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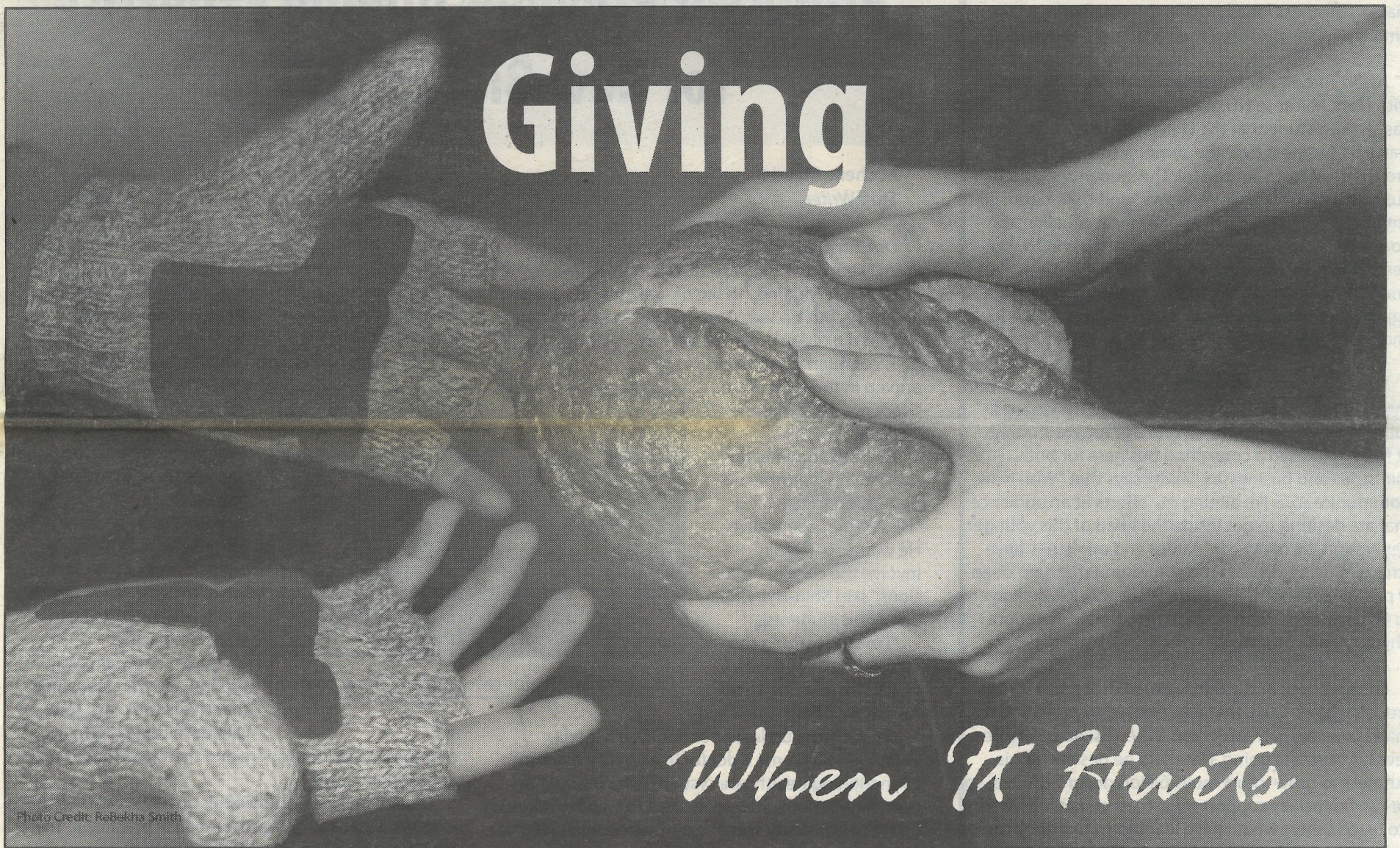


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## Despite The Economic Slump, Northwest University Sees Record Numbers in Giving

### RWANDA BENEFIT

Lindsey Cressey  
Editor-In-Chief

Northwest business students hosted an upscale benefit that raised a record-breaking \$22,000 for Rwandan refugees, despite the downturn in the economy that many charities around the nation are feeling.

"This was the largest student initiated fundraising effort, as far as the school of business goes," said John Bacon, NU marketing professor.

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### UNIVERSITY RECIEVES GIFT

Lindsey Cressey  
Editor-in-Chief

Northwest University received a million-dollar gift earlier this month, in the form of cash and real estate, to be used toward student scholarships and HSC repayment.

During a lunch meeting with the President and other University personnel, the donors discussed the blessing of God on their lives along with how God has used Northwest in the western region. The gift originally came about 18 months ago in the form of an unsolicited pledge. Former President Don Argue and now President Joseph Castleberry have been working with the donors to nail down details and make their pledge a reality.

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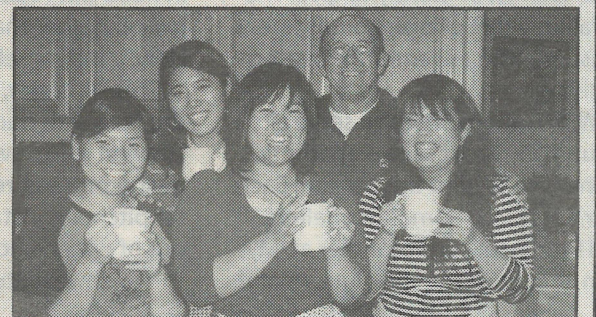
### THANKSGIVING INVITATION

Kirsten Phillips  
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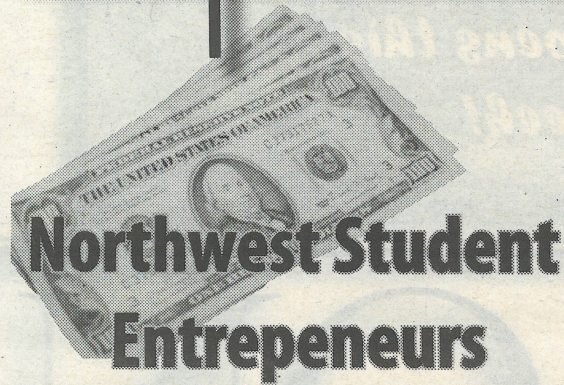
Two Northwest University professors will continue their decade-long tradition of giving to students by opening their home on Thanksgiving.

Professors John and Sheron Mohan began serving Thanksgiving dinner when they first bought their home 10 years ago.

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## Enrollment Highest Ever at NU



### Northwest Student Entrepreneurs

Mallory McDonald  
Guest Writer

Yo "MAMA." Though it sounds like the beginning of a monotonous joke involving mother-bashing in comic form, it's far from it. It's one of our very own Professor John Mohan's acronyms created to encourage and remember successful business tactics. (MAMA= Message, Audience, Media, Assessment) Young student entrepreneurs at Northwest University are making business ideas work in the real world, while simultaneously pursuing their academic endeavors.

Justin Turner, a NU undergraduate student, along with Mark Milton, a NU graduate student, and JD Rastovski, a student at the University of Washington started a business over the summer that has already proven itself to be successful. The students started a business called "Details Windows," and their target clientele range from large corporations to smaller storefronts- basically any operation with a big window in need of a good cleaning. The goal of the business (and one that is already being met) is to continue increasing the amount of contracts between Details Windows and businesses to guarantee continued business.

"Now Communications"" business cards are hot off the press, and the business itself has hit the ground running. Brandon Shultz, an undergraduate student at NU, has started a consulting business for both ministries and businesses. Shultz says that "With Now Communications I'm aiming my efforts at an audience that are desiring to get inside the head of this younger generation. So many companies and ministries have struggled with this, and it is something that I am deeply passionate about." His current clients include Power to Change, More than Gold, m.macdonald photography, and Papa Murphy's.

Entrepreneur and student Nate Pecota, has started Precision Lawn Care, that was created to provide just that- lawn care with precision. When asked where he sees his business going, Nate said he desires for his business to grow into a multi-billion dollar business, so he can financially support ministries, create jobs, and "to teach others what I have learned so that they can be successful as well." He also says, "The most important thing in business or in life in general is to put God first. That's more important than any business tactic because with God anything is possible."



Michelle Meade  
Staff Writer

A record-breaking 1,290 students enrolled at Northwest this fall.

The university merged with Salem Bible College this year, adding 44 more students in an otherwise financially difficult year.

The three new master's programs on campus contributed to the graduate numbers, which jumped from 120 last year to 176 this year. The LEAP program, however, dropped from 178 to 156 students.

Northwest still did not meet enrollment projections, which would have exceeded 1,300 students, Executive Vice President Dan Neary said.

Although the overall numbers are high, traditional enrollment actually decreased by 58 students. Last year, 898 traditional undergraduate students enrolled. This year, there were only 840.

## Professor Provides Unique Expertise for New Biology Major

Michelle Meade  
Staff Writer

Dr. Christian Okafor knows a little about detours. From Nigeria to Kirkland, with detours in Sweden and an ice-hockey game, his life has taken a few twists and turns, but he sees God's providence all the way. Now as a biology professor at Northwest University, he is confident that he has arrived in the right place. "Northwest is a miracle," he said.

Okafor's students appreciate his warmth and dedication to teaching. "His lectures seem alive. He wants to actually involve the class in discussions," said Shin-Hye Choo, one of his students.

"I'm still learning the culture," he added with a smile. "I'm learning to tell American jokes!"

Okafor grew up in a poor family in Nigeria, studying to become a doctor in a county without a functioning healthcare system. After graduating from high school, though, he had to watch his friends go off to university without him: he couldn't afford to join them until after his brother had completed medical school.

Six years later, he had earned the needed funds, but he did not want to spend another six years in medical school before he could move on with his life. To add confusion, that very year his school changed its requirements for his chosen major, chemistry. He

no longer qualified for any major except zoology.

He decided to accept this change of plans and study zoology at the University of Ibadan. He went on to get his Ph.D, specializing in immunology, and work with the World Health Organization in Nigeria. After researching tuberculosis for a year in Sweden, he finally ended up at the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute, focusing on malaria.

One night, he attended an ice hockey game with a friend from church. There he met NU Professor Daniel Graetzer, who realized that Okafor's training fit the open position in the biology program.

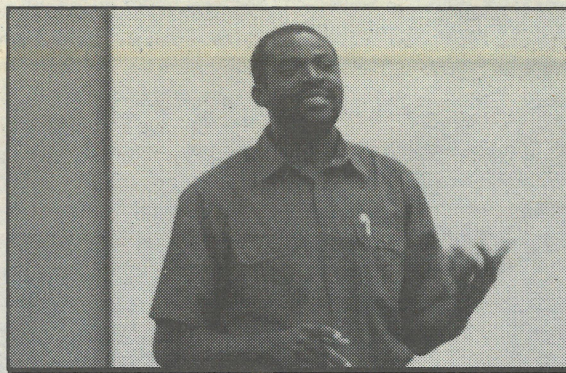
With a new pre-med program at Northwest, the biology program is expanding to include cell biology and biochemistry, Okafor's area of expertise.

"After prayer and waiting on God, we were convinced that this is the place to be," Okafor said. He loves the

openness of students here and their freedom to talk about their faith.

Okafor speaks proudly of his "lovely wife" Olubukola, who plans to get into a medical practice in the area. They have two sons: Chisom, who is almost five, and Chimaroake, who is less than two months old.

This fall Okafor is teaching Principles of Biology, Genetics and Society, and General Biology I.



Dr. Christian Okafor teaching a biology course

## A Letter From the Editor

Lindsey Cressey  
Editor-in-Chief

My rent bill, car payment and to do list remain in the same place they were last week.

As I plop on my couch, I sincerely consider quitting. I cannot do this anymore. I have no more time, energy, or money to give. The spiraling effect of over commitment consumes me as I enter the season of giving.

With opportunities to serve all around, my heart seems apathetic to the giving spirit this season. Each year, I research homeless shelters and food banks to volunteer at. My plan of action? I am resolute, that if

I just keep pushing and believing, I will somehow make the day 27 hours long.

Thanksgiving is a season where gratitude and selflessness blanket our homes. Growing up in a Christian home, I was taught Thanksgiving was time to give to those in need but I subconsciously held myself higher than those I served. Now, I find myself in need.

This semester, God slapped me in the face with humility and graciously allowed me to swap places in the giving process, reminding me; a water pitcher constantly poured, runs out of water if not refilled.

Northwest Students have, again,

outdone expectations for financial giving. And many of you are experiencing the joy of selfless giving, but for the first time during Thanksgiving, I find myself grateful for this season. And thankful to you, Northwest's community, for your unwavering determination to give: a hug, a meal, a prayer.

For those of us struggling to survive this season, I challenge our pride as givers to receive the restoration that the body of Christ encapsulates.

I challenge us to humbly receive blessings, so we may comprehend the magnitude of giving. And when our nudge comes, bless others.

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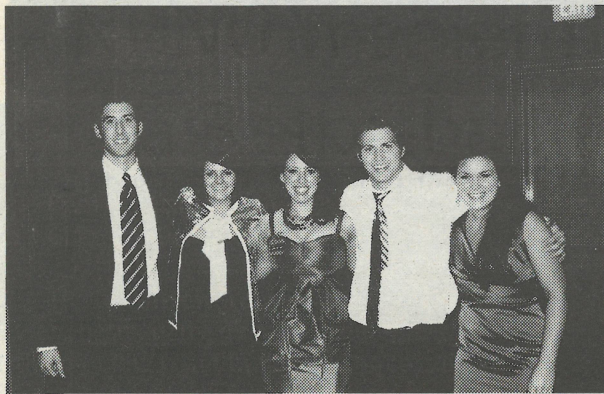


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## BUSINESS STUDENTS RAISE \$22,000 FOR RWANDA



NU Students at the Benefit



Marketing Theory Class



Professor John Bacon at Itafari Benefit

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Twenty-seven students from Bacon's marketing theory class carried out the "gala event," held at the Grand Ballroom in the Bellevue Hyatt on November 7, 2008.

"It took me a while to volunteer," said Sandra Richards, one of two agency coordinators for the event. "I wasn't sure if I wanted to do it. I thought, 'it's a lot of time commitment and a lot of responsibility.' I wasn't sure if I was up for it. But then I really felt God was calling me to do it. To step up and try it out."

Richards and Ryan Sample jointly coordinated the entire project and worked with a team of other student managers for last 10 weeks.

"All the details of the event were up to us to complete," said Megan Douglas, a campaign manager for the event.

Bacon encouraged the students to make all of the major decisions for the project.

"I acted as a consultant, but they were the ones actually executing the event. I am hesitant to event take credit for anything other than they fact they happen to be in my class. They did an amazing job," he said.

Douglas explained that hours of tedious work went into planning this event. Her team picked a venue, decided on decorations, figured out a name for the event, found a speaker and provided entertainment.

"When they told me it was going to be at the Grad Ballroom at the Bellevue Hyatt, I was a little bit taken back. I wasn't sure it was going to work. But they were passionate and I coached them through it," Bacon said.

The business students had no money to start with and had to raise all of the funds. Laura Lapresto, negotiated the Ballroom price from \$13, 500 to \$4,000.

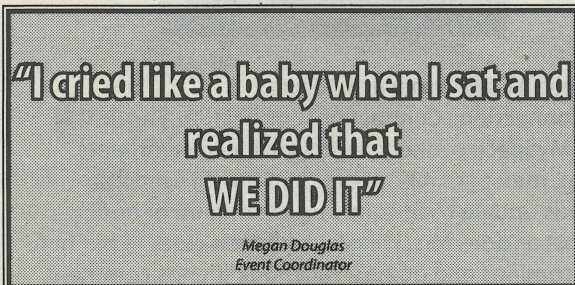
The team's biggest challenge was coordination and keeping track of all progress within the various teams.

"Hours and hours of hard and stressful work went into this event. We started from scratch and brainstormed ideas for the event and did everything we needed to execute it," Douglas stated.

On the night of the event, 116 guests were seated in the ballroom at the Bellevue Hyatt, where Victoria Trabosh,

President of the Itafari foundation, "won the audience with her captivating compassion for the people of Rwanda," Douglas said.

The bands Celestrio and Maya Solei played for the event. Guests enjoyed a sit down dinner with a key speaker, and a silent auction where 30 items were bid on. Items consisted of a Hank Aaron signed baseball, tanning



certificates, Seahawks tickets, car detailing, artwork and photography. A raffle was also held for an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas and, by the end of the night, raffle tickets for the trip were sold out.

The highest bid items were an autographed Hank Aaron baseball and a Rolls Royce interior and exterior car detail.

"The Itafari silent auction was a tremendous success. I could not have asked for a better team of hardworking individuals who enthusiastically met each and every challenge presented before them," stated Garrett Butler, who jointly coordinated the auction with Kyle Wall.

Bacon explained that when the silent auction closed, the students had made over \$5,000, and then an anonymous donor wrote a check for a single donation of \$5,000.

"It just kept getting bigger from there," Bacon commented.

"It was great to see our guests for the evening give large amounts of money that generally out-value the various gifts and services, because they want to partake in an

overall greater cause," said student coordinator Kyle Wall.

Bacon met Trabosh over the summer and said he became extremely intrigued with her foundation.

"When I got to find out about her organization, why she was doing what she was doing and how well-managed and focused they were, I knew it was an organization I needed to get involved with," he said.

Bacon explained that the past two years, marketing students worked with a third party to conduct marketing campaigns, yet these were for-profit organizations. He believed there were problems with this strategy so he decided to change course this year.

"We decided to take the same model and find a company that was a better fit with what the university stood for," Bacon said.

The Itafari Foundation is a non-religious based organization, and even though Victoria Trabosh is a Christian, this declaration allows the organization to reach places in Rwanda religious restriction would normally prohibit.

Itafari is a Kinyarmandan word for brick. The Itafari foundation works to restore the genocide in Rwanda by allowing suffering women and children optimism through financial and social enhancements.

"The people are broken and Itafari helps give hope to people throughout the country," Douglas said.

The foundation allows people to buy bricks as donations. They can also buy goats for households that children lead. The organization coordinates child sponsorships and micro-loans. More information on the Itafari foundation can be found at Itafari.org.

"This special event empowered lives and shaped culture. I am inspired and encouraged to see Northwest University get involved in global issues," said Northwest Alumni Todd Philipi, who was the master of ceremony.

The event ran smoothly and was an incredible success, according to Megan Douglas.

"I was blown away by how successful our event was. We raised more than we could have imagined for Itafari," she said. "I cried like a baby when I sat and realized that WE DID IT."

### Professor John Mohan Extends His Home to Students For Thanksgiving

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They have extended the invitation to all students who don't have a place to go over the Thanksgiving break.

The Mohans take pride in being able to extend this invitation to all students. "As long as one person gets fed, it is successful," said Mohan.

They extend this hospitality because they are called to be servants. "The Lord put us here to be servants and this is His house and this is a place of service where we try to serve other students," said Mohan, "There is a lot of fun in helping other people."

One of the best parts about this experience is being able to see students relax so much that they fall asleep after dinner, said Mohan.

They serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, and pumpkin pie. After dinner they chat, watch movies, and play games. Mr. Mohan talked about a giant ping pong game that they do every year.

However, one the most popular things to do is just sit around and get to know each

other. Mohan said that most people who come don't know each other or even know the Mohans.

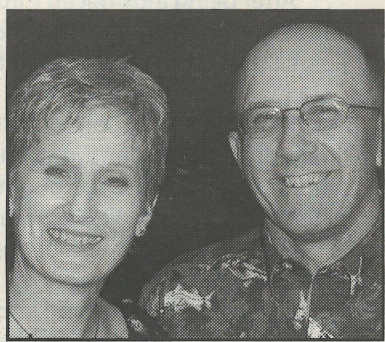
Lifelong friendships are made through this event. "They become our adult friends," said the Mohans. The Mohans talked about a man named Sam who came one year and they have been friends ever since. Sam even invited them to his wedding.

The house is located just five steps off campus. There is a cement path just east of the last duplex up the hill and north of the maintenance building that leads to their back gate. Signs will point the way. The address is 5907 111th Place NE.

Call 425-822-0882 or email them at [jsjmohan@gmail.com](mailto:jsjmohan@gmail.com) a few days

ahead of time to let them know that you are coming.

Please arrive at 1:30p.m. The meal is served at 2:00p.m. You may eat and run or you can stay awhile to play games or watch a movie. They ask that you don't wear sweats. The only thing you need to bring is yourself and a friend.



Professors Sheron and John Mohan

### University Receives Million Dollar Gift

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"We are now working on the transfer of property, which will then be followed by marketing the property so that the projects can be funded. There are several details to handle, but it appears that we are on track," said Dan Neary, Executive Vice President

Neary explained that the donors, from the very beginning, wanted to be involved with the HSC. Even more, they wanted to make a lasting impact on the students at Northwest through a new scholarship fund.

"I clearly remember receiving word of the pledge since, just days before, the University received our first \$1 million check with the donors stated desire that their gift would encourage other gifts," stated Neary.

A Northwest News letter, regarding the donations, stated that the gift will be applied to the HSC (\$500,000) and to scholarships (mostly in the form of an endowed scholarship fund).

"This spectacular gift, coming from the family of a member of our first graduating class, is a powerful reminder of our heritage and of our responsibility to be faithful to the spiritual vision of our founders. It is proof again that Northwest University is a multigenerational community with a valued past and a wonderful future," President Castleberry said, in response to the gift.

Dan Neary wanted to remind students that, "they could not benefit from our excellent campus, nor our financial aid programs, without the faithful support of donors; these alums believe in today's students. And second, it reminds students that they will soon be alums, joining the ranks of those who will need to step up and support the next generation of NU students."

# NU News

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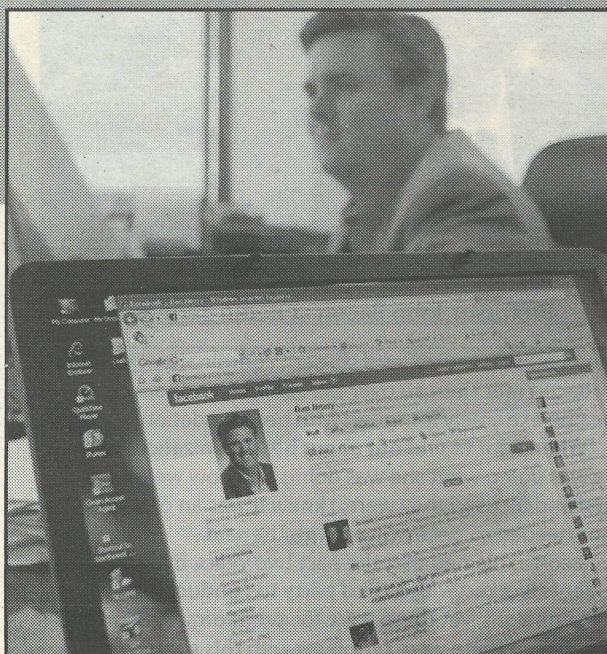
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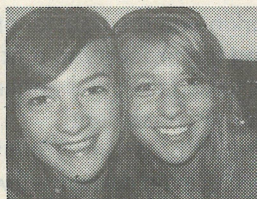
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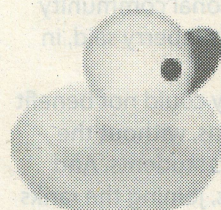


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### Gifts

2 gifts

Give a Gift



From: Joseph  
Castleberry



From: Kara  
Heinrichs

Northwest University is obsessed with facebook. *On Monday clear*

Wall | Info | Photos | Box

What are you doing right now?

Today

Wall Post



Julia Young wrote at 3:56 p.m.

Connection. Connection. Connection. Facebook and MySpace connect us worldwide in comments, blogs, messages, photos, and "friends." Facebook friends update their status by the minute or hour, almost as does Mrs. Weasley's kitchen clock re her family's comings and goings. Facebook friends comment on one another's walls and photos, superpoke, and even sell trees to end global warming.

"Friends" routinely check these online accounts. For instance, I just read that Waldemar Kowalski is enjoying that extra hour by working on a syllabus for a new class in Credal History, but Debbie Pope has just rolled out of bed to grade all those papers she didn't pick up once while in Chattanooga. Nathan Austin is in the library, again, and Jessica Pillay notes that she is the 355,404th person to join Facebook's Election Rally. Arnold Arnan is using Google docs and really prefers them over Microsoft.

Connection. Rebekha Smith asked me to examine the value of these "social utilities," so I listed questions in MySpace: Do you blog? About what? Do you typically read others' blogs? What are your rules about accepting "friends"?

Then, the pesky time question: does "site" time damage your grades, your job production, your actual face-to-face relationships?

Next, the writer's question: does blogging strengthen your writing styles and skills? How?

Finally, which site do you prefer? Do ads in either site distract you?

From those who responded, I have learned that most blog to share about their lives, struggles, faith, work, and experiences. All enjoy commenting on

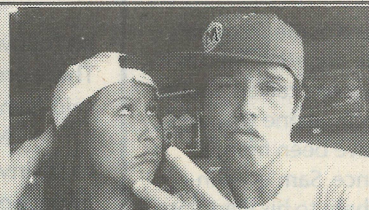
blogs. No one accepts friendship with unknown people because, as Martha Diede puts it, "It's too dangerous." Some spend a few minutes, daily, reading each site; others, hours. Yes, sometimes this site time detracts from their studies and work. Few admit noticing the tantalizing ads except to find them "annoying." Many find Facebook easier to maneuver than MySpace. Most argue that blogging can, indeed, help improve their writing styles and skills. As Virginia Eddy Dulaney (NU '98), a stay-at-home-mom these days, puts it, "Knowing that people out there actually VOLUNTARILY read something I write is a dream come true and fuels me to write more than has anything previously in my life. Before MySpace blogs, in particular (I blog in another venue, but just started), I had only two or three willing victims, but no one who challenged me. But knowing that someone expects me to write (even an audience of one) spurs me to write more often. Reading the blogs of others who are better writers inspires me as well."

The value of these popular sites? Connection. The danger? Connection ... with the wrong people. Enemy time. So, this value question again proves Pogo's truism: "We have seen the enemy and he is us."

Still, I'm certain God blogs ... connects ... in the crimsons, burnt ochres and siennas, and cadmium yellows, oranges, and greens under a cerulean blue sky of fall days. In roaring thunders and woods and forest glades. In summer sunshine, children's' laughter, in a kiss, a song, a poem, a dance, a play. God blogs in friendships, safe travel, and science; in worship and chapel as in whistling, whittling, and speed walking. God even texts: have you seen those camels and ponies and flowers and "whatnots" in the sky? So?! And those cirrus clouds that speak poetry in more meter than the mind can make?

Some believe God blogs in famine, disease, destruction, death. It's more likely that something happened in Eden one fine fall day under that cerulean blue sky, and nothing has been the same since. God didn't cause it; we did.

Blog on, my friends! Catch you later online!



LindseyCressey wrote at 7:13 p.m.

We all know online dating exists, but does it exist at NU? Of course it does! Whether we admit it or not, Facebook is a crucial online tool for flirting and mingling among students.

The power of this page contains a bittersweet social network that can make or break friendships. Online invitations are posted, like Brandon Shultz and Travis Lindseth's 70's dance party or Alex Croutworst and Tyler Hart's Hawaiian Luau. Birthday parties, concert announcements, and casual hangouts are communicated via Facebook.

But Facebook is extending beyond our generation. Professors and faculty have now joined the Facebook network. President Castleberry and Dan Neary both enjoy the Facebook website.

"When I found out that Dr. Wood makes time for Facebook in order to hear from younger members of the A/G, I felt like it was a pretty great idea. If he's not too busy, then neither am I. I'm glad I joined. It's a

fabulous networking tool, and lots of fun," said President Castleberry.

Facebook served as a crucial element to the relationship between Olivia Moormier and Southwestern A/G University student, Micah Rice.

After being introduced through a mutual friend, Rice was hooked. "Our first Facebook chat was pretty nonchalant, but I KNEW I had to talk to her again," he said.

Moormier's reaction to the meeting was similar. "We randomly talked one night, and before I knew it, four hours had gone by... I thought I would never talk to him ever again. Looks like I was wrong."

After days and weeks of chatting through Facebook, the relationship evolved.

"I found myself rushing home to my computer to check to see if I had a message in my inbox... I felt like a huge nerd but it was worth it. Normally I make fun of people who spend their entire day on their computer... I never thought I would become one of them," Moormier stated.

"I could not wait to end my day at home with the hopes of her being online," Rice added.

Though online relationships may not be as common at Northwest, this one proves a success.

But online mingling can have a downfall.

"I may have carpal tunnel because of this relationship," ended Micah Rice with a smile.

## November's Feartured Artist: ADELE



### A Soul Sensation Music Review of Adele

Rachael Harris  
Staff Writer

When you find yourself in a mellow mood, in need of a passion fix, think Adele. The pop star, fresh from the streets of London, offers a smooth tone edged with a hint of sass. In other words, her music doubles as a soulful motivator.

Officially listed on her Myspace page as soul/acoustic/pop, her style draws from several jukebox neighbors: the vocal range of Regina Spektor, soothing jazz baseline of Norah Jones, fervor of Etta James, and spunk of Amy Winehouse. But it is the combination of these, plus the fact that she masters diversity under a single genre, that makes her album, 19, a frequent repeat on your iPod.

Adele's path to fame began on Myspace, where a record company discovered a demo posted by her friend. Her success has only grown since then. Recently, her song "Home" was featured in a lyrical duo on "Dancing with the Stars," and "Chasing Pavements" hit a peak of #2 on the UK charts this year. She also attempted to win Americans over with a performance on Saturday Night Live, but she has not seen success parallel to that in her hometown.

Fans can look forward to her next album, which she plans to begin writing this month. Until her second record debut, you can catch her on tour in the states this January. Specifically, she will visit Neumos Crystal Ball Reading Room in Seattle on January 26, 2009, for a 7pm showing. Adele has characterized herself as the modern Ella Fitzgerald in my mind. What will she be to you?

### A Break Down of November's Music Scene

Tristan McCoy  
Guest Writer

November marks the first annual Beatles month at my apartment. The Beatles have been playing non-stop. We've been growing mustaches in Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band fashion and will continue our flight to collect every one of their albums on vinyl.

Why? The Beatles transformed music itself with a little single called

"Help." How? By using words with more than one or two syllables. The Beatles set the stage for a maturity in music and lyrics that are still enjoyed today.

The end of November and start of December will require some stops into the historical reformation of music caused by The Beatles. This will allow us to take part of something downstream from what The Beatles started and examine some important local music.



NOV 22: There's a picture of local band, Minus the Bear, next to the definition of indie rock in the dictionary. Minus the Bear is a full-package deal, with intricate catchy guitar riffs, melodies, and unexpected time changes that keep your ears on the edge of their seat. Minus the Bear is positively abstract and Showbox at the Market is fitting for this aloof, yet polished, band. Minus the Bear blends a less lazy version of David Bazan's vocals with a diverse range of music, pulling from disco sounds to guitar riffs, sounding like Coheed and Cambria.

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*friday night*  
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**headling: Kyle Turver & Josh Phillips**  
**featuring: christmas classics**  
and several originals...

**prizes for the best costumes!!**  
come as Santa, an elf, or in your most ridiculous christmas outfit!

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### Aerie Concert Series adds Life to NU's Artistic Community

John Leckenby  
Guest Writer

Singer-songwriters at Northwest University now have the chance to perform their original songs on campus. Better yet, their performances will be publicized to those that would be potential listeners on campus.

"The idea started with wanting to expand chapel musically," said Warren Kinser, whose role at NU is talent development. "I was talking with Dawn Williams, who heads up the Aerie, and we were on the same page about opening up the Aerie as a place to have music."

The Aerie has held musical performances by students and alumni sporadically over the past years. These shows were advertised by the artist alone, resulting in little emphasis on the shows within the student community.

Kinser hopes that by having Aerie concerts more organized and publicized as part of an official concert series, the shows will draw more people and give opportunity to students that are more performance oriented to exercise their gifts. The Aerie concert series has already held two concerts this year, with many more to come.

"It's a movement to incorporate a different portion of campus and to engage them in their talents," said Kinser.

Kyle Turver, a graduate student in Theology and Culture at NU, is the assistant coordinator of the Aerie and works closely with Kinser on booking talent.

"The Aerie as a venue is going to not only provide an avenue for a lot of the people at NU who write songs," said Turver, "we also hope it will help build more of a community on campus," he said. Many artists from the university take part in worship during the chapel services, but performances of music by individual students and student-led bands as purely an art form alone has been largely

overlooked.

The criteria for who is added to the performance roster in the Aerie is simple, "They have to be good," said Kinser matter-of-factly. Regarding style and genre, he suggested that since the coffee shop is the main venue at this point, usually a more stripped down acoustic style would be the most fitting.

"A lot of the artists performing are more acoustic, indie, basically more mellow. I'd like to incorporate any and all types of music eventually and expand to bigger venues and bigger bands," he said.

Josh Phillips, a junior at NU, kicked off the Aerie concert series in September with a stellar set-list reminiscent of Death Cab, Iron and Wine, and his own unique songwriting and performance style. "It's a great opportunity for artists to participate," said Phillips. "It's great because in addition to the performances, it moves into the realm of community as it draws people together."

Phillips had nothing but thumbs-up for the venue's atmosphere and the audience. "The Aerie's a great place to play, because it has a different vibe than most shops and venues," he said. "It's a rare opportunity to have your music be the center of attention, and it's important to have the support of the students in taking part with their attendance for events like this," he said.

"There's enough talent at NU to make this little artistic and general student community thrive," said Phillips.

Kinser sees the value of both worship and music within the performing arts. When it comes to purpose, he summarized what he sees as the calling of every artist.

"I think the ultimate ministry is just to love people," said Kinser. "Just meet new people and love them, whatever that looks like. For me, that's music."

## Calendar of Events

### Comedy Improv:

The Historic University  
Theatre: Home to Comedy

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Market Theatre

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### Theatre Shows:

#### THE CHRISTMAS FOUNDLING

Nov. 27-Dec 27 @ Taproot Theatre. \$10

#### NUTCRACKER

Nov 28-Dec 30 @ McCaw Hall  
Prices Vary

### Concerts:

#### MINUS THE BEAR

Nov. 22 @ Showbox at the Market.

\$20 at the door

#### THE DECEMBERISTS

Nov. 30 @ The Moore Theatre.

\$33 at the door

#### OURS

Dec. 2 @ Chop Suey

\$18 at the door

#### DECK THE HALL BALL

Dec. 9 @ WaMu Theatre

\$42.50

#### THE CAVE SINGERS

Dec. 11 @ Nuemos

\$12 and 21+

#### POLICE TEETH

Dec. 12 @ Comet Theatre

#### THE FALL OF TROY

Dec. 14 @ Hells Kitchen (Tacoma)

\$12 at the door

#### NOAH AND THE WHALE

Dec. 16 @ Chop Suey

\$12 and 21+

# Community

## EAGLE EYE: A LOOK AT PDA

Rachael Harris  
Staff Writer

James Kerr had only intended to witness the NU volleyball team defeat Southern Oregon University. Somehow, though, en route to the Pavilion the NU freshman fell victim to another, less desirable show. "A couple was making out on the Green," he explained, "They were lying on top of each other." The love-drenched couple appeared oblivious to the rest of reality, including Kerr, who quickly progressed to the volleyball game.

Similar instances of affection, also fondly known as P.D.A.—or Public Display of Affection—are littering the campus of NU faster than the autumn foliage. Ceres Sabino, a sophomore, recounted another experience at the Hurst Library. One particularly chilly evening, a couple reportedly found the urge to snuggle up on the library lounge couches uncontainable. "I was surprised they were so blatant," Sabino said, who was among the library staff burdened with the task of confronting the lip-locked couple. "People actually try to hide in the corners of the second floor or between aisles," she continued, "but there are people studying in desks everywhere."

Dousing steamy exhibitions of love has jumped to the forefront of NU students' agendas. In a recent town hall style chapel, students asked NU vice presidents about their plans to remedy the increasing instances of P.D.A.

"I think social pressure—peer pressure—is the only true solution to that [P.D.A.]," Jim Heugel, NU Provost, responded, then added half-jokingly, "and if that doesn't work . . . we could issue citation books from the Provost's office . . ."

"If you are bothered by that, tell your friends to stop it," Vice-President of Student Development Paul Banas added.

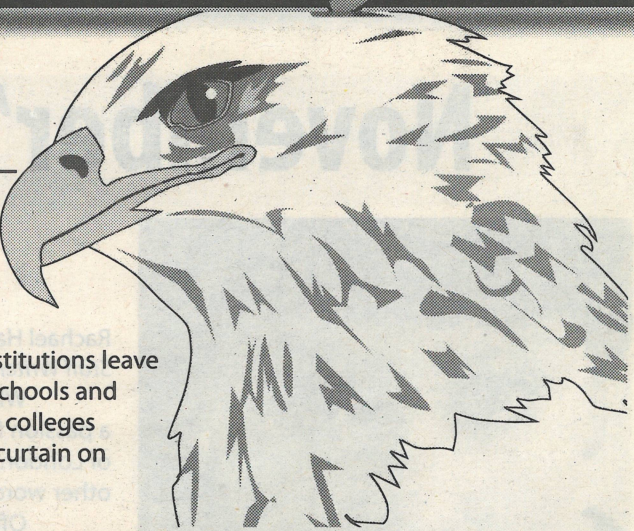
If a 1,000 watt spotlight is enough pressure to break up lap-layering couples, then Nathan Murphy's solution to P.D.A. is tried-and-true.

"There was a couple outside the dorms . . . and they were embracing each other in a very awkward position," Murphy said, "So, I grabbed my buddy's spotlight and flashed it out the window . . . shined it right on 'em. They looked up, but they couldn't see me, of course, because the light was so bright, and we said 'P.D.A. patrol!' and they broke up and walked away."

Other than peer regulation, Northwest has no official policies for controlling P.D.A.

Generally, college level institutions leave such formal rules to middle schools and high schools. However, some colleges are taking steps to close the curtain on exhibitionist couples.

Ohio Christian University, for example,

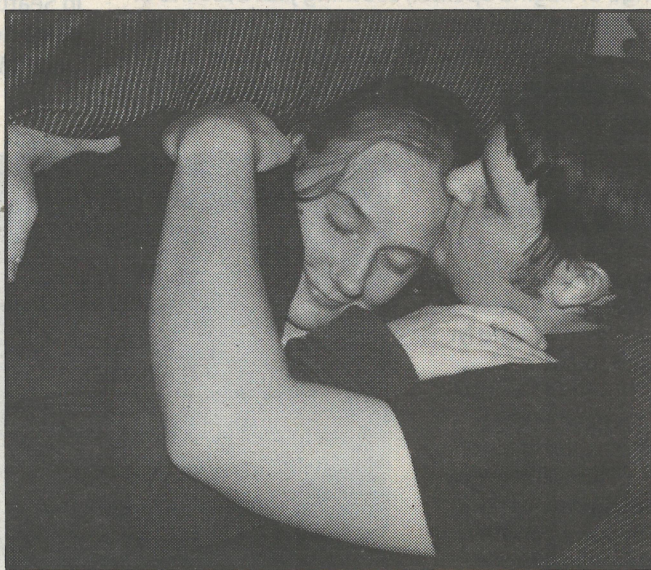


forbids students from any public physical contact beyond holding hands. Behaviors considered inappropriate include, "excessive body contact, lying with one's head in the lap of another, sitting on the lap of someone of the opposite sex, petting to any degree, etc.," says the school's community handbook.

Boston College, a private, Jesuit university, maintains an even stricter standard for couples, prohibiting, "kissing, pecking, cuddling, canoodling, petting, caressing, hugging, holding, groping, pecking, necking, licking, sitting on another's lap, hand-holding, and any other behavior deemed inappropriate." To ensure that people abide by this standard, the school has established a PDA Monitors Association, recognizable by their pink armbands and thick stack of red infraction slips. Three strikes and you've earned yourself "a meeting with a member of University Counseling Services for couples' therapy."

NU Sociology Professor Chuck Kinman believes that balance is necessary when considering P.D.A. "One side is saying the boundary is too tight – that it's healthy to show affection. The other group is saying, 'You start here, it may lead to something else.'"

So, where will NU fall on the P.D.A. spectrum? What do we deem inappropriate? With no clear-cut codes for behavior in the future, it's up to us individuals to monitor our behavior. We all lie on different spots of the spectrum, and some of us are blinded by love, so rather than cite the classic line, "Would you do that in front of your grandmother?" I call all of us to weigh whether Christ would condone our behavior as healthy or unhealthy. Will our actions keep us focused on Him, or will they cause us – and others – to drift from our One True Love?



Rick Snyder and Martha Tracey embrace on a campus couch

## Let's Be Honest: How Do You Feel about PDA at NU?

"People know the standards for a Christian atmosphere, like NU, but they try to see how much they can get away with. I don't think that should be our mindset."

-Crystal Wiens (Senior)

"I don't know that it is necessarily anyone's job to police them [PDA participants]. It's on someone's own time to realize that they're being stupid. I think that as adults . . . we shouldn't have to be told, 'Don't do that,' unless we're in like a chapel setting."

-Zac Calvo (Junior)

"If I'm walking into the Caf for breakfast, and I see two people making out in the corner - that gets to be too much. I just wanted a waffle!!"

-Joe Gannon (Freshman)

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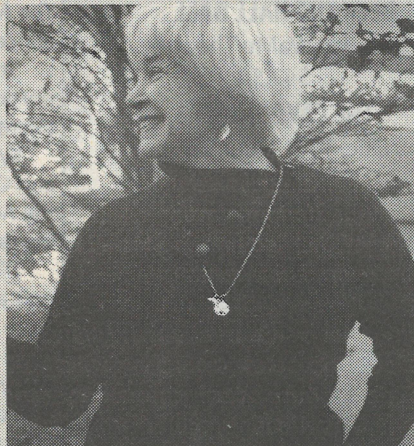
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Faculty Q&A:

Which professor won the dance competition at her high school reunion?

**Answer: Julia Young**

She can shake it like a polaroid picture



## Ask Abby

Dear Abby,

I just walked into my room for the third time today to change my jeans. My biggest pet-peeve is the bottom of my jeans weighing me down with rain water. Slopping around to and from class, this constant mist is really starting to get to me. How do I keep from being dragged into a Seattle winter-time depression?

Sincerely,  
Debbie Downer

Dear Debbie Downer,

The rain in this area can dictate our attitudes, not to mention clothes. There is something about the turn from fall to a supposed winter in Seattle that changes moods all across campus.

But not today Debbie, not today.

The Seattle PI ran an article about the rain in Seattle and labeled it more as a blessing than a burden. My favorite quote said, "No true Seattleite owns an umbrella, it's a local badge of pride." And that attitude is what we should adopt.

Luckily, our rain is more of a light drizzle than a downpour, allowing almost all activities to continue as planned. Here are a few helpful hints to surviving the rain:

1.) First, wear colorful clothes. Yep, those racks of rain boots at Target are just waiting to comfort those cold, little toesies of yours. They attract the eye, and they protect your sevens/joes/true religions from the rain. Actually, just bring color in wherever you can. Decorate your bathroom stall with sun rays and blue skies, like Perks 300 did in '06. It may be psychological, but it works for me.

2.) Dance in the rain. Have you ever heard the motto, "If ya can't beat em', join em'?" Dancing brings you back to the innocence of a child. A child who couldn't care less about getting wet if it meant a killer puddle jump! And it gets you moving, which brings me to my next point...

3.) Go for a walk, bike ride, run, whatever floats your boat. On that thought, build a boat! Have a hall boat race. Laugh and giggle while running after your 6-inch paper yacht. Creative ideas to get your blood going create endorphins. Legally Blonde states, "Endorphins make you happy. Happy people just don't shoot their husbands." So if you're feeling at wit's end and that negative energy begins to creep up on you, listen to DJ Unk and just walk it out.

Your response to the rain may not seem like a choice, but it is. Make a conscious effort, at the beginning of each monotonous day to sing to yourself in the mirror, "Debbie... the moment I wake up, before I put on my raincoat, I say a lil' prayer for me. I'm combing my hair now, wondering what boots to wear now, I will not let the rain stop me!" Now who can't crack a smirk at that?

Sincerely,  
Abby

## THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING "EARNEST"

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### Introducing the Cast:

1. Describe your character in one word?
2. What is your character's funniest line?

#### Juliana Born



...as Miss Prism

1. Determined.
2. "The good ended happily and the bad unhappily. That is what fiction means."

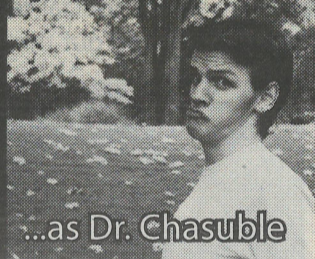
#### Nate Austin



... as Jack

1. Egomaniacal
2. "Then a passionate celibacy is all that any of us can look forward to."

#### Sean O'Leary



...as Dr. Chasuble

1. Celibate!
2. "I spoke metaphorically, it was drawn from bees!"

#### Travis Pike



...as Lane

1. Droll.
2. "I've only been married once. That was in consequence of a misunderstanding between myself and a young person."

#### Sarah Karnes



...as Lady Bracknell

1. Tyrannical
2. "To be born, or at any rate bred, in a hand-bag, whether it had handles or not, seems to me to display a contempt for the ordinary decencies of family life that reminds one of the worst excesses of the French Revolution."

#### Jenni Monahan



...as Gwenolyn

1. Spoiled.
2. "Cake is rarely seen at the best houses now-a-days."

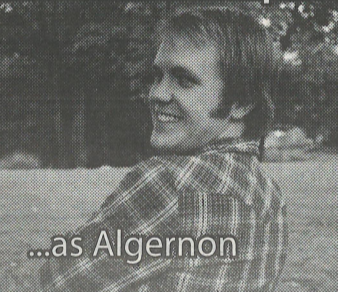
#### Nikolina Hatton



...as Cecily

1. Shallow.
2. "What an impetuous boy he is! I like his hair so much."

#### Randall Templin



...as Algernon

1. Capricious
2. Come find out for yourself Nov. 18-22.

## Zain Paloalto Leads "The Way" at Bilingual Church

Brittney Marshall  
Guest Writer

The duties of most pastors are stressful and difficult at times, including those of Zain Paloalto, a twenty year-old student at Northwest University, who is the lead Pastor at El Camino Church, held in the Butterfield Chapel on Sundays at 3pm.

Every week Paloalto juggles school, his church, outreach, and normal life as a college student.

President Castleberry asked Paloalto last January if he would be the Pastor for the church. Paloalto thought Castleberry was kidding because he is a communication major. "I didn't come to college expecting to plant a church. It's been a dream of mine to do it later in life - to plant an international church but not right now," said Paloalto. Castleberry, Pastor Phil, and Paloalto collaborated on plans for the church.

El Camino, which means "the way" in Spanish, is a bilingual church. Paloalto speaks both Spanish and English during the service. No other churches in this area speak both languages in one service as Paloalto does.

"Zain Paloalto is one of the most talented young preachers in America and has a brilliant future. I have been impressed not only with his preaching,

**"Every Sunday looks different and we're just trying to feel it out,"**

Pastor Zain Paloalto

but also his leadership skills," Castleberry said. "I'm thrilled that we can offer him and other students a place to develop their ministry skills at a deeper level."

Daniel Ouedraogo, an exchange student who has experienced many African and bilingual churches, attended El Camino's first service. "I think the new service was great... The diversities and the music make it special," he said.

Other bilingual churches have an interpreter for the Pastor, but at El Camino, Paloalto does it all.

El Camino's leader of outreach, Derek Harris, and Paloalto, are working hard to serve the community and also to spread

the word about El Camino. They have been continuing to go to places such as Crossroads, Totem Lake, and Redmond Square areas to reach out. "We're still working on the outreach, and it is the biggest part because we can't just expect people to show up," Paloalto said. "This is a learning experience the whole way through. Every Sunday looks different and were just trying to feel it out."

El Camino is striving to be international, but is starting with the two cultures they're closest to right now.

Spanish and English church services are very different, but Paloalto wants to mix them together. "Spanish services just go with the flow, and English is more structured. I want to combine the two. If the worship services are going well then we will keep doing - let's be free from form and let the holy spirit guide us," said Paloalto.

Future plans for El Camino include continued emphasis on outreach and missions: "... whenever someone wants to plant a new church we would love to have people work within us... If that means opening up a church in a different location we'll do it."



## FREEZE Brings Awareness to Human Trafficking

Angelique Sofie  
Ministry Editor

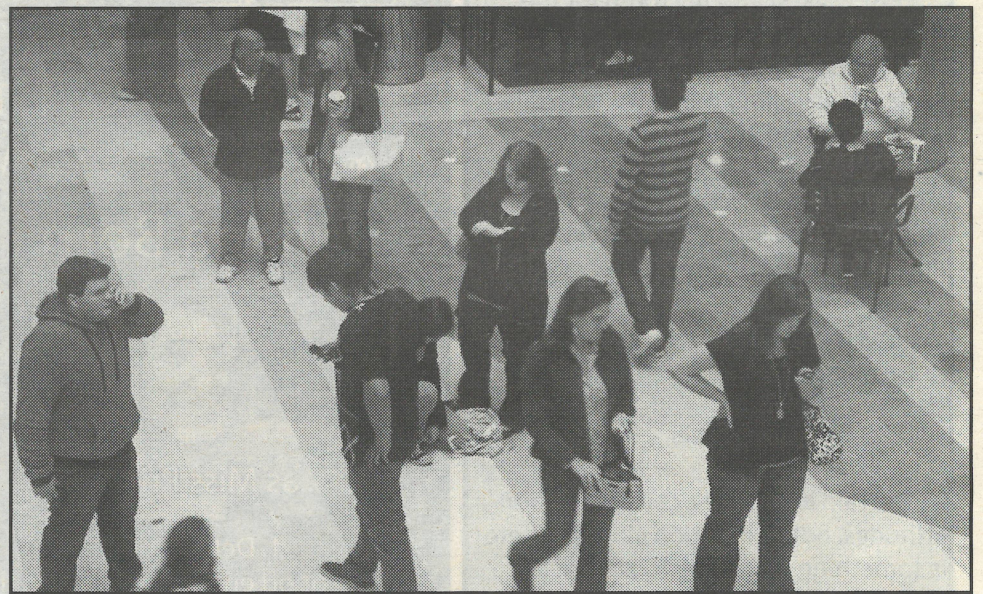
What happens when approximately one-hundred students break social norms by freezing in the middle of the busiest part of Bellevue Square Mall on a Saturday morning? The answer is confusion. Confusion as to why a group of young adults would all of a sudden stop dead in their tracks and proceed to remain frozen for five whole minutes. This confusion brought awareness, which was exactly what Jessica Weaver and Lindsay Bruner were aiming for. As outreach interns, Weaver and Bruner wanted to do something outside of the norm. They wanted to go into a public place and declare that something needs to be done about the growing problem of Human Trafficking. The FREEZE project accomplished this mission.

Students experienced the confusion of shoppers as they stood and tried to maintain their pose. Amanda DuFord felt this was part of the excitement. "While we were frozen some kids walked by saying 'I know they're real people!' It was all I could do not to look up and see their faces."

Alyssa Varner, another student who participated in the event, felt that it was "a great and unique idea that people were excited to be a part of. People didn't know what to expect but it went well. Now we know what it is like and can do it even better next time. I would definitely do it again!"

Karyn Kimbrall also attended the Freeze outreach and experienced interesting reactions from shoppers. Freezing while holding a smoothie in one hand and a crumpled piece of paper over a garbage bin in her other, she drew a lot of attention. "People kept poking me in the back and at one point, a person came up to me, took the piece of paper out of my hand, and threw it away for me. I really feel like the event caught people's attention."

After the five-minute mark, students spoke with curious shoppers and informed them about human trafficking. Duford felt this was the most reward-



Students stand frozen in the middle of Bellevue Square Mall during the FREEZE outreach.

dign part of the event. "Someone in our group pointed out a man on the 2nd floor who had been watching, so we went up to him. As we unfolded the horrible truth, he listened with great interest. I felt like we made a difference, who knows who he will tell and inform next."

When asked how she felt about the outcome of the event, Weaver said, "I believe Freeze was successful in bringing attention to the problem of Human Trafficking. We talked to people after we unfroze and I was honestly surprised at how many people had no idea what human trafficking even was."

## Seattle Missions Trip Serves Community

This fall's Seattle mission's trip was an overwhelming success. Over 40 students joined together to be a witness of God's love to the community and took a couple hours out of their day to bless others. From serving sandwiches to the homeless, to cleaning up a cemetery, students gained an appreciation for the people that they helped. Plus, they had fun and learned from the experience in the process.

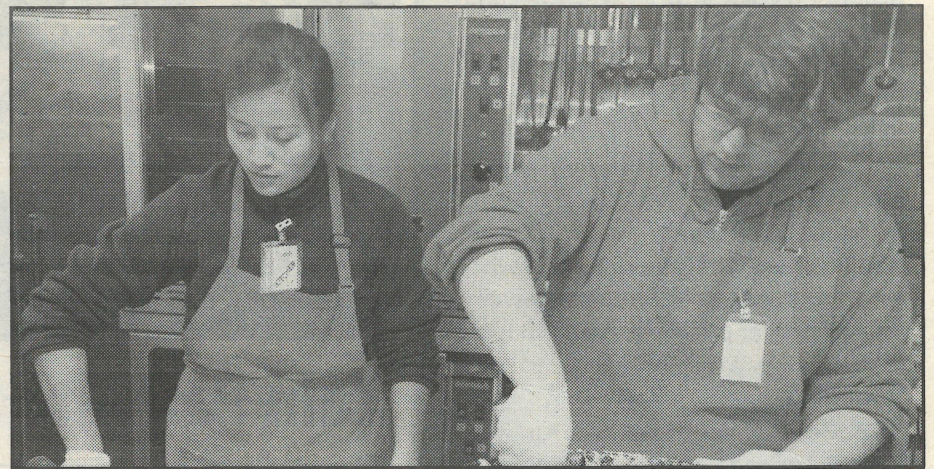
Lisa Boekenoogen, who served at Seattle's Union Gospel Mission Men's Center, felt there was "a special sense of unity that developed as people served together. This experience provided an opportunity to develop meaningful relationships while living out the Gospel by serving the homeless." Anh Tran, who worked alongside Lisa, had fun "learning how to make fried chicken from a professional who smoked from 7 to 62 and not a spot a cancer." Her response to this miracle: "God is good!"

Taylor Lee volunteered at the Seattle's Union Gospel Mission Women and Children's Center, where she helped prepare and serve meals to the hungry. Seeing joy on the faces of those she served really impacted her and gave her a sense of accomplishment. "Working there was an awesome opportunity to bless women and children in our community. We left feeling the fulfillment that we had obeyed the calling Christ has placed on our lives."

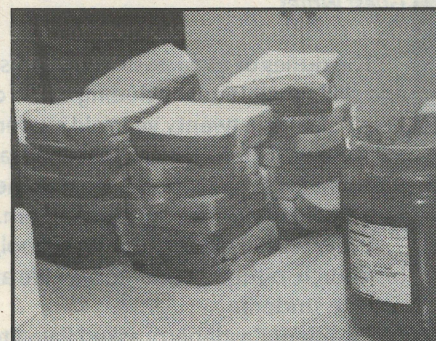
Julia Johnson, a freshman at Northwest, painted for the Downtown Emergency Services Center, which houses the homeless. "The trip opened my eyes to a new perspective of the homeless community. I witnessed who they are and what they go through. Some of them have mental issues and or other problems, but they all just want a place to belong."

Eric Wade, the VP of student ministries, felt that the outreach was a success. "The locations and people that we visited benefited from our help and we gained as well. An example is a nursing student who spoke with an elderly lady who just so happened to have retired from nursing. Their conversation encouraged the student to keep pursuing her goals. They prayed together and the student left uplifted and excited. When you sacrifice your time, God rewards you!"

Due to the success of the outreach, a spring semester Seattle Missions Trip is already on the calendar and scheduled for April 25th. According to Wade, "it is going to be bigger and better! I am looking forward to a repeat success."



Anh Tran and Joseph Arnold go to work in the kitchen making sandwiches



Pb&j sandwiches for the homeless



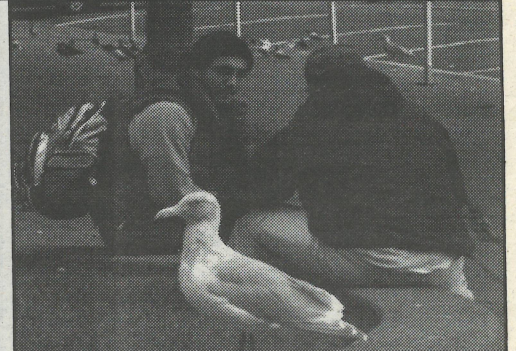
Jeanea Shipley prepares for kitchen duty



Taylor Lee, Mersadies Schatz and Lindsay Horn serve meals to women and children



Lisa Boekenoogen helps out with the trash



Doug Hein befriends a homeless man



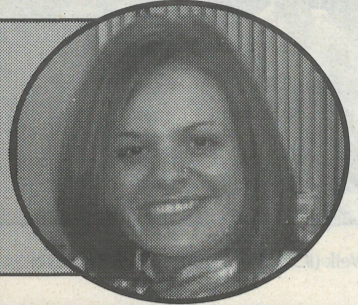
## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

*This year's theme, 'AWAKEN'*



"The theme may be best described by the words "Awaken my dreams. Passion arise, in Jesus name confusion I bind." We are in a period of life that is a time of preparation. We have dreams fueled by passion that are muddled with uncertainty. We need God to awaken our dreams and passions as we sort through uncertainties."  
-Brandon Schulz

"There are times when I question the position that God has put me in, but in my time of questioning He always answers me with a scripture verse or the exact phrase I need to be refreshed in my dreams again. God is in control and will be faithful to us."  
-Angela Crawford



"We all come from different places, yet when you step onto the NU campus, there is a sense of family that allows you to be who you are and who you want to become. As a body of believers, our hearts, souls, and minds awaken through relationships and getting in the word."  
-Joe Gannon

"My life has been shaken up and set back on solid ground this year. Through new experiences, God has taught me more about him and opened my eyes to things I used to be blind to only three months ago. I have seen this theme in my life and on campus in a real way."  
-Emily Holman



### Worship through Words *Writing Submitted by Students*

#### Collision

My world is a collision of secret circles.  
Those whirlpools of lives that spin around my own.  
I see them as I speed past and sometimes that second thought comes in and opens up the worlds outside of mine.  
In lighted windows, on crowded streets, in beating cars, and waterways.  
A spark of unbelieving interest chases through my thoughts; that each life has another earth or space of intense confidentiality that I know nothing of.  
Almost phantom images stream past my eyes whispering their songs.  
Hatred, love, bitterness, and strife they breathe at me.  
Flinching with their pains, I see, I'm not the only one.  
- Sarah Karnes

### Upcoming Events

- \*November 18:  
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. in the cafeteria
- \*November 20:  
Women's Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m. in the cafeteria
- \*November 21:  
Operation Iraq Chapel, come and pack boxes!
- \*December 2:  
Crew Christmas Kick-off @ 7 p.m.
- \*December 8:  
Caroling Pursuit: meet at 7 p.m. in the chapel

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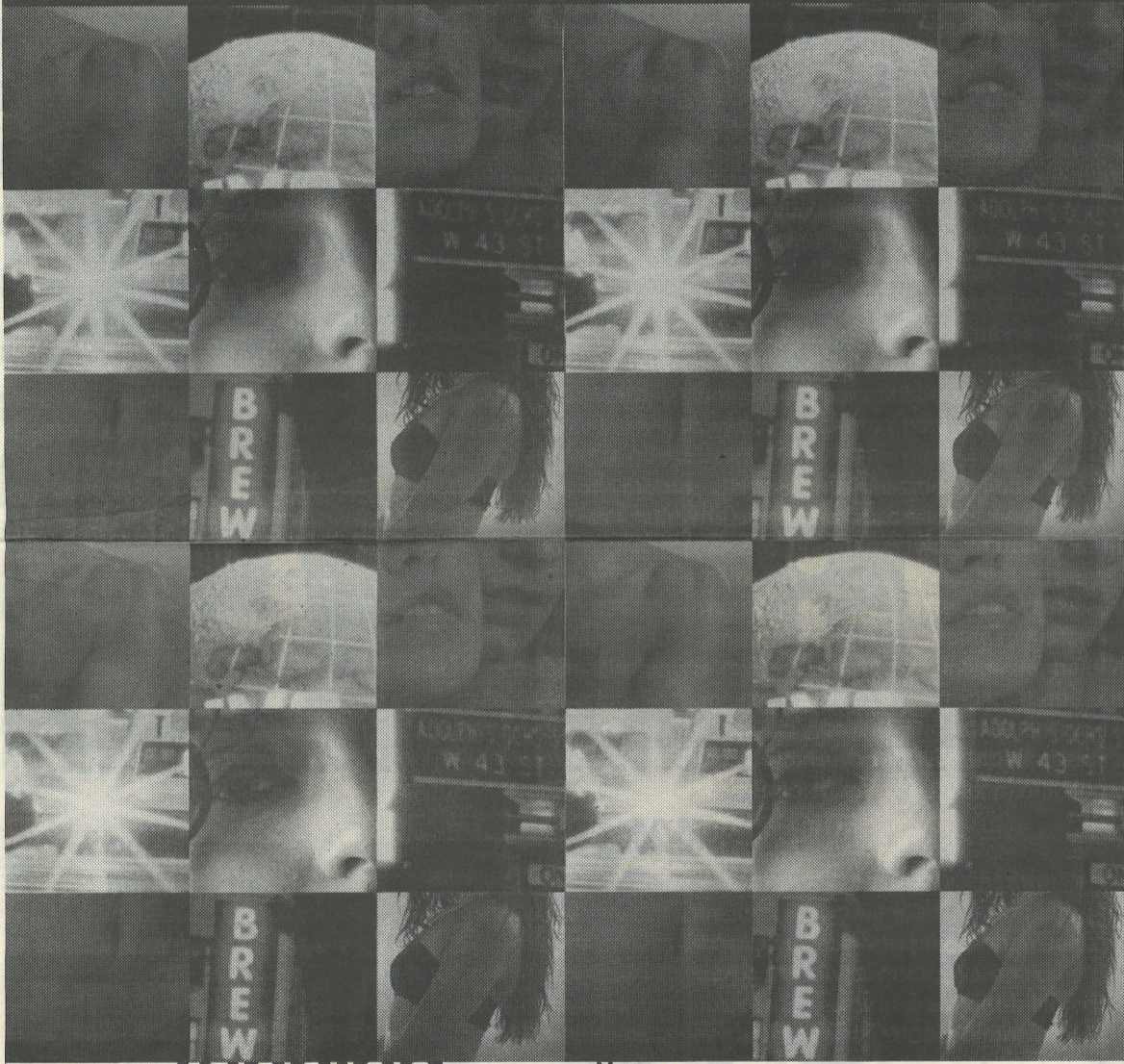


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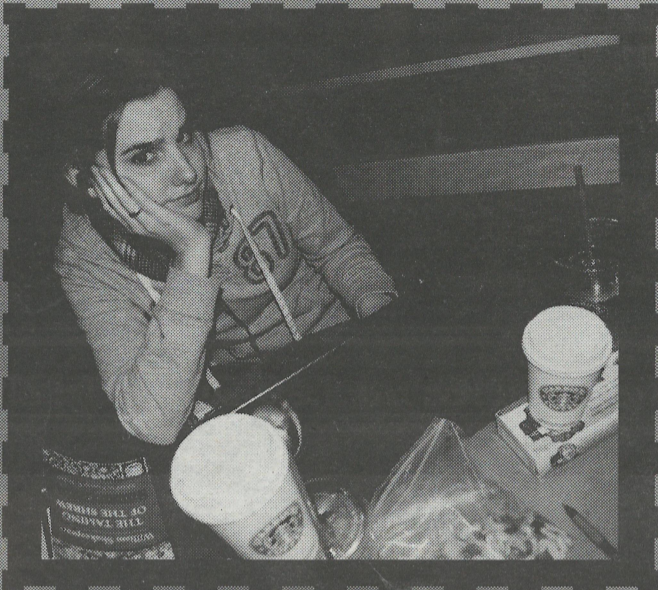
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# Photo Journal

## Thankful



"I am thankful to wear bundled clothes and drink tea and hot cocoa."  
-Lindsay Horne



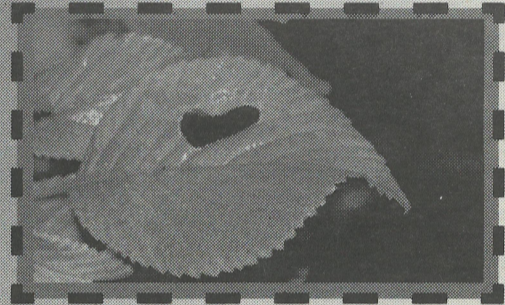
"I am thankful for the ability to take advantage of American Consumerism enabled by Capitalism in order to spend arcane amounts on overpriced artificial stimulants."  
-Nikolina Hatton



"I am thankful for the English Crown, er... Department."  
-Richard D. Snyder, Privateer



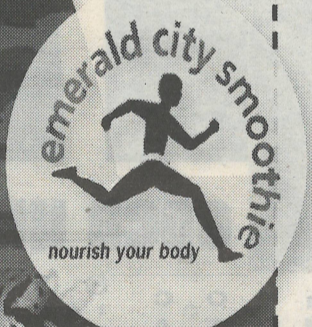
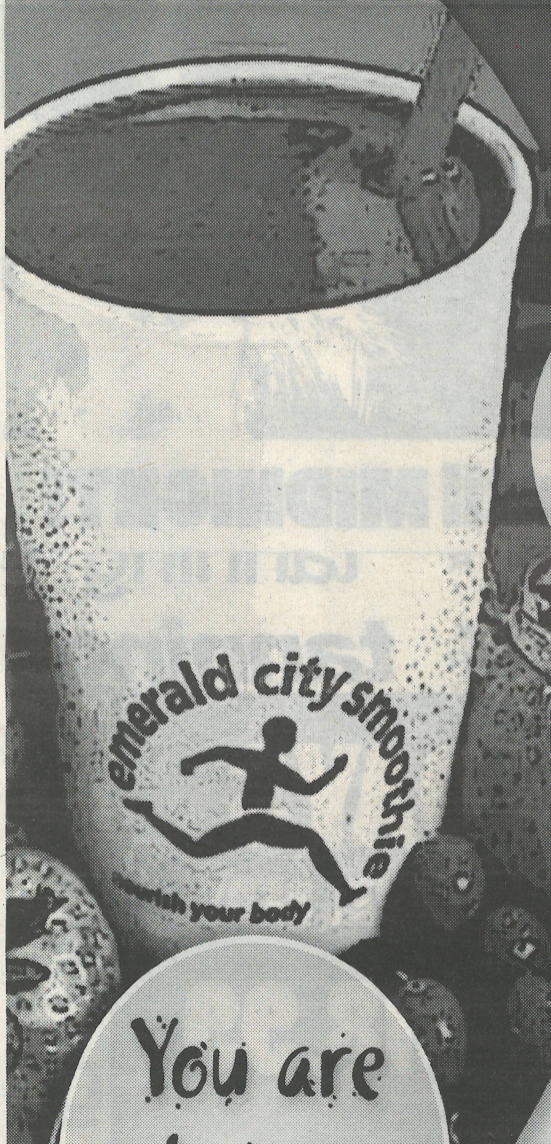
"I am thankful for 'No Shave November!'"  
-Susan Tamfu



I am grateful for little moments-- like this one.  
-R.S.

*What are you thankful for?*

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