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Separating the boys from the men

ROUGHIN' IT. Culver and Sutherland residence halls head into the Idaho wild.



Courtesy of Justin Wadsworth

Freshmen Adam Freiburghaus and Marcus Bingham participate in one of the Dorm vs. Wild challenges where they had to catch a fish with their bare hands.

RACHEL BEERS The Crusader

Columbus Day weekend was all about the raw celebration of being a man at NNU.

The young freshman men of Culver and the sophomore men of Sutherland spent this past weekend in the Owyhee Mountains near Silver City where they participated in the first-annual Dorm vs. Wild.

In this 48-hour wildlife challenge, the participants who were sent out had to adapt to the environment and learn how to survive in the wild for two nights.

There were about 20 men who participated.

The men were sent out with only a survival knife and a small container that could hold tools and small items they might need.

As for food and shelter

the boys needed to fend for themselves with what the good nature provided them.

Each group that went out would have a cameraman to film how the boys found things to make shelter, food and warmth.

Sophomore Josh Prestin and Culver's Resident Director Justin Wadsworth came up with the idea of this challenge last year when Prestin was a freshman. Prestin will choose who the winner was.

The winner is chosen based on the general survival methods or techniques they used and how well they find food and make fire or snares, said Prestin.

The winner has yet to be decided, Prestin said.

In about two weeks,

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My life as a:
cheerleader
with reporter
Brandon Haskins

A review: Adam and Eve displays young talent at its best

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It's not every day that you get to live the dream of every 13-year-old boy in the nation, but last Wednesday at 6:00 in the morning, I was surrounded by nine gorgeous college cheerleaders.

While I'm usually a fairly energetic guy, at six in the morning, all the caffeine in the world wouldn't make me "peppy," yet the nine girls of NNU's cheer squad were more than ready to start the day.

After stretching and a quick run, it was time to start practice, and I got to start being an experiential journalist.

Being a cheerleader seemed pretty easy at first; we only ran one lap, and didn't even start with push-ups. I was pretty sure I had this in the bag. Boy was I wrong.

Between working on intricate jumps, stunting and a choreographed dance that left me feeling like a cross between Michael Jackson and a plucked chicken, I not only left sore and sweaty, but with a new found respect for an activity that I never before would have dared to even mention as a sport.

After practice, I sat down with the women over breakfast and talked about what it's really like to be a cheerleader here at NNU.

Some of the women who were new to cheer expressed how excited they were for the season to start. Rebecca Young and Elora Drake both talked about how excited they were to start cheering at the basketball games.

Young said she is excited to see what the crowds are like. She said, "I love the people at the volleyball games, they are really nice and supportive, so it will be neat to cheer for them." Drake

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Alex Corn | The Crusader

Freshmen Stephanie Kuykendall (Eve) and Logan LePage (Adam) perform this past weekend in the play "The Diaries of Adam and Eve."

**BRANDON HASKINS
and
RACHEL BEERS
The Crusader**

The Northwest Nazarene University Conference & Events and Mass Communication Department put on a stunning performance this past Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening.

The evening began with an original work by Professor Arnie Ytreeide, entitled "Huck, Polly and the Connecticut Yankee," in which the characters told

the story of Mark Twain's life and why he chose to write the characters with the life they had.

The video not only offered a unique perspective into the life of Mark Twain but also gave some insight into the background of Twain's characters and possible insights as to why Twain wrote "The Diaries of Adam and Eve."

The main performance was "The Diaries of Adam and Eve," an adaptation of Twain's

works "The Diaries of Adam" and "The Diaries of Eve" with freshman talents Logan LePage and Stephanie Kuykendall.

The performance was lovely and both of the actors delivered compelling performances that captured the heart of their audience and evoked emotion in all that were present.

The play offered very little interaction between the two characters, the show being a series of monologues representing the personal diary

entries of each Adam and Eve.

To have a show that relies entirely on the individual talents of two actors is not something that the NNU community has seen before, and was pulled off amazingly by these two freshman performers.

One of the most moving parts of the play was Adam

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It's still a little top secret, but here are the must-know facts from SGA.

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NNU professor takes his frog photography to the Friesen art galleries.

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Mayor Tom Dale gets ready for elections. What has he done for Nampa the past two terms?

Weather

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Partly Cloudy.
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FRIDAY
Mostly sunny.
Hi: 66° | Low: 40°

SATURDAY
Partly cloudy.
Hi: 67° | Low: 39°

SUNDAY
Sunny.
Hi: 64° | Low: 38°

MONDAY
Mostly sunny.
Hi: 60° | Low: 35°

TUESDAY
Cloudy.
Hi: 58° | Low: 31°

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Studying abroad by going under

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

Brittany Kasefang is studying down under this semester at Bond University in Australia. Kasefang is a junior psychology major with a criminal justice minor.

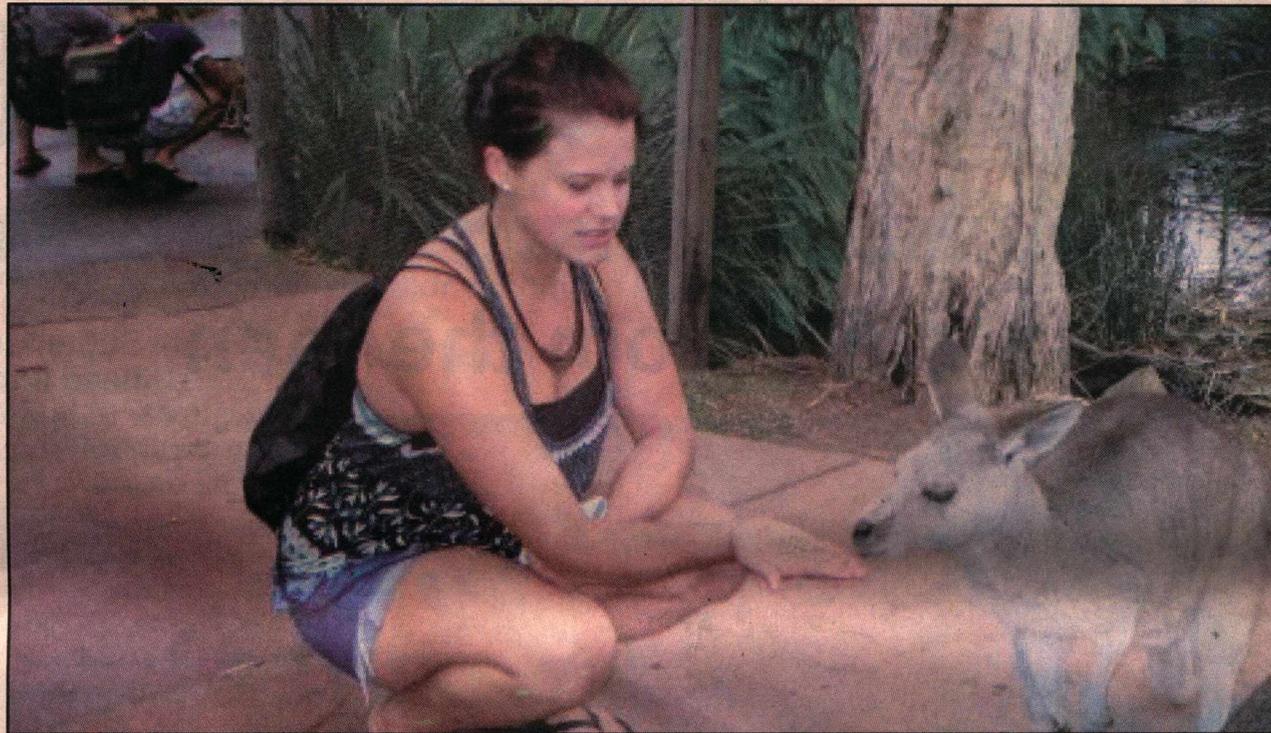
With her travels abroad, Kasefang has experienced a big difference in academic life between here and there.

Kasefang said that a liberal education -- like at NNU -- doesn't exist at Bond University. High school is the place for a liberal education, said Kasefang, and college is a place for students to only focus on their majors.

In addition to Australia's focus on specific studies, there are many other things that are different from the United States.

Kasefang is excited that she only has to go to class on Tuesday and Wednesday. "We have two lectures and one tutorial for each class and it's usually consecutive," she said. Tutorials are dedicated to discussion.

Bond is very informal when it comes to titles. "You call



Courtesy of Brittany Kasefang

Junior psychology major Brittany Kasefang feeds a kangaroo earlier in the semester. Kasefang is studying at Bond University at Gold Coast in Australia this semester.

everyone by their first name, whether it's your professor or doctor," said Kasefang.

Students in Australia finish their degrees in three years instead of four, unlike students in the United States.

"This makes sense because

they don't have to take anything that doesn't relate to their major," said Kasefang.

Kasefang expected college over in Australia to be similar to classes in the United States.

"However, in Australia they don't believe in 'busy work.'

We only have one paper, presentation and final exam near the end of the semester."

At Bond, 40 percent of the students are students who are studying abroad like Kasefang.

However, it was very difficult for all of those students

to understand the native Australians.

"Although Australians speak English, it was very difficult to understand their accents," she said.

Kasefang knew no one at Bond University or in Australia.

"I wanted it to be that way so I was able to get the full experience of leaving everything that was familiar," said Kasefang.

She definitely got the experience, and is having a wonderful time.

Kasefang said she has met a lot of friends that she says she will remain in touch with for years to come.

Kasefang will return to NNU for spring semester, but will never forget her experience down under.

"Australia is everything I have dreamed of and much, much more," she said.

>>Looking at going abroad, too? Lists of sister schools and programs can be found at NNU.edu. Talk to Mark Gismondi or Steve Shaw for more information.

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following his review of all the videos, the winner will be announced, he said.

The challenge ended on Sunday where Culver held a barbecue and the boys got to talk about their adventures they



had over the weekend.

Prestin said that his favorite part of the weekend was watching how people reacted to the circumstances in which the people were placed.

"Overall, the guys did well using the resources they had," said Prestin.

His advice to future participants? Research edible plants because they are more abundant than people think.

One of the requirements of Dorm vs. Wild was that its participants build their own shelter. The men had to sleep in their shelter for two nights. To the right, Adam Freiburghaus used two logs to create a hut-like habitat.



Courtesy of Justin Wadsworth



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Where's the talent? Students can find it at Fresheree this weekend

TAYLOR ALLEN
The Crusader

The Sophomore-run event of the semester is almost here.

On Saturday evening, Fresheree will make its annual appearance.

"We're hoping for a really good show," says Derek Sepe, sophomore class president.

He is very optimistic about the show and expects it to be great.

As tryouts were being held last week, the sophomore class council was selecting which acts they were going to include in the show.

Sepe said that for the most part, they were sticking to comedy acts.

"It's going to be really funny," said Sepe.

Jared Joffer, Trevan Hauck and Miriam Reardon will host the "Where's Waldo" themed show this year.



Alex Corn | The Crusader

Members of sophomore class council review Fresheree try-outs last week in the administration building.

Plans are in the works for some top secret intermission activities.

"We've got a few hidden tricks up our sleeve," said sophomore Molly Reid, who

serves on social board for the sophomore class.

There is even talk of a possible after-party.

The Fresheree show will have a run-through tomorrow for the ethics committee to make sure that every act is appropriate.

After the okay is given, the acts will go through another run-through on Friday and then a dress rehearsal the day of.

Tickets are currently on sale outside of the Dex during lunch and dinner.

There are only 400 tickets available, so once they're gone, they're gone.

And, Reid says, they are going quickly.

Tickets are \$5 in advance, and \$7 at the door.

Fresheree begins following the home volleyball game in the Science Lecture Hall.

The time has come for...

TWIRP

by HOLLY BEECH

What do you need to know?

While it may be a few weeks away, SGA Social Vice President Katie Thompson reveals a few tips for the curious minds.

1. **When? Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, starting at 5:00 p.m. each day.**
2. **Ladies, no more waiting in line for hours this year to get a reduced ticket price! Tickets are simply \$25 with a SLAP card and \$50 without. Tickets go on sale Oct. 22-23.**
3. **Shirts designed by senior Phil Westlund, your amazing SGA publicity director, are included in the cost of tickets.**
4. **The Dex will cater the food on Friday night and a local business will cater on Saturday night.**
5. **Traditional activities are still in place for Saturday night. But as for Friday night... it's still a secret!**

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Honorary doctorate to be presented this week

This Friday, alumnus Rev. Verne Ward III will be presented with an honorary doctorate during community chapel.

Ward is an ordained elder in

He and his wife Natalie, along with their four children, began their ministry with the Church of the Nazarene in the country of Papua New Guinea.

The Wards have been missionaries for nearly 26 years.

who knows what he wants and how he plans on getting there," said SGM (Ret) Clinton Beers of NNU's ROTC.

NNU offers online master of science in

two-year period. Most of the courses are five to six weeks in length and are completed in the fully online-learning environment.

"We are excited to offer a MSN program that meets the needs of the working nurse.

Don't stress! This year's theme will be



the Nazarene.
He has served as the Asia-Pacific Regional Director since 2005.

He previously has ministered in Papua New Guinea.

Ward has been chosen for this honor because of the unswerving service and outstanding leadership he has displayed as regional director and throughout his lifetime.

US Army Airborne School for student Jacob Bartlow

Junior Jacob Bartlow, ROTC cadet, attended the US Army's Airborne School in Fort Benning, Ga. over the summer.

Select ROTC cadets, like Bartlow, attend the school every summer, which is part of their continuing education to become commissioned officers.

"Jacob Bartlow has distinguished himself among his ROTC peers as a future leader

Academic Dean and Vice President for Academic Affairs Samuel Dunn has announced NNU will be offering online master of science in nursing.

The MSN program is designed to prepare the associate -- and baccalaureate -- registered nurse for the role of an educator in academic, hospital and community-based organizations.

The MSN may be completed by taking one course at a time for a total of 36 credits over a

format for nurses to pursue their professional goals yet stay balanced with work, family and school," said Dr. Barbara Lester, program director.

Students of the MSN will be taught by NNU's nursing faculty who have proven experience in their profession.

Information from NNU Marketing.
Compiled by The Crusader staff.

6. one of the easiest themes ever to find creative costumes for, Thompson said.

7. Ladies, don't wait to ask your date to TWIRP until you know the theme because it won't be released until the week of Oct. 19.

Look for more information in next week's issue.

More than just football uniforms



Courtesy of Clinton Beers

Earlier this month four members of NNU's ROTC program presented the National Colors at the Boise State University home football game against University of California Davis.

In this picture: (Left to right) Jacob Bartlow, Brian Penrod, Jason Hunt, Dylan Rice

STUDENT LIFE

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 14

Senate - 7:45pm @ Wordsworth

Time-Out - 9pm @ SLH

Wednesday Night Live with Two Girls - 10pm

THURSDAY, Oct. 15

John Cossell Reception - 5pm @

Brandt (Friesen Art Galleries)

Volleyball vs UAF - 7pm

Brick House - 9-11pm

SATURDAY, Oct. 17

Women's Soccer vs SPU - 12pm

Men's Soccer vs WWU - 2:30pm

Volleyball vs UAA - 7pm

Fresheree - 9pm @ SLH

TUESDAY, Oct. 20

Men's Soccer vs MSU - 4pm

It's just coffee

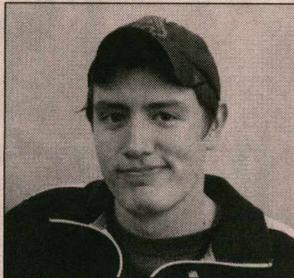
TWIRP season is here, TWIRP season is here. It's time for men to be auctioned off and traded like baseball cards for that all important and enjoyable weekend at the end of October.

Sure those in charge haven't announced it yet but it's hardly a secret.

And I'm sure eventually someone's feelings will get hurt.

A guy won't get asked by the girl he wanted or the guy a girl wanted to go with won't go with her. Thus is life.

But there is a lesson from this maelstrom of social jockeying. When it comes to any cross gender social interaction: chill out. If there's one gripe I've got with the NNU community, it is that dating is a serious venture.



GUEST OPINION
by
NICK RATLIFF

So much as walking across campus with the opposing gender is warrant enough for someone to tap me on the shoulder and ask if the two of us are a "thing." (Buh, the "t-word.")

Dating is supposed to be about fun and getting to know people. Yes, I said "people," not "person." I've never understood

why people take dating so seriously.

Sure, it ends up in a committed relationship for the rest of your life -- or supposed to end up that way -- but it doesn't have to.

Laboring over which person I should go out with this

Friday night when I have no commitments to anyone else is madness (no, it's not Sparta).

Go out and get to know people. Some of the best coffee dates I've been on have been with people I never said a word to prior to that day.

Let's open up and fill up some chairs in the Flying M. I'm sure they'd love the business.

So here's how this works. Ladies, if a guy asks you out to coffee, just go.

He may be a nerd and kind

of pudgy but some of the coolest people I know are nerds who sit around on a computer late at night playing World of Warcraft.

You might as well give him a chance. Worst case scenario: you waste half an hour and the guy sends you an invite to start a WoW account, which you can politely turn down.

Now guys, with that advice to the ladies in mind, it's up to you to ask. Man up and talk to her for a little bit at lunch or in the student center, and at the end of the conversation ask, "You wanna grab some coffee tonight after dinner?" Coffee is not a commitment.

(I'd just like to note that this article didn't come out of recent rejection but rather out of success.)

STAFF EDITORIAL >>>

Don't be lame, ladies: ask a cool dude you know to TWIRP

Maybe you've seen posters around campus with cute little riddles and pictures on them. Or maybe your roommate's car has been trashed with confetti and balloons. Yes, the time for TWIRP is almost upon us, and people are getting creative with asking out their dates.

The creativity and anticipation of being "TWIRPed" is half the fun of the event. Unfortunately, we've heard talk this year of girls asking girls to TWIRP. Ladies, before you get lazy and just split the cost with your girly-friend, think about these points:

First of all, girls have the luxury of having the ball in their court when it comes to TWIRP. If a girl wants to go, she asks somebody. If a guy wants to go, he has to get on his knees and pray each night that someone will ask him -- unless, of course, he's Jared Joffer. So when a girl asks a girl to TWIRP, that's two guys that don't get asked and might not even get to go.

Second of all, if you're wanting to go with another girl so you can split the cost, keep in mind that TWIRP tickets are a great price this year, especially if you have a SLAP card. The tickets are 25 dollars with a card and 50 dollars without. For two nights of dinner and fun events, that's not a bad deal at all.

Last of all, if you're afraid the guy you ask to TWIRP will get the wrong idea and think you're crazy about him, just remember that that's not what TWIRP is about. It's about asking someone with whom you know you will have fun. It's a couple of nights out with friends, not a marriage proposal!

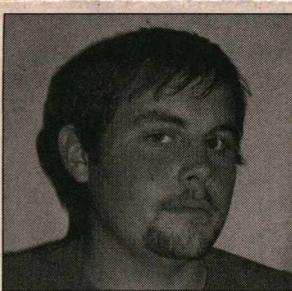
Go ahead and ask a guy to TWIRP. You'll have plenty of time for girls' nights later on in the year when you can eat way too much cookie dough -- and continue to swoon over Jared Joffer.

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What I learned from my semester in Uganda



IF I WERE KING

by
TREVAN HAUCK

Last year I spent several months in Africa studying abroad, trying to break out of my comfort zone so I could do something different.

Now you can't commit to an extended period of time in a new culture without expecting some kind of life-changing experience, and of course that is what happened to me.

The change I was expecting

was a new perspective on life outside the U.S. and a new appreciation for the third world. What really changed was my outlook on life in the U.S. and what the most important aspects of following Jesus are.

I learned that the Bible talks more about taking care of the poor than almost all other things.

Jesus' entire life was spent with poor people and wandering from town to town healing and teaching.

He loved those whom no one loved or paid much attention to, like the Samaritan woman (John 4:1) through whom Jesus allowed many Samaritans to be saved (John 4:39).

Jesus used his time to teach and to heal those in need. Matthew 4:23-25 describes how Jesus was healing "every

disease." People who had to hide for years because others considered them unclean or unblessed were received with open arms and loved on.

The life that Jesus lived is what we should be emulating, the part that had escaped me before was exactly what kind of life he lived.

His love and compassion hold a lot for a Christian life and I never fully understood how much of a requirement it is to fulfill God's purpose for us. I could no longer see my world/life as one that was pleasing to God because I was content and safe in it.

I stayed in my comfort zone and went only as far as I wanted. This wasn't a compassionate way, nor is it how Jesus lived. Showing the love of Christ to any and all is what my life

should be about, not about going to church on Sundays and saying "Amen!" after every meal.

We should be moving out of our comfort to meet those who have no comfort, because they certainly can't meet us in our affluence.

Suffering with someone in situations where all we have to offer is our time -- this is the purest form of Christian love, something I could never have seen if it wasn't for Jesus doing it for me. We can't change all the suffering in the world, nor are we responsible for all the world's suffering just because it is flashed all over the media, but we can offer our time and resources to those around us.

With this concept, Romans 12 has new meaning to me. "Therefore, I urge you, brothers,

in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your spiritual act of worship."

Jesus sacrificed himself for me, the very least I can do is give my transformed and saved spirit to others in times of need so that God can use me to show His glory to others.

Looking at how God blesses me and what I should expect from Him has drastically changed me since coming back from Uganda.

Money and material items are not always blessings from God, often they are distractions that take us away from with what God is really blessing us.

I have always seen success -- money, power, respect -- as ultimately God blessing people and that is what I have strived

to gain. These, however, are often earth's blessings and man's desire. Halfway through this semester I decided for the first time to stop asking God for things I wanted and instead started to thank Him for what I had and pray that He show me what I can do to take what He has given me and bless others.

For the first time in my life I was fully relying on God's power to provide and He has blessed me in ways that I can see and feel, which is something I had never experienced.

These revelations go much deeper and have many facets that I am still trying to live out but the underlying principles of walking with the poor and being present are still shaping my walk, and God is still blessing me in amazing ways.



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People Poll

Who is your celebrity dream date for TWIRP this year?



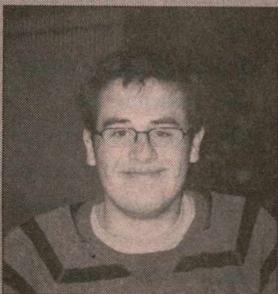
Jesse Keeler
 freshman

"Megan Fox
 because she's
 gorgeous."



Becca Dietz
 campus visitor

"Matt Gilroy.
 He's a living
 legend."



"Keira
 Knightley. She
 seems pretty
 down to earth."

I have no right to deny you rights



FROM THE LESS
 CYNICAL
 JOURNALIST
 by
 ANDREA SCHILLING

Okay, this is one of the few times I'll be cynical, I promise.

But you see, I can't be positive when there's a problem. We need to be critical when there's a problem so that problem can be fixed.

There's something very wrong in America these days. It seems we the people are given too much control over each other.

This control isn't deserved, nor is it right. This control freaks me out a little, and I hope it does for you too.

Since when do I have the say on whether or not a woman can have an abortion?

Since when am I qualified enough to make the call on if two men or two women can get married?

The problem is, I don't. I don't plan on having an

abortion, and I don't plan on getting married to another woman.

This makes me unqualified to say if either of these things shouldn't happen on American ground.

I am completely ignorant to these situations and what they entail.

I cannot comprehend the emotional state a woman is in if she finds herself pregnant and has no idea what to do.

I haven't the slightest clue what it's like to be unable to make a commitment with a loved one that's recognized by law.

I think abortion should remain at its current legality.

I think gays and lesbians should have all the same rights as heterosexual couples.

This is no liberal bandwagon for me, either.

These are my beliefs because it makes me uncomfortable to deny someone rights, rights I don't understand.

And if I don't understand the value of these rights, hindering them doesn't sound like the best alternative for my lack of knowledge.

And it's not just incompetent voters either, it's our law makers.

I always giggle when male politicians talk about their

stance on abortion as if they were pregnant in high school or something.

Perhaps personal issues such as these should have no place on our ballots anyway.

There is absolutely no reason why I should check "yes" or "no" on if others can do these particular things with their lives such as these.

Honestly, I don't deserve it. I can barely make decisions for myself, like what to have for dinner tonight.

There are many of us in the same predicament as myself, where we have no idea of what being in these situations means.

The majority is voting on something with which only a minority is dealing.

Straight people are voting to decide gays' rights. Wait, and men are voting to deny rights to women?

This makes me so uncomfortable to think people are controlling other's lives in this way, especially on such personal issues.

If we ban abortion, while unlikely, women are still going to have them – just in very unhealthy ways.

If we don't allow gay marriage, those citizens probably are still going to do married-people activities.

So I suggest we all just say

"so what." I'm not a fan of indifference, but when we can't understand, how can we truly be passionate?

And you know what I mean by that – voting for a candidate because they're pro-life, not because of their stance on America's role in third world countries.

You see, it's topics like that on which we need more passion.

I think what this all comes down to is that we forget our personal convictions may not be too convicting for others, and vice versa.

We're a big country with a lot of different backgrounds and morals, I know we've all heard the "melting pot" term.

With these different backgrounds, we get a lot of different opinions of what is okay, and what's not – like abortion and gay marriage.

I ask that instead of dwelling on if a fetus is really a human or not, we focus on issues that affect all of us – like the economy, the war and health care.

I bet you poor health care will kill you before someone you don't even know getting an abortion does.

Instead of worrying what other people are doing with their lives, why don't we worry about the big stuff?

Mini-stereotypes are still stereotypes

From a very young age most American children are taught to respect cultural



games?

If you don't know the basics of a subculture how confident can you be in stereotyping

Style-Sceners. They each are their own subculture.

Really, if you want to critique a subculture, make sure you

David Webb
sophomore



Rachel Allen
junior

“Channing
Tatum because
he can play
soccer and
dance.”



Rebecca Holding
freshman

“David
Schwimmer
because he’d
be the most
interesting.”



Eric Grenier
senior

“Kate
Beckinsale. It’s
like bringing
a vampire to
TWIRP.”



Hannah Morgan
sophomore

“James Franco.
He was
Spiderman’s
arch nemesis
and that’s pretty
cool.”

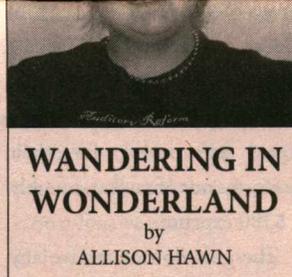
diversity. We pride ourselves
on not being racist or making
judgments based on cultural
differences.

It’s amazing how many
people who pride themselves on
being culturally accepting will
disdainfully look at a person
who belongs to a subculture.

While people don’t like to be
labeled, it’s true that many of
us fall into at least one, if not
many, subculture categories.

We’ve all talked or heard
about gamers, jocks, preps,
Goths, Emos, Style-Sceners,
Indies, punks and grungers.

Many of these subcultures
have a strong identity, often
just as strong as any national or



WANDERING IN WONDERLAND

by
ALLISON HAWN

international cultural identity.

Yet people seem to have no
issue picking on people of a
subculture.

Did you know that the
punk movement started in the
1960s?

Did you know that the
gamer subculture was first based
around word based computer

Learning that we’re not always the good guys

You know how when
you were a young kid, still in
the good ol’ single digits, your
parents’ beliefs seemed like
absolute truth to you?

Well maybe you never felt
that way, but for me everything
my parents thought was
golden.

Their thoughts about music,
talk shows, religion and politics
became my foundation for my
own tastes and opinions.

However, as I adjusted to
college life, I became much
more critical of my parents’
beliefs and opinions.

I began to deeply, and at
times painfully, question and
analyze them.

My focus for this article is
not to talk about growing up
and distinguishing our own
beliefs from our parents’ beliefs,
although I could go on and on
about that.

Rather, I want to use that as
an analogy to how I, as a young
U.S. citizen, view America’s
relations with other countries.

Growing up in the States,
it’s natural that I would have a



PONDER FROM A BLONDER

by
HOLLY BEECH

sense of “Us” and “Them” when
talking about U.S. conflicts
with other nations.

We were the noble, good-
doers; they were the misled and
violent ones.

We just humbly wanted what
was best, and they were greedily
and selfishly standing in our
way.

“Wow, this girl is an idiot,”
you’re probably thinking.
Maybe, but growing up reading
text books that look kindly upon
American history, and saying
the Pledge of Allegiance, and
singing the National Anthem,
no one ever told me that the
American government can have

know what you are criticizing.
I’m not advocating that you
love every subculture equally,
but it would be nice if people
did their research before making
generalized statements that
don’t even make sense.

For instance, Goths are
not scary, sad, bland devil
worshippers.

If one were to simply look
at the Gothic subculture, they
would see a very vibrant and
vivacious group rooted in
classical literature, poetry and
an inventive style of music.

Also don’t try to combine
subcultures.

Punks are not Goths, Goths
are not Emos and Emos are not

I realize that studying
subcultures is not on anyone’s
list of major priorities, but it is
foolish to criticize something
one knows nothing about.

There are ways to avoid
stereotyping.

Don’t be afraid to ask
someone who belongs to a
subculture for their perspective,
one can learn a lot by simply
asking and listening.

If you want to say something
about a subculture you could
look it up, and make sure that
what you’re about to say is even
remotely accurate.

Even miniature subculture
stereotypes are still stereotypes.

selfish and nasty motives too.

No one told me that money
is more powerful and influential
than fairness.

Now these things are quite
obvious to me, but as a bright-
eyed, optimistic student
throughout grade school and
most of high school, America
seemed to always be in the
right.

I’m not a politics or history
buff by any means. In fact,
before this year, I hadn’t taken
an American history class since
my sophomore year of high
school.

But the more I learn about
certain choices the American
government has made that
affect other countries, the more
disillusioned with America I
become.

I often get angry as I read
in my textbooks for history
of recent America and U.S.
foreign policy about how
foreign countries have lost
their resources to large U.S.
corporations.

The U.S. corporations get
richer while the locals of those
countries sink deeper into

hunger and poverty.

I’m not trying to be anti-
patriotic here. Trust me, I
am extremely grateful to live
in a country where I can get
an amazing education, vote,
practice the religion of my
choice, walk through peaceful
streets, have freedom of speech
and several other freedoms
that are prohibited in some
countries.

I understand that, although
American politicians are not
perfect, they have made a lot
of good and progressive choices
too.

I’m just reminding you all
to keep an open mind about
America in relation to the rest
of the world.

Going back to my analogy,
even though you grew up in
the States and were taught
American principles and values,
view America’s foreign policy
with a critical and discerning
eye.

Try to empathize with what
the other countries are going
through instead of just assuming
that America’s actions toward
them are right and justified.

Sader softball finishes up a helpful preseason

HOLLY BEECH
The Crusader

The NNU softball team finished up their preseason on Saturday at home against College of Idaho and Boise State University.

"Pre season is not about being perfect or winning every game but to get better and prepare ourselves for our real season," said sophomore Arielle Chao.

"We as a team work on what needs to be worked on to be the best when it comes to season," she said.

Having graduated only two players last year, the 2010 squad is heavy with sophomores and juniors, said Head Coach Julie Coert. Thirteen players return this season, including all-conference picks Chao, sophomore Chelsey Anderson and junior Haley Hevern.

"Our team's strengths this year are the cohesiveness of our team," said junior Cortnee Crane.

"Also, our team has proven to be very aggressive offensively throughout this preseason,



Courtesy of Elizabeth Beaty

The Crusader softball team huddles together. Regular season games begin in February.

which is very exciting and will help with a successful season this year."

Four new players join the team this season and will really contribute, said sophomore Cara Duckworth.

Freshman Michelle Crumbaker from Vancouver, Wash., and Lindzey Ramos from Hermiston, Ore., are new additions, along with transfers Becky Louber from Shasta Community College and Nicole

Grummons from Hartnell CC, said Coert.

"With added depth at each position, the players are competing and demonstrating an outstanding work ethic," Coert said.

"Maintaining a strong defense and increasing our run production from last year will be keys to our success."

Chao said that one of the team's main focuses this season is gelling as a team.

"We want to have that close bond on and off the field, and preseason is where it starts."

Preseason also allows the team to identify any areas that need improvement.

"We need to work on just becoming more aggressive and capitalizing on the other team's mistakes," said Duckworth.

One of the team's greatest strengths, she said, is the ability for people to step in spots where they are needed.

She said, "I think we are going to have a better season than last year for sure."

Since the GNAC conference has so many strong teams, the Crusader's challenge will be playing to their potential and focusing on getting some wins, said senior Dana Shipley.

The Crusaders kick off the regular season on February 20, at home against Western Washington University.

PLAYER PROFILE

Ashley Rendahl



Major:
Elementary Education

Hometown:
Bellevue, Idaho

Classification:
Junior

Sport:
Cross Country

Three words that describe you:
"Spunky, energetic, loud"

Favorite thing to do on the weekend:
"Finding the craziest thing to do that will make a great story and great pictures"

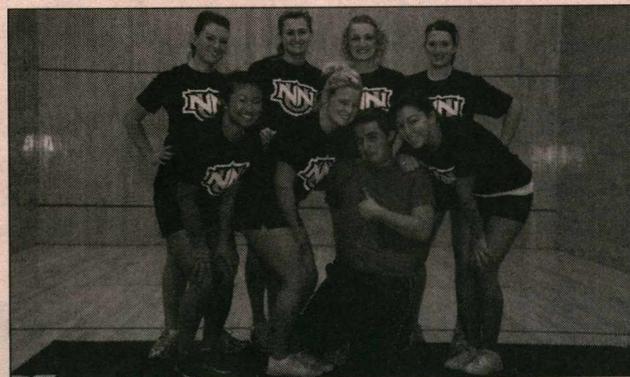
Favorite Dex meal:
"Pizza sticks!"

CHEER FROM PAGE 1

talked about how much fun she's been having since becoming a cheerleader. "The girls are so much fun and everything we've done is such a blast," she said.

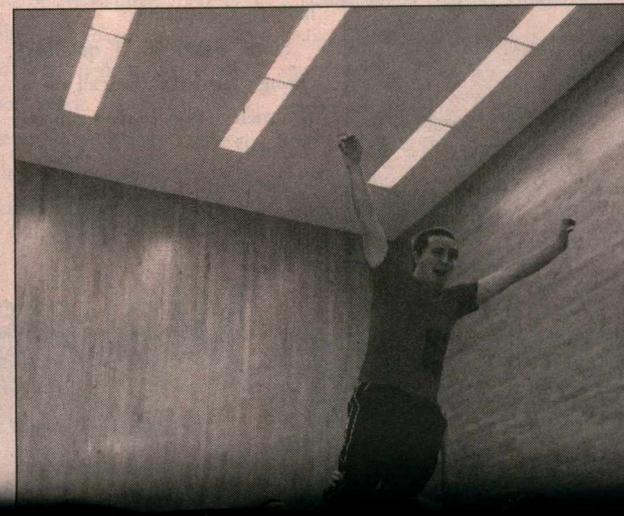
Some of the girls with previous experience shed light on some of the difficulties of cheerleading.

Melanie Shacklett said, "I think cheerleading in general has a stereotype of being some



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Above: Brandon Haskins poses with members of the cheer squad. Right: The cheer team makes Brandon the flyer during practice.



hot icon, when it shouldn't be about the looks, it should be more about them pumping up the crowd and getting people into the game."

Lindsay Rogers, a returning cheerleader said that specifically here at NNU, cheerleading is hard because "people don't know cheer. People know basketball, so they know what it looks like when it's done well, people don't have the credentials to know how hard things in cheer

are. We could be doing amazing Division One quality things, and people here still wouldn't be impressed."

Anna Daly agrees with Rogers, saying "I think people misinterpret what cheerleading is about and the amount of work it takes to be good at it."

Another issue facing the cheer squad is the issue of funding, Daly said.

The program does not currently receive any funding

from the school, said Head Cheer Coach Michelle Kuykendall. This means that each of the nine girls on the squad are paying for their uniforms out of pocket, roughly a \$380 expense.

The girls do not receive any scholarship for what they do said Kuykendall, but she hopes that "the program will continue to grow and that scholarships are part of that growth."



Favorite hobbies:
"Riding horses, being with friends, jamming to music"

Hidden talent:
"I have my black belt in martial arts"

If you could be a character from any movie who would you be?
"Laura Carrot from Veggie Tales"

Favorite TV show:
"M.A.S.H. and Northern Exposure"

What do you miss most about home?
"Being in my house"

If you were stranded on a deserted island what would you take?
"My Bible and my favorite Crosby, Stills and Nash CD."

Favorite Bible Verse:
"Psalms 145:14"

Volleyball gets wins on the road; looking to tomorrow's home game

CAMDEN BLOWERS The Crusader

The Crusader volleyball team (12-8, 5-3 GNAC) defeated University of Western Washington in Bellingham, Wash.

The teams battled for five games until NNU won the last game by two. Volleyball head coach Jared Sliger was happy that the team beat Washington again.

"Last year was the first time in their volleyball history that we beat them at home," said

Jared Sliger.

Middle blocker Cammy Dranginis, senior, blocked four of the eight total blocks in the game.

"It was a hard-fought game, but I'm so proud of our team. We played awesome," said Dranginis.

On Oct. 5, senior Lindsay Grant was GNAC's Athlete of the Week. Over the course of her career, Grant has had 1012 kills and 1170 digs. Grant had a career-high of 29 kills, the second highest recorded in the

conference this fall. Grant is the 24th athlete in GNAC history to have more than 1000 career kills and ranks 16th in the conference for number of career digs.

College of Idaho left NNU with a coyote-ugly 1-3 loss September 29. NNU defeated MSU Billings Saturday. NNU lost two of three sets against Seattle Pacific University at SPU. The previous non-conference game against SPU September 17 NNU lost, 2-3.

"I think a split against one of

the conference elite is good. Any time you can go on their court and beat them is a good thing," said Sliger. "It was a successful roadtrip on the whole."

Women's volleyball previously maintained a GNAC record high attendance for home-games. This season's five home-games have had an average attendance of 461 people. The total attendance was 2306.

"We get the benefit of being the first indoor sport of the year," Sliger said. "I try to do a good job of publicizing the

games. It's full of energy and really fast paced. Our fans are amazing when they come out."

The team was victorious for three of the five home-games, and won four of the seven away games. Of the 77 sets the team has had an average of 19.42 digs, 15.63 points, 12.91 kills, 12.04 assists, 1.21 service aces per set, 1.09 reception errors and 1.51 blocks per set.

Tomorrow volleyball faces Alaska Fairbanks here at the Johnson Sports Center at 7 p.m.

SPORTS BOX

Men's Soccer

1. Saint Martin's
2. Montana State Billings
3. Seattle Pacific
4. Western Washington
5. Northwest Nazarene

Volleyball

1. Seattle Pacific
2. Alaska Anchorage
3. Western Washington
4. Northwest Nazarene
5. Montana State Billings
6. Western Oregon
7. Alaska Fairbanks
8. Central Washington
9. Saint Martin's

Women's Soccer

1. Western Washington
2. Seattle Pacific
3. Montana State Billings
4. Saint Martin's
5. Central Washington
6. Western Oregon
7. Northwest Nazarene

*Standings as of Oct. 12



Sports fans of all varieties welcome Oktoberfest



BEYOND THE BLEACHERS

by
DEREK SEPE

October is here and along with the change in seasons and Halloween on the way, it brings the greatest sports month of the

year. Sports fans of all genres get to participate this month.

Whether you like college football, pro football, baseball, hockey or the NBA, there is a plethora of options to watch and they are all equally incredible.

In October we get four full weeks of college and pro football games -- and thanks to a random calendar fluke this year, the first few days of November which will have Sunday NFL and Vikings-Packers at Lambeau along with some of the World Series.

With pro and collegiate seasons in full swing, many

teams will be looking to either shake up the standings or solidify their ranks to shape the spine for the stretch run of the seasons.

Now I don't know much about baseball, in fact all I really know is to hit the ball and catch the ball.

That doesn't mean I don't enjoy the games though, which are proving to be very interesting and worth the time to watch.

With the World Series drawing closer and closer, fans are showing support as the best of the best rise to the occasion.

I am going to be very bluntly

honest here. I know even less about hockey.

Probably the only hockey references I know of are the Stanley Cup and the movie "Miracle" -- which I must say is a great motivational sports film.

None the less, hockey season is here and it is exciting.

The fact that hockey is part of the sports Oktoberfest is really exciting because then you know winter is approaching and the images of players checking opponents on the ice really gets you fired up.

The most known sport

during the winter months is basketball and preseason begins in October as well.

Can Kobe bring an 11th title back to LA?

Are the Spurs out of their rut?

Will Lebron establish his supreme dominance again this season? One can only wonder as the season begins.

I have never been one to play basketball but I will say it is extremely fun to watch.

Oktoberfest is sure to have a great start to the season.

AP Sports Blurbs

Peter Wilkes is alive

HATTIESBURG, Miss. —

The Associated Press has withdrawn its story about Southern Mississippi freshman punter Peter Wilkes dying in a gun accident Friday morning. The school announced that Wilkes had died, but Southern Miss. officials and police now say Wilkes is alive.

Woods wins all five at Presidents Cup

SAN FRANCISCO —

Tiger Woods provided a fitting conclusion to a perfect week at the Presidents Cup, for him and an American team that remains perfect at home.

With a flop shot out of the trees to set up one last birdie, Woods won the point that clinched the cup and made him only the third player in the Presidents Cup to win all five matches. His 6-and-5 victory over Y.E. Yang was a tiny token of revenge for Woods blowing a final-round lead to him in the PGA Championship this summer.

Phil Mickelson wrapped up another anticlimactic finish with a 7-foot birdie putt for a 2-and-1 victory over Retief Goosen, leaving Lefty unbeaten (4-0-1) in the Presidents Cup for the second time in the last three contests.

The Americans won 19½-14½, the same margin as last time against an overmatched International team.

Golf and rugby will be at the 2016 Olympic games

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COPENHAGEN — Golf has a tee time for 2016, and Tiger Woods can hardly wait.

The sport returns to the Olympics for the first time since 1904 amid the spectacular backdrop of Rio de Janeiro's sand and sea, giving Woods the chance to do something even the great Jack Nicklaus never did — win Olympic gold.

Olympic officials had no sooner voted golf in — along with rugby — than Woods and his fellow players cheered their chance to finally compete on sport's biggest stage.

They will compete for Olympic medals, but the greater promise is that the game catches on in countries where

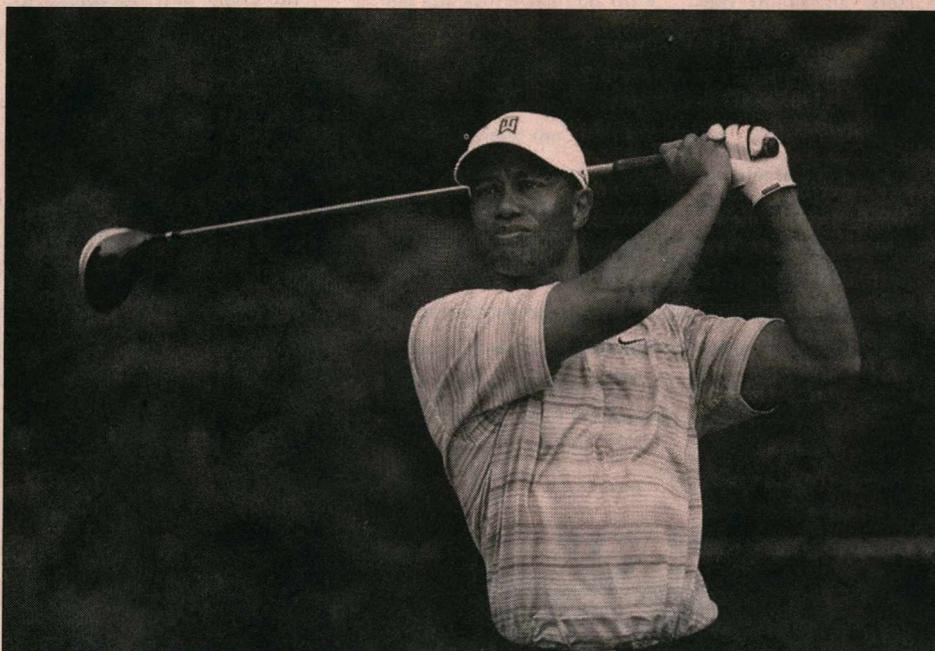
show off the sport to a wider audience.

The vote to include rugby sevens featuring 12 men's and women's teams, though, was celebrated in a similar manner.

"We were ecstatic and wanted to jump on the table, but we sort of restrained ourselves," former New Zealand rugby great Jonah Lomu told The Associated Press. "It was just fantastic for the game."

Woods, whose dominance of golf has made him one of the most recognized athletes in the world, will be 40 when the sport returns in Rio under a traditional format of 72 holes of stroke play for fields of 60 men and 60 women.

He grew up determined to



Courtesy of Wikipedia

Tiger Woods will golf at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

golfers are few and golf courses are even fewer.

"I think it's great for golf," Woods said from the Presidents Cup in San Francisco. "It's a perfect fit for the Olympics, and I think we are all looking forward to golf getting into the Olympics."

Golf was approved 63-27 with two abstentions, while rugby won near unanimous acclaim in an 81-8 vote with one abstention.

They are the first sports added since triathlon and taekwondo joined the program for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

While golf was backed by a major push that included leaders of the sport from around the world as well as top players, rugby got the nod after a campaign of its own to

chase—and break—the record of 18 major championships won by Nicklaus.

There were no thoughts of Olympic glory because there was no Olympic glory to think of.

But Woods is excited about the chance to do something he never imagined, and so are his fellow players.

"I think it's awesome," Sean O'Hair said. "You're going to be able to play for your country at the Olympic level. I think it's huge for the game. I think it's great for the Olympics. You know, I don't see any negatives to it. I think it's fantastic."

Both golf and rugby had to make some concessions to win their respective vote. Golf promised the IOC it would not stage any other major

championships during the Olympics, while the Rugby Sevens World Cup will be canceled.

The vote was a reversal of the IOC's decision four years ago to reject golf and rugby for the 2012 Olympics, and brings the number of summer Olympic sports back to 28.

There have been two openings on the program since baseball and softball were dropped in 2005 for the 2012 London Games.

The two sports share an Olympic history of sorts, both making their debuts at the second modern games in Paris in 1900.

Golf was played again only in 1904, while 15-a-side rugby was in three more games, the last the 1924 Paris Olympics.

"Time will show your decision (on the sports) was very wise," IOC president Jacques Rogge told delegates.

Rogge won a vote of his own when he was elected unopposed to a final four-year term.

Delegates were more wary about golf than they were about rugby, largely because of golf's reputation as a sport played by rich people at private country clubs.

Some IOC members questioned how it could be successful in most countries because of the high cost of playing it, while others pointed out that some top clubs — including Augusta National — do not allow women as members.

"There are some serious problems with some clubs where

major events are held, in terms of discrimination," American member Anita DeFrantz said, urging the IOC to "avoid going down a road that may be harmful to our image."

In the end, the promise that adding golf to the games would make it more available to the masses won the day.

Left unsaid was that marketing the sport to countries where it is not widely played — China, for instance — could lead to even bigger TV contracts for tournaments, higher purses for players, and more golf course developments.

"Anything that grows the game, gets more people playing the game and more people watching the games," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said.

Vancouver's Sedin out with broken foot

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks will be without top forward Daniel Sedin for four to six weeks because of a broken foot.

Sedin, who averaged more than 30 goals for the Canucks over the last three seasons, was hit in the foot by a shot from teammate Alex Edler in a 7-1 win over Montreal on Wednesday. He finished the game and recorded three assists, but X-rays on Friday revealed a fracture.

It's the first serious injury in his nine-year career.

Soccer: U.S. beats Honduras 3-2

SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — Conor Casey scored his first two international goals in the second half, Landon Donovan added another and the United States clinched its sixth straight World Cup berth by rallying past Honduras 3-2 Saturday night.

In one of the most thrilling end-to-end matches the U.S. has played in many years, the Americans took a 3-1 lead before Honduras closed on Julio Cesar De Leon's second goal of the game.

Coming off a first-round elimination at the 2006 World Cup in Germany, the United States (6-2-1) is first in North and Central America and the Caribbean with 19 points and is assured of one of the three automatic berths that go to the top finishers in the region.

Mexico (6-3) also clinched Saturday and has 18 points following a 4-1 victory over visiting El Salvador. Costa Rica (5-4) moved into third with 15 points after winning at home against Trinidad and Tobago.

Head of the pack



Cross Country headed west to Salem, Ore. earlier this month to compete in the Willamette Chuck Bowles Invitational. The women's team placed ninth, led by junior Jaclyn Puga who placed 10th out of 203 participants. The men's team was led by freshman Barak Watson, who ran the second fastest 8,000 meter in school history. He finished eighth among 198 runners. Watson has now had four consecutive Top 10 finishes. The team travels to La Grande, Ore. to compete in the Eastern Oregon University Invitational this weekend.

Left: Barak Watson takes the lead at the Charles Bowles Invitational.

Statistics courtesy of NNU Sports Information.

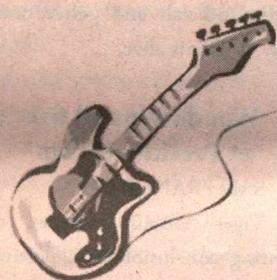
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OK Go goes again for another album release



Courtesy of Wikipedia

OK Go performs at the Albany Tulip Festival. The Chicago-based band is releasing their third full-length album in 2010.



REVIEW

ALLISON HAWN

The Crusader

A couple of years ago one of the fastest growing viral videos was four men in pink, gray and white outfits dancing on treadmills.

What many people did not realize is that this video was actually the official low-budget music video to the song playing in the background.

The vivacious energy of four men jumping around on treadmills captivated the audience right along with the

music of OK Go in "Here We Go Again."

OK Go -- which is made up of vocalist and guitarist Damian Kulash, bass player Tim Nordwind, drummer Dan Konopka and guitarist and keyboardist Andy Ross -- was formed in 1998.

The band, however, didn't release its first studio album until 2002 with the help of the alternative band They Might Be Giants, an album titled "OK Go."

Since then the group has released one other album, 2005's "Oh No."

The group is slated to release a new album titled "Of the Blue Colour of the Sky" at the beginning of 2010, said their official Web site.

OK Go has gained national attention for their low-budget, yet extremely entertaining music videos.

In 2007 the treadmill based

music video for the hit song "Here We Go Again" won a Grammy for Best Short Form Music Video.

The video for "Million Ways," which features a one-take dance party held in a random garden, was nominated for an MTV Europe Music Award, said OK Go's official blog.

The sound of OK Go is much like a mix between folk, retro alternative rock and pop.

The group's music often sounds like a mix between the Beatles and They Might Be Giants.

The group has a happy and slightly bouncy sound that will keep you smiling as you listen.

"OK Go still know how to write a tight pop-rock song," said Rolling Stone Magazine.

This group's positive energy is perfect for a rainy day.

Professor's photography display in galleries answers call of the wild

CAMDEN BLOWERS

The Crusader

Dean of Biology John Cossel's photography exhibit "Naked Canaries" is available to the public in Friesen North Gallery in the Brandt Center now until next Friday.

Frogs from Costa Rica and the U.S. are the subject of the photographs. Naked Canaries emphasizes the importance of amphibians' decline.

In its combination of art and science, the display is unique to art exhibits. According to Amanda Hamilton, art professor who organizes the gallery's exhibits, said no other professors have presented art exhibits.

"Cossel is the first professor I have ever worked with on a project like this," said Hamilton. "It is a teaching exhibition. Naked Canaries would be well suited to travel to other colleges or universities. I wouldn't necessarily expect to see work like this in a contemporary gallery setting but it works wonderfully in a teaching environment."

The title 'Naked Canaries' is a fusion of literary and historical works based on the theme of amphibians.

"These are the canaries used in coalmines that give an indication of danger," Cossel said. "Amphibians are the harbingers of habitat health."

The frogs photographed in the exhibit are similar to such canaries.

Cossel said they alert conservationists to the dangers of specie endangerment and biodiversity imbalance.

The 'Naked' portion of the title addresses the vulnerability of frogs, based on an essay by Costa Rican author Carman Naranjo.

Cossel's lecture September 29 explained some of the conservationist and environmental issues amphibians face.

Kyle Luthman, senior majoring in Biology with an emphasis in Biodiversity and Ecology, assisted Cossel in some of the photographs in Costa Rica.

Luthman expounded the

responsibility humans have in amphibian decline.

In addition to industrial waste, human waste, fecal matter, excrement is responsible for the decline in frog populations.

"They're the first to die when an ecosystem has a drastic change," said Luthman.

In addition to human responsibility are natural factors endangering amphibians, such as diseases.

"The other side to Naked Canaries in the worldwide decline of amphibians is the pathogen rana virus."

The amphibians presented in the project are important to human sustainability. They convert 80% of their energy into biomass, which continues life for organisms in the food chain. Without frogs and amphibians, said Luthman, "...more animals will die."

Cossel's reception for the Naked Canaries photograph exhibit commences tomorrow, 5-7 PM in the Friesen Galleries.

Abel. While the comprehension of this loss comes slowly, LePage delivered this portrayal in a way that was both compelling and realistic.

The talent was not limited only to LePage, Kuykendall was both entertaining and memorable with her portrayal of Eve, and brought tears to the eyes of a number of audience members when she spoke of leaving this life, and her love for Adam.

Both actors displayed a talent beyond their years, and left the audience with a connection and a sense of awe for the two characters. The play was directed by Rick Strader and the video portion was put on by Professor Arnie Ytreeide along with a few mass communication students.



Photos by Alex Corn | The Crusader

Left: Logan LePage, playing Adam, performs part of his monologue during "The Diaries of Adam and Eve."
Above: Stephanie Kuykendall, playing Eve, makes another failed attempt to reach the apple from the tree.

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AT LAST AN ATLAS(\$3)	10.16.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
THE REPUBLIC(\$2)	10.17.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
MAE	10.19.09	BOISE VENUE
DAVID CROWDER	10.20.09	EAGLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LITTLE BRAZIL(\$3)	10.22.09	FLYING M (NAMPA)
DEF LEPPARD	10.24.09	IDAHO CENTER
DARIUS RUCKER	10.26.09	IDAHO CENTER
MIRAH	10.22.09	VISUAL ARTS COLLECTIVE
MAT KEARNEY	10.29.09	KNITTING FACTORY
JOSHUA RADIN	11.03.09	KNITTING FACTORY

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 "Black Dynamite"
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 "Law Abiding Citizen"

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 Season 4"
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 "Year One"

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 by Laura Kasischke
 "The Case for God"
 by Karen Armstrong
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 by Craig Ferguson

Album Releases >>

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 "Give Up the Ghost"
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 by Kaito

Movie information from MSN.com

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Tom Dale seeks third term

BRANDON HASKINS

The Crusader

Nampa Mayor Tom Dale is running for re-election this November for what would be his third term as mayor.

In the past nearly eight years as mayor, Dale has made a number of accomplishments, and implemented plans that would continue with his re-election.

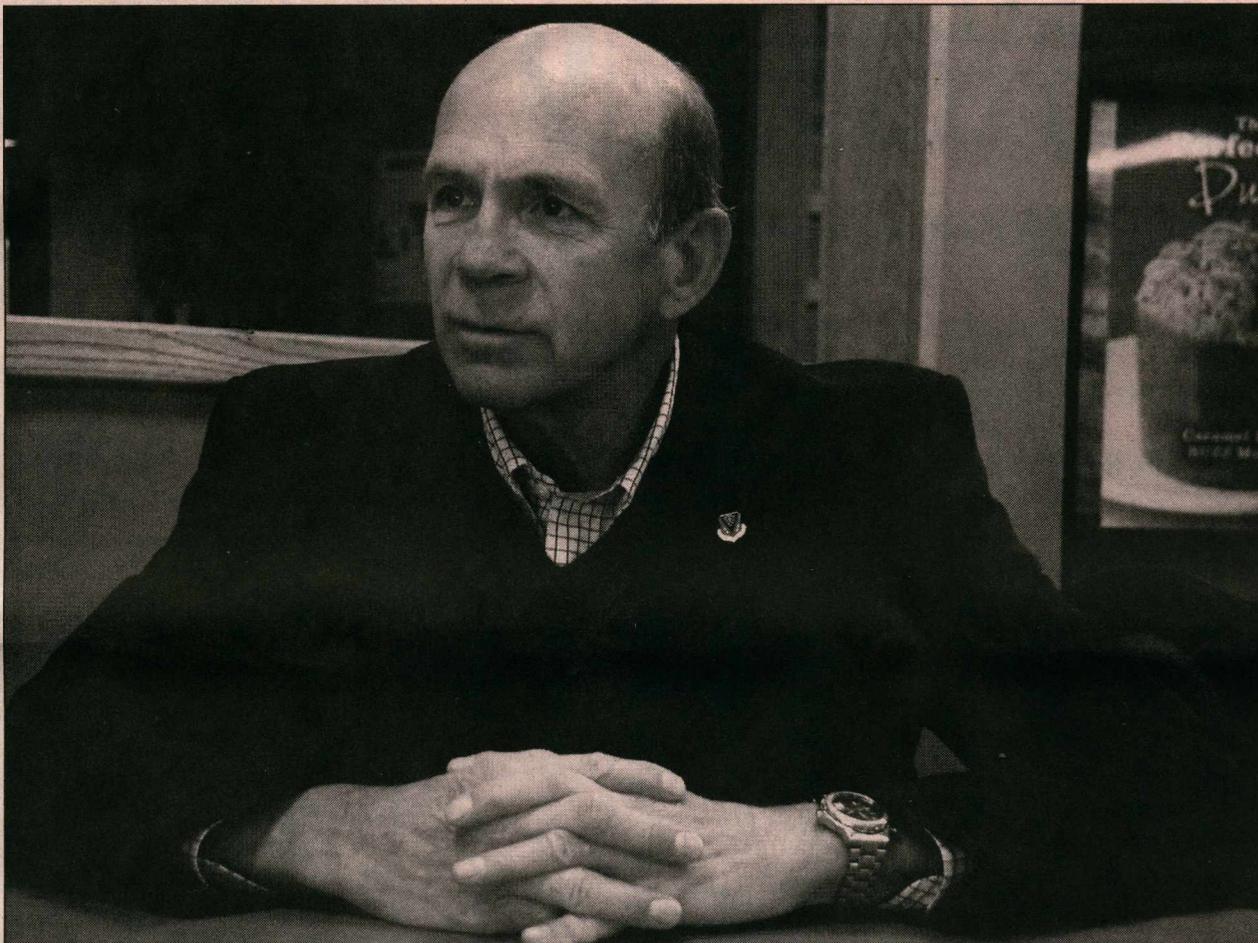
In his time as mayor, Dale has seen vast improvements in the infrastructure of the area, including upgrading the Garrity Boulevard entrance into Nampa, building overpasses at King's Corner, and revitalizing downtown.

Dale has also added two new fire stations and upgraded the medical services offered by the Nampa area fire departments.

In addition to infrastructural improvements, Nampa citizens have seen a decrease in the crime rate every year since he has been in office Dale said, with a 22 percent decrease in overall crime this past year.

For Dale, the uncertain economic climate is of high concern, but mostly he would like to make sure Nampa is able to take advantage of opportunities that would be in place upon economic recovery.

By upgrading the water, sewer and electrical systems,



Mayor of Nampa, Tom Dale, speaks with a Crusader reporter last week in The Perk.

Alex Corn | The Crusader

Nampa could be in position to flourish when the economy recovers, Dale said.

The biggest challenge Dale foresees is maintaining these services without burdening the taxpayers, something Dale believes is more than possible.

Dale would also like to

continue the revitalization of downtown, with the building of a new police station and new library, as well as upgrading the city's comprehensive plan and creating a strategic plan to identify funding sources for completion of that comprehensive plan.

As an NNU alumnus Dale has remained very interested in the inner workings of the university, actively partnering with NNU in a number of ways.

"I believe that NNU is directly related to the future prosperity of Nampa."

Dale currently serves on the advisory board for the school of business and recently partnered with the university in the formation of the University District, an attempt to create a specific area related to the school and its interaction with the surrounding community.

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News Blurbs

China says 6 people get death in Xinjiang riots

BEIJING — China says six people have been sentenced to death for murder and other crimes committed during riots in the western Xinjiang region in July that killed nearly 200 people.

The official Xinhua News Agency said a court in the Xinjiang capital of Urumqi also sentenced a seventh person to life in prison.

The riots were China's worst in decades, and saw Muslim Uighurs attack members of China's dominant Han ethnic group.

Orlando Bloom named UNICEF's goodwill ambassador

NEW YORK — UNICEF has named Orlando Bloom its goodwill ambassador in recognition of his commitment to children's rights around the world.

Bloom, best known for his roles in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Lord of the Rings" films, has supported UNICEF's work since 2007, when he first visited schools in impoverished districts of Nepal.

UNICEF said Monday that as its ambassador, Bloom plans to focus on raising awareness

Band teacher who died in crash called heroine

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North Korea fires 5 short-range missiles

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SEOUL, South Korea

business leaders.

"Our consultations with

nuclear test.

Ending Monday South Korea

music teacher killed while trying to prevent the crash of a bus carrying dozens of her students was hailed as a heroine.

Heather Christensen, 33, a woodwind instructor at American Fork High School, was killed Saturday night when the bus veered from Interstate 15 and rolled south of Pocatello, where the band had won a competition at Idaho State University.

Christensen of Spanish Fork, Utah, left her seat to grab the steering wheel after seeing the bus driver slump over, students and colleagues said. She was partially ejected in the rollover, and relatives said her effort to correct the course of the bus probably kept the crash from being worse. Christensen was partially ejected in the rollover, and was the only fatality.

"If it hadn't been for her, a lot of other people would have died," Christensen's sister, Jana Hogenson told the Idaho State Journal.

All but one of the 44 students who received care at a Pocatello hospital were released. The remaining female patient was expected to be released Monday. Idaho State Police were investigating the crash.

The band, one of Utah's best-known, had just added the Pocatello competition to a string of victories that include 19 straight Utah state titles.

The school band also performed at President George W. Bush's 2005 inauguration and marched in the 2007 Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York.

Idaho State Police said the crash scene was chaotic, with the other buses stopped nearby and family members steering their vehicles off the road as they came upon the tragic mishap. Distraught students sang church hymns after learning of the instructor's death.

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea test-launched five short-range missiles Monday, reports said, in what analysts said was an attempt to improve its bargaining position ahead of possible talks with the United States.

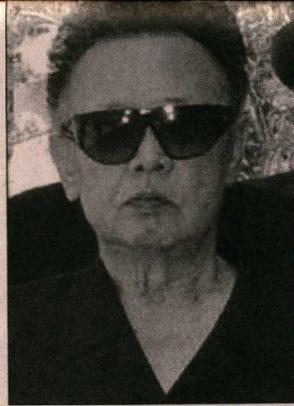
North Korea has recently reached out to the U.S. and South Korea following months of tension over its nuclear and missile tests earlier this year.

Leader Kim Jong Il told visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao last week that his government might return to stalled six-nation negotiations on its nuclear program depending on the outcome of direct talks it seeks with the United States.

Washington has said it is considering holding talks with North Korea as part of efforts to restart the six-party negotiations.

The missile launches off North Korea's east coast were the first by the communist nation since it test-fired seven missiles in early July, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported.

Yonhap, citing a South Korean official it did not identify, said the KN-02 surface-to-surface missiles were



Courtesy of Wikipedia

Leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Il.

fired from mobile launch pads and had a range of up to 75 miles (120 kilometers).

It said North Korea launched two missiles in the morning and three more in the afternoon.

South Korea's Defense Ministry and National Intelligence Service — the country's main spy agency — said they could not confirm the reports.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in Belfast on Monday that American efforts to resume the nuclear talks with North Korea will proceed despite the new tests.

"Our goal remains the same," she told reporters after a meeting with Northern Irish

our partners and our allies continues unabated. It is unaffected by the behavior of North Korea."

Clinton was to fly later to Moscow to meet with Russian leaders on a variety of issues, including nuclear reduction concerns.

South Korea's YTN television network carried a report similar to Yonhap's.

It quoted an unidentified government source as saying North Korea had announced a no-sail zone in areas off the country's east and west coasts for Oct. 10-20 — an apparent indication the country could carry out more missile tests.

The reported launches appeared to be aimed at displaying North Korea's missile capability to bolster its negotiating hand ahead of talks with the U.S. and other countries to wrest more concessions, said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University.

Yang Moo-jin, a professor at Seoul's University of North Korean Studies, agreed and added that North Korea was unlikely to take more drastic steps such as its April long-range rocket test or May

proposed two sets of working-level talks with the North.

The South proposed that officials of the two sides meet Wednesday to discuss how to prevent floods in a border river and that Red Cross officials meet separately on Friday to discuss reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

However, the Unification Ministry said South Korea has no plan to resume high-level talks with the North.

Yang, the analyst, said the missile tests were not related to South Korea's proposals, since the announcement of the no-sail zone showed the launches were planned in advance.

Ties between the two Koreas soured after conservative South Korean President

Lee Myung-bak took office early last year with a pledge to get tough with the North's government.

Tensions further heightened after North Korea conducted its long-range rocket and nuclear tests.

The Korean War ended in a cease-fire, not a peace treaty, which means that the two Koreas are still technically at war.

of the global organization and advocating for needy children worldwide.

Past ambassadors include Audrey Hepburn, Roger Moore, David Beckham and Vanessa Redgrave.

American is first woman to win Nobel in economics

WASHINGTON — Elinor Ostrom, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize in economics, says a key thread of her research is people power.

The Indiana University political scientist says that means the power of people to successfully manage common resources like forests, fisheries, oil fields or grazing lands, rather than having them handled by the government or private companies.

During a brief session with reporters in Bloomington, Ostrom says: "What we have ignored is what citizens can do and the importance of real involvement of the people involved — versus just having somebody in Washington ... make a rule."

University budget cuts leads to fuller classrooms

SAN FRANCISCO — It isn't just tuition increases that are driving up the cost of college. Around the country, deep budget cuts are forcing schools to lay off instructors and eliminate some classes, making it harder for many students to get into courses required for their degree. Some may have to spend more time in college.

ON THIS DAY...

Yale University announced it was going
co-educational. www.on-this-day.com

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10 phrases to avoid when asking a guy to TWIRP.

by The Crusader Staff

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10. "You can go to TWIRP with me... but if you like it then you better put a ring on it."

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9. "I'm sure your girlfriend wouldn't mind."

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8. "We'd have pretty gorgeous children."

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7. "You look a lot like the last guy I asked... So I'm sure our kids would be pretty gorgeous too."

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6. "TWIRP doesn't mean commitment, but you better be pretty serious about this relationship."

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5. "Don't tell me you've just been leading me on."

4. "My parents started dating at TWIRP too."

3. "You + me + TWIRP = a God thing."

2. "I'm kinda short on cash, so could you pay for your ticket?"

1. "Dude, girls have been asking girls so I just thought..."

Dear Nana Bobango...



Dear Nana Bobango,

I've been pursuing this guy on Facebook for a few weeks now.

He's a sophomore biology major who I met the first day of one of my classes. I thought we had had a pretty good connection, so I asked to be his friend on

September 3. He accepted me on September 9. Since then, I have sent him 33 messages, 73 comments, "liked" his status 14 times and commented on each picture in six of his eight albums.

He stopped replying after my fifth message and 22nd comment.

He also changed seats in our class. For the first few weeks he sat behind me, easily accessible for small talk and witty comments about our professor. Now he sits completely on the other side of the room.

His relationship status is set to single, so I know that's not the issue.

I thought we had the makings of something good, but we can't be anything if he continues to ignore me. What do I do?

-- His Biggest Facebook Fan

Dear Fan,

I fear you may have a problem even Gene Schandorff can't handle. Stacy in the counseling center would be much more capable to aid you. Set up a time with her as soon as possible. In the mean time, back off before he files a restraining order.

Nana Bobango wants to hear from you! Email your questions to crusader@nnu.edu. Put 'Dear Nana Bobango' in the subject line.

GOOD WITH NUMBERS? SUDOKU ME.

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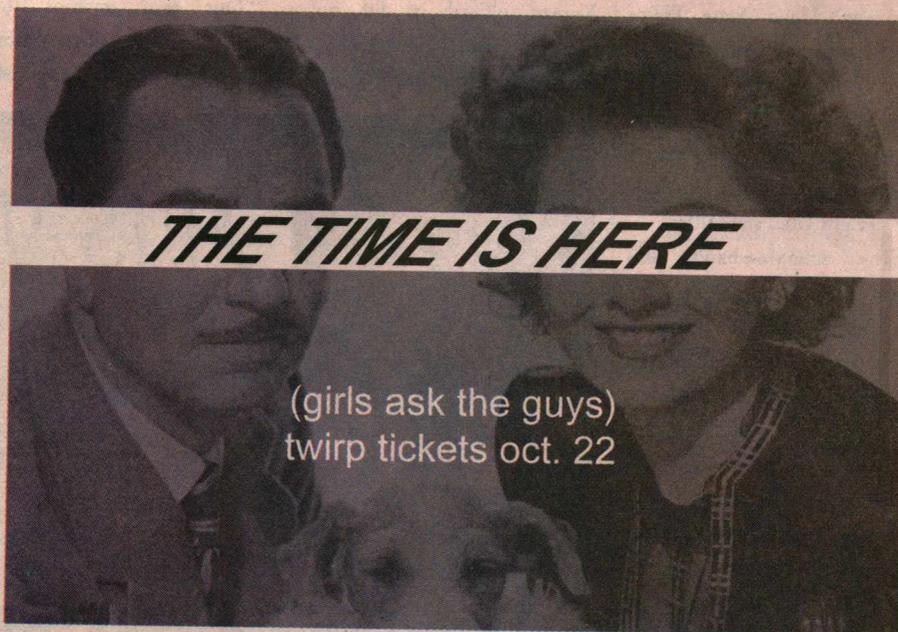
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20 Have the chair
21 Almanac section
22 Coop group
24 12/24 or 12/31
25 It's always in force
31 Pie-in-the-face sound
33 Printer's primary color
34 Letter after zeta
35 Feature of some sweatshirts
36 Prodded
38 Urban concern
39 Taking after
40 Like some vaccines
41 Geneva's river
42 What a weathervane shows
46 Dustcloth
47 Some porkers
48 Cat's home, maybe
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8 Grazing spot
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10 Fourth-down specialist
11 October birthstone
12 Active European volcano
13 Calls from Bossy
18 Part of a drum kit
21 Stratford's river
23 Harvesting tools
24 "Zounds!"
25 MIT's management school
26 Wee bit
27 TV's "Science Guy"
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36 Goody two shoes
37 Crew-team member
38 " __ nuff!"
40 Jazz singer Anita
41 Out of the sack
43 Soak thoroughly
44 Treat like a baby
45 Twitter.com messages
48 Hoppy brews
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52 Tux-rental occasion
53 Japanese sport
54 Airline to Tel Aviv
55 Outdoor shelter
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58 "To a . . ." verse
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quoteoftheweek

“Moral courage is a more rare commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence.”

-John F. Kennedy



THE TIME IS HERE

(girls ask the guys)
twirp tickets oct. 22