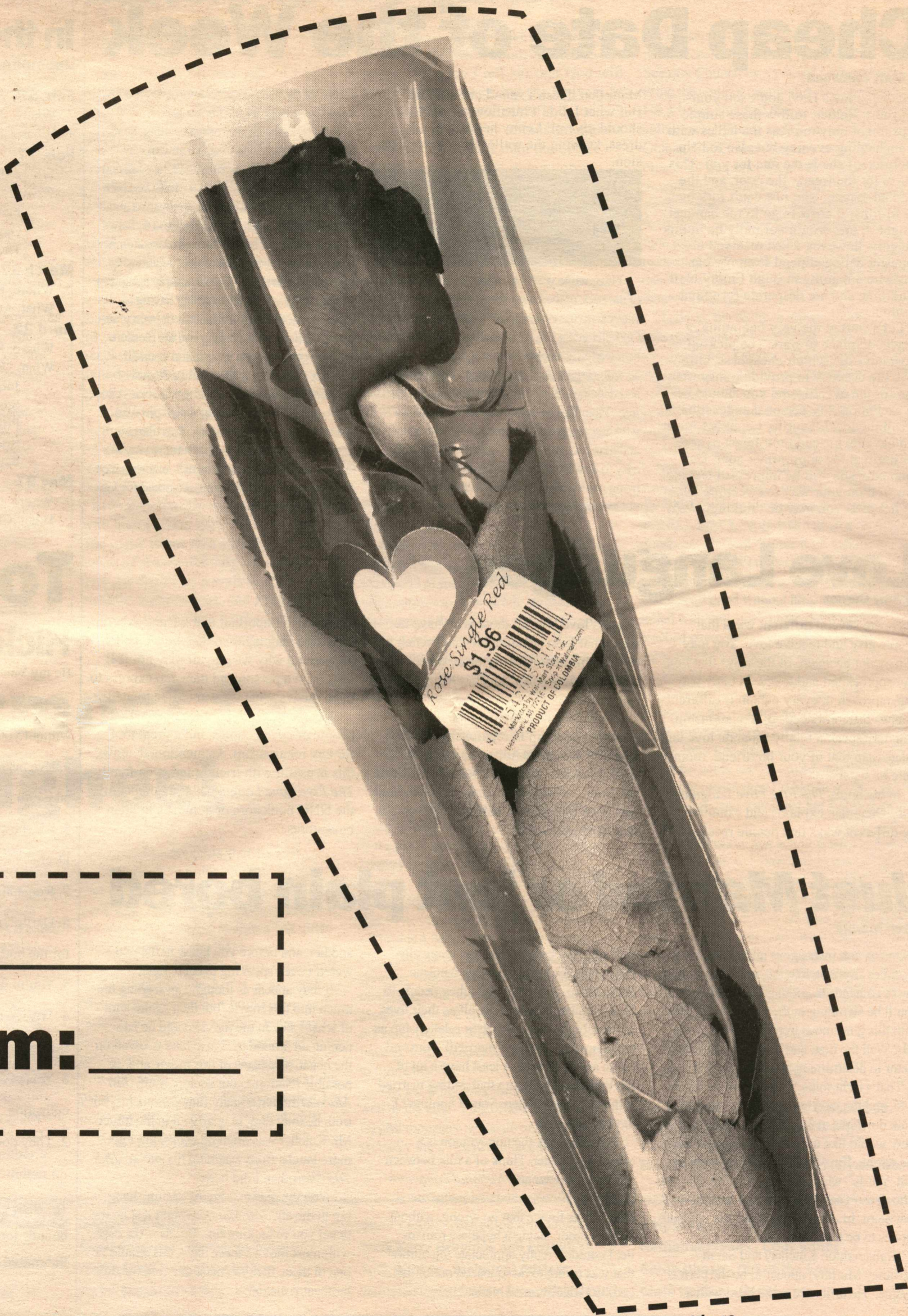
Where: Bank of America Center  
What: Coldplay

## Top Ten Hick Valentines

Be my Valentine because...

10. Baby, my trailer just ain't the same without you
9. I've been your brother so long—let's take it to the next level
8. I'll show you the world from my John Deere
7. Romantic evening: you, me, and Nascar
6. Darlin', my welfare check's big enough for the both of us
5. You're just as purdy as my mamma
4. 'Tween the two of us we got darn near a full set of teeth
3. You've always fancied my Elvis plate collection
2. They don't call me "Double Wide Joe" for nothin
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