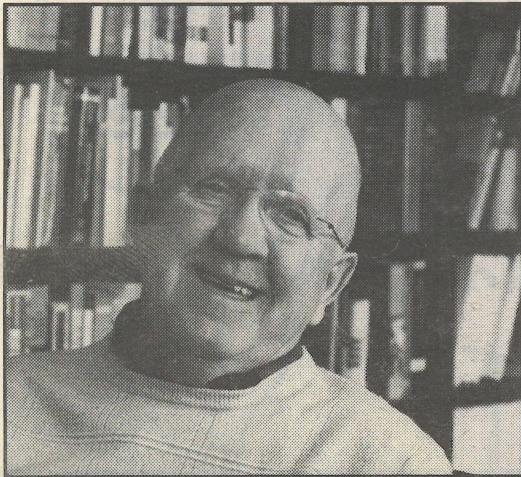


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Professor writes his name on pages NU history .

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Evening brought friends together for a fun night.

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Sports teams may be forced to increase size.

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Northwest University: "Carrying the Call" For 75 Years and Counting

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

From our campus to rural and dangerous fields abroad; from the U.S. Supreme Court to the recording studios of Nashville, thousands of NU students have "Carried the Call" for the past 75 years.

"There are people in all kinds of occupations and callings around the world who have carried the call all their lives," said Professor LeRoy Johnson, who has been teaching at NU for 43 years.

Though university leaders were hesitant to single out individuals in our community, these next five have written their names in the pages of NU's history throughout seven and a half decades.

Tiffany Zulkosky



When Tiffany Zulkosky walked across the stage to get her diploma, she did not know that she would be mayor of her city two short years later.

"The experiences that I had at Northwest, both challenging and rewarding, shaped who I am today," said Zulkosky.

Growing up in Bethel, Alaska, Zulkosky came to NU to study Organizational Communication. She graduated in May of 2006 and moved back to Bethel where she got into politics. She is now working for a U.S. Senator.

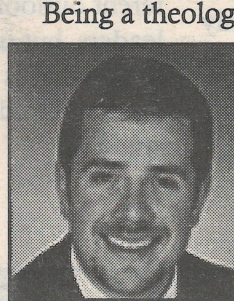
Zulkosky was appointed as the Rural Director for U.S. Senator Mark Begich of Alaska in April 2009.

"The focus of my position is to ensure that the Senator remains aware of what's happening in remote, rural Alaska and among the Alaska Native community," said Zulkosky.

Before her current position, she was a Bethel City Council member for 19 months and eventually was elected mayor of Bethel, which she resigned from after being appointed to her new position.

"I even got a note from President Castleberry, who I have never met in person, congratulating me when I was appointed to my current position. There's something really powerful about that human connection," said Zulkosky.

Josh Davey



Being a theology major, Josh Davey did not think he would be in the legal scene; however, NU would take him all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

When Davey came to NU, he was awarded a Washington promise scholarship by the state. A month into the semester, he was informed by the Financial Aid office that his scholarship was being taken back because the state does not cover religious studies.

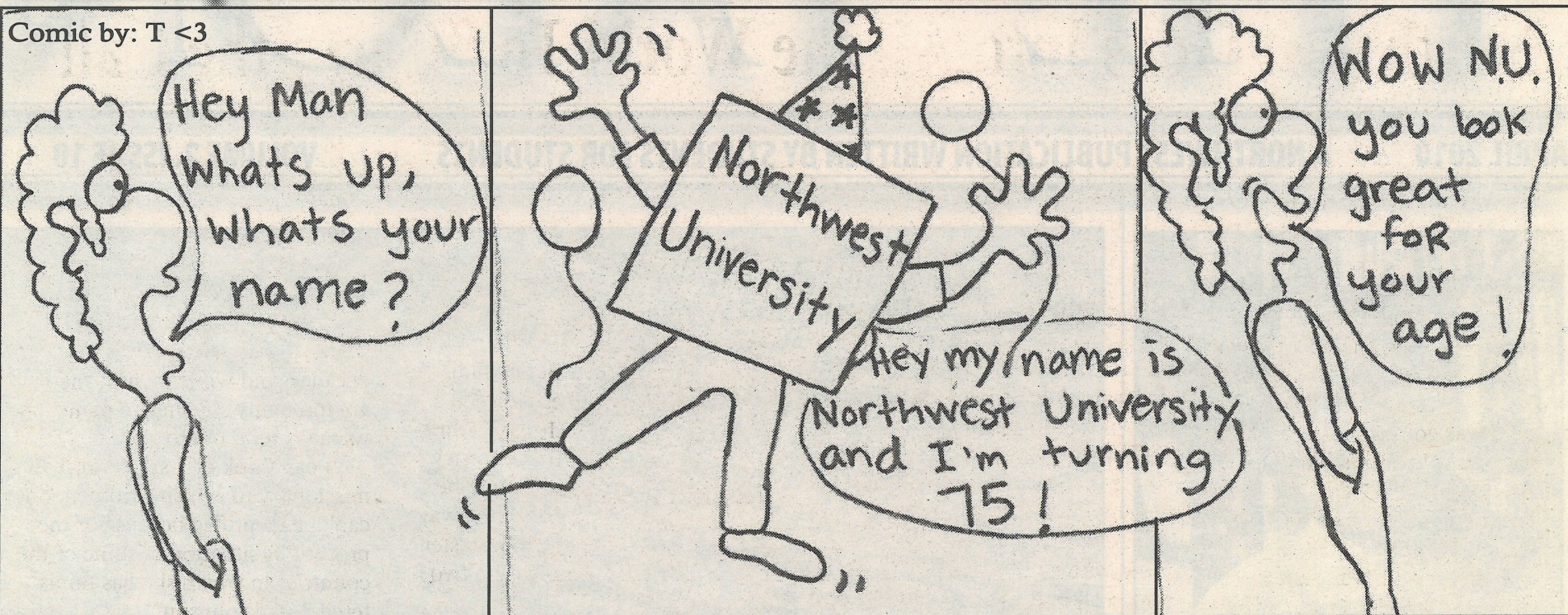
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Clashing Sides: Should NU Change Standards?

Josh Bollinger
Staff Writer

There has definitely been growth at Northwest University throughout the institution's 75 years. The next 75 years could be even more prosperous if our university was not as spiritually selective.

Think about it, with additional students comes more money, more societal influence, and more notoriety – all things which success walks with hand in hand.

Sometimes, Christians forget why they are holding to certain small aspects of proper living and come across as not relevant, overly pious and sometimes ridiculous.

Princeton, Dartmouth, and Brown are all colleges that were founded on Christ-centered education. Since then they have relaxed standards significantly and now stand among the most prestigious and wealthiest colleges in the world.

In the next 75 years, we should relax of old rules and standards to allow a more spiritually diverse climate.

Am I saying to forget about Christ and press on? Most certainly not! I am saying that not everyone wants to jump around in chapel services, and not everyone is at the level of relationship with God that you may be at.

Does that mean that they are

not worthy enough to be placed in a God-saturated environment to potentially ignite their own relationship with the Creator?

Instead of requiring a statement of faith, NU should require a statement of respect.

This will also provide opportunities for the young Christian community to minister to unsaved peers and learn to exist with people who do not necessarily share their beliefs.

This article is not necessarily my dying beliefs but merely a side to an argument.

I would like to see Northwest be successful and a place that I am especially proud of as an alumnus. Perhaps, I possess a different outlook than the University's leaders, but in the end I trust them to do what is ultimately right before God and to do what is best for us as students.

Kirsten Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

While some may think that it is best for NU to loosen its guidelines and allow non-Christian students into the university, it would not be best for NU.

Northwest was founded on principles that we still hold today. We were founded on a solid, Christian foundation.

If NU changed their standards to allow those who do not believe in Christ to attend, then what would that do to the community?

I have attended NU for the past four years and in those four years, I had dry periods in my faith, but more importantly, because of NU, I have also grown closer to Christ and flourished in my faith.

If NU did not have the standards that it does, I may not be where I am today in regards to my relationship with Jesus.

When I talk with people about their experiences at NU and more

often than not, NU has helped to shape their walk with God.

The things they remember are the dynamic chapel services, the late night talks about faith and the encouragement and prayer by friends and professors.

By loosening standards, NU would be creating an atmosphere where it would be easier for students to get caught up in the world.

When we look at the prestigious universities such as Princeton, Dartmouth, and Brown, we do not think of a Christ-centered institution anymore.

I question if that is what their founders would have wanted.

Why can't NU, in the next 75 years, continue to grow as it has over the past 75 years?

In the past 75 years, NU has seen its numbers increase, its academic rigors increase, and its societal influence increase.

NU does not need to change its standards for it to continue to grow and become more influential.

How cool would it be for NU to be a nationally known university but still hold true to its Christian values?

I want to look back when I'm old and gray and know that my alma mater still worships and follows the One who made this university.



Spring 2010 Talon Staff

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Northwest Goes Into All the World To "Carry the Call"

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He was told he could either change his major or lose his scholarship.

Davey filed a lawsuit in 1999 that was argued all the way to the Supreme Court in the fall of 2003, where he lost the case by a count of 7-2.

"If I was going to say one thing about what Northwest gave me, it really helped me expand my view of what it means to be a Christian in the world. I had gone into college with this idea that the only [or best] way to serve God was to be in full-time ministry, and I came to understand that that's not true for everyone," said Davey.

If not for Christian believers working as lawyers, doctors, teachers and other occupations in the world, "the call" would not be carried as far, he said.

Davey grew up in Spokane, Washington, came to NU in 1999, graduated in 2003; attended Harvard Law School, from which he graduated in 2006, and is now a lawyer in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Natalie Grant



Most known for her music career, Grant originally attended NU in the mid-90s to obtain a degree

in elementary education. However, in the middle of her education, God changed her direction and took her into the music field.

Grant established herself in Nashville, Tennessee. She has been the GMA's female vocalist of the year for four years and has recorded many albums including "Awaken" which hit gold, by selling over 500,000 copies.

"I made lifelong friendships at Northwest, but the thing I remember best is that's where I received my call from God to do music ministry full-time," said Grant.

Currently Grant is not only changing lives through her music, but she is also changing lives through her ministry called "The Home Foundation."

"The Home Foundation" has partnered with many organizations "to educate communities,

build shelters and orphanages, and provide medical equipment to those ministering to the victims of trafficking," according to nataliegrant.com.

Ken Benintendi



When Ken Benintendi established a thriving Christian ministry in China, he paved the way

for many NU students to minister to the Chinese for more than two decades.

"Sunrise Educational Foundation has placed personnel in China for more than twenty years. The opportunities are boundless for you to impact the lives of 1.3 billion people," according to the Sunrise Foundation.

His family founded the Sunrise Educational Foundation, which provides for ministry in Southern China. According to Dr. Darrell Hobson, a number of NU students have gone over there to teach English over the years.

In 1967, Ken Benintendi was a student here. He is the son of a missionary family that served in Hong Kong and throughout China.

The Anonymous Missionary

Professor Johnson has seen students graduate for over four decades, and while he feels there are too many students to name, one woman stood out to him.

"I can think of a single woman missionary to Muslim women. She can't be identified because of the precarious situation in some of the countries in which she has ministered," said Johnson.

This anonymous NU alum from the early 80's, has been serving for 25 years in the Middle East and North Africa, where she ministers to Muslim women in places where women are treated with little to no value.

October 1, 1934 was the first day of school for the first year of students, and since that day, this school has continued to produce students that truly do "carry the call" all around the world.

A Look Back: Pecota Student Center

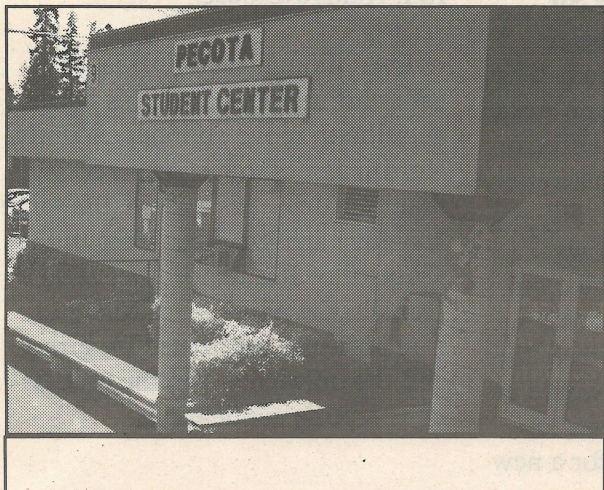
Jessica Kneip
Guest Writer

As Northwest University celebrates its 75th anniversary, faculty and staff reflect about the oldest building on campus and the future of NU.

On October 5 1958, Northwest Bible College opened its new campus in Houghton and what is now the Pecota Center "was the only remaining building from the Steward Heights housing project that was built on this site in WWII," said Dr. Leroy Johnson who came to Northwest in the fall of 1967.

Before it was the Pecota Center it was the "Student Union Building or SUB... There was a café and bookstore and...there were some music classes here as well," recalls Cindie Vertefuille, manager of the bookstore.

Named after Professor Dan Pecota, a truly legendary theology professor here at



NU according to Dr. Joseph Castleberry, president at NU.

It is that one place on campus that "brings those warm fuzzy feelings to Alum," said Vertefuille.

Current and prospective students often refer to it as one of their favorite campus hangouts. "Its welcoming aroma, warm colors, homemade treats and friendly staff help the campus feel more like home," said current commuter student Cadie Kneip.

The Pecota is often overlooked, especially since the opening of the new Argue HSC building. "It's kind of like a new baby in the house - so much attention and care and the older kid (Pecota Center) gets ignored... Let's face it, the building is almost as old as the dirt it sits on and it is in need of a good razing!" said Vertefuille.

When asked about the 75th anniversary and looking toward the future of NU, Castleberry says, "Our logo is a steep upward curve, and if it represents our development, we are right in the elbow of the curve after 75 years. The next 25 years will see us rise up like the rest of that steep curve...As we strive to do that, I know that God will provide us with the funds to do everything he has called us to do, and that will include some beautiful new facilities."

The Pecota Center currently houses many student resources including the Aerie Cafe, the bookstore, the student mailboxes, and the Perch, the new commuter's lounge.

NU Celebrates 75 With Meydenbauer Event

Doug Harkness
Guest Writer

As the year comes to a close and many students begin packing to move home for the summer, the staff of Northwest is hard at work planning and preparing for their 75th anniversary fundraising banquet.

With the intention of reflecting on the past 75 years and the many accomplishments of graduates but also to "build for the future", tickets have been priced at \$75 per seat (or the option of sponsoring a table for \$1000). The banquet will be a fine dining experience, aided by pre-dinner jazz and a special performance by the Northwest Choralons. Dr. Castleberry will also share a visionary presentation about our next 25 years, and guests will hear from a few key NU alumni.

According to Dani Banke, executive assistant to the President, "The money raised will go towards the Northwest Fund which immediately benefits students... We have already had our banquet sponsors show tremendous support. The money raised at the banquet will benefit the entire university and help us push toward the future of NU."

According to the Northwest University "Give" website, the Northwest Fund supports the growth of the University—it is primarily devoted to University-funded student financial aid awards that total over \$7 million each year.

Through this fundraising banquet, the university hopes to develop community relations, acquire new prospects to join and support the advancement of Northwest, and to upgrade donor giving. NU also hopes to provide a platform to celebrate the past 75 years and look to the President's vision for the next 25 years.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m.. It is open to anyone who would like to support Northwest and its future endeavors. You can register online before April 23rd at www.northwestu.edu/75th. For more questions email Dani Banke at events@northwestu.edu.

Johnson Completes 43 Years at NU

Amy Angleton
Guest Writer

Over the 43 years Dr. LeRoy Johnson has taught at Northwest University, many students and faculty members have had the privilege of experiencing his old fashioned values and charitable nature.

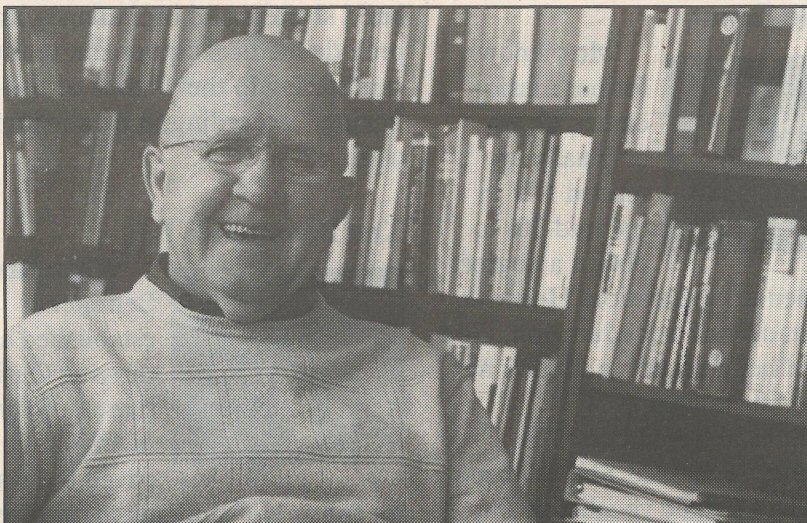
As a faculty member who has had many different jobs on campus including a painter, assistant basketball coach, basketball announcer, and a history professor, Johnson has touched many lives in the process.

Students who have had the privilege of taking a class by Johnson will know that he is a tough professor who conducts his class with traditional values.

Dr. Suzan Kobashigawa, a former student of Johnson's and a current professor at NU, said she will remember that he always made the boys in his class take off their hats.

"He has old fashioned rules in his classroom, but you know it's because he views education as important," Jonus Angleton said, a current student of Johnson's.

"His reputation for giving extremely difficult exams in "Western Civ" was a common point of discussion in the back of the van on road trips," said Professor Kristi Brodin, who coached with Johnson.



Dr. Johnson has been at NU for nearly 45 years impacting students.

Besides his old fashioned ways, Johnson has captured the attention of his students and fellow faculty members by his compassion as well.

"They [the Johnson's] were the first friends we entertained when I came back to NU (NC at that time) as a teacher, said Dr. Waldemar Kowalski, a former student, friend, and colleague of Johnson's. "The handle broke on the juice pitcher I was using, dowsing him [Johnson] in grape juice. Their guest book entry: Came for lunch, got dowsed with punch. They were very gracious about it and have remained wonderful friends."

Dr. Darin Lenz, a colleague of Johnson's said that his first year at NU, he did not have enough

money to buy his sons Christmas presents. Johnson and his wife helped them buy their sons Christmas presents.

"For us, it was an incredible blessing," Lenz said of the experience. "I know that he and his wife have blessed so many others over the years in similar ways."

For Brodin, her experience with Johnson as an assistant coach was an unforgettable experience.

"Over my 40 years here at Northwest, LeRoy Johnson has been one of the most influential people on this campus and in my life," she said. "He has interacted in such significant ways with students, faculty, and administration. He has set an example for all of us by living in a manner that is faithful to God's requirement to, 'act

justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.'"

While Johnson has impacted so many people, he also has been impacted by his time at NU.

"I am really doing what I have wanted to do my whole life," said Johnson.

"I'd hate to see it end, and it's going to have to end someday," he said. "I keep liking working with the students. It makes it all worthwhile."

It will be a sad day for the university when Johnson finally does call it quits.

As Lenz said, "He is truly the best of what makes NU a special place."

Residence Life Makes Mass Exodus

Janie Kliever
Senior Staff Writer

They arrived on the same exact day four years ago, and now they are leaving together.

Next fall, all three Residence Life deans will be leaving their current positions at Northwest University. They will be pursuing other personal and professional areas of interest.

Jonathan Yorkowitz

Jonathan Yorkowitz, the men's area coordinator, is in the process of finishing his Master's degree. After some dedicated prayer, he views this personal landmark as the next step toward a professional transition.

"It seemed an ideal time to set out on a new adventure either to try a new type of work or to continue in the same field and move on to a new position," he said.

Although his plans are still a work in progress, he is considering moving into a Student Development or non-profit position.

One of the aspects of the NU community that Yorkowitz has enjoyed the most is the relationships he has made, which he hopes to maintain even after he leaves.

"I'm also excited to say that I've been in this position for the same amount of time as students have been here at NU—Brookes August, Andrew Weber, Kyle Wall, Brandon Schulz, and a handful of other students arrived at NU with me and will leave as I leave—that's pretty cool!" he said.

Sonja Korum

Women's Area Coordinator Sonja Korum is working on earning a Masters' in Teaching from City University. It has been a long-time dream of hers to teach special education students, and next year, she will be leaving Northwest to participate in a full-time student teaching internship through City U.

"While there's a part of me that's excited for this new opportunity that I have coming, there's a big part of me that's re-

ally sad," she said.

One of her favorite memories from her time at NU includes participating in a reenactment of the "whodunit" game Clue with the summer RAs one year. The student apartments served as the mysterious mansion, and students and staff alike dressed up in costume to play familiar characters such as Mrs. White and Colonel Mustard, Korum explained—someone even played the corpse!

Rachel Klas

As the Assistant Resident Dean for women, Rachel Klas has enjoyed interacting with NU students and has found her job to be a source of personal growth. However, she will not be returning to her current position, but may return to Northwest in another capacity. She is in the process of finding an Area Coordinator or Residence Director position and has applied to a variety of schools, including NU.

"I got to a point where I was familiar with it [her job] and comfortable with it to an extent that I felt like if I decided to return to this same position next year, I would be doing so either because I was too lazy or too scared to look for a new



Klas, Yorkowitz, and Korum are leaving positions.

opportunity," said Klas.

Her intent in seeking a new position is to "deliberately challenge [herself] to grow."

One fun memory she will take with her is sending random items from the free box (like McDonalds toys or those crazy-haired troll dolls) to people through the campus mail system with current Guy 300 RA, Kaitlyn Clouse.

Even though each Residence Life staff member made his or her decision to move on independently, Korum agrees that it seems fitting that they depart as a team, the same way they arrived. According to the Director of Residence Life, Jessica Daniels, the now-open Residence Life positions are posted for hiring and the university is in the process of accepting applications.



Klas, Yorkowitz, and Korum came to NU together.

What's Next for Campus Ministry?

Racheal Arteaga
Ministry Editor

It's been a good year, and now that we're winding down the 2009-10 school year, it's time to start thinking about what lies ahead for chapel and other student ministries. Each new year brings exciting changes across campus, and Campus Ministry is one of the many parts of NU that will experience many changes in the next year. Looking back, this year has been incredibly blessed in many ways and seen God's faithfulness as He cares for the students at Northwest.

"I'm very encouraged by this school year," said campus pastor Phil Rasmussen. "We've been praying since the beginning that God would reconcile relationships and do something new in the hearts of our faculty, staff, and students. We just had the Superbowl of nights in Pursuit, about 20 students baptized in water with some amazing stories of healing, confession, and commitment. In praying and reflecting about the year, I feel incredibly positive about our community. Our community's growing spiritually."

Part of this spiritual growth will be focused on serving others outside of the Northwest University community. "I'm hoping to see more partnership...students and ministry interns, and other areas of campus that are doing significant things. What can we do together to touch human need?" asked Pastor Phil. "I would love to see Campus Ministry continue to utilize the power we have as an institution...continue to make an impact on our community. Often, we get focused on what happens here on campus, chapel and the like, and those are great, but I'm dreaming and believing that our outreach would make a statement to the city of Kirkland. I'm thankful for what we get to do, but there's more there. I believe that one day every student will be passionately following God's plan for their life, with His Spirit evident in their lives, portrayed in every area, from athletics to the drama department, to Pursuit on Monday night, to the dorm room or library study room. I pray that we can engage with students on a very deep spiritual level, embrace the spiritual side of who we are. I would love

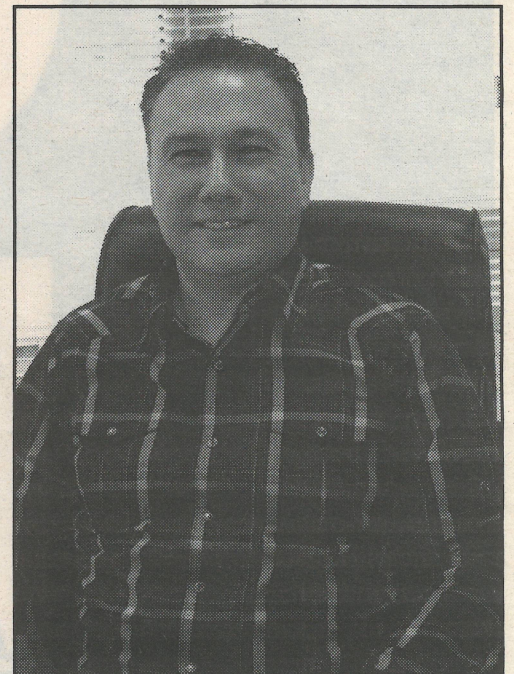
to see not just a local impact, but a global impact as well. I want to see how we can do that, all together, not even just Campus Ministry."

Part of that vision involves the study of a new book of the Bible; as Pastor Phil said, "I'm excited to go through the book of Mark in the fall—getting to understand a little bit more about Jesus—who He was, what He did, how He did it."

Along with this new study, there will be new topics covered, similar to the seminars and events related to Student Development's semester focus on sexuality, *Back to Eden*, but focusing on the topic of diversity during fall semester.

Campus Ministries, as well as many other areas of the university, are partnering with Student Development to make this NU Focus a profound experience.

Students at Northwest will have the opportunity to dialogue about issues like racial, religious, and other forms of diversity in the world we live in, as well as how to embrace others from various backgrounds from a biblical perspective. Spring semester's topic has yet to be chosen. With this in mind, Campus Ministry needs your help. Want to see a topic discussed in the spring? Interested in a particular theme? We'd love to hear your comments. Any suggestions are welcome and will be considered carefully! Email your comments and ideas to racheal.artega08@northwestu.edu.



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Seniors Propel Into Their Future

Christy Wolyaiak
Senior Staff Writer

Northwest University graduates power through their final weeks of college as Commencement quickly approaches.

After hours of strenuous work and studying, upcoming graduates reflect on their past years at NU and what their futures hold.

"I think a lot of 'impossibles' are really just a lot of little "possibles" bunched together," said Todd Sittig.

Sittig plans to continue teaching as a drama teacher for The School for Prophetic Arts at Christ Church Kirkland.

"As a Communication major I have grown in being able to get up in front of people in a more professional manor. I mean, acting is super easy for me, but I get super nervous for speeches and presentations," said Sittig.

He hopes to run a Christian theater company in the future, which would include workshops, camps, and professional productions.

NU has taught him to manage his time well, as he has juggled being a full-time student, an assistant teacher at the School for Prophetic Arts, and a part-time barista at Starbucks.

Other students are greatly impacted by the relationships they have made at NU.

"I have learned the value of relationships. My time at NU would not have been as rewarding if it were not for the students, and faculty that have been there for me throughout," said Justin Turner.

Turner is a Finance and Accounting major. After graduation, he plans to continue working for Alliance Equity, an investment-banking firm for which he currently interns at in Poulsbo, WA.

The staff at NU have encouraged students to pursue their careers, according to Turner.

"I think the professors who have taken the time to get to know me and paint a picture of what the real world is like have been extremely helpful. This has enabled me to pursue the career that I will be starting after graduation," said Turner.

This summer, he hopes to travel to Whistler, Florida, and PGA tournaments with friends and family.

Communication major, Ashley Bales, plans on working full time and joining a ministry post-graduation.

"I feel that I have been called to travel around the U.S. and preach within an outreach ministry, but I'm just waiting on God and what He has planned," said Bales.

Graduation will be held on May 8th, 2010 at Overlake Christian. It is expected that 187 students will graduate, according to Curtis Hagen, assistant registrar.

Other events related to graduation include Baccalaureate on April 30th, the new alumni breakfast the morning of May 7th and graduate celebrations the evening of May 7th.

You only have 18 days left, dear graduates. You can do it!

NUSG Voices Plans

Jessica Orr
Staff Writer

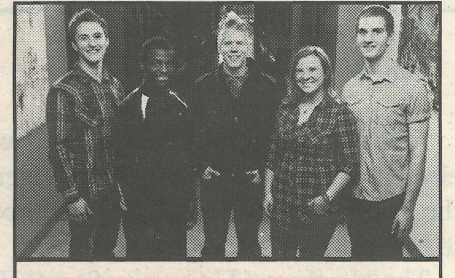
Elections are over and the results in, next year's NUSG team prepares to test run a new system of government.

While the team has not met formally to discuss next year's agenda, Carl Erickson, next year's NUSG president, clearly emphasized his desire to create a campus-wide heart of service.

"I hope to build unity as a team, to try to follow the example of leadership that was set before us, to implement a heart of service on our campus," said Carl Erickson. "We are being built together as a community, and our opportunity lies in that recognition of those around us are being grafted into our lives.

Although creating a service-oriented community stands as one of NUSG's main goals for next year, the team gives vague indication of how it will make its goal reality.

"It will be imperative for us as a team to listen to the students and faculty of NU. To, as a team, listen to each



NUSG is excited about 2010-2011.

other and work together as a unit, serving each other as much as we serve our constituents," said Erickson.

NUSG also promises new and more opportunities for students next year, as the campus grows and the new government structure takes over.

"Students next year should be looking to get involved as our leadership team for next year is bigger than it has ever been. In light of this, one of our goals next year will be utilizing all of these new leaders in our respective roles and encouraging students to continue to lead and step out into new things," said Taylor Martin.

Though the new NUSG voices enthusiasm for the coming year, its overall vision is still blurry but should become clearer as the team meets to discuss next year.

Discrimination Infiltrates NU Community

Anu Akamine
Staff Writer

Prejudice has not been a serious problem at NU in the past. However, NU walls have recently turned into a display board for hurtful statements.

Tim Smith, a junior at NU, has a class in Hurst 106 where the chalkboards host an array of student-crafted doodles. After leaving his name on the board, Smith returned a few days later to find that in the place of his name was a figure of a person in a wheelchair. An arrow pointed to it, labeling the figure as, "Timmy."

"It grieves me to see this, whether it is unjust and the student didn't realize they were offending others, or whether it was intentional. I think it's very unfortunate and anything we can do to limit that behavior and encourage students to appreciate each other we want to be doing that," said Paul Banas, Vice President for Student Development.

"If it was a joke because of the show [South Park where a character named Timmy is in a wheelchair], I can see that. But I'm the only Timmy at this school with an outstanding physical disability, so I feel

like this is aimed towards me," said Smith.

Born with a disability, ridicule is not foreign to Smith. However, it has been years since he was last mocked by a classmate. And unfortunately, Smith found that the most taunting he received growing up came from Christian communities.

"People say that they might expect this behavior from a public university and not a school like Northwest, but I've been made fun of worse at Christian schools growing up than I ever was at a public school," Smith said.

And though Smith feels like this singular act does not hurt as much as events did in the past, he believes that it's the small things that pick at the scabs of old wounds.

"I've been deeply hurt when I was a kid because of a lot of this kind of stuff [prejudice and discrimination] and a lot of the things



Tim Smith was a victim of a discriminatory drawing.

that I allowed myself to do throughout my life, most of which was destructive, was in response to that.

For someone even slightly less stable than Tim currently is, a drawing like that could cause far greater repercussions.

"If this were to have happened two years ago, I probably would have reacted a lot different. Two years ago, I already didn't think I was going to succeed. I've made progress since then - I'm not going to let this ruin my life, even though it hurts," Smith said.

Though not related incidences, Terry Wynes, NU Bookstore text-

book coordinator, found on one of the stall walls of the men's bathroom in the Pecota Student Center a racist joke directed towards African Americans.

"I'm upset and incredibly disappointed, it's so juvenile and disrespectful," said Wynes.

"As Christians we're supposed to love every body as God loves us equally. And that's either showing that someone is completely immature and ignorant or they don't truly love their fellow Christians; otherwise, they wouldn't put anything that could possibly hurt somebody like that," he said.

The discriminatory graffiti found here at NU did not shock Banas - with 20 years experience in ministry, 15 of which in educational ministry.

"People make poor choices whether they are at Christian institutions or not. It's less common in Christian institutions but I'm not surprised. I think we can or should see it less often but people are still people," he said.

Yet, NU community, is this what 'carrying the call' or at the very least, 'common human decency' looks like?

Student Life

Five Teams Set To Compete At Social Venture Finals

Shayn Fite
Staff Writer

Five student led business projects were elected to represent Northwest University at the Seattle Pacific Social Venture Showcase to be held on Wednesday, April 21st.

The Northwest University Social Ventures Plan Exhibition took place on Tuesday, April 6th in the Lobby of the Health and Science Center (HSC).

The scene was a crowded one, as staff and student judges made their way through the collage of monitors, poster boards, booths, and business plans.

"This competition is about using business skills to solve social problems, as opposed to just making money," said Professor John Bacon, who coordinated the event. "Every student who attended received one of those sheets where they donated points to their business of choice."

Upon entering the HSC, students were handed voting ballots that gave each person 100 points that they could divvy out among the teams of their choice. The team who gathered the most points by the end of the event would be crowned the "Student's Choice Winner" and get the chance to compete in the Seattle Pacific Social Venture Showcase.

Originally, two other groups would win the chance to compete as well based on a vote by a



"Winds of Impact" won the student choice award at NU.

select group of faculty.

"I was sure that there were going to be several strong teams, so I asked the organizer at SPU if we could have two more slots," said Bacon, after the finalists were announced.

After approval from the organizer to add two more teams, five teams were announced as the finalists of the competition.

The five finalists were: "Direct Drug Solution", "Smart Cookie", "Yellow Theatre", "Pura," and the Student's Choice Award Winner, "Winds of Impact."

"Every team was required to attend a boardroom meeting with three to five professors who acted as potential investors, in order to get the

prof vote," said Brian Swanson, a member of Smart Cookie.

The boardroom professors consisted of: Theresa Gillespie, Tim Lucas, Kevin Cooney, and John Bacon.

Students hard work and dedication to this project shined in these board meetings.

"I can't tell you which one is my favorite. It's like a parent would say to child: I love them all!" said Bacon, during the competition.

Even though Professor Bacon refused to have a favorite, many student judges who attended gave praise to many highlights at the event.

"Direct Drug solution," said Junior Jason Kantola, "They're legit; Very organized, great mission, great vision. Set for success."

"I am really impressed with Sports Pals and Winds of Impact," said Freshman Abel Foto. "I like what they are trying to do."

Some other highlights at the competition included: Best smoothie, a great tasting product, looking to aid college students, and Safe & Sound, the biodegradable, multi-purpose cleaning product for use on nearly every surface.

The final round of the competition will be held at Seattle Pacific University on Wednesday April 21st from 2 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in Weter Hall and Martin Square.

Evening: A Night in the Spotlight

Andrey Malskiy and Jennifer Jensen
Staff Writer

Northwest students, staff and faculty enjoyed "A Night in the Spotlight" at Evening 2010.

Held under the wingspan of the Blackbird SR-71 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle, students were given the opportunity to wander the exhibits, eat decadent deserts catered by McCormick and Schmick's, and enjoyed entertainment by comedian Bob Smiley.

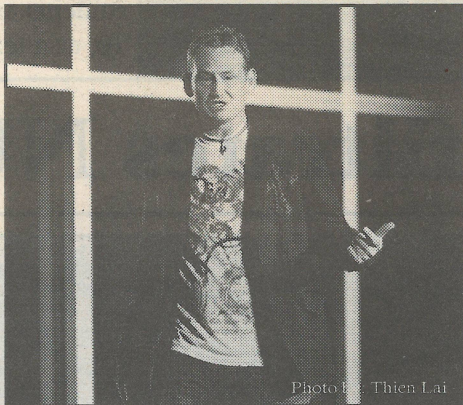
Evening capped off the school year for NU. The year was filled with many memorable moments, according to students. From new friendships forming to old relationships flourishing, Evening provided a night of enjoyment for guests.

Alexa Breidenbach, NU senior, summed up her night in a few words.

"New friendships formed [referring to Jake Doty] and new handshakes made," said Breidenbach.

Junior Linh Nguyen said, it was a "wonderful community building event."

Evening 2010 gave commuters along



Bob Smiley entertained the crowd.

with LEAP students a chance to mingle with the traditional on-campus students.

The night's keynote entertainment, Bob Smiley, kept the crowd captivated with personal life stories and humor. He also was roasted by Ryan Gilbreath a few times, which left the crowd in a uproar of laughter.

NUSG also honored a staff member at the event. This year, the honor went to Dawn Williams. Gilbreath noted that Williams goes out of her way to better service the students and Northwest University.

The night's events ended with the passing of the torch for new NUSG officers.

Evening 2010 kept all entertained from delectable desserts to animated self portraits.

"Despite being slightly underdressed, the Evening was a stellar event," said Aaron Bulger, a sophomore at NU.

Evening was a great way to end the school year, and take an edge off before finals.

Seniors Leave Their Mark on NU's Campus

Jennifer Jensen
Staff Writer

Senior students are preparing to leave their mark as this year's Senior Legacy project is being discussed.

Each year, the senior class is designated money to leave behind a "token" in memory of their graduating class. From scholarships to fountains, past senior classes have used the money in a variety of ways.

After much consideration and deliberation, this year's senior class, represented by Liz Rodrigues and Krissa Partridge, have opted to spend the money to install a professional, 12-hole frisbee golf course that will encompass the entire campus.

"We decided to do this as a project because our school is taking significant steps in the area of health and fitness," said Director of Activities, Krissa Partridge.

The addition of a frisbee golf course will provide students another opportunity to get out of the dorms and enjoy the campus and outdoors.

"I think it would be awesome, I love frisbee golf...I would definitely use it!" said Brady Beard. Mary Knight agrees, "It's something else to do outside, which is nice, its better than a fountain."

While some students seem particularly excited about it others seem apprehensive. "I think its a good idea, but I don't think people are going to use it. Do people use the things that are already provided for us?" questioned Kenny Priest.

Discussions of the addition of a frisbee golf course have been circulating for years but this year's senior class have taken it upon themselves to see that it happens.

If this plan is approved by Student Development and Administration, Partridge expects construction to begin in mid-June and the completion of the frisbee golf course by Fall 2010.



Folf course is under review.



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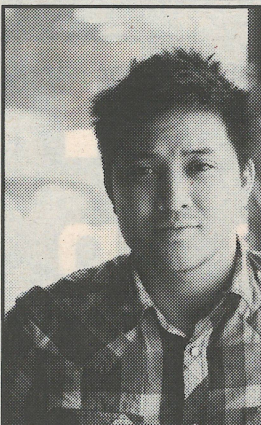
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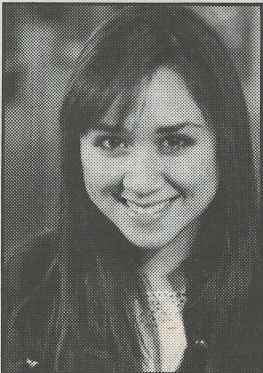
Christy Wolyniak
Editor-in-Chief

Favorite nickname: "CHRIST"-Y
Favorite thing in your fridge: Well if I had a fridge...strawberry yogurt :)
Major: Media Communication
One word to describe yourself: Charismatic



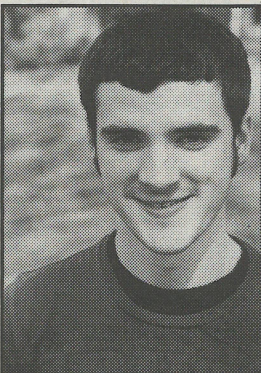
Thien Lai
Senior Photographer

What is a pet peeve? Bad photography
Place of Birth: Sarnia, Ontario
Favorite thing in your fridge: Edibles
Major: General Music



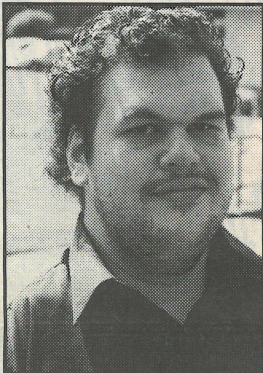
Anu Akamine
Senior Staff Writer

Major: Media Communication
Place you want to visit: New Zealand
Favorite Nickname: Nunu
What is a pet peeve? When smart people act stupid (both purposefully and accidentally)



Doug Harkness
Assistant Photographer

Favorite thing in your fridge: Ben and Jerry's Half-Baked Ice Cream
Favorite nickname: Dougie Fresh
Major: Music
One word to describe yourself: Dedicated



Tim Smith
Senior Staff Writer

Place of birth: Enumclaw, WA
What is a pet peeve: The sound of multiple keyboards typing
One word to describe yourself: Ninja
Major: Media Communication



Andrey Malskiy
Publisher

Place of birth: Lviv, Ukraine
Major: Business Administration
One word to describe yourself: Grace
Favorite nickname: KGB



Satomi Ito
Webmaster

Favorite Nickname: "Satochan"
One word to describe yourself: Sympathetic
Major: Media Communication
Place you want to visit: Holland



Lindsay Horne
Publisher

Place you want to visit: Germany
Major: Business Marketing
Favorite nickname: Tweeter Bug
What is a pet peeve? Sniffing

Editors' Note: A Year Has Passed But New Possibilities Lie Ahead

Kirsten Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

I can't believe that a year has past and what a wonderful year it has been!

The Talon has seen substantial growth. We have taken publication from one issue a month to two. We have added sections including the "Clashing Sides." And we have more than doubled our staff.

I am so proud of everything that has been accomplished through *The Talon* this year!

May 8th will officially be my last day as a student at NU, and the road that lies ahead is wide open. I have the world in front of me and I can't help but think of how my experience as Editor has helped prepared me for that role.

I am sad to leave, but as I receive my degree, I will be

passing *The Talon* onto Christy Wolyniak and a new staff.

I am excited to see where *The Talon* goes from here and to see how it continues to blossom!

If I could give any advice to the new staff it is what last year's Editor gave to me: "Put Kara Heinrichs on speed dial." You guys will be a great team and will take *The Talon* to new places!

I would like to thank this year's staff! You have all played a unique role in making *The Talon* what it is today.

And finally, I want to acknowledge and thank Kara Heinrichs for the support and leadership you have given me. I couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to all who made this year great!

Christy Wolyniak
New Editor-in-Chief

I am so excited to be Editor-in-Chief for *The Talon* next year. I am eager to see what our staff does with the opportunities available to us. We have had an amazing staff this year, and I am privileged to work alongside next year's staff.

Next year, I want to see a variety of different news stories and student life pieces in *The Talon*. We have a quasi-opinion section, Clashing Sides, in which writers can go head-to-head with debatable topics. I have been impressed with the level of intelligence that the writers incorporate during these "debates" and hope to see a variety of opinions expressed in the future.

Through our stories, we will be connecting with you, our readers, by publishing things you care about.

In order to do this, we need you to speak up! Your voice matters. We are a small community of people and it

is not impossible to make your voice heard so that this newspaper can enhance its quality and content.

The Talon is a newspaper written by students for students.

My main goal for *The Talon* is to generate positive, edifying content for every kind of reader. We will have a variety of different news beats to suit each reader's preference.

I have learned so much already through writing for *The Talon*, and am excited in pursuing new avenues of journalism.

Through *The Talon* we hope to generate news stories that inform, inspire, and are the voice of students and staff. I want to see many different members of our community represented well through this newspaper.

I began writing for *The Talon* as a guest writer. This year, I am a senior writer. Next year editor, and then... the world!!!

Or... maybe I'll set my sights on more realistic goals, like making the best newspaper possible!

NU Teams Face Controversial Rule Change

Alexa Breidenbach
Staff Writer

Northwest University's athletic teams may soon experience a controversial rule change causing teams to increase and bring in new athletes.

Recently, the administration at NU began pursuing a rule change that would require teams to carry a full roster of athletes.

With this change, larger teams such as men's and women's soccer will be required to carry approxi-



Soccer may face size increase.

mately 24 players. Smaller teams such as basketball and volleyball will be required to carry at least 12 to 14 players.

"I don't think athletes should be stripped of their hopes and dreams, having their program changed just because a roster needs to be filled," said junior Tyson Christie.

Gary McIntosh, NU's athletic director said the decision to implement this ruling is a way to reach the mission of the school in the athletic program.

According to McIntosh, increasing the size of the roster will require coaches to recruit more athletes which ultimately will help the athletic teams at NU grow in size and strength.

Many teams in the Cascade Collegiate Conference, in which Northwest participates, already have this ruling and carry full rosters, such as the College of Idaho in Caldwell.

"This is certainly stretching both the players and coaches but this is the way that a lot of college programs are turning, in order to help supplement the costs of athletics,"

said NU volleyball coach Jessie Dietrich.

According to Dietrich she has been asked to increase the size of her roster to at least 12 to 14 players for the upcoming fall season.

"We are pursuing this with hopes of getting it passed for next year," said McIntosh.

While many are expressing excitement and encourage the change, some athletes worry that the change may negatively impact the team.

"I think it is good for some teams that want to expand and have more bodies for practicing, but I think it will be interesting to see how that affects the budget teams are at, especially since traveling expenses are so high," said junior volleyball player Lauren Holtz.

Many teams carry full rosters. Due to financial reasons, however teams only allow a certain number of players to travel which ultimately raises conflicts within the team over members who travel and those who do not, according to athletes.



Photo by: Thich Lai

Athletics may suffer with rule change.

"Carrying at least 14 players, we will have to implement a travel team of 12. This will allow more of a healthy competition in each position since there will be more players not only vying for playing time but the privilege of traveling to matches as well," said Dietrich.

The final decision has not been made as administration and coaches will meet again to discuss the ruling. McIntosh predicts the final decision will arrive in a week or two.

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Vietnam: There & Back Again by Thien Lai

Northwest University is celebrating the 75 years that both its students and faculty have been reaching the world. NU students Linh Nguyen, Senok Hong, and Thien Lai traveled together to Vietnam in the summer of 2009 sharing in the lives of the people of Hanoi, Sapa, and also southern cities of Vietnam. These photos are of some of the beautiful people they encountered on their journey. This is just one of the many stories that Northwest University is partaking in. With the focus of being Christ-like and walking with others through life.

