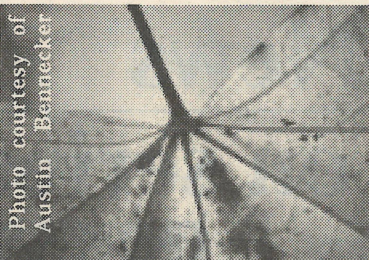




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To be or not to be: peanut ban at NU

By Kristin Coppersmith
Staff Reporter

This fall there is one thing you probably didn't find in cafeteria or the women's dorm: peanuts. This includes peanut butter, peanut butter cups, peanut oil, anything with a trace of peanuts.

Prior to classes starting, students residing in the women's dorm were informed that person(s) with a severe allergy to peanuts were living there.

Students that attended the all women's dorm meeting, sponsored by Community Life, understood that due to the severity of the allergy, peanuts and peanut products were removed from the cafeteria and students were asked to keep them out of the women's dorms as well.

Now that the school year is well under way, phrases such as, 'peanut ban' and 'peanut free zone' are not uncommonly heard.

"We were given the scenario of a student bringing a gun to school and shooting it randomly in different directions. This was then compared to us bringing and eating peanuts on campus," said Kendice Ricci, a sophomore who attended the all women's dorm meeting on Sunday Aug. 26.

"We are afraid to have peanuts, even off campus, what if we breathe wrong or touch something and kill someone? I don't want to kill someone, like randomly shooting a gun all over campus," added Ricci.



Laura Voight

Another dorm resident who attended the meeting shares a similar account.

"If we eat peanuts or something with peanuts in it and then go to the bathroom to wash our hands, the door we touch and the faucet we touch become contaminated," said Laura Voight, picture shown to the left.

Voight, also a sophomore, participated in a workshop for orientation leaders. This is where she was introduced to Community Life's decision regarding peanut products.

"Then if the person(s) with the allergy touches those contaminated things, they could die. There was never an alternative for the person but death," Voight added. "I personally was afraid to purchase and consume peanut M&Ms off campus

because I didn't want to be responsible for the death of a schoolmate."

Is this fearful response from students healthy and necessary?

Food allergies can be

common on school campuses.

"We don't have to run scared, but we do have to be aware," said Jean Clark, director of Health Services on campus.

According to Community Life leaders who were interviewed, the original intent of the administration was not to frighten students from ever consuming peanuts, whether that be on or off campus, but rather to bring awareness to students.

When asked about the peanut-allergy issue, Sonja Korum, women's Residence Life director declined to comment.

Director of Community Life, Bethene Engelsing, explained that Community Life's response has been to ask the community to be careful.

In an email to the Talon last week, Engelsing said, "We have not restricted all nuts on campus... our response has been to ask the community as a whole to be careful of bringing peanut products on campus—and to simply wash their hands when they eat peanuts. We have requested that students in the women's halls not bring product in, but if a student needs to (i.e. diabetic) that they are careful to wrap up products, not to bring dishes in the communal areas, and to wash their hands before touching community surfaces."

Off campus students were not officially informed of this issue. According to Community Life, students living in the men's dorm and the on-campus apartments, were informed.

"We are afraid to have peanuts"

"I heard nothing about the peanut allergy. Everything I heard was word of mouth, from people living in the dorms. We have peanuts everywhere up here," said Matt Scott, a senior who lives in the on-campus apartments.

Is it possible for us as a community to provide a safe environment for people with such a severe allergy?

Clark, the director of Health Services, explained that taking small actions like washing hands after consuming or handling peanuts, cleaning utensils used on peanuts, and

...peanuts continued on 2

Peanut allergies in a nutshell

Compiled by Tristan McCoy and Kristin Coppersmith

Sources of the allergy

- *Peanut butter
- *Arachis oil
- *Thai and Malaysian dishes
- *Satay sauce
- *Peanut oil

Hidden Sources

Worcestershire sauce, Chinese egg rolls, Curry sauces, Bakery products (has traces of peanuts), Crackers, Cakes, Vitamin tablets (peanut oil), Candy (peanut oil), Almond powder and chopped almonds, Chocolate from Poland

Common reactions of the allergy

- Hives
- Itching, especially around the mouth
- Swelling tongue
- Abdominal pain
- Flushed face
- Difficulty breathing
- Hoarseness of voice
- Cramping and nausea
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Treatment

- Avoidance
- Epinephrine—given for severe allergic reaction
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
- Corticosteroid

Statistics

- 1 in 20 children & 1 in 100 adults have an allergy to food
- Peanut allergies affect approximately 3 million adults

Anaphylaxis is the most severe allergy and is most commonly a reaction from peanuts

*Information sources:
Cynthia Condliffe, "Peanut allergy - a public health concern," Journal of Community Nursing; 21, 9; Research Library (2007): 8-16, www.allergyscape.com/peanut-allergy.html, www.foodallergy.org/anaphylaxis/index.html, www.foodallergy.org/Food.html

Be sure not to miss these games!

Go Eagles!

- Sept. 29 Women's soccer 7 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Women's volleyball 7 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Men's Soccer 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Women's volleyball 7 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Women's volleyball 7 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Men's soccer 7 p.m.

Cheer on Cross Country

- Sept. 29 in Salem, OR
- Oct. 6 in Olympia, WA
- Oct. 20 in Eagle, ID

Spreading the word on serious allergies

...peanuts continued
disposing of used peanut or peanut product containers are all good ways for students to be sensitive and aware.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls not on those without the allergy, but on those with it.

"The real world doesn't care. It is your responsibility to learn what to do. We can be helpful without going overboard, by being pro-active in a general way," added Clark.

Students are not opposed to helping a fellow peer stay safe, but are also concerned about what is going to happen next.

"I have no problem with looking out for the other people who have such a deathly allergy to this—but it's a little extreme," said Ashley Kirstein, a sophomore living in the women's dorms.

As for now, Vice president of student development, Paul Banas said that the school is "in the process of negotiating 'reasonable accommodations' for the person(s) with severe allergies." He mentioned that students should be a "good neighbor".

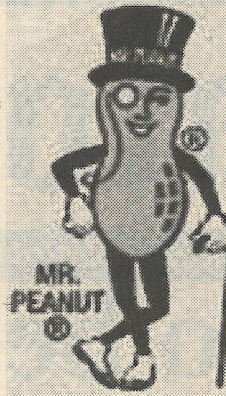
This inevitably affects the cafeteria, run by Pioneer Food Services. Will there be peanut butter in the cafeteria?

According to Banas, Stephen Lenart, Food Services Director, "has volunteered to label both peanut products and shellfish," and is also "committed to working with students and the Student Development Office to develop a food service program that meets the needs of both individual students and the greater student community."

"Northwest is not a peanut free campus," Banas added.

Inform NU Health Services

By Kristin Coppersmith
Staff Reporter



The issue of food allergies is not new to the Northwest campus. When you first enroll at Northwest, there are medical forms that have spaces where you can inform Health Services about the allergies you have.

According to Jean Clark, director of Health Services, there are students living on-campus who are allergic to wheat, gluten, shellfish, dairy and there could be more that she isn't even aware of.

If you are a student with allergies, especially severe allergies, be responsible. Go to Health Services and fill out the proper forms.

This will provide the school with accurate information on the appropriate steps to respond to your allergy, as well as any other needed medical attention.

Campus Life

NU Happenings ●●●

- Oct 3 *Small group chapel*
- Oct 4 *Academic planning commission 3 p.m.*
Readings and Reflections at 3:30 p.m.
- Oct 5 *Parents Night Out 6:30 p.m.*
- Oct 8 *Reading Day- NO SCHOOL*
- Oct 11 *Academic Affairs Committee 3 p.m.*
- Oct 12 *Northwest Friday*
- Oct 18 *Work study orientation*
- Oct 19 *Talent Show 8 p.m.*
- Oct 25 *Chamber Concert 7:30 p.m.*

Fall Intramurals Schedule Men's Football

Sept. 29	Oct. 13
200 v. Apartments 12:30 p.m.	100 v. Firs 12:30 p.m.
600 v. Off campus 1:30 p.m.	300 v. 600 1:30 p.m.
400 v. 100 2:30 p.m.	Off campus v. 200 2:30 p.m.
500 v. Firs 3:30 p.m.	400 v. 500 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	Oct. 20
100 v. 200 12:30 p.m.	100 v. 500 12:30 p.m.
300 v. 400 1:30 p.m.	Apartments v. 600 1:30 p.m.
500 v. 600 2:30 p.m.	Firs v. Off campus 2:30 p.m.
Apartments v. Off campus 3:30 p.m.	200 v. 300 3:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Jeanell Russell

LEAP P Corner Congratulations "4R06"

"4R06"'s last class with NU LEAP is on Oct. 4. They will receive a Business Management degree and walk in May 2008 with other Northwest graduates.

(From left to right) Top Row: Mark Larson, Ted Hochstatter, James Park, Rachael Moore, Valerie Pyle, Pamela Johnson, Dr. Don Doty, Rose Ericson, Ridge McCoy, Patti Hall, Charles Webb, Eric Ames, Jon Robert, and Laurie Palmer. Middle Row: Chris Straub, Ladonna Whalen, Leza Schimelpfenig, and Sherry Viray. Bottom Row: Jeanell Russell, Pamela Neschke, and Dana Bollinger.

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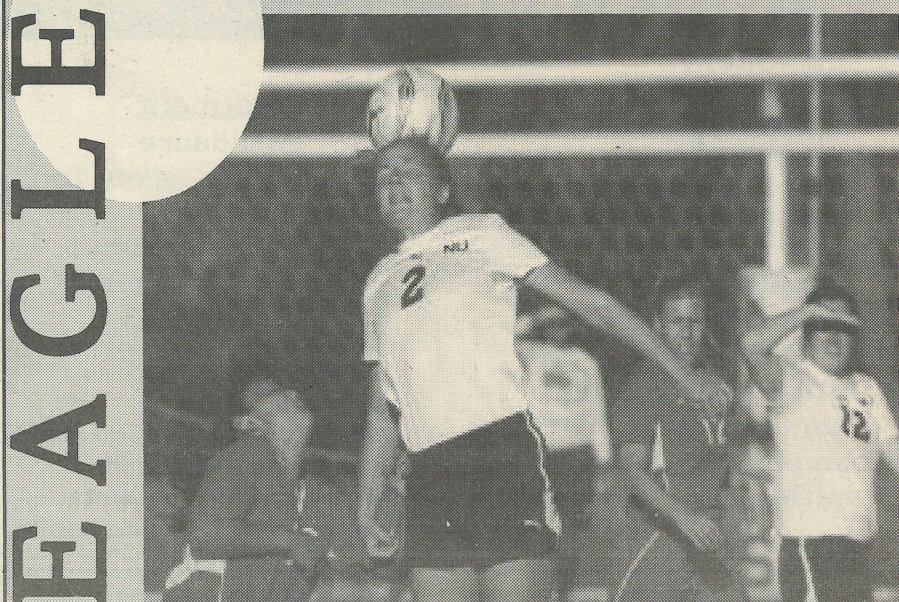


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Katie Ellis (#2) a senior, in action against Pacific University on Sept. 8.

Getting to know Northwest's "President Joe"

By Kate Dartnall
Editor in Chief

Joseph Castleberry has officially woo-ed Northwest students. He's only been apart of our community for two months, and the campus is still in shock.

First, it was at the Convocation Chapel on Aug. 29. He illustrated the need to love one another, read a twisted version of an Elizabeth Barrett Browning sonnet and then, won the rest of us over by playing Johnny Cash's "Burning Ring of Fire", all during a chapel service.

Professor Debbie Pope was glowing. The quiet guy behind me was laughing. English bright lights, Megan Young, Joe McQueen and Danielle Wiegel jolted out of their seats in applause, which led to a standing ovation.

Many students asked, "Did that just happen?"

However, if you've seen him walking around campus, you'll understand that president Dr. Joseph L. Castleberry is really a "Joe."

"I will commit to be a real person."

"I'll make mistakes and disappoint them (students) sometimes. I will even disappoint myself," he added.

"But, I will never stop trying hard to make their time here a great experience."

He considers building the experiences and futures of the student body, a "sacred task". For which, according to Castleberry, he has both the "passion and discipline" for.

During the community-life sponsored, "Fireside Chat with Dr. Castleberry" on Sept. 7, Castleberry expressed his direct interest in the student body.

Students sat in crowded circle

around the president, just as though he was going to have story time. Many curled up in an old bowing couch, sat cross-legged on the floor or leaned against a wall in the back.

When asked what his biggest struggle had been so far, he claimed that he hasn't run into many problems. However, he soon exclaimed, "I found the problem! I need to raise a boat load of money."

Besides raising funds, he mentioned there are things that could "use changing" at Northwest. "Watch me. You'll see what needs to be done."

Castleberry mentioned walking up and down the hill to classes, going to the Northwest soccer and volleyball games and stopping to listen to people.

During my interview with him in his office, he said that the student voice has been "polite, respectful and reasonable", and that "we owe it to students to hear their voices."

Castleberry hasn't forgotten what it's like to be a student.

"I loved my college years," he said.

Castleberry served as the copy editor of his student newspaper, ran for student government and even met

his wife in college.

He first met his wife in Spanish class, who was not interested in him right away. Married for 24 years now, they have three daughters: Jessica, 18, who attends Evangel University in Springfield, Miss., Jody, 16 and Sofie, 9.

Many will remember the crowd's unanimous "awe" during the Convocation Chapel, when Castleberry said "My kids shine so brightly, the sun blushes."

In a later interview, Castleberry



Photo by Kristin Coppersmith

Students listen to Dr. Joseph Castleberry tell a story about his friends in El Salvador, on Sept. 7.

leaned forward on his black leather chair and humorously said he needs four women in the house "to balance him out."

For many students to balance out, they refill on their addiction-coffee. When I asked if he and his family have bought into Seattle's coffee buzz, he laughs.

"Seattle has nothing on me when it comes to coffee!"

Castleberry got up, walked over to his shelf and brought back a brightly colored bag that read: Gourmet Coffee, "Monte Sion" a medium roast.

He actually imports what he calls, "a beautiful product" directly from his friend in El Salvador. His friends in El Salvador have taught him the "persistence, loyalty and faithfulness of God."

At the "Fireside Chat" Castleberry mentioned that he is a

"real Pentecostal". Yet, he hasn't spoken much about Pentecostalism in front of student groups at Northwest.

Since he's been in the area, he's had the opportunity to preach at a few local churches.

At the beginning of a Sept. 16 sermon, Castleberry said, "America is bewildered by Pentecostals."

His article in the winter 2005 issue of Enrichment Journal titled, "Post Pentecostalism? God Forbid" highlights the discussion of the Pentecostal Movement's declension.

Castleberry wrote, "we must pay serious attention to the renewal of the *charismata* in our worship services across the Pentecostal-charismatic movement."

Some students are curious how his Pentecostal vision will affect Northwest University. But for now, most students are excited about having Joe around.

New faculty profile: Dr. Brad Embry

By Tristan McCoy
Assistant Editor

"Would you like to listen to Bob Dylan, classical piano, Indian sitar, classic rock guitar, or John Coltrane?" asked Dr. Brad Embry, NU's latest edition to the school of ministry.

Embry's eclectic taste in music reflects his full life.

After arriving only one week before school began, he said the reception from Northwest has been great - the community is very open and willing to get to know him

Especially if you're a freshman, you already know Embry teaches Old Testament History and Literature. He also teaches Biblical Exegesis.

If you don't have a class with him, you've probably seen him walking around campus sporting a closely shaved beard, dark curly hair, and corduroy blazer.

Be sure to stop him sometime, offer to take him out to Asian cuisine, as it is his favorite; or go see a movie with Denzel Washington in it, or

maybe even an independent film. Embry is originally from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Greek and Hebrew students might want to seek him out, as he graduated from Oral Roberts with an M.A. in Biblical Studies and a concentration in Biblical Languages.

From there, Embry went to Durham University in England for his Ph.D. with a dissertation on the Songs of Solomon.

If have any maintenance issues with housing, perhaps give Embry a call; he was a carpenter for the past three years in Hawaii and could probably lend a

hand. Before that he taught at Hawaii International College and Grad. School before it shut down.

He is inspired by his son Jasper, who just turned one and wife Kori. Next July, Embry and his wife will celebrate ten years of marriage.

Aside from education and family, sports are clearly a passion of Embry's. He grew up playing baseball, and in high school he wrestled, played basketball and football.

Today, Embry enjoys running,

biking, and watching soccer, and of course playing ultimate Frisbee.

Embry's love for the Bible is evident, particularly the Old Testament. He would like to speak with Moses to ask him what it was like on Mt. Sinai. His favors the Pentateuch, as it is the "source for everything with the formation of ideas that are dealt with later."

If there were one thing Embry could reform about the church, it would be to encourage leaders to adopt a mentality of "caring for a world that doesn't care."

There is really only one word to describe Embry: passionate. He loves life, enjoys eating well, adores his family, research truly brings him pleasure, and he is excited to get to know students.

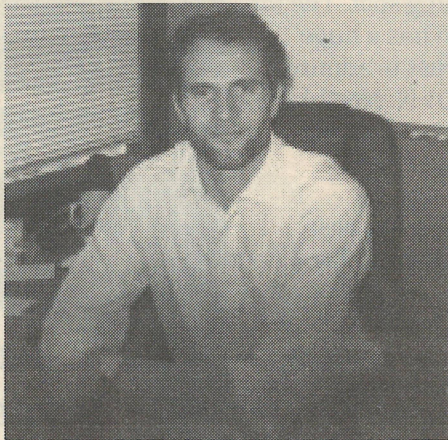


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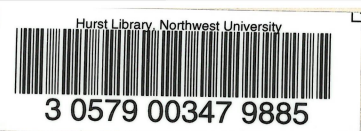
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University level

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"The Kingdom" is a wreck

By Kate Dartnall
Editor in Chief

"The Kingdom" drips of hot foreign politics, swelters with big name actors and twists the stomach with gritty camera work.

The film opens with a choppy entourage of historical data, pictures, news broadcasts and brief commentary about the relationship between Saudi Arabia, Osama Bin Ladin, the United States and today's most controversial topic, oil.

And in one silent moment, a man in the audience exclaims, "Wow. How political!"

After terrorists blow up the Gulf Oasis, a Western housing compound in Riyadh, FBI Agent Ronald Fleury, played by Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx, must learn to work with and under the supervision of Saudi police colonel Al-Ghazi, played by Ashraf Barhom.

The FBI team's first challenge is time. Fleury, explosives expert, Grant Sykes (Chris Cooper), forensics examiner Janet Mayes (Jennifer Garner) and intelligence analyst Adam Leavitt (Jason Bateman), only have five days to find the suicide bombers.

Many viewers are familiar with Foxx's previous award-winning role in "Ray", as well as Cooper's recent dramatic espionage character in "Breach" and thus, have high expectations of the present performance. Unfortunately, it seems as though their good reputations drag this action-happy plot in the desert sand behind them.

Somehow the U.S. Embassy representative, played by Jeremy Piven, pops in and claims that after a raid, they're American heroes! It's an awkward, head-scratching, rocky trip (including the jerky camera shots) to the end.

It was no surprise that Garner

provides a less-than-astounding performance. She has one overly passionate monologue about terrorism and looks annoyed anytime diplomats ask her to abide by the kingdom's cultural norms.

In comparison to the other actors, Barhom provides the most believable performance. He appears honest, hard-working and simply, a humble human being.

In fact, the only time the audience laughed together was when Barhom aggressively tells the Americans in broken English, not to speak to him like "that", do not "use that kind of language" and "someone should put soap in mouth."

The "R" rating is to blame on the language and graphic, grotesque violence.

Oddly, "The Kingdom" fails to mention its backdrop of the real 2003 suicide bombings that took the lives of over 100 oil employees living in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

It causes one to question the agenda and intentions of the film's director, Peter Berg ("Friday Night Lights"), as well as the work of screenwriter, Michael Matthew Carnahan.

The relationship between Saudi Arabia and the United States, various countries bidding for the oil in Saudi Arabia and multiple terrorist groups are all very pertinent to the film. However, the film omits these in-depth connections and viewers are left confused and frustrated from the very start.

Overall, the film recklessly presents historical events, cheats viewers from a true investigative thrill and grossly underestimates the expectations of their audience.

Rating: R
Kirkland Parkplace
1:40 p.m. 4:10 p.m. 7 p.m. 9 p.m.
Running time: 1 hr. 50 mins.

Autumn in Seattle: sites to enjoy

By Kate Dartnall
Editor in Chief

Golden Gardens:

Just down the hill from Ballard, Golden Gardens is a mini oasis of campfires and beach. Couples catch a romantic sunset walk. Families fly kites together. If you want to have a longer visit, get there early to reserve a fire pit. More than likely, you'll have visitors asking if they can join your fire or, sometimes, if it's crowded, ask when you're leaving. Be a traditional beach bum and get a buddy to bring a guitar and another to bring s'mores equipment. You won't regret it. Located at 8498 Seaview Place N.W., Seattle.

Alki Beach:

Alki Beach is a busy community that sits just across the West Seattle bridge. It features a stretch of restaurants, including Pegasus Pizza, and miles of beach to walk on. You'll get a great view of the city and experience another side of Seattle culture. Not as much grass to play on as other outdoor sites, but there are picnic tables and areas to set up volleyball games. Sunsets here are breathtaking. Don't drive there between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on weekdays. Traffic can be a monster. Located at 1702 Alki Ave. S.W., Seattle.



Photo courtesy of Austin Bennecker

Gas Works Park:

You've probably heard of it or have seen it in the film, "10 Things I Hate About You." It's the weirdest reason to have a park, but once you travel through Queen Anne, past the Fremont Troll, you'll know exactly why locals venture

Seattle brings the ROCK Faith in the Showbox

By Tristan McCoy
Assistant Editor

Welcome to the greater Seattle region! Home of active environmentalism, granola freaks, excessive doggie obsession, hippies turned yuppie, and most importantly, rock music.

Seattle and the surrounding region has generated and produced some of the best musical entrepreneurs ever. Pumping out legends like Jimi Hendrix, Nirvana, Alice In Chains, Death Cab For Cutie, Pearl Jam, Modest Mouse, all while continuing to host amazing shows leads to only one conclusion: Seattle brings the rock!

Aside from the mainstream artists, there is a wide spread of musical genius just a little out of the public's eye coming to your back door soon. Each one is worth a look as they bring new and creative sounds to an ever-emerging-you-should-know culture of indie rock.

Places To Be with Shows to See
October 2: Make sure to go see The National at The Showbox located right across the street from Pike Place Market. The National from New York brings a unique brand of country-rock and British pop/rock. The National reminds me of the final scene in the perfect day of your life where everything has turned out right. Their last album featured the elegant Sufjan Stevens on piano. If that's not enough, perhaps knowing The Showbox was founded in 1939 and has brought in heroes such as Duke Ellington, Pearl Jam, Muddy Waters, and The Ramones will be enough convincing.

October 9: Again at The Showbox; this time the more tame,

feminine voice of Missy Higgins from Down Under. Anyone influenced by Ryan Adams is OK in my book. If you like Norah Jones and Vanessa Carlton you'll love this show!

October 25: I have come to believe The Showbox hosts the best shows as this time they bring in Polyphonic Spree and Rooney who you may remember from the hit TV show "The O.C." Polyphonic Spree has been around for a while and has two-dozen, that's right, 24 people in it. It is a fun-loving band that emanates sounds from the '60s.

October 29/30: If you're going to miss any of the shows aforementioned do not, I repeat, do not miss this one! The Showbox hosts a killer lineup featuring Thrice, Mewithoutyou, and Brand New. If these names are strange and unfamiliar to you put this paper down, go to the store and purchase all that you can! Thrice is a hard-hitting fast paced band that will never let you down. Mewithoutyou is a talk-rock band that always brings the rock. Brand New is a mature music machine that is not afraid to explore new avenues and take full advantage of the quiets and louds.

Of course if you must you could always go see Hannah Montana...er...Miley Cyrus on the 29th at the Key Arena in Seattle.

Upcoming

- Oct. 2- *The National*
- Oct. 5- *Widespread Panic* @ Paramount
- Oct. 6- *Nellie McKay* @ Crocodile Café, *Trans-Siberian Orchestra* @ Key Arena
- Oct. 9- *Missy Higgins* @ The Showbox
- Oct. 11- *Jimmy Eat World* @ The Showbox
- Oct. 18- *Interpol* @ WaMu Theater
- Oct. 22- *Neil Young* @ WaMu Theater
- Oct. 21- *Dash Board Confessional* with *Josh Ritter* @ The Showbox
- Oct. 25- *Polyphonic Spree* with *Rooney* @ The Showbox

On campus art events

Artist Reception

Professor Teresa Gillespie will discuss her art journals.

Oct. 3 @ 3:30 p.m.
D.V. Hurst Library Conference Center

Some even choose to navigate directly through the path of larger boats heading into Lake Washington. What a thrill! Located at Husky Stadium on Montlake Boulevard and Pacific Avenue Northeast, Seattle. Open from 10 a.m. until dusk.