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Editor's Letter

A Dream Dedicated to God

Every day at least one person stops me as I'm walking around campus to tell me how much they like the new Talon. It is so encouraging! Every compliment reminds me of how truly blessed I am to serve the community of Northwest University as Editor in Chief of *The Talon*. I highly value this leadership opportunity and my goal is to make the greatest contribution to this community that I can this year.

One of the most valuable lessons I'm learning is the importance of having vision as a leader. I would define vision as looking beyond what you can see at the moment. As we began preparing to change *The Talon* from a newspaper to a magazine, we had to envision something completely new. *The Talon* had never been a magazine before, so we couldn't rely on what had been done in the past. I'll admit that going in a new direction was a little scary. What if we failed? What if we didn't have the budget for our concept? What if this? What if that?

Yet our vision kept us going. It was six months before we saw our concept in print. During that time, I had to continue to stay focused and remain confident as we made significant decisions. We designed an entirely new layout. We changed printing companies. We had to find a way to make our new concept work with our same budget. All of this required a lot of faith, prayer, and trust in God.

All the glory goes to God. It has turned out better than I ever imagined. I am amazed at how a dream can come true, how a vision can become a reality, how an idea can lead to something that impacts people's lives.

That is my hope for *The Talon*. I hope students and professors pick up a copy and are informed and inspired. I hope that you learn something new. I hope that it encourages you. Most of all, I hope that God is glorified through our work and that *The Talon* serves as an example of a dream dedicated to Him.

Collen Weiner

Colleen Weimer, Editor in Chief



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Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

Proverbs 16:3

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Why should you vote?

Three perspectives on the importance of voting

Christian

by Kalynn Brown

W ho would Jesus vote for?" This has become a question that Christians have been debating for decades. Some Christians say that you cannot be a Christian and vote Democrat. Others disagree.

What does the Bible say? Romans 13:1-4 (ESV) says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is a servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer."

All I can do is put my faith in God, cast my vote, and trust that He will institute the governing authorities that will do His will for our country.

Citizen

by Dakota Wise

The government makes decisions that **L** affect our lives on a daily basis. If we want a say in how those decisions impact our lives and the lives of the people in our community, we should vote. Without the say of the people the government could overrun the people with power. Yet because we do have a say, we can keep them accountable, adding the American people to the current checks and balances system.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to rights by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights."

The greatest thing we can do as American citizens is make a difference. We can vote for change, and if it is not up to for vote to change, we can petition and have it brought up for the American people to decide on an outcome. That is a very powerful tool we have and something we should use and not let it go to waste.

We as the American people have a unique right in our country to vote for who we believe in, who we think will take our country farther than we have been before. It is a right we should exercise when we can to express our opinions, hopes, and dreams for our country and our future. Voting is an important part of the American government and an important freedom we uniquely have as American citizens.

College Student

ver two thirds of college students graduate with debt. According to the Vanguard Group, the national average is \$22,900 dollars. Yet, the debt does not stop there. Most of these college loans have an interest rate of 8.8 percent or higher.

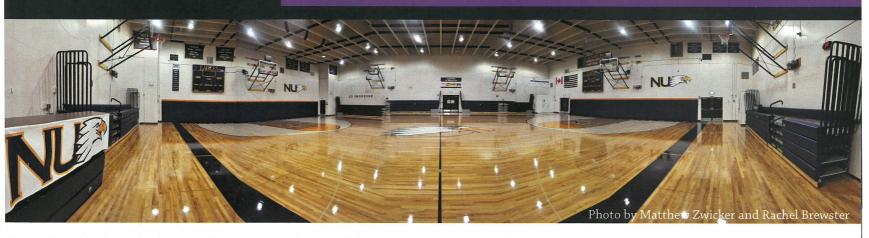
This coming election is a pivotal turning point in the lives of college graduates, and your vote matters because it will affect exactly how much you will owe in the coming four years.

Barack Obama supports lowering student loan rates through the government and making loans even more accessible to students. He doubled the funding of Pell Grants in his last four years in office. Obama also put a cap on federal loan repayments so that students would only need to pay back 10 percent of their income to loans.

Mitt Romney has a plan to provide more private bank loans for students and less government loans which may mean more money being available. Yet it will also mean there is no cap on interest or on how much will need to be paid back. Governor Romney also plans to roll back the 10 percent cap on federal loans and cut funding for the Pell Grant program.

I encourage each of you to make an informed decision and go out and vote. It will affect your future - exactly how much money you will be receiving in loans and then paying back after college.

NU NEWS



Pavilion Receives Facelift and Remodel

The library was not the only building around campus that got a facelift over the summer. The Northwest University Pavilion also received numerous renovations, courtesy of the maintenance department. Along with a new coat of paint on the building's exterior, maintenance also expanded the lobby of the pavilion and installed new bleachers, entrance doors, and glass backboards. It looks great!



Mission Trips Expanded from 5 to 14

The Northwest University Ministry Association's (NUMA) missions team announced that they are offering 14 mission trip opportunities for Summer 2013. Last year, just four teams were sent, so this year's numbers show fantastic growth. Students can choose from the following locations: Alaska, Austria, Cambodia, Chile, China, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jordan, Lithuania, Uganda, and Ukraine. Applications are due Friday, Nov. 16 in the Campus Ministries office located in Pecota Center. Picture at left: Last year's mission team to Indonesia.

NU Hosts World Vision Kit Build

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, in both chapels, Northwest will partner with World Vision to build kits to send to local caregivers around the world in the battle against HIV/AIDS. The kit build came to Northwest last year via donations, but this year, students fundraised themselves. Make sure you show up in chapel to participate!





Thanksgiving at The Mohan's

NU professors open up their home for the holiday

by Colleen Weimer



You're Invited!

Food is served at 2:00pm. You may eat and run or stay awhile. Come as early as 1:00 and stay as late as 9:00, but please arrive by 1:30pm. Dress casually, but no jeans.

We have slippers - bring your own or wear clean socks.

Reservations are required for planning how much food to prepare. Please RSVP by calling The Mohan's: (425) 822-0882.

Professors John and Sheron Mohan will continue their Thanksgiving tradition again this school year, inviting all students who cannot travel home for the holiday to come over for turkey and pumpkin pie.

For the past fifteen years, the Mohans have opened up their home to in-state, out-of-state, and international students unable to be with their families for Thanksgiving.

"The Lord put us here at Northwest to be servants and we want to serve students. There is a lot of fun in helping people," Professor John Mohan said describing their heart for hospitality.

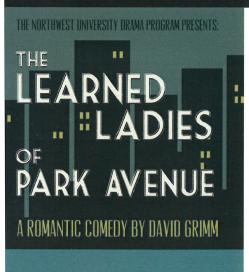
A traditional Thanksgiving dinner is served with all the classic favorites: turkey, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie.

After dinner, students stay to talk with the Mohans, watch football and movies, and play games, one of the most popular being Ping-Pong.

One of the greatest rewards from this tradition are the relationships formed. Professor John Mohan remembers one student's story:

"He was an international student from South Vietnam. He came alone the first year and then again every year for the next three years while he attended school here. Before he graduated, he was in one of my classes and I helped him develop a business plan for a coffee shop. After he finished school, he returned home to Vietnam and opened his own coffee shop, which has become very successful. It's amazing what can come from a Thanksgiving dinner!"

The Mohan's beautiful home is just steps off campus, behind the greenhouse. Their address is 5907 111th Place NE. A cement path east of the last duplex up the hill and north of the maintenance building leads to their back gate. Signs lead the way to the back of their house. Enter through the sliding glass doors into their downstairs dining room and enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal!



November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 pm

> Millard Hall **Theatre**

ckets available at the IU Bookstore or at the door

\$8/Adult \$5/Student with ID

NU's Fall Play

by Micaela Berry

A rich family, a young couple, and a New York backdrop set the stage for this fall's play, The Learned Ladies of Park Avenue. Written by David Grimm and based on a satire by Moliere, this production pokes fun at pretense and elitism.

Described as a 'screwball comedy,' this play had Director Chrystal Helmcke laughing from the first page.

"When I picked up the play I was in Ashland for a trip and literally bought it off the shelf because it looked like the idea behind it kind of fit our niche at Northwest," she said. "I was laughing out loud"

Cole Johnson, marketing intern and member of the improv team, doesn't believe this play is quite like the other classics that have been performed at Northwest University.

"There has been this attitude that plays are boring and full of Elizabethan English. This is not one of those plays. I guarantee that you'll be laughing," says Johnson. "If you need a break from the stress of this time in the semester, taking a few hours to see this play will certainly help."

Because the nature of productions at Northwest University is to appeal to students, it is necessary for the campus community to become involved and invested in the success of the play. Helmcke believes students have done just that.

"Overall, I feel like the reception has been very positive to the productions and that is why we keep going," she said.

Attendance is only one facet of campus support. Because the cast is made up of current students with full schedules, complications could easily arise. But Helmcke had no complaints about her cast.

"The group is great. I have a real mix of veterans and several freshmen. There is a lot of great chemistry going on onstage. It has been fun to watch them grow as actors, coming from where we started to where we are now."

Johnson, whose varied experience both in marketing for the play and in acting alongside some members during improv, shared more about this year's cast.

"This cast is really good at working with each other. You know when you hang out with a friend who knows you so well that they sort of know what joke you're about to tell, so they set you up for it? That's what this cast is like."

Helmcke encourages students to come out and see the final product of all of their hard work.

"Come for an evening of outrageous characters and witty banter. Come and have a laugh."



My name is Curran Parker. I am a junior here at Northwest University, and I am a survivor of Hodgkin's Lymphoma Refractory disease. This disease had an 80% chance of killing me, but because of God's overflow of love I am alive today. Even though God uses miraculous ways of healing all the time, we also believe that He gives doctors and scientists the power to heal the sick and find new ways of curing people. The Leukemia and Lymphoma

Society is an organization that for over 60 years has funded research and spread hope to families and patients of Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and Myeloma. The week of November 5th – 9th, my team and I will be sitting outside of chapel and the HSC building handing out flyers and information from our booths, on how you can get involved in incredible and inspiring events that help fund the fight against cancer. I am alive because of people who stepped up to fight alongside with me. Come see how you can get involved in the fight against cancer and become a champion for the cure.

Presidential

What the election means to college students

by Alycia Scheidel

This year's 2012 presidential election boils down to the Republican nominee, Mitt Romney and the Democrats renomination of current president, Barack Obama. Propositions from both parties concerning tuition hikes, job opportunities, and the recovering economy may draw some college students from their dorm rooms and into the polling stations.

"I don't think the majority of college students care about politics because they don't see it as affecting them at this point in life," says Janelle Ford, a senior at Northwest.

"Many college students have other concerns such as where they're going to get the money to pay for school, what jobs they're going to get... and though those can be affected by politics they don't usually make the connection."

Ford states that she does plan on voting on November 6th.

"The issues that concern me most probably have to do with healthcare, education, and the economy," she said.

A set of statistics from Circle, a website center for information on civic learning and engagement, show that young people (18-29) make up 21% of the eligible voting population in the United States.

In 2008, 59% of young Americans, whose home state offered Election Day Registration, voted.

War, gun laws, debt, and taxes are among the most widely debated topics this year. Of course, for college students, the focus may be more on jobs.

During the town hall presidential debate on October 16, Jeremy Epstein, a 20-year-old college student from Adelphi University in New York, asked the candidates how they could assure that he will receive a job following graduation.

Romney took the initiative, speaking about his career in the private sector and promised increased government assistance to make college affordable.

"2014," said Romney. "When you graduate in 2014 — I presume I'm going to be president — I'm going to make sure you get a job."

Obama went on to assure Epstein that he plans on building on the already five million jobs his administration has created. "I want to build manufacturing jobs and make sure we have the best education system in the world."

Following the debate, Epstein told reporters that, whereas previously he remained undecided in whom he would vote for, he had now reached a decision.

Christian college students are being affected these days by issues other than just the job market and the economy.

NU junior Eric Gallup said that aside from the issues of taxation of classes and social welfare programs, he strongly disagrees with Obama's stance on abortion.

"I could never vote for someone who is in favor of partial-birth abortion," he said.

The results of the election will prove what issues Americans care about the most.

Election 2012

"NO FAMILY SHOULD HAVE TO SET ASIDE A COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE LETTER BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY."

OBAMA HAS COURAGE IN HIS SOUL, COMPASSION IN AND STEEL IN HIS SPINE.



"If President Obama CAN'T CHANGE Washington, we need to CHANGE presidents."





EVERY DAY, HARD-WORKING PEOPLE SACRIFICE TO MEET A PAYROLL, CREATE JOBS, AND MAKE OUR ECONOMY RUN ... WE NEED TO STAND BEHIND THEM, AS AMERICA ALWAYS HAS, BY INVESTING IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING, ROADS AND BRIDGES, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

MY FIVE-POINT

It's more important

than ever that we

HOW UP TO VOTE.

not just this year, but EVERY YEAR

and IN

VERY ELECTION.

EVERY VOICE must be heard and EVERY VOTE

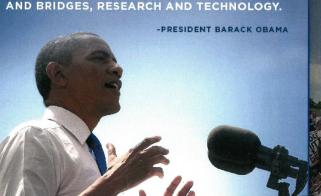
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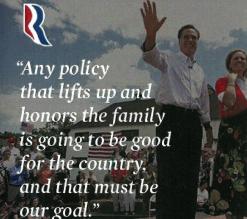
PLAN WILL **DELIVER THE ECONOMIC** RECOVERY

WE'VE ALL BEEN **WAITING FOR** AND THE JOBS **MILLIONS OF AMERICANS** STILL NEED.









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Campus Creativity

Change Must Come

Inspired by "My Business, My Mission" by Linda Banda

I am poor
Do I matter?
I cannot afford to go to school
But my mind is ever so eager to learn
I cannot afford to put a roof over my head
But my body still longs for a warm place
to sleep at night
To the law, I am invisible
To my fellow citizens, I am untouchable
If only things were different
If only things would change.

I may live in a world that you would rather view from a distance
I wish you knew how much
God still values my existence
I get it, if I had a little bit more money maybe you would talk to me
Maybe you would listen, coz then, I'd be somebody Right?
When I look around, I see very little hope
But in my heart I know I am determined
One day, I too will make a difference.

Listen to that voice
If you just listen, you will hear it
When we look around
How many faces have we ignored?
This is the generation that will do things differently
To my friend living on the street
Worry not, there is hope
But we both have a lot of work to do
You're tired of lacking, tired of running
Tired of doing everything just to be noticed
Well, guess what?
Me too.
God as my witness, I will do my part
For I have been called
to join hands in ministry with you.



Broken Chains
by Luke Peters

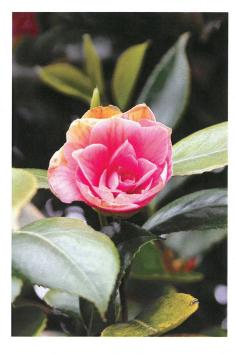


Photo by Vashti McKown



Photo by Megan Pauls



by Amanda Helt



Photo by Gretchen Tristan

Peter's Perspective: Fall TV

Peter McMurray reviews the shows you don't want to miss this season

There are many shows to be on the lookout for during this fall season of television. We are looking at the final season of both *The Office* and *30 Rock*. Some strong shows make their return such as *Grimm*, *Once Upon a Time*, and *The Walking Dead*. Plus, there are some brand new shows that might turn into something great.



The Office

For those that have watched *The Office* over the past few years, you know it's been an interesting ride. There are episodes where you are in awe of Jim's brilliance in pranks, then there are others where you are left shaking your head at something Michael had done. After a long run, the show is in its final season and it seems like it is attempting to bring it full circle. The old employees of Dunder Mifflin are starting to

move into new endeavors and new cast members that resemble younger versions of our beloved characters are coming in to tie it around to its beginnings. If you are a fan of *The Office*, you might want to tune in for its last season to see how it all plays out.

The Walking Dead

If you watched any of *The Walking Dead* before, then I have great news for you! The main characters are no longer stupid! Rather than aimlessly running around in a zombie apocalypse or taking long strolls to collect their thoughts in valleys of zombie-infested territory, our cast is making sound decisions and NOT getting killed. Previous seasons reflected all the wrong things to do if the dead attack and this most recent season shows you what TO do. If you like zombies or people who aren't stupid, then this might be a show for you!



Photo by AMC



Go On

Finally, another show that might be interesting for you to watch is a brand new sitcom called Go On starring Matthew Perry, who played Chandler in Friends. Perry plays a character pretty similar to Chandler once again, but with a little more depth. Plenty of the sarcastic wit we all know and love him for, but with a troubled mind to accompany it. Go On tells the tale of a support group working its way through their life tragedies together, and overcoming challenges and amusing obstacles as friends. It seems like a sitcom that is both funny and dare I say, heart-warming.

There are more shows starting and returning this season that appeal to anyone and everyone, but these are some of the ones that I found particularly entertaining!



Last Season for Senior Volleyball Players

Story and photo by Kaitlyn O'Neill

Seniors Bre Covey, Lauryn Ernster, Rebecca Heiner, and Heather Shulke played together for the last time November 3 against Corban University. Guided by their coaches, Steven Bain and Rachael Carbary, captains Heather Shulke and Lauryn Ernster have led the women into many wins this year. The team might even be eligible for post-season play. Yet whether or not post-season happens for the Eagles, Shulke has finished her career on a good note, breaking the school record with 1,500 digs. The previous record was 1,403 held by Dayna Casseday.





CCC Champions

by Al Kawashima, Sports Information Director

Northwest University clinched their first Cascade Conference championship in school history with a 2-0 shutout of Warner Pacific on Oct. 27, breaking Concordia's twelve year reign at the top of the standings.

NU's Jessica Oliver scored the game winner in the first half at the 20:39 mark. Oliver got control of the ball 18 yards out and lifted a shot over WPC goalkeeper, Lynzee Felder, to give NU the 1-0 lead. For Oliver, it was her second game winner in two days as she scored the lone goal in the Eagles' 1-0 upset win over No. 3 Concordia. Northwest U. had to play over 72 minutes shorthanded as Hannah

Reeser received her second yellow card at the 36:52 mark of the first half.

Acacia Johnson scored the clincher in the 61st minute as she scored unassisted on a breakaway for the 2-0 lead which would hold up the remainder of the game. In a defensive struggle, a total of 15 shots were taken, 8 by NU and 7 by the Knights.

Patty Hughes picked up the shutout and made 2 saves for the Eagles while Warner Pacific goalkeeper Felder, had one save for the game. NU held the edge on corner kicks, 6 to 4.

"I am so proud of the team for sticking together and not losing sight of our vision through a very trying preseason," commented Erin Redwine, Eagle head coach. "Experiencing disappointment early on helped us prepare for conference play and made us stronger. Winning the conference feels great and I'm so happy these ladies are reaping the reward of their hard work now. Our focus is now on the semi-final game this coming weekend."

This marks Northwest University's first women's soccer championship since beginning the sport at the school in 2006. Erin Redwine has been the head coach since the inaugural season leading the Eagles to a spot in last year's championship game as they fell to Concordia, 1-0, in Portland. Redwine was named CCC co-coach of the year in 2011.

Joshua Wenzek lives out his faith by helping others

Joshua Wenzek

Age 29
Class Standing Senior
Major Elementary Education
Endorsement Biology
Current Job Olive Garden
Living Off Campus
Transfer Student Fall 2010





by Bryttani Giles and Beth Ross

Josh Wenzek is a graduating senior with an incredible amount of passion for Jesus, his wife, and reaching people, both in and out of the classroom.

His goal in life is "to practice true religion - to look after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27).

A transfer student, Josh lives offcampus in Lake Forest Park with his wife, their cat, Boots, and his wife's grandmother.

Josh hopes to be a teacher someday soon. He feels called to teach in Africa after his church did the 30 Hour Famine, sponsored by World Vision, and after he went to Zambia for a missions trip in 2008.

"Initially, I guess, the whole goal was to get this degree to work on a farmschool-orphanage in Africa. That was kind of the driving motivation for getting the degree and coming to Northwest."

After being here, he's also decided that he wants to teach in a Christian environment.

"Being a science teacher, I see science pointing to God's design so strongly and intensely that I don't know if I will be able to teach without it being attributed to God."

Josh credits his wife of over 3 years for his accomplishments.

"She takes care of her grandma, but she also is a wedding florist. And she is actually going to school right now, after a 9-year break after not getting her degree. She is amazing. She is such a support to me and an encouragement that I just don't know what to do without her. She's my best friend."

Teaching in Africa isn't Josh's only calling.

"We're making plans to adopt when I get out of school – from Africa or wherever we're living. We can't have kids, so adoption is our avenue for children, and also it's been our dream for 10 years - even before we were married."

Until then, Josh and his wife look forward to future adventures and are counting down the days.

"Yes, I have 198 days until graduation...we have a calendar."



Dr. Achterman: "Your vote equals care for

your community"

Why I Vote

By Dr. Peg Achterman, Communication Professor

In class a few weeks ago, I asked my Mass Communication students if they would volunteer in the elementary school classroom of a niece or nephew, son or daughter. Almost all said they would. When I asked whether they'd be on the PTA, most still said they would.

"What about the local school board?" I asked. Most didn't think so.

You might guess the response I got to whether anyone would run for city council, county council or state legislature. Where does our engagement in our community break down? Do we feel that we have no impact? That there is too much sacrifice in running? What is it that keeps you from civic engagement?

The only election I missed since turning 18 was in 1988 when I taught English in the People's Republic of China. It wasn't for lack of trying! The absentee ballot was sent, but was opened and delayed by the government officials in my province.

I desperately wanted to vote, but was denied that right. I've never taken this privilege lightly in the 24 years since.

The place where you can be engaged every time is in the voting booth. This is the first step you take in stating that you care about the place you live and the people who live around you. I would go so far as to say that it is the playing out of Jesus' commandment to "love one another." Let me explain by starting close to home.

You probably don't talk about money too much with your roommates, but imagine someone you know at NU is struggling to stay in school because of trouble with grants and loans. Put a face to that – who do you know that might not be able to stay here? Or, better yet, who do you know that might get some help to come to NU? Both of our presidential candidates worked to stop the doubling of interest rates on federal Stafford loans this fall. That saved students like you a lot of money.

We also don't talk too much about health concerns and the amount of money it costs to spend a night in the hospital. Under the Affordable Care Act you're given the opportunity to stay on a parent or guardian's insurance plan until you are

26 years old. That is some breathing room on something that can be quite costly. The presidential candidates are calling for different ways to remedy our healthcare issues, but they agree there is need to fix the problems.

On a more local issue — do you want NBA basketball back in the area? Your city and county council representatives vote on that issue and therefore, whom you vote into those offices makes a difference in the outcome of that decision.

Jesus wants us to reach out in love and as a communication professor, I think that great love means a lot of listening and then action. The Lord often used active verbs in His teaching— "go," "be light," "show the way." When I vote I am an active citizen in a country where it is our great freedom to choose our leaders—from the school board to the presidency. It is one of the ways I love those around me—by caring about the future of my community.

If you are a faculty member and would like to contribute an article to the Talon, please email talonstaff@northwestu.edu

November 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18	19 Chapel: Dr. Barb Houger, College of Ministry	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving E	23 Break - No Classes	24
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