

# The Talon

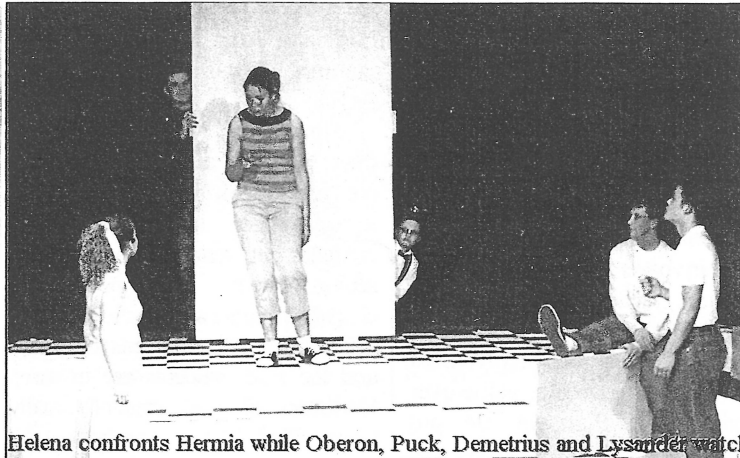
Piercing decisively to the core of Truth

## MIDSUMMER NIGHT - DREAMY SUCCESS!

BY BECKY WILSON

"It's like Shakespeare meets 'Grease' " says Spring Vitus about this spring semester's Shakespeare production. Supervising faculty, Lisa Peretti and student director, Rachael Dill have done an outstanding job directing the largest cast that NC has had for a drama production.

The new rendition of the play maintains the zany comedy of the original. However, thanks to Julia Young's excellent script adaptation, Shakespeare's ancient Athens is transformed into what Peretti calls the "rollicking '50s," which gives contemporary life to this timeless comedy. The costumes are circle skirts, pedal pushers, and leather jackets under the



Helena confronts Hermia while Oberon, Puck, Demetrius and Lysander watch

direction of Stage Manager, Heather Cook, who says, "We just want to have fun with this play."

Fun adequately describes John Travolta look-a-like Jordan Hansen who performs as Oberon,

or beanie-wearing Lauren Gardner as Puck. Popular songs from the '50s, like "Mr. Sandman" and "Dream Lover," emphasize the play's themes and add a musical spirit that aids in

the dream-like ambiance. Despite the modernization, Shakespeare's theme still shines through the set of Corinthian columns and, of course, in the language.

The plot is fascinating and complex. It opens with Hermia, the daughter of stern Egeus having to choose between marriage to Demetrius, a man she does not love, or death. Her spirited friend Helena, is in love with Demetrius, who loves Hermia. Hermia plans to elope with Lysander, her true love. Demetrius follows them into the woods, and Helena follows Demetrius.

In the woods, thanks to the meddling of Oberon, the fairy king, and Puck his servant, both

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## What is The Talon?

BY MERCY NOVAK

The Talon is your new student newspaper. Sixty-nine years is a long enough time for a college to be without this common medium of expression and intellectual discourse. Therefore, we have endeavored to begin a college newspaper that, hopefully, will continue through sixty-nine more years.

The Talon is not an "underground" newspaper. Past underground newspapers have provided a vent for students to express themselves and their dissatisfactions. However, we have noticed that this vent is similar to that of a volcano's; it explodes in a great show of color and energy momentarily, only to then fizzle and die. No underground newspaper has lasted for more than a semester. Therefore, we have chosen to start a legitimate paper with the sanction of the administration.

The sanction of the administration does not mean that the college dictates what we write in the newspaper. This paper is student run and student funded from your student activity fee. However, since

our intent is to produce a worthy and respectable newspaper, we have chosen to print articles that report fairly and if critical, criticize fairly with suitable support and research. There will be a few opinion editorials in each newspaper, but our standards will not tolerate wholesale "bashing" of various mindsets or institutions, campus ones or not.

The focus of the newspaper will be journalistic reporting, review, and discussion. We promise to research every article that we put before you. Some of these articles may be controversial or surprising, but we give you our guarantee that our reporting will be true and objective.

After this first issue, we hope to print another issue before the end of the semester. The number of issues next year will be left to the discretion of next year's editorial team. Since this is our first issue, it is short and may not contain everything you would like to see in a student newspaper. Our next issue will, hopefully, be longer and more representative of the various

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## WHY WAR?

BY NATHAN NOVAK

As bombs drop in Baghdad, bullets rain in the desert and protests rage here and around the globe, many are asking the question: Why are we fighting this war? Behind all the politics and propaganda are serious answers to this question.

The primary justification given for the war in Iraq is that war is necessary as a final resort in order to disarm Iraq of its Weapons of Mass Destruction. These include chemical and biological weapons as well as a nuclear arms program and certain missiles. The United Nations has banned Iraq from possessing or pursuing these weapons after it invaded its neighbor, Kuwait, in 1990.

The U.S. fears that were Iraq to possess these weapons it would distribute them to terrorist groups such as Al Qaeda or Hamas that are dedicated to killing Americans and Israelis. Legitimate fears also include the possibility that Saddam Hussien might use these weapons against his own people or against his neighbors, such as Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

The UN originally passed 15 separate resolutions on Iraq insisting that Iraq cease production and destroy all stockpiles of these weapons. UN inspectors were to have unrestricted access in Iraq to verify that these stipulations are being followed. Iraq, however, chose to expel UN inspectors in 1998.

Last November, the UN passed Resolution 1441 insisting that Iraq allow the return of inspectors and provide full compliance and cooperation or face "serious consequences." Since the return of inspectors to Iraq, Iraqi compliance and cooperation has been minimal. Evidence, however, continues to grow that Iraq is in fact still in possession of outlawed weapons despite its loud and frequent assertions to the contrary.

Even in the face of this defiance, the UN could come up with no other way of dealing with Iraq than to let the inspectors continue their frustrated searching. While the US, Britain and Spain felt it was time for military action, nations such as France

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## What Part Do You Play On Northwest College's Team?

BY AMANDA PETERSON

God has given all the students at Northwest College talents and abilities in several areas. I happen to be an athlete and can remember my father telling me the importance of being a Christian first and an athlete afterwards. Being a Christian is a lifetime adventure, while being a college athlete is an experience only for a few years. My days playing volleyball at Northwest are now over, but my life as a Christian continues. What we do here at Northwest is simply a way of glorifying God through what he has given us in our talents. I have learned that what is important is not the sport I play but the glory I give to God through that sport.

The Lord has molded and shaped me into who I am today through my experiences in volleyball. For example, I learned about life's struggles and joys through several areas of the sport. I learned how to build relationships with my fellow team members. I learned perseverance during practice, unity in the midst of struggles, leadership while under pressure, encouragement

and motivation when drained. I learned team building as I came to understand the importance of each person on the team. Athletics is a great way to understand and apply practical life skills.

However, athletics is not the only way that God works in us. He is a big God and has many ways of teaching each one of us. We are the body of Christ, yet we have different personalities, varied talents, and therefore, we learn different lessons in a myriad of ways. We all know lessons that God has taught us through our involvement in various activities, academics, or sports. We must realize that one particular area of involvement does not hold a greater value over another, but that we are put together as a team to build the body that Christ desires in his people.

God has taken simple volleyball strategies and shown me how to walk in victory. I can remember looking across the net and watching my opponents closely. Knowing where the opponents were going to hit the

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## Thank You!

BY DAWNA CROSS

When I came to Northwest College this year, I was a penniless graduate of Teen Challenge. Before that, I lived on the streets. Therefore, I had nothing to my name except for a few clothes and the promise that God would provide for all my needs. And he did so in an amazing way!

Ms. Debbie Pope let the faculty and her friends know about my personal needs, and they responded with an overwhelming number of items to furnish my apartment in The Firs. Most of my generous benefactors are anonymous, but I would like to thank the ones I know of.

Thank you, Jim and Jeanie Lowell, for allowing me to use your lovely couch and chair. Thank you also for the TV, the dishes, the table, and the other items that once traveled with you to India and now serve as an encouragement to me.

Thank you, Glenn Settle, for the ironing board and simply for your wonderful smile that spreads Jesus' love all by itself! Thank you, Beth Fahlberg, and family, for the coffee table, the end table, the juicer, the TV stand, the beautiful rocker, and the other miscellaneous items. Thank you, Ms. Pope, for being so ready to help me and for letting me store all these blessings in your garage before I moved in. Finally, thank you, all of you whom I do not know, but who gave to Ms. Pope in secrecy.

I appreciate the love and kindness each one of you showered me with as you gave so generously. It is easy to give to people we know, but to give to strangers is definitely a characteristic of Jesus. I now lack nothing and have daily reminders of God's love and provision all around me. May God's blessings fall upon you and your households as you have blessed mine.

*Editor's Note: This column is intended for heartwarming stories such as the one above.*

*If you have one or know someone who does, please email us at [talon@ncag.edu](mailto:talon@ncag.edu).*

## SMT's - IN DEPTH

BY TIFFANY ZULKOSKY

"They don't laugh, because they can't hear very well. But they just love it," says Elisa Reimer, a senior Psychology major. This declaration is in agreement with senior Music Ministry major, Amy Oliver's statement that her favorite audiences are composed of senior citizens. Both Elisa and Amy are members of a Summer Ministry Team called ACTS.

Summer Ministry Teams (SMT's) are a major form of outreach for Northwest College. The teams minister in schools, camps, churches, at retreats, and even at senior centers. They perform in chapel with ease and confidence; one minute they have students laughing, and the next, students are in tears. However, do the students really know what it takes to be in the

spotlight? When one looks behind the scenes at the four teams determined to minister, one will find a lot of prayer, work, and fun.

"We practice at least four days a week, for about 10 hours, sometimes more," sophomore Amy Robertson, said of the average workload and responsibilities for being a part of a Summer Ministry Team. She is a member of Peanut Butter 'n' Jesus, a team focused on children's ministry. "Our practices are pretty structured. We have an order of operations. We go through our business items, like booking. And then we practice different skits we're working on. This semester we're building our repertoire, so that we can have a lot to pull from because camps can either ask us to do a specific theme or give us the freedom to choose our own

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## HELP ME PLEASE!

By Amanda Hamar and Mercy Novak

Most Northwest College students are aware that there is a Counseling Center on campus (located next to Perks Lounge). This article is intended to provide more information about the center's services, both in the areas of personal and career counseling.

The Counseling Center offers counseling to assist students with a variety of concerns such as college adjustment, career counseling, personal development, stress management, depression, anxiety, eating disorders, relationship issues, interpersonal skills, family concerns, sexual identity issues, abuse recovery, addictions, grief and loss, and trauma recovery. The Center also offers an excellent premarital counseling program, marriage enrichment counseling, and pre-engagement counseling.

Teresa Regan, Director of Counseling Services says that cost and confidentiality are often concerns of students. There is no charge for currently enrolled students. Reagan goes on to say that, "the Counseling Center adheres to Washington State Law, which protects students' rights to confidentiality. Information about students will not be disclosed to others without their written consent. Only in exceptional situations would con-

fidentiality be breached, such as risk of great harm to oneself or others."

For those students who worry about declaring a major or wondering what career to pursue, help is at hand. The Counseling Center offers personality tests, interest inventories, and other career planning resources that help students explore which majors or careers best encompass their unique interests. Students can discover different facets about themselves through these instruments.

Career development and decision making is a process. Teresa Regan recommends that students actively engage in career development tasks throughout their college experience. She says that, "it is important for students to articulate 'who they are,' 'where they are going,' and 'how they are going to get there.'" The center encourages freshmen and sophomores to take career interest inventories, and to research careers in order to help them decide their major and future career. It advises that juniors and seniors be involved in a practicum, internship, or a part-time job in their area of career interest. Seniors, especially, should focus on interviewing for jobs and networking in their chosen profession. Regan says that following this plan will prevent that

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## The Real Story on the New Apartments

BY BECKY WILSON

Northwest College began building new student housing last summer. Melissa Martin, Director of Housing, projects that the four apartment buildings, positioned behind the Firs, are to be finished by the end of this summer and be ready for occupancy by next fall semester. These sparkling new apartments boast full kitchens, complete with dishwashers, ovens, and microwaves. However, unlike ordinary apartments, the new student apartments will be fully furnished.

Who gets to live in them? No one knows yet! The tenant selection

process, dubbed "Get Ready to Draw," is actually quite simple. The Draw is a random process open only to Juniors and Seniors. A student interested in living in the new apartments must first sign up in the Student Housing Office. The student's class year information will be verified, before his or her name can be entered in the Draw. During the actual Draw held on April 11 at 4:00pm in M1, entered students will draw a number each, with seniors drawing first. Christian Lindbeck, VP of Student Development, or Melissa Martin will then call the numbers in numerical order.

When a student's number is called, that individual will choose which unit he or she would like to live in. Students select from a two-bedroom unit that houses four students or a three-bedroom unit that houses six students. If the student called has friends entered in the Draw that he or she prefers as roommates, the friends join the original student in choosing a unit.

Not every student entered in the Draw will receive a room. There are only 32 units—26 two-bedroom units and six three-bedroom units. Only 140 students have a chance to reserve a bed in the new apartments.

The two bedroom units cost \$1,633 per semester and the three bedroom units cost \$1,333. This price does not include a meal plan (because of the full kitchens) or other fees, like parking. The boarding cost does include utilities, garbage, local phone calls, and Internet connections.

The signup process began on March 17 and continues through March 31. This process is being held in the Student Housing Office in the Davis Administration Building. For more information about the Draw, please call Melissa Martin at ext. 5334.

## WHY WAR

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and Germany, adamantly oppose any such action. On March 19<sup>th</sup> the US and Britain determined the time for diplomacy was over. If the UN would not back its own resolutions, they would. To this end they began the current war against Iraq.

Beyond disarming Iraq of its Weapons of Mass Destruction, victory promises to bring freedom to the Iraqi people. Saddam Hussein has been a brutal dictator, committing his worst atrocities against his own people. His regime has carried out mass murder in Iraq against its Kurdish and Shiite peoples as all who oppose the government. Dissenters are tortured and forced to watch their families tortured and killed before being murdered themselves. The benefits of

Iraq's rich oil fields go directly to Saddam and his military while his people starve and lack basic medical care. This war stands to restore Iraqis with two basic rights of humanity: freedom and prosperity.

There are, however, serious concerns that must be addressed with regard to the war. The war is unpopular both at home here in America and throughout the world. We have undertaken this campaign against the pleas of some of our closest allies and most important trading partners. This not only puts our trading status with these nations at risk but also threatens our ability to call on them in the future for further aid in the war against terrorism.

The war also poses serious threats to the nation's economy. Bush has

already submitted an emergency funding request to Congress for 75 billion dollars to cover only the first month of the war. The war could take far longer than that to end. Economic markets are suffering with the Dow Jones and Nasdaq reporting losses. Oil prices are again on the rise after the news that it could take more than 3 months to restore oil exports from Iraq. Retailers are reporting 2% losses in a time that they would otherwise boast gains. Airlines are also hit hard as travel is substantially down. Major airlines such as United Airlines are threatening to file for bankruptcy or to close entirely. This would put tens of thousands of jobs at risk.

Finally, let us not forget the most important cost of war: Life. Behind all the political aggrandizement of the

goals of this war, the basic goal of any war remains the same: to kill. This war has already seen the deaths of several Americans and British soldiers and the deaths of hundreds of Iraqi soldiers. But soldiers are not the only casualties. Civilians are also caught between these warring armies. Whether it is from our guns or theirs, civilians are dying. Some respond that civilian deaths are merely an unfortunate aspect of war. That outlook is precisely the problem with war.

As the war continues, consider both sides carefully. Pray for our troops, and theirs. Pray for wisdom for leaders and for mending in our international relationships. Pray for a swift resolution. And most importantly, pray that God's "will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Demetrius and Lysander are bewitched into falling in love with Helena. Hermia, the erstwhile beloved is now cast aside and cannot understand why this is so. This confusion results in extremely amusing and lively interchange between the four characters.

Meanwhile, thanks to Oberon once again, his queen Titania is bewitched into falling in love with Bottom, a man with the head of a donkey.

Eventually all is put right and everyone lives happily ever after.

The cast could not be livelier with characters like Sky Holzinger Monty Python-esque playing of a female called "Thisby" and Bethany Tutmarc's glamorously fairy-like "Titania." Dueling lovers

Justin Chu (Lysander), Ben Tichenor (Demetrius), Stephanie Epp (Helena), and Stephanie Bergeron (Hermia) keep the audience in stitches throughout the entire play. Jak Moroshan gives a hilarious and believable performance as Bottom.

With only two chances left to attend a performance, Northwest students, faculty and staff will regret missing this show. The play appeals to everyone, from children to adults. Audiences have loved the performances so far, and the show only promises to get better.

Performances continue tonight and Saturday. The shows begin at 7:30 p.m., and tickets may be purchased at the door: \$5 for students and \$7 for general admission.

## Northwest College's New Honor Society

BY BECKY WILSON

Northwest College opens this spring its own chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international English honor society. The application process is ongoing, but Jeannie Clegg, Sigma Tau Delta's Central Office Manager at Northern Illinois University, says the first NC members should be able to hold an induction ceremony prior to spring graduation.

"Sigma Tau Delta's central purpose is to confer distinction upon students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies," reads the Sigma Tau Delta website, [www.english.org](http://www.english.org). "Our members have the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding achievements, enrich

their education, help them make career choices, and advance their careers." Members may attend an annual national convention, as well as other regional gatherings, earn scholarships of up to \$2000, and win awards in the areas of teaching, writing, performance, conference paper presentation, and web site construction.

There will be an introductory meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Center. It will be an informative meeting to acquaint Northwest College students with the requirements of becoming members and associate members and to answer other questions students may have. For more information, please contact Becky Wilson at [wilson2425@msn.com](mailto:wilson2425@msn.com).

## Faculty Corner

## QUESTIONS QUESTIONS

By Dr. Leroy Johnson

As a Christian, do you have questions about the current war with Iraq? Many situations and occasions that we encounter in our passage on earth raise questions for Christians, and war certainly is one of them. Christians throughout history have evidenced a variety of views about war, from those who believe all war is evil to those who follow the lead of their country in war, regardless of the circumstances. What should one think about this war with Iraq?

We first must recognize that we are dual citizens; that is, we are citizens of the United States of America and citizens of the heavenly kingdom of God. Most of us were born into our U.S. citizenship, and all of us were born into our heavenly citizenship, although our birth into the second kingdom was our choice. As dual citizens, we experience what Chuck Colson refers to in his book, *Kingdoms in Conflict*. Colson writes about the two kingdoms, one political and one religious, each vying for dominance in our society. Similarly, I think these two compete within our hearts and minds to be our "decision-makers." Politically, we are aligned with the United States of America; religiously, with the kingdom of God. I suggest that if we don't feel the opposing pulls of these two kingdoms, perhaps we need to think more intentionally about what it means to be a member of the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God has different expectations and standards for its citizens than does the U.S. Jesus said in Mt. 22:36-40 that the greatest commandment is to love God, but that the second commandment is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Earlier in Mt. 5:43-44, he advises that we are to go beyond loving our neighbor and love even our enemies. When contemplating these verses, maybe we can identify with the early Church Father, Tertullian, who asks, "If we are to love our enemies, whom have we left to hate?" This is a question that ought to give us pause to consider where our first loyalty belongs.

Being a dual citizen causes tension when loyalty to our earthly country demands of us that we feel or act

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## The New Face of Discrimination?\*

BY KASEA HAMAR

Recently, my eyes were opened to a growing trend of inequity in our society. A few weekends ago, my lovable, but red-necked uncle enlightened me to the fact that white males are the most discriminated against persons in the world.

This came as quite a shock to me, as one might imagine. I have always considered myself to be a socially conscious individual who is aware of prejudices that are occurring around me. If that is the case, how could I have missed the plight of the poor, down-trodden white man?

My uncle was not the first man to bring this epidemic to my attention. A few years back, another male relative, I'll call him Bob\*\*, informed me that white males were no longer even allowed to ride buses in parts of Kitsap County. This was

hard to believe, considering Bob has quite the reputation for being a paranoid supremacist, who fears women and minorities are gaining ground in the struggle for equality in the United States.

I was quick to ignore his angst-ridden statement, but recently the evidence has been building for Bob's case. To put my fears to rest, I decided to do a little research of my own. I looked at a few professions that are typically dominated by white males and here are the alarming results that I discovered:

...14 of the current 50 U.S. Senators are female...

...4 of the current 16 Presidential Cabinet members are female...

...According to Fortune Magazine, 11 of the top 1,000 companies in the world are headed by women...

...According to USA Today.Com, out of the 11,500 seats on the boards of directors of the Fortune 1,000 Companies, 388 are filled by African-Americans, and 86 seats are filled by Hispanic-Americans...

...Among the 29 spring 2003 chapel speakers listed on the Northwest College website (not including ASB members or senior speakers), there are 3 women slated to speak...

These statistics clearly show that white men have much to fear. The push for programs like affirmative action in the United States has gotten out of control. Where have the good old days gone when the white male ruled the roost, where the proverbial glass ceiling was just that: a ceiling? Next thing we know, women and minorities will

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## I'M PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN

BY MERCY NOVAK

How come you speak English so fluently? Are there houses in India? Is there electricity? What is it like being a Christian in India? Is all of India similar to what we see in missionary videos? Have you ever been to Calcutta?

All of the above are questions I have been asked during my four years at Northwest College. There are more, but they all run in pretty much the same vein. The answers? I speak English fluently, because it is my first language. I grew up reading books like *Jane Eyre*, *The Hardy Boys*, *Nancy Drew*, and *Pride and Prejudice*. I was not an anomaly; most of my friends read the same books and spoke English fluently, too.

This may come as a shock, but we do have houses in India. The dwellings range from big beautiful

mansions and tall apartment buildings to little huts smaller than your dorm room that house families of six or more. We also have electricity, running water, computers, and almost everyone, rich or poor, has a TV!

Being a Christian in India is similar to being a Christian in any other democratic country. Yes, there is some persecution in the country, but I have not personally experienced any of it. Indians are taught to live peacefully with people of other religions, and by and large, we do. While Christianity is not the dominant religion, it is one of the oldest religions in the country. The Apostle Thomas brought the faith to my country in A.D. 52, and there have been Christians in India ever since.

My country is beautiful with a rich and ancient cultural heritage. Archeological excavations have

unearthed cities dating back to 4000 B.C. that display a remarkable level of civilization, one that rivaled that of ancient Greece and Rome. Due to our rich spices and other natural products, trade flourished, and so did our country. Our country is now impoverished because of British colonization and political corruption, but a sense of national identity and history is strong in every Indian.

India is unique with over twenty major languages and people with features that reflect every race - Caucasian, African, Asian, and Indian. Each state has its own unique history, traditions, language, and costume. The physical landscape of India varies from lush forests to towering mountains, to deep lakes, to vast deserts. We have the majestic tiger, the lumbering hippopotamus, and the

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## What's Weak This Week

By Kasea Hamar and Troy Henley

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| 1. France...isn't it always?  | 9. Jihad  |
| 2. Pro-war Protesters   | 10. Any music that isn't produced by Carmen   |
| 3. The dollar   | 11. Apocalyptic fiction sold as Gospel...Did you hear that the "Left Behind Series" is being canonized? |
| 4. Naked anti-war protesters in where else but... San Francisco     | 12. NC marriage propaganda  |
| 5. Saddam's body doubles  | 13. Car burglaries  |
| 6. Rising gas prices  | 14. Everything on the WB  |
| 7. Inflammatory opinions of obnoxious people...even if we are right | 15. Knee-jerk Republicans   |
| 8. OPEC   | 17. Knee-jerk Democrats   |



## NEWS BRIEFS

All information courtesy of *The Economist*, *NewsMax.com*, *The New York Times*, *FoxNews.com* and *CNN.com*

Compiled by Troy Henley and Nathan Novak

**Blair and Bush meet at Camp David:** British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President Bush met at Camp David on Wednesday to discuss the goings-on of the war in Iraq, and the diplomatic rift between Europe and United States. In a speech to Parliament Mr. Blair pointed out that one of his goals was to "get America and Europe working again together as partners and not as rivals."

**U.N. plans for Post-War Iraq:** According to the *New York Times*, Kofi Annan the current Secretary General of the U.N. has commissioned a plan for the rebuilding and development of a post-Saddam Iraq.

**Anti-War Protests:** 215 protestors were arrested in New York after breaking through a police barricade to block traffic. The protest was part of a civil disobedience plan organizers have dubbed "No Business As Usual."

**Who Cleans Up Afterward?:** France, Germany, and Russia have stated that costs incurred by post-war occupation and reconstruction in Iraq will be the responsibility of the occupying powers. Britain and the U.S. had voiced hopes that the United Nations would be involved in post-war Iraq.

**Bombing in the Philippines:** In the Philippines, 21 people died in an explosion in Davao airport that the Army blamed on an Islamic separatist group that wishes to create its own state in the predominantly Roman Catholic country.

**Clinton looking for a New Job:** Lining up support from nations as diverse as Algeria, New Zealand, and Belize, former U.S. President Bill Clinton has been laying the political groundwork for a bid for the highest position in the United Nations, the Secretary General.

**New York "No Smoking" Ban signed into law:** The law, signed by Gov. Pataki bans smoking in all public locations. Exceptions include private homes, private cars, Indian casinos and registered New York City "cigar bars".

**Abortion ban:** A ban on partial-birth abortion has passed through the Senate and will most likely pass through the House also, after which President has said he will sign it into law. The new bill only allows the abortion to take place if (and only if) the baby is a threat to the mother.

**Microsoft fights back against spam:** By limiting to 100 the number of messages that could be sent in a 24-hour period, Microsoft's MSN division hopes to stop people from using its service to send the unsolicited messages, known as spam.

**Windows users beware:** Microsoft Corp. on Wednesday warned about a serious flaw in all versions of its popular Windows software that could allow hackers to seize control of a person's computer when victims read e-mails or visit Web sites. Microsoft assessed the problem's urgency as critical, its highest level, and urged customers to download a free repairing patch immediately from its Web site, [www.microsoft.com/security](http://www.microsoft.com/security).

**New Jesus Movie:** Oscar winning actor-director Mel Gibson is enthusiastic about his latest film, a Passion movie based directly on the Gospels' account of the life of Jesus. When asked about his motivation for making such a movie Gibson responded by citing that the previous films about Jesus "...are either inaccurate in their history, or they suffer from bad music or bad hair". Latin and Aramaic will be the only tongues spoken in this movie, and there will be no subtitles.

**War News Brief: The Latest from Iraq** (As of 2:15am PST on 3/28/03)  
(Courtesy of FoxNews.com and CNN.com)

**Iraq fires on its own civilians:** As British forces surrounded the city of Basra, several thousand Iraqi civilians attempted to flee from the city but were forced back after the Iraqi military opened fire on them with mortars and machine guns.

**Saddam Alive:** US officials believe that Saddam is still alive and in command of the Iraqi military.

**US opens huge airfield:** Officials report that Tallil Airfield, the second largest airfield in Iraq, is now under coalition control and has been reopened. This airfield will prove critical in bringing more troops and supplies to coalition forward lines.

**Casualties:** 27 dead, 15 POW's or MIA

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aspects of life, campus wide, and beyond.

In order for us to improve the quality of this newspaper, we need your involvement. We are looking for good writers who are willing to dedicate time to produce excellent and interesting articles. It is our hope that this newspaper will become part of a journalism class and students will receive academic credit or financial scholarships for their work. If you are interested in writing for the newspaper, please email us at [talon@ncag.edu](mailto:talon@ncag.edu) and let us know.

We also value your opinions. Please email us at the above address and let us know your suggestions and critiques. You can send letters to the editor expressing your thoughts on the articles in this issue. We will try to print as many of your responses as are feasible within the bounds of space and appropriateness. If you have a really good opinion piece that you believe belongs on the editorial pages of this

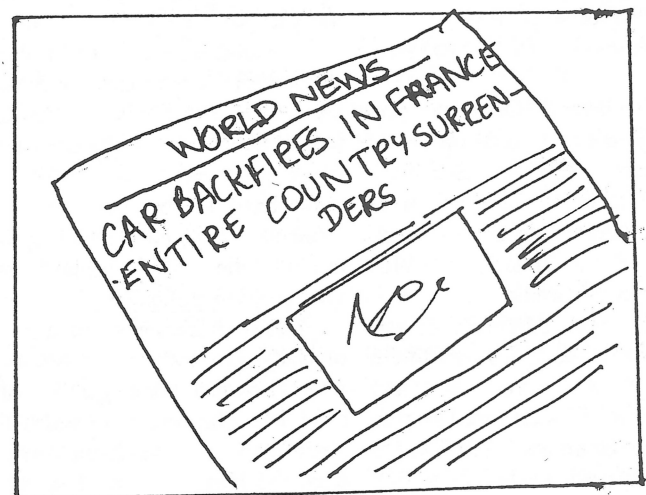
newspaper, email it to us, and we will decide whether it is appropriate for us to print it. As well, if you have a lead on a story you feel we should investigate, do let us know.

Let me now introduce our newspaper team to you. My name is Mercy (Sekhar) Novak. I am a graduating senior and current editor of this paper. Assistant editor is Kasea Hamar, another graduating senior. Writers for this issue are Becky Wilson, junior, Troy Henley, senior, Tiffany Zulkosky, freshman, Amanda Hamar, senior, and Nathan Novak, alumni. We also have special articles written by Amanda Peterson, senior, Dawna Cross, freshman, and Dr. Leroy Johnson, faculty. Our current faculty advisors are Professors Julia Young and Debbie Pope.

We hope that you will be satisfied with the quality of this newspaper. As we grow, we welcome your support and suggestions to produce a newspaper of excellence and integrity.

March 28<sup>th</sup> - On this Day in History...

0193 Assassination of Roman Emperor, Publius Helvius Pertinax.  
1483 Birth of Renaissance painter, Raphael.  
1566 Death of Austrian diplomat, Siegmund Freiherr von Herberstein  
1738 Beginning of the "War of Jenkin's Ear" (England v. Spain)  
1885 US Salvation Army officially organized  
1941 Birth of Charlie McCoy, harmonica player for Hee-Haw  
1957 1<sup>st</sup> US National Curling Championship is held  
2003 Unveiling of "The Talon"



COURTESY: THE TONIGHT SHOW

**US POW's Executed:** Peter Pace, vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff asserted that US soldiers pictured on Iraqi state television video had been executed calling the actions unprecedented violations of the laws of war.

## SPRING BANQUET'S IN THE AIR

BY MERCY NOVAK

Spring Banquet is around the corner once again! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 25. This year Banquet comes closer to town - the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue. Directions will be printed on your tickets. Tickets are free for all current NC students. For non-NC persons, the cost is \$32. Tickets will be available at the following places starting from March 31 - the ASB Office, the Student Development Office, the Dining Hall and after Chapel.

At Banquet, doors will open at 5:30 p.m., dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7:30 p.m. Highlights of the evening include the school video, honoring of outstanding individuals and live entertainment such as an improv. or comedy routine. The ASB is also working on getting a photo booth free for students.

Following are some dos and don'ts to help you in your Banquet preparations. The guidelines are gleaned from three years of experience with Spring Banquet.

### Don'ts

1. Don't propose to your significant other during the actual banquet.
2. Women, don't wear a dress with a neckline three inches below your collarbone.
3. Men, don't ask your date to pay for parking.
4. Men, don't say you need to be with the guys and therefore aren't going to ask any girls to Banquet. This is commonly known as chickening out. You can be with the guys any day of the week. Be a gentleman. Taking a girl to spring banquet is called having fun, not a lifelong commitment (in most cases).
5. Men, don't expect women to ask you to Banquet.
6. Don't assume that every couple you see at Banquet is dating.

7. Women, don't go broke on Banquet. Men really do not know the difference between a second hand dress and a new one, and if the girls do, it's none of their business.

### Dos

1. Women, do wear shoes you can walk in, clothes that do not choke you and hairdos that do not poke your brains out. You cannot enjoy the evening if you feel like a squished balloon about to pop.
2. Men, do buy your dates a corsage. Poverty is not an excuse. If you start saving 50c a day now, you should be able to afford the best corsage. Or you could be inventive and make her one (but not with duct tape).
3. Women, do determine to enjoy the evening with your girlfriends if you are not asked out (refer point 5 above). Do not wear a long face and expect to be a spinster for the rest of your life. Attribute it to men not having good taste (as usual) and have fun! The guys are probably feeling pretty silly getting all dressed up to sit at a table full of men.
4. Do plan to do something fun after banquet. Just sitting down to dinner (although it is very nice) is a pretty lame end to the hours of anticipation that precede banquet.
5. Do take lots of pictures.
6. Women, do wear a warm coat. Men get cold too, and it is really not fair for them to give up their jackets just because you are vain.
7. Do remember to bring cash (tips, parking etc.)

And finally, enjoy the evening! Your ASB has spent countless hours planning this event for your enjoyment; so do not be overly critical. Just be glad you didn't spend sleepless nights worrying if the decorations will look good, if the food will be palatable, if there's enough money to cover expenses, enough people to set up and tear down...

## QUESTIONS QUESTIONS

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towards other humans in ways that are contrary to the commands of Jesus. I have a sign on my office door that says of Jesus, "He died to take away your sins not your mind." As a citizen of the two kingdoms, I cannot let my earthly allegiance dictate what my conscience or my mind should feel about something. Being a citizen of the Kingdom of God should affect all my decisions, including whether or not I can support any war, let alone the war with Iraq.

The war with Iraq does not meet the "Just War" criteria postulated by St. Augustine and adhered to by many Christians ever since. Though Saddam Hussein's regime is brutal, and his country undoubtedly would be better off without him, this is not justification enough to invade, conquer, and occupy Iraq. I fear the consequences of such action will be costly, negative, and long term, and thus the U.S. should have resisted the temptation to take military action. The greatest cost will be the deaths of many people, all of whom Christ died to redeem.

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## GET UN-BORED FOR UNDER \$10

By Becky Wilson

"What do you want to do?"

"I don't know. What do you want to do?"

Heard it before? Of course. And eventually, everyone ends up at the local very exciting Starbucks. However, there are alternatives to caffeine overdose for those seeking inexpensive (under \$10) entertainment in Seattle.

**Seattle Art Museum:** From modern and contemporary art to the ancient art of Greece, Rome and Egypt, SAM offers an excellent way to spend an entire day. Admission is \$7 normally (with a valid student ID), but the first Thursday of every month general admission is free. The free Thursday exception? Special exhibitions are \$2 (with a valid student ID).

[www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org)

**Seattle Symphony:** Hear classical, pop, jazz, and other musical performances by the Seattle

Symphony at Benaroya Hall. Join the Campus Club (free membership with a valid student ID) and attend pre-concert lectures and venues with the Seattle Symphony. Tickets can be purchased only on the day of the event; however, the ticket is guaranteed to be the best seat available. Also, after attending four events, the fifth comes free. [www.seattlesymphony.org](http://www.seattlesymphony.org)

**Seattle Mariners:** Spring is officially here when the Mariners have their first home game! And there is no better way to watch the game than the old-fashioned way - from the bleachers. The first home game takes place on April 8, and bleacher seats (sections 390 - 395) are only \$6. Tickets can be purchased on-line through Ticket Master or on the day of the game at the box office. Either way, bleacher seats go fast! [www.mariners.org](http://www.mariners.org)

**Jet City Improv:** "A higher plane of comedy" claims the logo of this

improvisational comedy show. The show consists of improvised scenes, games, and musical numbers guided by ideas from the audience and quick witted comedians. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased in advance on the website or on the night of performance (advance purchase recommended).

[www.jetcityimprov.com](http://www.jetcityimprov.com)

**Woodland Park Zoo:** Check out the new tiger cubs or celebrate with the youngest elephant, Hansa. She's gained her first ton! Until April 30, the zoo is open only until 5 p.m. After May 1, it is open until 6 p.m. Student fares are only \$5 until March 30 (with a valid student ID), but beginning April 1, student admission goes up to \$5.75. Zoo parking will cost more than your admission, so try parking on the street or take the bus to keep down your costs. [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org)

**Washington Park Arboretum:** arboretum - n. A place where an extensive variety of woody plants are cultivated for scientific, educational, and ornamental purposes, or, a tree park. The arboretum is a beautiful way to get back to nature (without driving too far or getting too muddy). Admission to the arboretum is free to all; however, the Japanese garden inside the arboretum does have an admission fee.

<http://depts.washington.edu/wpa>  
[www.seattlejapanesegarden.org](http://www.seattlejapanesegarden.org)

**Henry Art Gallery:** The Henry Art Gallery on University of Washington campus has some of the best modern art in Seattle. See the James Turrell and Gillian Wearing exhibitions, opening at the end of March, and then grab some coffee at the Baci Café. Student admission is free (with a valid student ID). [www.henryart.org](http://www.henryart.org)  
*(Editor's note: Got more ideas? Send them to [talon@ncog.edu](mailto:talon@ncog.edu))*



**SMT'S - IN DEPTH**

(Training Orientation Preparation)  
Gun classes once a week, where they discuss aspects of summer travel such as altar work,

"Basically, we want to be used by God," says junior and Biblical Literature major Matt Welk, a member of the three-man drama team,

Awkward.

"We want lives to be changed,

including our own, by the things we do and say on and off the stage. It is our prayer that our summer is a summer of never-ending worship to God in which He receives

all the glory. As a matter of fact, that is our prayer for our lives all the time."

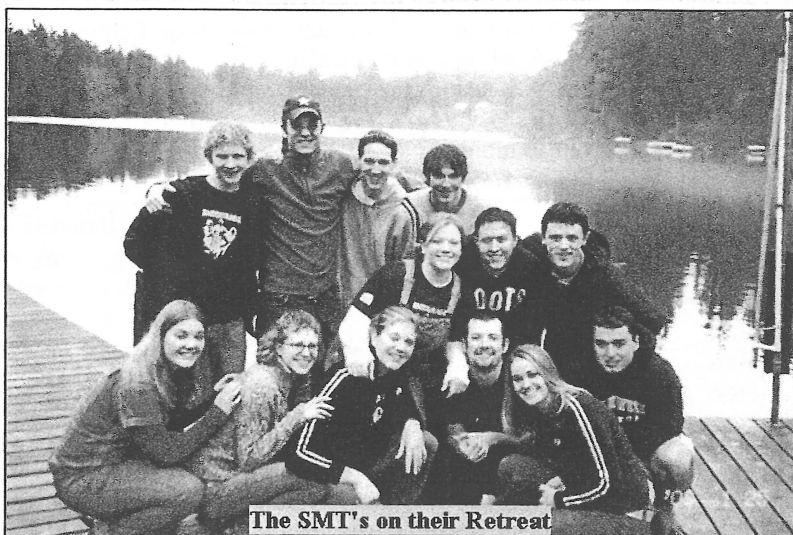
"It's an amazing opportunity to serve your school and others," Amy Oliver agrees.

Self concludes by saying, "Summer Ministry Teams are why I came to Northwest College as a student. I believe in the program wholeheartedly. My desire is to see the SMT's grow each year in quality and dedication. The students who travel work extremely hard behind the scenes to be prepared to go out in ministry and representation of the Northwest College community."

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theme."

According to Tiffany Self, Director for Alumni and Public Relations, Summer Ministry Teams function to "represent Christ and Northwest College." Self says, "We place them in various settings knowing that they will represent Northwest College well to junior high and senior high students, in an effort to recruit students who strive toward excellence to attend Northwest."

The process that enables a student to travel with an SMT begins with students forming a team. They then prepare for the audition night in January where teams perform before judges and students. Tiffany Self will contact the teams the following week and let them know who has been selected to represent the college that year. The selected teams are required to be present at an SMT retreat soon following the audition night. The students also have to attend T.O.P.



**The SMT's on their Retreat**

relationships and drama. The week before summer travel begins, teams have "Prayer and Polish," which is a week designated to tighten up skits or songs and to prepare spiritually. Teams then travel for ten weeks in a Northwest College 15-passenger van.

"We can't wait to get on the road and into teens' lives," states junior Youth Ministries major Brent Jamieson, leader for the musical team Poorman's Offering. "Teaching youth what it means to worship God and showing them how, that's what we love - and the free food."

**I'M PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN**

found in India, but none of the beauty or splendor. Imagine going to India and seeing the US portrayed as a country with continuous gang warfare, school shootings, poverty, racism, and immorality. I feel the same way when I see my country being depicted as one with rampant prostitution, disease, poverty, and starvation. While such problems do exist, and we do need help, there is so much more to India than its problems!

And finally, no I have never been to Calcutta. I have never felt the need to. I am an Indian; therefore every state and city in India means the same to me. There are many people in need of Christ right in my own city of Bombay. I know that asking me if I

have been to Calcutta and seen the poor people and Mother Teresa is motivated by a desire to find common ground. However, it is still the same as asking any American visiting India whether he or she has been to the inner cities of New York - and then being shocked at the answer.

My country is beautiful and diverse, but it is a mission field only in the same sense that every country including the US is one. Before you decide that your calling to be a missionary immediately means that you have to fly out to a third world country, take a minute and look at your own country. Many people here are every bit as lost and in need of Jesus as the people in India.

**Don't Miss These Coming Events****Resume Writing**

Thursday, April 3  
10:00am - 11:10am  
F-7

Presenter: Lisa Jukes

**How Do I Launch My Dream Job?**

Thursday, April 3  
5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Counseling Center

Presenter: Lisa Jukes

**The Five Love Languages**

Thursday, April 10  
9:00pm - 10:00pm  
Perks Lounge

Presenters: Shawn Whitney, Arlene Thomas, Blake Edwards

**HELP! It's Graduation Time and I Don't Have a Job!**

Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24  
5:00pm to 6:00pm  
Counseling Center

Presenter: Lisa Jukes

**Smart People Finish Rich A Financial Success Seminar**

Thursday, April 15  
10:00am - 11:15am

Presenter: Jeff Lockhart

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common crow. We have beautiful sculptures, art and buildings, the most famous being the Taj Mahal. We have citizens who are as wealthy as the richest people in America and citizens as destitute as the poorest in the world. Education and the family institution is highly valued and respected. Indians are extremely hospitable and are always willing to share what little they may have.

I am very proud of my country, and so are most other Indians. India is our motherland, the land of our roots, though our bodies might be elsewhere. It is quite hurtful when missionary videos portray only the poverty and starvation that can be

If you do feel that India is the place where God needs you, please do not look at my fellow countrymen and women as poor pitiful souls who are desperately in need of what you have to offer. You have nothing to offer us (apart from McDonald's); it is Christ working through you that makes the difference. We are whole human beings and deserve every bit of the respect that you give your fellow Americans. The gospel does not change its message depending on whether the person preaching it is from a poor country or a rich one. In the end you are the same as us: fallible, untrustworthy humans in need of the saving power of Christ.



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ball was instrumental in determining the winner of the game. Similarly, we need to know whom we are fighting against and what weapons our opponents possess. We must remember that we are not fighting against our own teammates; rather, we must understand that they are there to help us in the battle game of life. Our opponent is Satan. We do not wrestle

### What Part Do You Play on Northwest College's Team

against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities and rulers of darkness (Eph.5:12).

Our college as a whole is a team, a team that God has uniquely put together with each member having a specific role. We need to stop competing with each other and focus on our real enemy. The unity of the team is broken when we stop focusing on who we are fighting. We start fighting each other instead of

fighting that which is out to destroy us.

Without the lessons I have learned though volleyball, I do not know where I would be today. I have learned more about God through athletics than through any other area of my life. How does God speak to you and teach you? Are you using the talents and abilities He has given you to allow Him to mold you into the man or woman He has called you to be?

whatever you do, do it for the glory of Christ. Allow Him to teach you life skills through what you enjoy doing. He wants to teach you; you just have to be willing to let Him do it. We are the body of Christ. We need to stop fighting against each other and focus our fight on our real enemy. Let us use our talents for God's purposes. Will you let the Lord use you and your talents here at Northwest College?

### HELP ME PLEASE!

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chosen profession. Regan says that following this plan will prevent that moment of utter panic when students realize that they are graduating in a month, yet have no idea why they are chosen their major or what they intend to do.

For panicking seniors (and other students), the Counseling Center currently has a part-time career counselor, Lisa Jukes, to help with resume writing, interviewing skills, networking skills, and to answer other career-related questions. Lisa is available by appointment on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and some Fridays (ext. 5282) through the end of May. In addition, Janice Summers, Human Resources Manager and current LEAP student, volunteers her time to help graduating seniors learn successful interviewing skills. She can be reached at [jnes@sumrz.homeip.net](mailto:jnes@sumrz.homeip.net). Students can also access online sources to help with career planning. The college has licensing privileges at [www.careerway.com](http://www.careerway.com), a sophisticated web site that includes six assessments, job matching, latest on-line career sources, self-directed exercises in career planning, etc. Students can access this website by going to [www.careerway.com/partners/ncag](http://www.careerway.com/partners/ncag) and registering, using their NC email address. Within minutes, a password will be sent to their NC email box, which will be their code to access [www.careerway.com](http://www.careerway.com). Students should not allow anyone else to use their email

address; doing so could result in the college losing its license.

Another online resource available to NC students is CampusPoint.com, a Puget Sound job listing service geared towards college seniors and recent graduates.

In conclusion, Teresa Regan adds that, "students coming in for counseling show maturity and wisdom in their decision to use this valuable community resource. Students should not be afraid to come in for help if they need it. Some Christians believe that if they are truly spiritual, they should not have personal problems, or they should be able to deal with their problems on their own. This is faulty thinking. An individual with a toothache doesn't hesitate to go to a dentist for relief. In the same way, the counselors are trained professionals available to assist NC students with all challenges of college life."

Students who have questions or would like to set up an appointment, should call the Counseling Center at ext. 5282 or email Teresa Regan at [teresa.regan@ncag.edu](mailto:teresa.regan@ncag.edu).

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### The New Face of Discrimination

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actually be permitted to golf at Augusta. White men will be forced to enter restaurants through the back door and sit in the back of buses, provided they are even allowed to ride the buses.

Soon, white men will be clamoring for jobs, forced to fight the infidels for coveted positions in professions where they had previously held a monopoly. Educated white males will be forced to work behind the counter at fast food restaurants and clean up after women and minorities in bathrooms and dining halls all over this great country.

After handing these impoverished souls opportunities on a silver platter, why would our society just yank the mat out from beneath them? It is cruel really, for history to teach young, Anglo-Saxon males that they deserve to be effortlessly elevated to the highest and most prosperous ranks of society, and then actually make them work hard to get there. The whole idea is absurd.

Soon, the cruel and heartless women of the United States will turn the tables and objectify men

in society from their positions of domination. I need to look no further than the Seattle Firefighter's Calendar on my wall to realize that this is true. Now, armed with the truth, I am willing to fight for all of the white males of this society. Please join me in an ongoing prayer vigil as I pray for our country's safe and peaceful return to the era of white male domination.

*\*Please note that this article contains a great deal of sarcasm. The author does not wish to offend, only to draw attention to the absurd belief that white men are discriminated against and frequently lose their jobs because of their race and gender. This complaint is simply a cry for attention. Women had the Suffrage Movement, African-Americans had the Civil Rights Movement, and now white males want their own chunk of history, as if the previous 225 years of American history haven't been sufficient. If you are offended by this article, please examine what it is that offends you, because sometimes the truth hurts.*

*\*\*Name has been changed*



### Classified Ads

Students, faculty and staff are invited to place classified advertisements in the next issue of the newspaper. The ads will cost 50c a line. Please highlight the words that you would like to have emphasized. The editorial team reserves the right to decide which ads should be included in the newspaper. This is a great opportunity for you to get your message or news out to over a thousand people.