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I'm looking forward to looking back. Sitting in a colorless, windowless office trying to finish yet another yearbook deadline, I dream of seeing this book that you now hold in your hands -- complete. However, seeing the completed book is more satisfying knowing the many hours of work our staff labored over it. My competing feelings about this book most likely echo many of yours about different times in this school year. Perhaps, in the middle of the work and excitement of it all, we also just want to be done with all the craziness. Yet, when it is truly and finally over, we will look back on the events of the year and reflect on what we'll miss. That class that caused us so much stress also forced us out of our comfort zone and caused us to grow and learn. Growth is what these years are about, whether we grow academically or personally or spiritually. We gain a different perspective at the end of the year as we look back. That's why our staff picked the theme Retrospective as a fun way to express these mixed feelings. You may revel in this yearbook. We hope that's so. Or you may casually flip through it, find your photos and those of your friends, and toss it in a box to take home for the summer. It may wind up in the attic or at the back of your closet. Waiting. And, maybe, in ten or twenty years, you will pick it up again, laugh over your fashion choices, and remember old friends. Retrospection in action: the past meets the present.

Juliana Born
Karisma Editor 2008-2009
As a child, I spent many hours looking at my parents' high school yearbooks. I learned the names of their friends, read the comments they had written, and developed a sense of who my parents had been as teenagers that informed my view of them as adults. In contrast, I have spent almost no time as an adult looking at my own high school and college yearbooks. As I get closer to the 50-year mark in my life, I find that I am spending more time tracking down old friends on Facebook, and thinking about those early years of my life and what they meant to the whole of it.

If my experience is an indicator of most people's lives, this yearbook will be read intensely for a week, then put on a shelf or in a box for a long time. The years of courtship and marriage, followed by parenthood and career building, will put most of today's students far into mid-life before they begin to think much again about their days at Northwest. Assuming that to be the case, I want to write to your future self—not to the bright, young, hopeful college student you are today. I write out in the future, 20 to 30 years from now. I want to say to you that you were right to dream as a student, and it is right for you to dream again. You're past 40 now, and much of what you hoped for as a young person did not work out the way you expected. You accomplished some things you never expected to do, and you failed at some of the things that seemed most important to you. You may be discouraged at mid-life, and perhaps you have even stopped believing in the dreams you once placed in such high importance. But I have a word for you.

Dream again! As you review this book at midlife, remember the idealism of your youth. Mix it with the lessons of experience. Pick up your paintbrush, your musical instrument, the tools of your artistic self, and dare to create again. Fill the air with music, fill a scrapbook with muclage, fill a journal with musings. Fill your mind again—it's probably time to go back to school for a graduate degree, or another one. Most of all, fill yourself up with the Spirit of God, and dare to dream again. The dreams you embrace and pursue at midlife will be more productive and produce more satisfaction in your old age than the dreams of early adulthood. You'll become so busy in pursuing them that you won't have time to look back at this book for another 20 years.

And when you do look back again in your truly mature years, the golden years of grandchildren and grand memories, I pray that you will be able to thank God for the role that Northwest University and its people have played in a marvelous, creative, and fulfilling life of dreams, re-dreams, and Joel 2:28 dreams—the kind old men and women are promised.

Retrospectively,
Joseph L. Castleberry, Ed.D.
President
Last year, Northwest University experienced two big changes: the completion of the Health and Sciences Center and the arrival of a new President, Joseph Castleberry. The 2008-2009 school year continues to bring change and growth to the Northwest campus.

Now that the HSC is complete, Northwest has renovated both Fee and Williams’ Hall. The newly renovated Williams Hall includes the Jacqualyn F. Randolph Advising Center, named after Professor Jacqui Randolph who retired last year, while Fee Hall is the new home of the English and Language faculty members.

After twenty-five years of the Seahawks residency on the Northwest campus, the team has moved to Renton, leaving Northwest a 10-acre plot of land and a 45,000 square foot building for university use. Soccer and track athletes also train the old Seahawks’ field. Additionally, the staff and faculty that are currently in the 6710 building will eventually occupy the Seahawks building. The integration of the Seahawks building and the Northwest campus provides easier campus access for students living in the apartments.
This past year Northwest acquired Salem Bible College, a small liberal arts college in Oregon. This partnership is sure to bring new relationships and new opportunities for both institutions.

Northwest is not only growing in size physically, it is also continues to expand academically. U.S. News and World Report’s “America’s Best College” listings of 2009 ranked Northwest University 16th out of 319 Tier I, four-year colleges. This news comes as Northwest adds to its graduate programs. The College of Ministry now offers two new graduate degrees—Master of Arts in Theology and Culture and Master of Art in Missional Leadership. Dr. Joseph Saggio oversees these new graduate programs as the Dean of Graduate Studies.

This year has brought many changes to Northwest, and the coming years promise that these changes will continue under President Castleberry’s leadership. Northwest students anticipate what the next exciting chapter in our history will bring.

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1. Gabe Molinaro and Angela Crawford help out with NU Community Serve.

2. Eric Wade, Jadon Haynes, and Taylor Martin lead students in worship out on The Green.

3. Tyler Hart pauses for a rest during all the Orientation activities.

4. Christy Walnyiak and Angela Dowling move bark at the NU Community Serve.

5. Mikel Adame and Kenneth Priest take some time for worship and reflection during the candlelighting service.

6. Elizabeth Otto, Delia Lubanovici, Katie Withers, and Ariel McNamara create their own sundaes at the ice cream social.
Orientation is actually students' first real taste of Northwest University life. They get to know one another and learn about various aspects of the campus. Orientation also involves students in fun activities such as small groups, an ice cream social, scavenger hunts, community service, and a candle light worship service. Dedicated leaders guarantee the success of NU orientation, which strives not simply to familiarize students with the university but also to help them become friends with other members of their new community.

Story by: Elizabeth Tumusiime
Elect NU Talent 08

As our nation was caught up in the excitement of the election, Northwest's campus had its mind on another election to come. We 12 candidates entered our race with one goal in mind - to be elected NU's most talented. It was a bitter rivalry from Aladin's "I can show you the world" to a crowd pleasing speech by candidate Jason Wong. But when the ballots where all in, the electoral count was definitive with Nadine Keels securing the hearts of NU citizens with her interpretation of the Old Testament through slam poetry.

Story by Ryan Gilbreath
In matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity, is the vital thing.

-Oscar Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest
Screaming Eagle week got off to a good start as students dressed up in their floor colors to support their team at that night’s dodgeball game, FOA won the game. Next came Twin Day and Floor Decorating day. Each floor received a book theme, and the 500 floor won the honors with its Dr. Seuss decor. Then Wednesday brought the infamous game of Treevivor, and people wore duct tape to show some spirit. Representing the 500 floor, Julia Johnson ultimately outlasted all the discomforts of the tree and won the competition. Students were feeling a little hot the next day because they wore as many layers of clothes as possible. Thursday night brought a new event called “What’s Your Limit?” which took place in the HSC. The games included a challenge to put as many clothes pins on someone’s face as humanly possible. Once again 500 floor won the event. To end off the week, everyone wore school colors and enjoyed The Floor Olympics. After three hours of physical and mental games that brought laughter, pain, and gross food, 500 floor took home the gold.

Story by Tiffany Kent
Ariel McNamara, Heather Edin and Kristine Blosser dress in both their floor theme, Alice in Wonderland, and floor colors.

Nicole Aipopo, Jason Shaver, Alyssa Welk, Douglas Hein, and others enter with the 300 Floor Magic School Bus.

Christine Henry dressed up as Curious George, the theme for FOA.

Whitney Moreno and Jason Kantola get ready to play a game.

Mikel Adame, Ray Garza, Edward Warren, Angelica DeAnda, Taylor Martin, and David Welk entertain the crowd as they introduce their Where's Waldo 400 Floor Team.

Krissa Partridge, Ryan Gilbreath, Tausha Fisher, Heather Fried, Lis Rodrigues and Allison Hull serve up some not-so-tasty smoothies.
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Hunt, Christina
Ishmael, Stephen
Ito, Satomi
Jamison, Janelle

Jensen, Mikkel
Johnston, Faith
Johnson, Matt
Johnson, Melissa
Josephson, Brooks

Klasse, Tina
Kramer, David
Lacefield, Jared
Landis, Shari
Lee, Tammy

Lewkowski, Laura
Lindner, Christina
Lindseth, Miel
Livengood, Daniel
Loomis, Sean

Lorenzini, Luke
Lothrop, Kody
Lubanovic, Roxanna
Lundemo, Mary
Mahowland, John

Marshall Shauna
Mathews, Joshua
Mathews, Vicki
Maxwell, Leah
McCord, Britt

McCormick, Casey
McGinnis, Raurie
McKnight, Heidi
Medina, Heidi
Merriman, Kara
Rozgowski, Rachel
Sanstad, Nicole
Sanders, William
Schilperoort, Ashley
Schnell, Lynette

Scott, Christina
Alison, Selin
Severson, Kyle
Shervik, Ryan
Sieler, Amanda

Siefken, Jennifer
Simpson, Eric
Skolrud, Jordan
Skolrud, Ryan
Smaaladen, Megan

Smith, Brian
Smith, Rebekha
Sofie, Angelique
Spears, Charity
Spencer, Sharon

Stafford, Carrie
Sterciuc, Flavius
Stedman, Tamara
Stout, Danielle
Strandy, Amy

Suess, Laura
Swasey, Ronald
Tamfu, Susan
Taylor, Megan
Tell, Stephanie

Templin, Randall
Thompson, Deana
Thornburg, Heather
Tolson, Andrew
Tran, Katherine

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Adams, Emily
Adams, Everette
Adame, Mikel
Allen, Garrick
Anderson, Karlene

Anderson, Melody
Armstrong, Lindsay
Arnhold, Joseph

Ashley, Annie
Bales, Ashley
Ballew, Christine

Bardwell, Meghan
Barnes, Nicole
Belen, Edwin

Birt, Jeremy
Boeke, Wyatt
Brandel, Jason
Bramano, Kristi
Bruner, Lindsey

Burleson, Adam
Burgess, Alexandra
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Castleberry, Jessica
Case, Laurel

Chan, Jessica
Chinn, Morgan
Choo, Shin-Hye
Cole, Caitland
Cosby, Sandra

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Hart, Brandon
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Harrold, Meghan

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Herbert, Jack

Holmes, Jordan
Hong, Se-Nok
Howell, Amanda

Howell, Sarah
Hudak, Matthew
Isenhart, Mindy
Jenkins, Andrew
Johnson, Kaitlin

Kim, YongSuk
King, Haley
Kirstein, Ashley
Klassen, Michelle
Konishi, Masayuki

Krahn, Madeleine
Kruger, Erin
Kuehn, Corynn
Kunnanz, Hilary
LaCasse, Nicole

Lai, Peggy
Lai, Thien-An
Landon, Daley
Larson, Dustin
Lassle, Carlie
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Spurgetis, Gregory
Starr, Timothy
Stevens, Andrea
Stuart, Emily
Thompson, David

Thompson, Melissa
Tran, Anh
Trenter, Jordan

Trofimovich, Victoria
Turner, Justin
Uhles, Marie

Unger, Clara
Vantrease, Laura
Vantrease, Lisa
Vertefeuille, Peter
Villa, Lisset

Wade, Eric
Wade, Tasha
Wagner, Jeffry
Wall, Kyle
Weaver, Jessica

Weber, Andrew
Welch, Angelyna
Whipple, Evan
Wilson, Katy
Williams, Tabitha

Womack, Sarah
Woodall, Elly
Wynsma, Phillip
Yuen, Mei-An
James Dominguez  
Cassandra Ong, Anh Tran, and Whitney Moreno  
Jenna Engelsvold  
Marsha Serafim and Yecenia Giron  
Tiffany Kent and Nicole Alipopo  
Kelsey Horn and Sarah Dixon

Sophomores
Smith, Joe
Smith, Michael
Smylie, Zackary
Spychalski, Dannah
Swai, Priya

Swai, Reena
Swanson, Brian
Tyra, Cody

Tyree, Lindsay
Velasco, Wilbur
Venanzi, Mary

Walberg, Mariesa
Walton, Matthew
Warren, Edward
Welk, Alyssa
Welk, David

Welk, Jacklyn
Wells, Shelby
Williams, Jaclyn
Wolniak, Christy
Wu, Leroy

Yakobchuk, Daniel
Young, Amanda

Young, Joshua

Sophomores
Garza, Keila
Garza, Raynaldo
Gayvoronskiy, Lucia
George, Gregory
Gilbertson, Drew

Granger, Tiffany
Granstrom, Bailey
Griffing, Kathryn
Griffitt, Amanda
Groff, Megan

Hammond, Kaila
Hanna, Elizabeth
Harmon, Stephen
Harris, Carlen
Hascall, Bethany

Hawkings, Megan
Hazzard, Daniel
Hedge, Kyla
Heffner, Carson
Heikkila, Holly

Hein, Roseann
Helin, Mikayla
Hercules, Carlos
Herd, Ebony
Hernandez, Luke

Hernandez, Matthew
Hinkle, Chandra
Hoffmann, Christin
Holman, Emily
Hopkins, Lindsey

Hornyak, Erika
Hubbard, Jeffrey
Hull, Allison
Hutton, Sarah
Jackson, Jessalyn

Freshmen
Jenkins, Joshua
Jensen, Drew
Jessee, Alexa
Jochim, Anthony
Johns, Giovanna

Johnson, Jordan
Johnson, Julia
Jones, Miche
Jorgensen, James
Jung, Shawn

Kane, Jessica
Karnes, Sarah
Keefer, Jonathan
Kerr, James
Kiel, Dakota

Kim, Christine
Kishline, Andrea
Kliever, Janie
Kneip, Catherine
Kneip, Jessica

Kramer, Danielle
Kramer, Timothy
Krumperman, Bryan
Kukhortsaya, Anna
Kukowski, Shelbe

Landes, Cindy
Lapsansky, Amanda
Larion, Alisha
Lat, Gatlena
Lee, Azalea

Lee, Eric
Lee, Saemyi
Lee, Taylor
Light, Jacklene
Lochan, Anjuman
Reber, Clarisa
Reed, Katy
Ricker, Benjamin
Roach, Robert
Roberts, David

Ruble, Jessica
Schatz, Mersadies
Schulz, Brittany
Sewell, Ashley
Shaver, Jason

Shroyer, Tarah
Silkstrom, Dustin
Skillman, Richard
Skolrud, Justin
Smith, Amber

Smith, Jo Ann
Smith, Rebecca
Snider, Melody
Snyder, Nicole
Sofie, Amy

Soto, Carolina
Soto, Lydia
Spychalski, Joseph
Stellwagen, Crystal
Stemke, Kristin

Stinde, Rebecca
Stomner, Monica
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Vallee, McKenna
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1. Marisa Pacchiarotti
2. Kristine Blosser, Dakota Kiel, Christin Hoffmann, Laurel Crichton, and Aliecea Pena Falcone
3. The Class of 2012
4. Christopher Verbracken, Amanda Griffitt, and Tiffany Granger

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For the 2008-2009 school year, Northwest has added several new members to its faculty. In the College of Arts and Sciences, Lenae Nofziger joins the faculty as Assistant Professor of Communications after teaching as an adjunct here for over ten years. Christian Okafor is a new Assistant Professor of Biology, and Daniel Tomandl is an Assistant Professor in Physics and Math. The College of Ministry welcomes Alan Ehler, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries; Brad Embry, Associate Professor of Bible; and Joseph Saggio, Associate Professor of Practical Theology as well as Associate Dean of the graduate program. Meanwhile, Ron Jacobson now serves as an Assistant Professor in the Graduate Educational Program. In addition, the School of Nursing now includes Dorthoy McKim teaching as an Assistant Professor of Nursing.
Argue, Don
Banas, Paul
Castleberry, Joe
Heugel, Jim

Lockhart, Jeff
Neary, Dan
Quiggle, Merlin
Rasmussen, Phil

Schimelpfenig, Dan
Smith, Rose
Bacon, John
Brodin, Kari

Brodin, Kristi
Charette, Blaine
Christensen, Carl
Diede, Charles

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Doolittle, Tru
Doty, Don
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Houger, Barbara
Houger, Weldyn
Ingle, Kent

Inslee, Forrest
Jacobson, Ron
Jessup, Jim
Jin, DJ

Johnson, LeRoy
Kattner, Melba
Kobashigawa, Suzan
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2 Leah Thompson flashes a peace sign at the All Hall Fall Carnival.
3 Back to Front, Left to Right: Ariel McNamara, Melody Anderson, Alysha Sage, Anna Kukhotskaya, Tarah Petrick, Taylor Whitlock, Rebecca Smith, Nicole Snyder, Clarissa Apostol, Elizabeth Otto, Bethany Hoscall, Angela Dowling, Alex Schramm, Ludia Grayvoronskiy, Angel Paulin, Noel Meyers, Lindsey Weissa, Tricia Frye, Kelsey Rainwater, Jessica Ruoble, Tiffany Maib, Leah Thompson, Rachel Arteaga, Karlene Anderson
4 Back to Front, Left to Right: Ema Lee Schill, Alice Livermore, Dakota Kiel, Sarah Dixon, Kristine Blosser, Jessica Williams, Brittany Morgan, Jacklene Light, Lacey Sherrard, Christy Wolyniack, Kaitlyn Clouse, Lindsay Horne, Aliecea Pena Falcone, Laurel Crichton, Ashley Arias, Ashley Buhler, Amber Froh, Heather Edin
Perks 100 RA, Kaitlyn Clouse, chose Hosea 10:12 as her floor verse: “Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes and showers righteousness on you” (NIV). She wanted to remind her floor to cultivate their hearts; in order for Christians to grow fruit, they must prepare the soil.

Guy 100 "The Fearless" RA, Melody Anderson, picked Isaiah 40:10 as her floor verse to remind her floor to be fearless. It reads, “See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.”

Beatty 100 "The Kingdom Knights" RA, Anthony Salinas, wanted his guys to live a life dedicated to God, so he selected Deuteronomy 30:15-19 as the theme verses for his floor.
Ryan Walker, Marissa Monroy, Jessica Kneip, and Catherine Kneip carve pumpkins, at 200 floor event.

Liliya Semenyuk, Whitney Moreno, and Elizabeth Kasprick exhibit their 200 floor spirit.

Theresa Whims, Leah Thompson, Elizabeth Otto, Krissa Partridge, Kathryn Griffing, McKenna Vallee, Caitlon Longly have a movie night during Orientation.

Jonathan Whiting, Benjamin Webb, Jason Kantola, Geoff Sankey, Carlos Hercules, and Gordon Mackenzie show off for the camera at their floor retreat.

Lindsay Armstrong, Whitney Moreno, Cassandra Ong, Anuhea Akamine, Shannon Kestner, Liliya Semenyuk, Heather Cheuka, and Jessica Duffey huddle for warmth at the corn maze.

Perks 200 “The Keepers” RA, Liliya Semenyuk, used the story of Zacchaeus to come up with her floor theme.

Guy 200 “The River” RA, Kirsten Phillips, liked Isaiah 30:21. She decided to make it her floor theme because it reminds her floor to stay close to the river and let it refresh you no matter what you are going through.

The Beatty 200 floor is known as “The Zoo,” and the RA is Geoffrey Sankey.
Back to Front, Left to Right: Nikita Hall, Whitney Martz, Lindsay Armstrong, Shannon Kestner, Stacia Haynes, Liliya Semenyuk, Jessica Kneip, Catherine Kneip, Marissa Monray, Jessica Duffey, Almea Teuscher, Paige Delapp, KELLA Garza, Lindsey Wagner, Katie Withers, Jordan Trenter, Elizabeth Kasprick, Whitney Moreno, Cassandra Ong, Heather Cheuka, Anh Tran, Marsha Serafin

Christopher Cheema is excited with his final product at the 200 pumpkin carving party.

Nikita Hall and Anuhea Akamine play outside of the Davis Administration Building.
Jason Shaver shows his 300 spirit. Susan Tamfu, Tina Klasse, Devon Carroll, and Lisa Vantrease perform a cheer at the 300 intramural game to pump up their brothers.

Back to Front, Left to Right: Kyla Sorenson, Mersadies Schatz, Kim Seifert, Emily Stuart, Brittn Ray, Amanda Griffin, Nicole Aipopo, Jaclyn Prince, Yuki Saito, Sarah Frederick, Taylor Lee, Gwendolyn Pedler, Tiffany Kent, Janelle Schrag, Kristin Frederick, Alyssa Weik, Seera Unno, Reena Swai, Priya Swai, Julia Melendrez, Lorin Holtzman

Nicole Sanstad, Devon Carroll, Susan Tamfu, Bailey Granstrom, Nichole Ostlie, Tina Klasse, Danette Yer Woert, Victoria Lewis, Marissa Pacchiarotti, Rebekah Gilbert, Rachel Ellis, Natalie Dooley, Delia Lubanovici, Caryyn Kuehn, Shayna Prouse, Marilyn Chokwera, Ceres Sabino, Tiffany Dikeman, Jodie Castleberry, Tyesha Donaldson, Brenda Keen, Lisa Vantrease, Kara Koeing, Michelle Meade


Jacob Leoso, Douglas Hein, and Sean McCormick enjoy spaghetti at their floor retreat.
Tiffany Dikeman, Danette Ver Woert, Nicole Alipopo, Alyssa Weik, and John-Patrick O'Connor perform a skit they created at their floor retreat.

Susan Tamfu, Jaclyn Prince, Brenda Keen, Marisa Pacchiarto, Jason Shaver, Jodie Castleberry, Noel Meyers, Corynn Kuehn, Lisa Vantrease, Devon Carroll, Tina Klasse, Nicole Alipopo, Alyssa Weik, Tiffany Kent, and Janelle Schrag celebrate after an intermural game.

Rachel Ellis, Marlyn Chakwera, Tiffany Dikeman, Lisa Vantrease, Shayna Prause, Devon Carroll, Taylor Lee, Mersadies Schatz, Britni Ray, Nicole Alipopo, Jaclyn Prince, Tina Klasse, Gwendolyn Pedler, Danette Ver Woert on their floor retreat.

Tiffany Kent, Shayna Prause, Mersadies Schatz, Devon Carroll, John-Patrick O'Connor, Michael Pettis, Marlyn Chakwera, Susan Tamfu, Jaclyn Prince, and Nicole Alipopo take a break from eating to pose for a photo.

Perks 300 “The Sisterhood” RA, Janelle Schrag, felt God calling her to use John 10:10 as her floor verse as a challenge to live life to fullest.

Guy 300 “The Redhots” RA, Tina Klasse, used various passages from Isaiah 61 to come up with her floor theme of “Refined.”

Beatty 300 “The Brotherhood” RA, Zackary Smylie, saw the lack of male leadership in the church, so he chose 1 King 2:1-2 as his floor verse challenging the floor to be men of God.

Together the 300 floors have named themselves “The TriForce,” and their goal is to be united, spirited, and inclusive.
In order to encourage fresh starts and new beginnings, Angelica DeAnda, RA of “The Honeybees” on Crowder 400, picked 2 Corinthians 5:17 as her theme for the year: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

Gray 400 “The Hornets” RA Taylor Martin wanted the guys on his floor to realize they are an image of God, Imago Dei, as Acts 17:28 says, “For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.”
Back to Front, Left to Right: Edward Warren, Garrick Bennett, Matthew Castro, Mikel Adame, Taylor Martin, Johnny Bailey, Joseph Spychalski, Ryan Gregg, David Welk, Matthew Moroni, Jesse Allen, Ryan Gilbreath, and James Dominguez

Ryan Gregg looks on during the events of the Fall Carnival.

Lauren Vlas, Chanda Moellenberg, and Kristin Stemke support their brother floor at the football intramurals.

James Jorgensen, Jadon Haynes, and David Welk enjoy a floor dinner at Wendy's.

Back to Front, Left to Right: Kristin Stemke, Clara Unger, Lauren Vlas, Jessica Castleberry, Chanda Moellenberg, Kyla Hedge, Janelle Arzamendi, Danielle Lyndes, Janie Kliever, Amanda Lapsanksy, Angelica DeAnda, Rebecca Stinde, Ellen Crawford, Melissa Haug, and Ashley Cameron

Matthew Moroni, Taylor Martin, and Ryan Gilbreath grab some snacks and Slurpees at 7-11.
1 Jordan Hole dresses up as a gypsie for the All Hall Fall Carnival.
2 Michael Anderson and Linh Nguyen show a little intimidation before their football game against 300.
3 Senak Hong, Ryan Dietrich, and Daniel Hazzard participate in a floor activity.
4 Kelsey O'Brien, Sarah Hutton, Karyn Kimbrell, Julia Johnson, and Jaclyn Williams get ready to begin a corn maze.
5 Back to Front, Left to Right: Danielle Nath, Ashley Abbott, Kelsey O'Brien, Sarah Hutton, Karyn Kimbrell, Alyssa Varner, Jessica Weaver, Julia Johnson, Miche Jones, Chelsea Miller, Whitney Guckert, Ashley Bales, Theresa Teini, Mariesa Walberg, Amber Smith, Jordan Hole, Emily Holman, Kayli Smith, Jaclyn Williams, Angelique Sofie, Brittnay Shulz, Kirsten Babauta, Angela Crawford, Kelsey Horn, Carlen Harris, Danielle Kramer, Amy Akiyama, Kirstie Per­ron, Holey Durrett, and Shelby Wells

Jordan Skolrud runs hard against the 300 defense.

Kelsey Horn, Brittany Shulz, Kirstin Babauta, and Jaclyn Williams at the Dick's Run, a 500 floor tradition.

Whitney Guckert, Julia Johnson, Angela Crawford, Kelsey O'Brien and Jaclyn Williams are all smiles after completing the corn maze.

Kirstie Perron, Amy Akiyama, Carlen Harris, and Angela Crawford enjoy the corn maze.

Alyssa Varner, Sarah Hutton, Michelle Jones, Jordan Hole, Emily Holman, Kelsey O'Brien, Amber Smith, Jessica Weaver, Theresa Teini, Angela Crawford, and Whitney Guckert settle in for a Disney movie night on their floor.

Proverbs 3:5-6 are the verses the Crowder 500 RA, Angela Crawford wanted to challenge "The Chicks" with: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Gray 500 RA, Jordan Skolrud, chose James 1:12 as his floor verse, calling "The Ducks" to perserverance. The verse states, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."
Zackary Bylsma, Juliana Melin, and Samara Erb enjoy the outdoors.

Ebany Herd, Mikayla Helin, Chandra Hinkle have fun hanging out together.

Mikayla Helin, Annie Ashley, Jessica Fest, Roseann Hein, Michelle Brown, Nicole Lacasse, Amy Weller, Elizabeth Hanna, Kelsey Aldridge, Juliana Melin, Samara Erb, Daniela Bramono, Kristi Bramono, and Elizabeth Boissele are pumped for their brother floor's game.

Michelle Brown and Brady Beard at Starbucks after a football game.

Crowder 600 “The Potter’s House” RA, Nicole Lacasse, is challenging the girls on her floor to let God mold and shape their lives based off of 2 Corinthians 4:7 which reminds them that “we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

Gray 600 “The Roughnecks” RA, David Kramer, wants the boys on his floor to live a life of integrity as it says in Proverbs 13:6: “Righteousness guards the man of integrity, but wickedness overthrows the sinner.”
Alexa Jessee and Elizabeth Boisselle enjoy ice cream cones during their floor retreat.


William Fritts, Anup Varghese, Juliana Melin, and Ashley Sewell have a post-game celebration at Starbucks.

Andy Weber and Jared Lacefield at the 600 floor dinner.

Juliana Melin, Andrea Kishline, Annie Ashley, Shawn Jung, and Michael Smith at the 600 floor dinner.

Back to Front, Left to Right: Michelle Brown, Christine Kim, Lindsey Hopkins, Samara Erb, Nicole Garcia, Elizabeth Hanna, Nicole Lacasse, Kaitlyn Clancy, Roseann Hein, Jessica Fast, Alexa Jessee, Elizabeth Boisselle, Amy Weiler, Mikayla Helin, Ashley Sewell, Chandra Hinkle, Annie Ashley, Kristi Bramona, Daniela Bramon

Annie Ashley and Jessica Fast hang out on the 600 floor.
Living in the student apartments is a rare opportunity. At what other phase in life will I have roommates with shared interests and beliefs? When, on a teacher’s salary, will I ever afford a fully-furnished, suburban apartment with a view of the waterfront? Where else will I have a resident staff prepare study breaks, bake cookies, and make popcorn for me? In what universe will I be able to send an email and get my sink fixed the next day, free of charge? In the apartments, I get to host friends for dinner, be in control of my hours, and sink into my couch at the end of a rough day. Here, I am: home.

Story by ReBekha Smith
1. Apartment Residents display their outfits for the "P" Party.
2. Matthieu Plourde, Natasha Waller, & Rachel Plourde smile for the camera.
3. Hilary Kunnanz, Robin Demaski, and Teresa Garcia enjoy their popcorn.
4. Julia Melendrez and Katrina Ong suit up for the "P" party.
5. Scott and Brittani Brown are ready to use their cooking skills.
6. John and Natasha Waller smile for the camera.
7. Martha Tracey and Rick Snyder work the pirate look.
Berg, Mikhail
Black, William
Chou, Stephen
Crutchfield, Mallory
Dillon, Zach

Elmo, Alisha
Ericson, Kristy
Feinberg, Sarah
Gannon, Joseph
Hagelin, Natasha

Hernandez, Anthony
Howarth, Adam
Howarth, Amy
Jones, Nikki
Kuehn, Danielle

Lockridge, Callia
Messick, Kalie
Miller, John
Moore, Atalie
Olsen, Jeremy

Peabody, Kaitlynn
Richards, Grant
Seeley, Shawn
Stensland, Martha
Tesfaye, Yoseph

Theerman, Ryan
Valder, Alyssa
York, Julie
1. Steph Flatau competes in one of the more disgusting events during the Floor Olympics—chewing spam and spitting it into a water bottle.

2. Northwest students pause to encourage the students participating in the Treevivor challenge during Screaming Eagle Week.

3. Noel Meyers and Jeremy Olsen show some spirit during the decoration of their floor.

4. Kaitlynn Peabody guides the judges in their quest to find Waldo during the floor decorating competition.

5. Stephen Chou plays it cool.

6. Alisha Elmo smiles for the camera after decorating the 500 floor.

7. Aya Uchimura, Geoff Sankey, and others participate in a game of musical "chairs" during the Floor Olympics.
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The broadest of Northwest’s schools, the College of Arts and Sciences offers students an impressive variety of Undergraduate majors, minors, and certificates ranging from Environmental Science to English and History, plus Religion and Philosophy. Students learn academic and practical skills that will further them in their chosen professions, skills which also influence their Christian lives and careers.

Story by Elizabeth Tumusiime
Northwest's College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is a relatively new graduate program. Students expect to come away with a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology or a Master of Arts in International Care and Community Development. This program, designed for adult learners with full schedules, allows students to earn a degree through evening and weekend classes. Instructors strive to accommodate individual needs of the students while encouraging them to focus their attention on the individual needs of their future cases. Students become close-knit, as class sizes and structure allow for relationship building.

Story by Elizabeth Tumusiime
As a Secondary Education major, I know the ins and outs of the program. I truly value and appreciate the experience that Northwest's School of Education gives to its students. We take methods classes simultaneously with the in-class Practica. So I am able to take what I learn from the professors and apply it in a hands-on manner in the junior high classroom in which I teach. The NU ED students and faculty have become like family, and I will be sad to leave them when I graduate this Spring. However, I will leave the program with the confidence that I am prepared to walk into any Language Arts classroom and be a successful teacher.

Story by Elizabeth Tumusiime
As a Business Management major, I have learned life-long skills. A highlight of my experiences at NU has to be the event the Business Marketing department hosted for the non-profit organization, Itafari. In Professor John Bacon’s words, “We bit off more than we could chew, but did it successfully.” Our Marketing class set a goal of $10,000, but with over 150 attendees, we raised $22,000 through the silent auction, purchases of goats, raffle tickets and private donations. We all agreed that God was behind us throughout the entire event because of the way things just fell into place. Not only were we able to share the love of Jesus Christ through this event, we also gained skills and experience that we will use in our future endeavors as business men and women, and we grew closer as business students and friends. Before this year ends, we will have also marketed the Beatles cover band, Crème Tangerine, one of the top ten bands in Seattle for corporate parties. Additionally, some business majors have the opportunity to travel to Australia to study international business. The Northwest School of Business has provided many opportunities to use my “class” skills in the real world.

Story by Laura LoPresto
There's nothing quite like the College of Ministry at Northwest University. It boasts a collection of incredibly talented faculty, sweet pizza parties, and its profs even pay you to help out at church. Plus, in what other department are half your classes in a sort of permanent portable? Sure, the thundering of one's every step on the hollow floor makes sneaking into class late a bit difficult, but hey, it's home. The best part about the College of Ministry, though, is its people. The administrators of the College are both helpful and friendly, and many of its professors are absurdly knowledgeable in their respective fields. They also take a genuine interest in their students' lives and are always willing to meet with them outside of class, whether to discuss their lectures or simply to share their sage wisdom. College of Ministry, you are a rare gem.

Story by Kody Lothrop
The School of Nursing faculty strive to fully prepare their students for a career in nursing. In every course, we learn to become professional, godly leaders and administrators who are able to minister to people on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level. I am being well-trained not only for a career but also for Christian ministry. The classes are challenging but rewarding, especially when I use my nursing skills to help real people. The Senior trips, which allow students to experience health care and ministry as a nurse overseas, are also an amazing requirement for nursing students!

Story by Kim Boisselle
Senate, a bridge that connects the student body and administration, exists to provide a greater voice for the student body and to further improve the community of Northwest University. Senate has equal representation in every student's living situation from the dorms to the Firs, or the apartments to off-campus living. Our executive team and class representatives serve as senators, and this group has worked this year in varied ways: procuring a school mascot to attend all home games, finding cost effective bus passes to better aid student transportation, working on successful open dorm policies, and helping provide a lounge for commuter students. We anticipate that Senate will grow into a strong governing body on this campus and will ever strive to initiate positive change.

Story by: Ryan Gilbreath
In the 2008-2009 academic year, the NUSG Executive Team has sought to provide NU students every opportunity to become involved in all aspects of the campus community. Once known as ASB, the NUSG members are excited for the new role that the NUSG Senate will play on our campus as we introduce new activities and improve traditional ones. We want to increase the number of ministry opportunities for student involvement in Kirkland and Seattle, and we are introducing new co-ed intramural sports, hoping to involve more women in them.

As a team, we realize that Jesus must be at the center of everything we do, so in every campus activity and every encounter with students, we seek to honor Christ. Throughout the year, we have lifted up every part of the NU campus in our prayers to seek God’s will in all that we do. It’s exciting to see God work in the lives of everyone at NU and to see the growth in maturity of each person as they follow God’s call. We take seriously the responsibility of leadership at NU, and we feel humbled for the opportunity it brings.

Story by: Jadon Haynes

Eric Wade, VP of Student Ministries; Brooks Josephson, Treasurer; Olivia Moormeier, Secretary of Student Ministries; Katie Campbell, VP of Student Activities; Roxy Lubanovici, Administrative Assistant; Jadon Haynes, President; Andy Weber, Intramural Coordinator; and Ryan Gilbreath, Secretary of Student Activities.
Many students do not realize the time and effort it takes to publish our yearbook. Fewer have visited our office, a small, crammed space shared with the Talon located in the Pecota Center. However, our wonderful staff has helped reduce the stress. Juliana Born our editor has made this year fun and relatively easy for the rest of the staff. A detail-oriented person, she catches all mistakes, thereby adding quality to our yearbook. Elizabeth and I, as layout editors, put together all of the spreads throughout the yearbook including placing photos, naming people, and writing stories. Finally, our photo editor, Thien-An Lai, attended almost every event on campus to capture all the great moments. His hard work has definitely contributed to the quality of our yearbook. Our hard work has paid off to bring you an excellent yearbook this year.

Story by Tiffany Kent
Mondays at 3:30 p.m. sharp, six over-committed, passionate women stumble into the Talon office, each with a notebook and coffee in hand for a meeting filled with Sun Chips, the smell of whiteboard pens, Panini’s, ab-burning laughter, and complete creativity. Focusing on the knowledge of campus changes, student life, and diversity, these Talon editors then put together their vision of a successful publication “written by students, for students.” With a goal to captivate and relate to every audience at Northwest, Advisor Kara Heinrichs, along with Editor-in-Chief, Lindsey Cressey, gathered the staff—Rachael Harris (writer), Michelle Meade (writer), Rebekha Smith (photography), and Stephanie Tell (advertising)—in weekly brainstorming sessions that led to a monthly publication of a 12-page newspaper. Early in the semester, the Talon staff also joined with Ministry Intern, Angelique Sofie, to enhance the depth of ministry news on campus, ultimately placing Angelique as the Talon’s ministry staff writer.

With satire and student opinions sprinkling the pages, each issue has progressively improved in quality and content. Kara Heinrichs’s expertise in media has aided the student staff in the new processes of layout design, conducting interviews, and finding newsworthy stories. With a tabloid style front page, the Talon looks to Rebekha Smith for excellent photography, and each issue includes her creative photo journal to appeal to the current visual generation of Northwest.

As the year has progressed, interest in the paper has increased and advertising has helped advance the Talon financially. So that the Talon Journal would become a self-supporting activity on campus, Stephanie Tell has worked hard to line up numerous companies to advertise in the Talon’s publications.

With high goals and expectations, the Talon Journal has re-emerged at Northwest as a quality publication for both alumni and students. This year’s staff have seen amazing visions and growth in the Talon, and their service acts as a starting point for a long tradition of excellence in media on campus.

Story by Lindsey Cressey
1. The Bookstore: Rhonda Klassen, Terry Wynes, and Cindy Vertefeuille
2. The Aerie: Kyle Turver, Dawn Williams, Tabitha Williams, Melody DaRoMe, and Jadon Haynes
3. Printing Services: Arnold Arnan
5. Student Accounts: Sally Heckathorn, Roger Wilson, and Mary Cotton
6. Admissions: Clayton Visker, Ben Thomas, Scott Brown, Chad Gerchak, Sally Demos, Kara Hicks, Stephanie Kanehen
7. Library: Adam Epp, Leslie Engelston, Gina Stocker, Christa Zilverberg, Dorothy Mulkey, Charles Diede
8. Counseling: Sue Dils and Teresa Regan
9. Housing: Nicole Kelly and Loree Rowland
10. Athletics: Larry Brown, Lori Napier, Gary McIntosh, Preston Brashears, John Van Dyke
11. Administrative: Leona Moon, Kate Christensen, Sharan Schimpfpenig, Cherie Robbins
Tiffany Dikeman, Ryan Mathisen, Joseph Gannon, Evan Whipple, Morgan Chinn, Kevin Botterbusch, and Brandon Schulz listen intently as Jessica Fast talks while coach Gary Gillespie observes.

Tiffany Dikeman takes notes during debate practice.

Morgan Chinn presents his side of the debate during a meet here on campus.

Kevin Botterbusch listens to his teammate during a debate meet.

Jessica Fast and Brandon Schulz listen during a debate practice.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold." Proverbs 25:11

Eagle Debate seeks to fulfill the mission of Northwest University to train students for leadership and service. Debaters strive for excellence in competition, maximize their potential as critical thinkers and public communicators, and live out the values of the evangelical Christian worldview in their personal and academic relationships. Eagle debate typically attracts ten to twelve students who participate in parliamentary debate. We meet twice a week for two hour practices and discussions and attend as many as 10 tournaments each year. Our program has produced winning debate teams. A highlight of 2008 – 2009 was attending the Pan Pacific Championships at Hawaii Pacific University and placing second. Team captain this year was Morgan Chinn. Outstanding senior was Kevin Botterbusch. Most improved was Tiffany Dikeman.

Story by Gary Gillespie
Synergy Vocal Jazz

With eight vocal performers and a full rhythm section, Synergy performs songs from the historic Great American Song Book composed between 1930-1970 plus classic gospel songs from our Christian heritage. Synergy performs rhythm and blues, swing, Latin rhythms, and ballads at banquets, service clubs, churches, conferences, and ministry outreaches. The ensemble also performs two major concerts a year on campus and has competed at the Lionel Hampton Festival for several years.

Northwest University Jazz Band

This sixteen member ensemble is classified as a symphonic big band swing jazz ensemble in the tradition of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Woody Herman, and other great bands of the 20th century Golden Big Band era. The group performs two major concerts a year on the NU campus and also plays for church outreach functions, fund raising events, and concerts in surrounding communities. The Jazz Band has also represented the University at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

Story by Ken Prettyman
The Northwest University Concert Choir consists of 55-65 students, both music and non-music majors. This year the Concert Choir allied with the Rainier Symphony, a full-sized, professional orchestra in the community. In this cooperative effort, the Concert Choir provided choral support for the symphony concerts, and in turn, Rainier Symphony provided orchestral support for the Choir’s program. It proved a great blessing and a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate with professional musicians within the local community.

In the fall semester, in addition to singing at the Fall Graduation Chapel service, the Concert Choir had a major role in the Christmas Concert where they sang several a cappella Christmas anthems, a number of John Rutter arrangements of Christmas carols, and Handel’s Hallelujah chorus; the major Christmas work was “Gloria” by Antonio Vivaldi, a twelve movement work written for choir, soloists, and orchestra.

In the spring semester, the Concert Choir performed a concert in May, which consisted of three main segments: Collegiate Choral music representing all the musical periods, Large Hymns and Anthems – Church Music, and Spirituals; they also sang at Commencement and conducted a regional tour of local high schools and churches.

NU Concert Choir exists to glorify God in musical performance by singing the great music of the masters in the way the music was intended to be done, and to expose students to the great body of classical choral repertoire, underscoring the rich musical traditions that we have inherited.

My passion is to utilize great music in order to create experiences where audiences can be transported from the mundane, everyday stresses of life to a place of transcendence and sublimity. Thus, musical performance is not merely musical performance, but a sacred moment when beautiful music creates the conduit for our spirits to connect with God’s Spirit, resulting in our lives being changed forever by the glory of God.

Story by Bill Owen, Concert Choir Director
Over the past years, the ministry of the Northwest Choralons has been an integral part of Northwest University. Led and directed by Brenda Rasmussen, Northwest Choralons is a choir and band made up of 120 students who, together, provide a music ministry not only to our schools and churches in the northwest but also to surrounding states and countries. Northwest Choralons has recorded 5 CD's which have been generously received in the community. Performing songs ranging from contemporary Christian music to timeless hymns, the Northwest Choralons plus their music and ministry have refreshed and encouraged many.

Brenda Rasmussen, Choralons Director
In his work, "Reflecting on the Psalms", C.S. Lewis writes: "It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to [us]." While Lewis is correct, it is equally true that God communicates His presence every hour of everyday through His creation, through interaction with His people, and in many other personal and planned ways. Our God is a great God who has woven within His creation His own initials, and accept it or not, we are God's greatest expression of His existence and presence. Knowing and believing these words to be true, how can we do anything but fall to our knees in worship? Pursuit is a weekly opportunity for NU students and the surrounding community to worship our Creator. Not intended to take the place of a personal and daily time with the Lord, worship at Pursuit allows individuals to grow in knowledge and intimacy with Christ by coming together publicly and declaring their love and their need for Him. Praising God also includes serving one another, our communities, and ultimately the world. We are meant to know more about the Lord, and then to share that knowledge with others who do not. At the end of the day, it is as C.S. Lewis points out when we seek God's presence in worship, He shows up. We have seen God's presence in our gathering times, and we have also seen growth and enrichment of individual believers within our NU community- the presence of God is powerful and transformational. What an amazing privilege it is to come together and worship a God who is holy, righteous, sinless, and the lover of our souls. It has been an honor to worship with you all in Pursuit on Monday nights.

Story by Mikaela Shaeffer and Brandon Schulz, The Pursuit Interns
This year’s small group ministry, the NU Crews, proved once again to be a strong force on and off campus. With over forty student leaders, and hundreds of members, Crews set the tone for unity at Northwest. Crews meet a variety of different interests and needs on campus: Crews that visit prisons and spread the Good News through worship and dramas; Crews that delve into the traditions, languages, cultures, and cuisines of different countries; Crews that help the rhythmically challenged by giving swing dance lessons; and Crews that gather around a warm fire and a hazelnut latte at Starbucks. Crews provide outlets for students who desire spiritual involvement beyond that of chapel, a break from the dorms that never sleep, or a vacation from midterms and research papers. Crews offer students special connections with their peers, mutual prayer, and growth in their relationships with God. Students can serve others, learn a foreign language, brainstorm song ideas, and develop lasting friendships. The leaders, visionary and sacrificial, are impassioned to serve, to see NU students serve their own campus, their outlying communities, and the world. As another academic year ends, the text books close, and dorm rooms empty, but Crews’ service and fellowship still pulse in the hearts and actions of all who participated.

Story by Olivia Moormeier
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Shawn Gray dodges the opposing team.

The ladies from 600, (L to R) Michelle Brown, Mikeyla Helin, Elizabeth Hanna, Elizabeth Boisselle, Annie Ashley Nicole LaCasse, Ashley Sewell, Chandra Hinkle, and Amy Weller, cheer on their team.

James Reed referees an intramurals game.

NORTHWEST INTRAMURALS

Nikita Hall, Katie Campbell, and Lisa Vantrease play to win during a powderpuff football game.

David Kramer sprints down the field with the football.
One September Saturday morning, I received a knock at my door. It was a FIRS resident asking whether my husband could play football. My husband wasn’t home, so I directed the caller to our friend’s apartment; perhaps he had some luck there. During the fall, it is not uncommon to encounter recruiters such as these looking for players for their intramural teams. Intramural sports give all Northwest students a chance for some healthy competition, and all they really need is time and interest to play. Various teams, made up of participants from individual dorm floors, as well as FIRS, student apartments, and off-campus residents, vie against each other for some friendly competition. The fans dress up and cheer for their teams, providing great support and ensuring a fun team spirit. This year Andy Weber, the intramural coordinator, has added ultimate frisbee to the list of intramural sports that already includes football and powderpuff football, basketball, and volleyball.

Story by Elizabeth Tumusiime
"Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must outrun the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning in Africa, a lion wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the slowest gazelle, or it will starve. It doesn't matter whether you're a lion or gazelle - when the sun comes up, you'd better be running."

- Unknown
Jon Keefer and Seth Bridges jog with determination.

Lindsey Wagner, Bailey Granstrom, Shayna Frause, and Paige DeLapp have a strong start at the Emerald City Invite.

Jon Keefer, Kyle Baida, Alex Croutworst, Tyler Hart, Seth Bridges, and Aimee Teuscher stretch their muscles before practice.

Lindsey Wagner pushes ahead of the competition.

Paige DeLapp flies solo.

Bailey Granstrom leaves her opponents behind.

Front Row: Kyle Baida, Jon Keefer, Seth Bridges, Tyler Hart, Alex Croutworst
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Jason Hatcher shoots the ball past the competition.

Back Row (Left to Right): Asst. Coach Chris Peterson, Coach Gary McIntosh, Brandon Screen, Micah Williams, James Kerr, Craig McCullion, Drew Jensen, Nathan Murphy, Luke Fischer, Jeff Dickison, Asst. Coach Harlan Slind, Manager Marty Dawood

Front Row (Left to Right): Flavius Stercluc, Matt Walton, Tim Starr, Matt Johnson, Kyle Wall, Brian Swanson, Everett Adams, Jason Hatcher, Shayn Fite, Wilbur Velasco

Not pictured: Trainer Coach Larry Brown

The team gathers in a huddle after a game.

Matt Walton takes control of the ball as Luke Fischer backs him up.
A great year all around, the 2008 Men's Soccer Team made the conference playoffs for the first time in conference history; the team has represented NU with character and class. The team chemistry worked well this year, adding to our success in making the playoffs. An excellent team is always great to coach, and this year's team has been extra special. We graduate eight wonderful, spirited players this year, and we will miss them but look forward to next year's excellence as well.

Story by Coach Gary McIntosh
NU's Women's Soccer team started off the year better than ever before. With only seven returning players, and only three from the first year of the program, 2008 has been a season of growth. Yet with ten new freshmen, we hope to make this our best year so far.

Our new program has seen many changes; however, our core is unyielding in its relentless passion, perseverance, and hard work. Eagle fans have come to know and expect this excellence from the women's soccer team.

The year's highlight came when the team earned a spot in conference play-offs, and the players also finished high enough in it to earn a home bid. From scoring goals with 34 seconds left, to participating in their first Conference play-off, to tenaciously risking themselves for the benefit of the team, the team's enthusiasm and joy were exciting and obvious. "When we're on the field, we know we're not just playing for ourselves," said Junior captain Brittney Marshall. "We're playing for something so much bigger than that. And when you go out there everyday playing hard for each other, it's so much more fun."

Working hard for each other, on and off the field, does come with some rewards. Captains Shauna Marshall and Brittney Marshall made First Team All-Conference, while sophomore Britannique Clayberg, freshman Kirstie Perron, and freshman Jordan Holmes all won honorable mention. Senior Shauna Marshall and junior Rachael Harris were also honored as members of the CCC's All Academic team.

These players are not just individual women on a soccer field: they refuse to settle, they push each other to the limit, and ultimately, they have fun, all while glorifying God in the beautiful process. The NU Women's Soccer team did not play only for wins and losses this year, they played for something far greater.
### Scores

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### Notes

1. Britannique Clayberg races to beat her opponent to the ball.
2. Julia Johnson fights for the ball as Theresa Teini and Abby Brauer wait for the outcome.
3. Brittany Marshall settles the ball and blocks an Oregon Tech player from gaining possession.
4. Gena Crock and Shauna Marshall relax on the field and ham it up for the camera.
5. Carlen Harris practices her ball-handling skills.
   Front Row: Ashley Bales, Amy Akiyama, Shauna Marshall, Jordan Holmes, Jessica Kane, Britannique Clayberg, Carlen Harris, Clarisa Reber, Julia Johnson
Scores

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Westmont College       L;3-0
Corban College         W;3-2
Lewis-Clark State      L;3-0
Concordia University   L;3-1
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Montana State Northern W;3-0
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Oregon Tech            L;3-0
Southern Oregon U      L;3-0
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Corban College         W;3-0
Concordia University   L;3-1
Evergreen State College W;3-1
Northwest Christian U  W;3-2
College of Idaho       L;3-0
Eastern Oregon U       L;3-0
Cascade College        L;3-2
Warner Pacific College L;3-0

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1 Carleigh Newman jumps to spike the ball as Libby Hellwig looks on.


3 Lauren Holtz bumps the ball while Andrea Cotton runs to set it.

4 Libby Hellwig sets the ball.

Front row: Shelbe Kukowski, Sophie Castleberry, Madeleine Krahn
Previous NU volleyball players Jessie Dietrich, Beth Geise, Dayna Casseday, Kara Veach, and Cindy Hollar gather for the final game of the season to congratulate Madeleine Krahn, second from right, and other senior volleyball players.

Lauren Holtz and Corleigh Newman jump simultaneously to block the ball.

"Volleyball is life. Everything else is just details."

-Anonymous
This season has been a season to lay the foundation for the future as coach John Van Dyke welcomed three freshman, four sophomores, three juniors, and only two seniors to the team. The team suffered a big loss in December when senior wing Greg Spurgetis broke his wrist in the overtime loss to #1 ranked Oregon Tech on December 19. His wrist required surgery to repair, and since he would possibly be lost for the remainder of the season, Coach Van Dyke moved freshmen Rich Skillman and Jason Waltman into roles which gave them more playing time and experience. Sophomores Lucas Ashe, Greg George, and Greg Peters have also contributed in a big way for the Eagles. Junior transfers Blake Solomon and Daley London and returnee Nate Rheaume solidified the line-up with their experience. The lone remaining senior, Eddie Coulson, has been a solid performer for NU as a starter and co-captain. Freshman Nathan Downs and sophomore Josh Bollinger also have helped make the future for the Eagles a bright one. NU hopes to make the Cascade Conference playoffs this February, an event that would help the young team gain valuable experience for next season.

Story by: Al Kawashima
MEN'S BASKETBALL

4 Greg Peters and Eddie Coulsen push past defenders.
5 Jason Waltman looks for an open teammate.
6 Rich Skillman dribbles the ball.
7 Blake Solomon sprints down the court.
8 Greg Peters shoots for two points as Northwest fans cheer him on.

Scores

Opponents Final
U of Montana (Exh.) L;92-72
Montana Tech W;72-64
Pt. Loma U L;90-69
Walla Walla U W;78-72
LCSC L;75-58
George Fox U W;108-49
Pacific U
Walla Walla W;106-66
Multnomah Bible L;97-66
Western WA U (Exh.)
Concordia U W;90-74
Corban College W;70-63
George Fox U W;76-64
Oregon IT L;94-86
Southern Oregon W;94-65
Warner Pacific L;66-52
Cascade W;94-92
Evergreen State L;96-87
College of Idaho L;73-57
Eastern Oregon L;83-59
NW Christian U L;75-70
Southern Oregon L;68-55
Oregon IT L;59-56
Corban College L;79-76
Concordia W;92-76
Evergreen State L;89-88
NW Christian U W;80-70
Eastern Oregon L;72-57
College of Idaho L;76-66
Cascade W;93-82
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1. McKenzie McKean takes a shot.
2. Rachel Mitchell motions to her teammates so that she has an open pass.
3. Dani Drivstuen dribbles past the competition.
4. Jessalyn Jackson gestures that she is open.
5. Alexa Breidenbach breaks away from her opponents and goes for the basket.
Colleen Woods guards her opponent.

Erika Hornyak switches the ball to her right hand as she gets ready to pass.


"I think sportsmanship is knowing that it is a game, that we are only as a good as our opponents, and whether you win or lose, to always give 100 percent."

-Sue Wicks, WNBA player
DEDICATION

David and Patti Oleson are special people: they have spent their lives serving God in different ways, and that includes not only students at Northwest, but also the people of many nations. Together, they have visited twenty-seven different countries and have lived in six or more. Yet, their travels make up only a part of their stories. For the last 10 years, Dave has been an Assistant Professor of Math and Missions here at Northwest, with a goal to teach students not only the knowledge of numbers, but also a working, compassionate heart for people, and he has been successful at both. Patti, the Curriculum and Admin. Services Coordinator for LEAP, has also served the students and faculty here at Northwest. In fact, our LEAP staff says that she is the glue that holds their program together. Together, they make a dynamic team. We have often seen them eating lunch together in the cafeteria, the love of 40 years of marriage sparkling in their eyes. Ever ready to lend an ear to a struggling student or an overwhelmed colleague, David and Patti maintain their love for God, their love for each other, their service to others, and their love and service for the nations of the world. This year, we say goodbye to David and Patti as they travel again in adventures and service that God has ready for them. While they will most miss the specific opportunity to reach NU students for missions, we have no doubt that they will maintain their influence in missions wherever God sends them. Thank you, Dave and Patti. You embody the heart of God in your love for each other and your compassion towards people. You are two who live to see His Kingdom come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven, and it is truly our privilege to serve His purposes together with you.

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And to all the Northwest University students, thank you for all the memories of this past year.

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