



## In memory of Ernestine Rice, beloved professor

BY MELODY BENSON

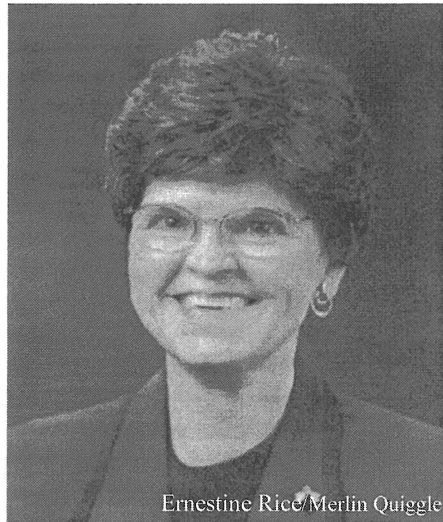
Professor Ernestine Rice spent her life teaching lessons. She began her career at the age of nineteen and continued until she entered the hospital less than two weeks before passing away on Sunday, April 13, 2003. Over the years, she taught first graders how to read and write and college students how to teach. She excelled at these tasks, but her pupils will remember her for much more than schoolwork. Nearly every conversation with Ernestine Rice was a life lesson of some sort.

The education majors at Northwest College were among the most impacted by Professor Rice. She taught childhood literature, instructional design, and elementary methods of language arts. Students in her classes learned teaching methods because she used them in class. Rather than simply

teaching out of textbooks, she drew from her many years of experience as a highly acclaimed teacher at Rose Hill Elementary School in Kirkland. She also constantly took classes so that she would know the most up-to-date methods of teaching and could then share them with her students.

Professor Rice did not just instruct her students in the field of teaching; she modeled how to sincerely care for students. Her door was always open to any student, faculty member, or staff member who wanted to stop by to chat. Ruth Page, a senior in the education program, recalls, "Even if she was busy, if we wanted to stop by and talk, she'd stop whatever she was doing to pray,

encourage, and offer support." While Rice sincerely cared about the lives of those she came into contact with, her



Ernestine Rice/Merlin Quiggle

thoughtfulness also provided an example for the future teachers she interacted with on a daily basis. Senior Denice Thiessen states, "Professor Rice consistently modeled how to be an effective, compassionate

teacher. She taught me to get to know the students, to love and care for them." Senior Nathan Young has been impacted by Professor Rice in a similar way; he explains, "I am more aware of how my behavior affects my surrounding environment, especially in my interactions with unbelievers. The way she lived her beliefs so boldly and lovingly will forever be in the forefront of my mind." Every person who walked out of Professor Rice's office left knowing that he or she was sincerely loved.

The needs of others were always Professor Rice's first priority. Senior Rachel Handley supports this fact by saying, "Professor Rice was a beautiful example of selflessness, always seeking others' needs and successes above her own." Even during her final days in the hospital, Professor Rice asked

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## Say goodbye to the Snack Bar

BY MERCY NOVAK  
The Talon

The Eagle's Nest (a.k.a. "The Snack Bar") in the Pecota Student Center at Northwest College has traditionally been a place where students can grab a quick bite to eat before heading out somewhere else. Unfortunately, the furniture in the snack bar is old-fashioned and uncomfortable, and the general atmosphere is quite dreary. While a few students use it as a hang-out spot or a place to do homework, it has not been embraced by the student body as *the* place to congregate on

campus. Hopefully, this mindset will soon change.

The Eagle's Nest undergoes a complete renovation this summer. Christian Lindbeck, Associate V.P. for Student Development says, "The whole space will be gutted, and a professional architectural design team will change the layout to pick up on the "Eagle's Nest" theme. There will be dramatic lighting and comfortable, trendy furniture." No longer will there be a kitchen in the area. Instead, the Espresso Stand, currently located in Perks lounge, will relocate to the Eagle's Nest.

Business Club students will operate the stand, and in addition to the variety of drinks already on the menu, snacks and sandwiches will also be available. Lindbeck comments, "Our aim is to create a very warm and comfortable place where students can study or hang out. This will become the common meeting space on campus which our college currently lacks."

The main reason that there will no longer be a full snack bar in the Eagle's Nest is because the cafeteria will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. next year in order to provide increased service for students. In addition, the

Eagle's Nest has been rated the lowest on student satisfaction surveys. The focus of the new Eagle's Nest will be primarily on student interaction. Lindbeck says, "This new space will be better for students to study, especially for commuter and adult students. There will also be a small stage for student

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performances. We want to create a coffee shop-like atmosphere.”

So what will become of the old kitchen? Lindbeck explains, “The old kitchen space will become a team room for our athletes. This will help bring the athletes out of the gym and into the core of student life. The team room will have big glass windows to enhance

this feeling of belonging and interaction.”

Curtis Gelotte Architects, a Kirkland-based firm, will do the renovation, providing design services, labor, and materials for free. Needless to say, they are a tremendous blessing to the College!

You know you're a college student when...



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about her students and how they were doing.

Ernestine Rice was also a teacher on the spiritual level. Dr. Gary Newbill, NC's Dean of Education, says, “I often characterized her as Jesus walking. She was always available to students and colleagues for prayer and encouragement.” Despite her difficult circumstances, she always reminded students that God was in control. Newbill points out that Professor Rice “applied (this truth) to her own health and meaning of her struggle, right to the end.”

Her strength through Christ was evident to students as well. Senior Shawn Skogstad states, “Professor Rice showed amazing faith in God, even when she was very sick. Her enthusiasm for teaching as well as her faith in God was contagious throughout our classroom.”

Professor Rice always had the perfect saying for whatever situation a person faced. She often reminded students of

spiritual truths such as, “God isn't always as early as we'd like him to be, but he's never late either” and “Things are in his hands.” Pamela Robert, a graduate from Northwest College, comments, “One of my favorite things about Mrs. Rice is that she always said, ‘I have to ask him for help every day and rely on his strength’.”

Professor Rice modeled for students the lesson of dedication. Angoleen Lau, a junior in the education program explains, “During the weeks before she went into the hospital, she was very hardworking and dedicated. She didn't let her circumstances compromise her teaching abilities.”

Professor Ernestine Rice will be lovingly remembered by all at NC who knew her as a professor, friend, and role model who taught lessons about caring, loving, and trusting God. Dr. Newbill states, “It's going to be difficult to find a replacement that meets her standards of character, caring, and teaching.”

## With new improvements computer security is more essential

BY BECKY WILSON  
The Talon

Computers are essential components of college life. Students rely upon computers for daily tasks as well as large school assignments. However, most students do not consider the importance of computer security. Even though many students do not think seriously about the security of their computers, Northwest College's Department of Information Services certainly does.

Chris Martin is the Chief Technology Officer. After graduating from Whitworth College, he worked for Whitworth's Department of Information Services for eight years. Martin then came to

Northwest where he was hired as a technician. Two promotions later, he serves as Director of Technology Services.

Northwest recently added a second T1 line; a purchase made possible by students' technology fees says Chris Martin. A T1 is an always-on, dedicated line to the Internet. It acts like the pipe through which data flows. Martin says the configuration was built “to insure that students have access to academic information and academic connections and services.” So, despite the T1's speed, an online game will not work as well as the library's web page.

Because students have an always-on, dedicated line, computer security is important.

The IS web page for the University of Bristol, UK, explains why: “Any computer connected to the Internet is a target for unauthorized attempts to try to access your system. The risk is increased for users with permanent connections simply because attached computers are permanently on the Internet.”

Therefore, virus protection is essential for students with personal computers on campus. Northwest provides a campus-wide firewall that blocks unauthorized actions. In essence, if the T1 is a pipe, the firewall is a filter in the pipe. Students are responsible for supplying their own virus protection. The college supplies students with discounted copies

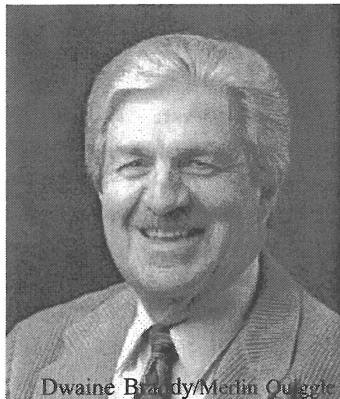
of Windows XP and Office; however, anti-virus protection is not provided. Martin says students can download free virus protection from [www.grisoft.com](http://www.grisoft.com).

States Martin, “The best way for students to protect themselves from viruses is to get an anti-virus program and update it regularly. Also, scan all attachments sent to you through email, and if you receive email from an address you don't recognize, don't open it.”

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## Tribute to two retiring long-time professors

BY AMANDA HAMAR  
The Talon



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Imagine sitting in a classroom on the first day of a new semester. The professor enters. He is rather small in stature. His voice is calm and quiet, but he holds the attention of every individual in the room. The man's words carry conviction and compassion, seriousness and joy, moving you to tears more than once in that hour. This teacher's name is Dr. Dwaine Braddy.

Born to a minister's family in Hartford, Illinois, Dr. Braddy grew up in the midwest. He married his high school sweetheart, Nola, and the two set off for Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating, the young couple pastored in Lamar, Missouri, where their daughters, Starla and Angela were born.

From there, the Braddys moved on to Illinois, where Dwaine served as a minister while also completing his Master's degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He then moved his family to Kirkland in 1977. That September, Dr. Braddy began his teaching career at NC.

In the last 26 years, Braddy has taught Bible, pastoral ministries, and Biblical archeology classes. and led four

Flying Seminars, two to Israel and one to Turkey and Greece. During this period, he also earned a second Master's Degree in Religion as well as a Master's of Divinity from Drew University in New Jersey.

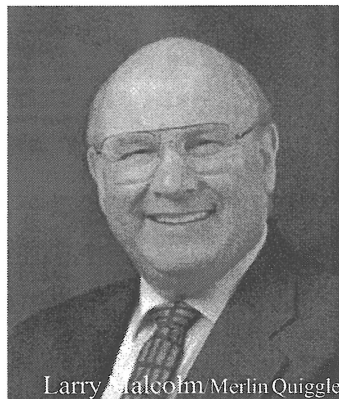
More important than any credentials or achievements, however, is the amazing impact Dr. Braddy has had on the lives of those around him. Countless men and women speak of his integrity and character, his passion for the Word of God, and the honesty with which he speaks it.

Dr. Braddy passionately shares his convictions with his students. Former student and current NC Resident Director, Nathan Moser, says, "I was immediately drawn to Dr. Braddy's pastoral heart and competent teaching. I could tell he loved the church and that he was passionate about what he taught...He would never know it, but in my Pastoral and Homiletics class, I felt he was discipling me from the lectern. I would walk out of class challenged and encouraged"

The sentiments of faculty and staff support that of the students. The Dean of the School of Ministry, Dr. Warren Bullock, states, "In Dr. Braddy's 26 years, he has impacted hundreds of lives. Those now in ministry owe him a great debt, not only for the excellence of his teaching, but also for his model of godliness. We will greatly miss his positive contribution to the college."

As Dr. Braddy's years of service at NC come to a close, his ministry takes a new turn. His wife Nola says, "He is retiring from the college, but not from life." Dr. Braddy will continue to pastor part-time at Renton.

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Larry Malcolm/Merlin Quiggle

"I remember that time I ran into the rhinos..." may sound like a strange start for a classroom lecture, but not if the professor is Larry Malcolm. For Malcolm, experience-sharing is frequent, enjoyable, educational, and one of the most important aspects of learning about ministry. Student Paul Boyer says "He has the most wonderful gift of showing the importance of power and prayer. His stories are a reminder of God's work everywhere."

Born in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, Malcolm was the first person in his family to be saved. Attending North Central Bible College, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, he not only studied for the ministry and but also met his future wife, Mary. After their marriage and graduation, they went on to plant and pastor churches in Waconia, Minnesota, Park Falls, Wisconsin, and Marshfield Wisconsin.

After those years, the Malcolms left the U.S. for the foreign mission field, ministering in Zaire, Africa for seven years, Zimbabwe, Africa for five years, and in the Caribbean for two years. During his time on the mission field, Professor Malcolm

received his M. A. from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, Miss., in Intercultural Ministries.

In 1986, the Malcolms came to Northwest College. At about the same time, Prof. Malcolm finished his Masters of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Malcolm came to Northwest primarily to teach pastoral ministry and missions classes, a vocation he has performed faithfully for the last eighteen years. His wife, Mary, works on campus directing the printing services. Together, the Malcolms not only planted an urban AG church in Seattle but also served with dedication many other local congregations over the years. They currently pastor a church in Duvall.

Among students and faculty alike, Professor Malcolm is known as warm and welcoming. No matter what is going on or how busy he may seem, Malcolm always finds time to listen, to lend advice, and to offer encouragement. Countless students know personally how approachable Professor Malcolm is; at some of their hardest moments, he has been the listening ear they needed. Dr. Warren Bullock adds, "Professor Malcolm has poured his life into NC students for eighteen years. His personal warmth as well as the strength of his broad experience have made him a blessing to many—including me."

Larry and Mary Malcolm have four children and eleven grandchildren. They will celebrate their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary this summer. And while Professor Malcolm may be retiring from the college, he will continue to pastor the church in Duvall.

*Author's Note: Both Dr. Braddy and Professor Malcolm have influenced my own life and ministry. Their time, dedication, and passion not only for students but especially for the work of the ministry are inspiring. The only words I have to sum up a total of forty-four years of service are simply these: Dr. Braddy and Professor Malcolm - Because of your impact, Northwest College will never be the same, and neither will I.*

## Associated Student Body Goals for 2003-2004

BYMERCYNOVAK

The Talon

The ASB team for the year 2002-2003 promises to be a very capable and enterprising group of people. The following are some of the goals that they plan to accomplish next year.

**Matt Welk, ASB President.**

"We want the ASB to continue taking more steps forward towards self-governance. We want to be able to build enough trust between the ASB officers and the administration so that we can handle items such as the budget by ourselves. We also want to provide a strong foundation for student-led endeavors such as the newspaper and "Random Acts of Literacy" to ensure that they continue through the years.

We want the students to know that we are here to serve them and be their voice. We want to set the tone for them and be leaders in every aspect. We want to be the first on our knees in prayer and also the first to be

excited about something wonderful. We want our joy at being part of Northwest to be contagious and to spread all over the campus. I am so excited about next year!"

**Thuy Rider, Secretary.**

"I want to maintain the standard of excellence that previous secretaries have achieved. I want to facilitate and encourage the other people on the team and those with whom I interact as part of my job. I want to help them accomplish their goals. And I plan on keeping Matt organized!"

**Mikey Purcell and Lindsay Fosner, Outreach.**

"We want to motivate and inspire all students to be involved in ministry. We want to become more effective witnesses to our community – focusing especially on the Houghton neighborhood. We also want to reach the businesses in our area. We want to give ourselves away through ministries such as A2K that focus on our community. We

are planning to hold a community event on campus and invite the people in our neighborhood to participate. We to present our college in a positive light. We also want to send out ministry teams to home-missions churches in Washington to help them out during the weekends."

**Brent Johnsen and Amy Burtis, Activities.**

"In addition to improving the events and activities that we already have, we want to integrate new opportunities to have fun. For example, we are currently planning on changing the face of Spring Banquet – we want to move its location to free up money to do amazing things in terms of food and entertainment at the event.

We also want to find creative ways to incorporate students – such as off-campus or international students - who are sometimes unintentionally excluded from activities since they are out of the loop. With this in mind, we want to improve our advertising and communication so

that all NC students can be a part of the fun."

**Christina Pablo, Treasurer.**

"I want to develop a really good system for the organizing and budgeting of the Student Activity Fee. I want to make sure that the budget is tight with no loopholes, and I want to be organizationally on top of things to ensure that we spend money wisely."

**Caleb Gerig, Intramurals Coordinator.**

"I want to continue to expand Intramural activities. I want to get input from the girls about how we can get them more involved. I also want to get more input from the student body about the activities that they want, instead of simply scheduling activities and hoping that they will attend them. I want to focus on better advertising and plan on utilizing the Intramural bulletin board in the Pecota Center and the 411 board in the cafeteria to their maximum

## Where does your money go?

BYMERCYNOVAK

The Talon

In addition to annual tuition charges, Northwest College students also pay an activity fee in both the fall and spring semesters. One sentence in the college catalog states the purpose for the fee: "[The] Student Activity Fee is used for the costs of: Associated Student Body activities, yearbook, class dues, recreational activities, athletic events, All-School Banquet, and other college social and cultural functions." While this sentence is quite specific, there is no breakdown of exactly how much of the

activity fee goes to these various causes.

Upon request, ASB treasurer Christina Pablo provided the following breakdown of the activity fee for the academic year 2003-2004. She asked that students keep in mind that this is a *proposed* breakdown and therefore is subject to change. If students want final numbers or have questions, they should contact her at the ASB office (ext. 5280, email: asb@ncag.edu) when college reopens in August.

Next year, the activity fee is \$96.00 in the fall and \$78.00 in the spring per student. money is transferred into the ASB

account and is dispersed in the following manner. The numbers are based on the total activity fee of \$174.00 per student and an assumed enrollment of 800 students.

\$59.00 to Karisma (yearbook) to cover printing and scholarship expenses.

\$33.00 for Banquet expenses.

\$ 6.00 to the Athletic department to ensure that students can attend games, athletic events etc. for free.

\$ 3.75 for Class Dues (e.g. freshman class, sophomore class etc.).

\$ 3.50 for Association Dues (e.g. Associated Women Students etc.)

\$53.00 to cover the scholarships of all eight ASB officers.

\$ 1.85 to cover the stipend of all six AMS and AWS officers.

\$ 6.00 to the General ASB account to cover general expenses that do not fall under any other category.

\$12.00 for college Activities expenses (e.g. the printing of this newspaper).

\$ 2.50 for college Outreach expenses.

\$ 2.50 for college Intramurals expenses.

\$ 1.00 for Homecoming.

All the above expenses add up to over \$174.00. The

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## Prayer of Commissioning

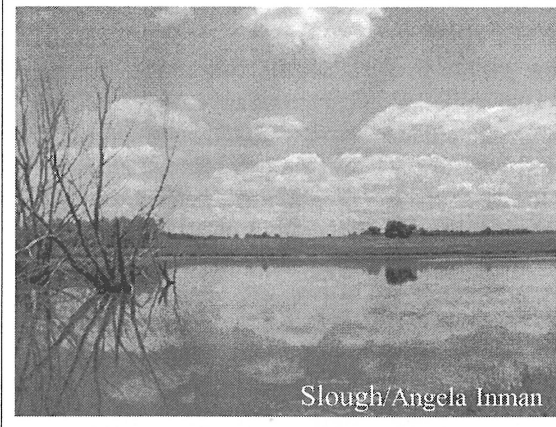
*This is a prayer of commission that Dr. Dwaine Braddy prayed over the 2003 graduating class in chapel on May 2, 2003.*

Lord Jesus, the men and women who stand before you today have received a divine commission – to represent you by carrying your call on their lives with their hearts, their heads and their hands. They will be carrying this call with your authority, they will be acting on your behalf, they will be fulfilling the call in jars of clay to show that the all surpassing power in which they will minister is from you and not from themselves.

This commission will take them into a world and culture not too unlike the days of Noah where man's wickedness and inclinations of the heart are evil and still grieve you. I pray Lord that they will be like Noah and walk with you righteously and blamelessly among the people in their time and culture.

Their carrying the call will take them into a world not too unlike the days that Paul described in his second epistle to Timothy. There are terrible times in these last days. People are lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to parents,

ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure, more than lovers of



God, even denying your power.

But Lord, this should not discourage them in their ministry, in their call. Rather it should inspire them knowing that a great cloud of witnesses by faith has gone before them, carrying the call effectively into the kind of world into which they will be going.

Some who stand before you here this morning Lord will be Josephs, Daniels, Esthers, carrying the call into arenas of government, business, education for such a time as this. Others will be Simon Peters,

Pauls and Philips, carrying the call into the Jerusalems, the Judeas, the Samarias of the world and to the ends of the earth. Still others here will carry the call as a Barnabas, bringing encouragement and counsel to those struggling with painful debilitated spirits and psychological challenges.

Lord, you see here Elijahs and Jeremiahs who will carry the call to confront a pagan, post modern, even post Christian culture with the truth and power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There are Lukes here who will carry the call to bring healing physically and hope to those broken and ravaged by illness and even death. All of them will be Isaiahhs, bringing good news to the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, freedom for the captives, release from darkness for prisoners and proclaiming that the year of the Lord's favor has come to them. They will minister to the outcast like Mary

Magdalene, to Philippian jailors, to Athenian intellectuals, to bestow upon them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

Lord, I pray that each of them will be Davids – men and women following hard after your heart, John the Baptists who firmly believe that they have been sent by God, Ruths who will never turn back from you in their call, but who will go wherever you lead them, determined that nothing but death will separate them from their call, and Marys who will always choose what is better and this is to make their priority the good news of your kingdom and the blessings it offers to all who will make this kingdom, the kingdom of their lives and hearts.

For this task, Lord I pray that you will empower them with your spirit, equip them with your passion, and overwhelm them with your agape love and compassion. In the name of Jesus Christ, the author of their call and the architect of their lives, I pray this. - Amen

## Highlights of the Year

BY RACHAEL DILL

### **Favorite miraculous God-moments of the year:**

Some students may not have noticed the new "6710" building across the street from Starbucks. God provided a much-needed space for offices, classrooms, the LEAP program, and graduate programs.

Students who trusted God with their finances and wrote specific monetary needs on prayer cards were blessed with checks to provide for spring

semester costs. The women's cross-country team won the 2002 NAIA National Championship!

### **And because God has a sense of humor, top comic moments of the year include:**

Tree-Vivor - Watching people sit in a tree and drink water all day for the sake of floor points and Krispy Kremes during Homecoming week.

The "Brumbie Queen" campaign – Jordan Hansen and the 100 floor had the whole

campus waiting to see what stunt they would pull next.

Floor Olympics – floors bonded and competed for the "Screamin' Eagle Award" in a large scale, color-coded limbo contest. The 400 floor Boyz dressed in pink summer clothes were especially amusing.

SMT Night as "That 70's Show" – if you weren't there, you missed out on some "Mmm, good times" and great talent.

Kasea Hamar as a senior chapel speaker – enough said.

Matt Welk's stand up

routine at Spring Banquet – anyone want to vacuum?

### **Favorite break in tradition:**

Homecoming chapel – after deciding to ditch the classic "Homecoming Court" tradition, the ASB Officers decided to change focus. No more high school popularity contests and crownings: Homecoming week was about honoring *all* of the students and alumni and about coming home to our Father.

# LEAP student takes different path toward Graduation

BY JOHN P BACON

As I sit down to write this article, I realize that it is the first newspaper article that I have written in over thirteen years. This article, like many things in my life, shows how truly circular life really is. Take my college career, for example.

I didn't have any desire to sit in classrooms for four years. Don't get me wrong; I did attempt to do so. However, my first attempt met with less than spectacular results. I will not bore you with too many details, but suffice it to say that a stint in the U.S. Navy, getting married, having my first child, going back to college, transferring to a university, having my second child, and

dropping out of said university took their toll on my academic endeavors. It was at this point that I embarked on a career that few people really choose, but many fall into: sales.

Sales is really a catch-all profession. Some people find that they enjoy the constant thrill of wondering where their next sale will come from. They like never knowing how much money they will actually get paid. The rest of us, however, prefer something more stable. After a short (relative word, short) seven years as a salesman, I decided that I needed to finish my college degree. That's how I landed at Northwest College as a LEAP student.

As an adult learner in the

Leadership Education for Adult Professionals, I quickly realized that LEAP classes were not like any college courses I had previously attended. I could take the credits that I had earned previously and apply them all to a degree that would actually help me in my life. I would only have to attend class one night a week for eighteen months. This program was perfect for me.

Overall, I must admit that the experience has been wonderful. However, there are many differences between the "traditional program" and the LEAP program. The main one being the age difference between the two groups. I am one of the younger members of the LEAP program, and I was graduating from high school at

the same time many of my counterparts in the traditional program were graduating from pre-school. Another difference is the format of our classes. Traditional students take several classes at once over the course of a semester. Not us. We take one class at a time. However, it really works out to be the same amount of work. For instance, I took 22 credits this semester, which is quite a full load!

Despite these differences, I am glad to be a LEAP student. In fact, I guess I only have one regret about this program. What is it? Well, it's not the friends I have made, or the weekly trip to Toshi's to eat a #1 combo with them. My only regret is that this program comes to an end for me in two short weeks.

## Graduation

BY BECKY WILSON  
The Talon

It's that time of year again — a time of rejoicing, relief, and joy; it's graduation time. Commencement looms as a beautiful day of fulfillment that haunts the dreams of every student. While not all students, unfortunately, realize the dream of graduating from college, this spring, 267 Northwest seniors will certainly achieve that goal as they walk across the platform of Overlake Christian Church to receive their diplomas. "I am so excited for the future and the endless possibilities that lie ahead," says graduating senior Rachel Hopkins. Fellow graduate-to-be, nursing major Maria Hutchchinson, agrees: "Four years and summer classes have finally paid off." She jokes with her friend, graduating senior Lynn Gustafson, "Free nursing labor has ended forever."

Commencement begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 10, at Overlake Christian Church. After the ceremony, alumni, graduates, and parents are invited to a BBQ on the college campus. Following the BBQ, the evening will end with Family Fun Night held in Butterfield Chapel. This event will include a student worship band, entertainment from the Summer Ministry Teams, a mock debate between the current debate team, and alumni debaters and a State of the College Address by Dr. Don Argue. The baccalaureate ceremony will be held in Butterfield Chapel at 7 p.m. on Fri., May 9.

Not only does the weekend of May 9-10 entertain graduation activities, but it also plays host to the annual Northwest College Alumni Weekend. Former graduates gather together to show their support for the 2003 graduating

class and to reminisce about that joyful time in their own lives. This weekend hosts the 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th and 65th class reunions. There will also be time for both graduates and alumni to meet at a breakfast Friday morning and at a reception after the baccalaureate ceremony.

\*Baccalaureate speakers are Laura Johnson and Pastor Joe Fuiten from Cedar Park. Commencement speakers are Joshua Davies and Dr. Deborah Wilds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.nwcollege.edu/alumni/alumniweekend.html>.

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## Sports wrap-up: a season of dedication

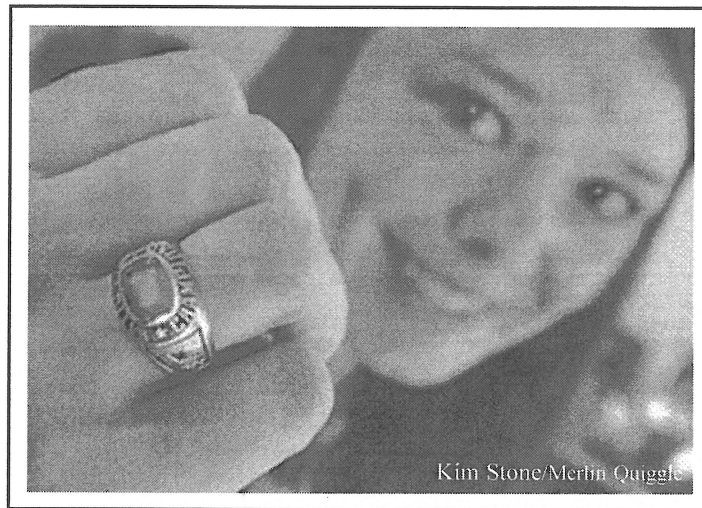
BYNIKKIREEVES  
The Talon

What is it that people are willing to fight for, requires skill, and provides opportunities to witness for the King? Sports! Northwest College athletes are extremely dedicated, and the following is a wrap up of this year's sports.

The Cross Country and Track teams both have had stunning successes this year. The women's Cross Country team took first place at Nationals and was honored with championship rings by the college. The team has four All-Americans: Kristina Proticova, Kim Stone, Crystal Evans, and Tiffany Stillwater. Coach Bill Taylor was awarded the "NAIA National Coach of the Year" award. The Track team met with similar success at the Indoor National Championships as they finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation out of 104 colleges.

The Volleyball team is another group of women to be proud of. During post-season play, the team earned a fourth place ranking at the Cascade College Volleyball Tournament in Portland, Oregon. The team had one All-Conference player, Amanda Peterson, and two honorable mentions, Jessie Buck and Emily Marquez. With only two graduating seniors, Amanda Peterson and Kelly Hopkins, it looks like there will be a strong core for next year's team as most of the players will return.

The men's Soccer team showed the college the true meaning of perseverance and character. They had a rough year with injuries, and their starters were left without substitutes at different points in



Kim Stone/Merlin Quiggle

### Kim Stone shows off her championship ring.

the season. However, as they have done in the past, they continued to fight on and give many teams a run for their money even down to the last minutes in a game. The college honored four graduating seniors who will be greatly missed: Bryan Chud, Raymond Misomali, Jeff Paulus, and Jeff Summit. However, there will be eight returning players on the team next year.

The last couple of years have been a time for building a strong foundation for the Men's Basketball team. Coach John Van Dyke's hard work is evident in the team having seven returning players this year. Their win record was also greater than that of last year. Additionally, the Christian witness that this team has had both on and off the court is really amazing. Van Dyke is a rare coach who refuses to yell at the referees just to get a few calls in his favor. The men have also set an example of good sportsmanship as they always help opponents up off the floor and retain their positive attitude even at the end of a rough game. It is incredible to see the unity of this team.

The Women's Basketball team gave us another reason to be proud. While not having the best season one would hope for, these women demonstrated what it means to persevere. The new girls blended well with the returners to create a team that was unified, fought hard, and showed some incredible potential. Although there were many new players, team leadership was quickly established, and a foundation for next year's team was solidified. Since the team loses only one senior to graduation this year, Sarah Brick, there is great hope for the Women's team next year.

The one ingredient that all NC sports teams have in common is their dedication to Christ. As well, all of the coaches have set a high standard for sportsmanship and integrity. It has been exciting to see the athletes continually raising the bar of excellence. NC students should be sure to give them a word of encouragement and let them know they are appreciated for all that they do. Way to go Eagles!

## Athletic teams' final records

**Cross Country:**  
147-2; National Champions

**Volleyball:**  
13-12; 4th in Conference

**Soccer:**  
6-9; 5th in Conference

**Men's Basketball:**  
10-19; 8th in Conference

**Women's Basketball:**  
5-26; 9th in Conference

**Track and Field:**  
2nd in Conference

## The future of NC athletics

BYNOELLE BONDS  
The Talon

One of the Athletic Department's top priorities in the next year is to propose a new sport – women's soccer. Brodin believes starting a women's soccer program will bring in many potential students otherwise not interested in Northwest College.

"However, the largest dilemma is that we don't have a field, not even a practice field for the existing men's team," she says.

Brodin hopes the new sports complex, scheduled for completion in summer of 2007, will solve many of the logistical problems her staff face and open the door for sports expansion.

The department also wants to relocate the weight room to the former maintenance building on top of campus. There would be room to add weight machines and possibly cardio equipment. However, there are no official plans in progress on this project.

# Northwest College Debate - turning out winners

BY MERCYNOVAK  
The Talon

Many individuals at colleges and universities around the country view debate as an activity for crazy liberals with brains but with no inhibitions. However, Northwest College debaters have proven with their continued success that Christians can be intellectuals who can argue with the best in the nation and still keep their testimony intact and strong.

Northwest College is part of the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA). Parliamentary debate is a form of debate in which two teams, comprised of two people each, debate each other on an issue in current events. Judges provide the teams with their topic just fifteen minutes prior to a debate. One team supports the topic, and the other opposes it. A debate tournament has a minimum of six rounds, after which the best teams advance to the finals, which might then last for over four rounds. Therefore, debaters have to be

well versed in current events as well as in the art of thinking on their feet, because they do not know what the opposing team might throw at them. Northwest College students debate with many reputable universities such as Notre Dame and Rice University. They currently rank in the top 18% out of 377 colleges and universities nationwide. In the year 2000, the team achieved a ranking of tenth in the nation.

Gary Gillespie, an Associate Professor at the college, has coached the debate team for the past eighteen years. He says, "Intercollegiate debate fulfills the college's mission more fully than any other college activity. The purpose of higher education is to stimulate students' analysis of culture and create a coherent way of interpreting that analysis. Debate teaches students these skills. It helps Christians to function in a democratic society and prepares them to be better citizens and better leaders." Troy Henley, a senior on the team adds, "Debate has made me more

aware of the world outside NC. It has made me care more for the world in general and want to make it a better place."

Debate transforms the students who participate in it. They remember it long after their college years end as one of the most valuable components of their academic experience. Gillespie says, "Former NC President, D.V. Hurst, still comes to me and fondly talks about his college debate experience and how much it changed and impacted him." Chandra Porter, another senior on the team states, "Debate has made me more logical and better at articulating reasons for my beliefs." Henley concurs when he comments, "Debate is one of the most educational experiences at NC. Besides my major, it has been my most formative academic experience."

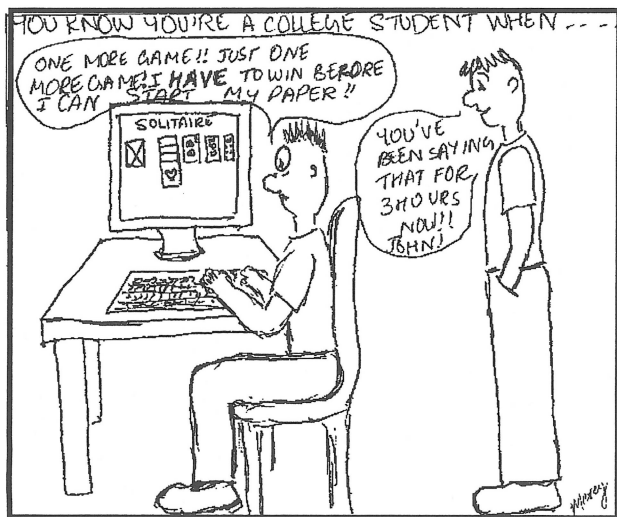
The team also has a lot of fun. They travel around the country for tournaments, as well as abroad to countries such as Canada, Australia, Greece, and Scotland. In the last fourteen years, Gary Gillespie's

fundraising efforts have brought in \$70,000 for the program, which enables the students to travel and receive substantial scholarships. In addition to the traveling and competition, the team shares a great camaraderie. Porter says, "My best memories of debate include hanging out and building relationships with my team members." Henley continues, "I am fortunate to have met so many amazing and intelligent people in debate, both on our team and in the other colleges."

So how does debate affect one's perspective on Christianity? Gillespie says, "Missionaries have to study foreign cultures in order to know how to reach them. In the same way, Christians need to study the real world in order to witness better." Henley ends by saying, "Debate is proof that a critical mind isn't antithetical to the Christian walk of faith. Faith and intellect should not be in opposition. They can be used together to glorify God."

## DEBATE TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2002-2003

You know you're a college student when...



### Great Alaska Speakout

3rd Place - Troy Henley, Jon King

### W. Washington Univ.

Quarterfinals - Troy Henley, Jon King

### Lower Columbia College

2nd Place - Troy Henley, Jon King  
3rd Place - Chandra Porter, Casey DeGennaro  
3rd Place, Junior - Julie Reese, Desiree Knemeyer  
4th Place, Novice - Evan Muxen, Amy Robertson

### Pacific Lutheran Univ.

3rd Place, Junior - Nigel Reed, Casey DiGennaro

### Oregon State Univ.

Octafinals - Troy Henley, Jon King

### International Forensics Association

1st Place - Trevor Millar, Evan Muxen  
4th Place - Troy Henley, Jon King  
6th Place - Julie Reese, Desiree Knemeyer

### Nationals at Portland State Univ.

Final Rounds - Chandra Porter, Casey DiGennaro



# Ministry redefined: nursing students go cross-cultural

BY TIFFANY ZULKOSKY

The Talon

For seniors in the Mark and Huldah Buntain School of Nursing, the word "ministry" has been redefined. Cross-cultural mission trips, required for completion of the nursing program, landed students in Taipei, Taiwan; Calcutta, India; and Bethel, Alaska. Faced with the health issues of citizens in these three societies for four weeks, students learned how to "Carry the Call" with their hands by working in local clinics.

"The main goal of having nursing students travel to a different cultural setting is to offer a first-hand, 24/7 experience of being a nurse in a place where expectations, living conditions, and language are dramatically different from those in Kirkland, Washington," states Dr. Carl Christensen, the Dean of the School of Nursing. "The trips help us to see that people in other parts of the world are in great need of the most basic health care."

"I always thought that ministry had to be something profound," reflects Lea Ford, a senior, on her experience in Calcutta, India. "But I found that it didn't matter that we did not speak the same language. A foundation of truth was established through honest relationships."

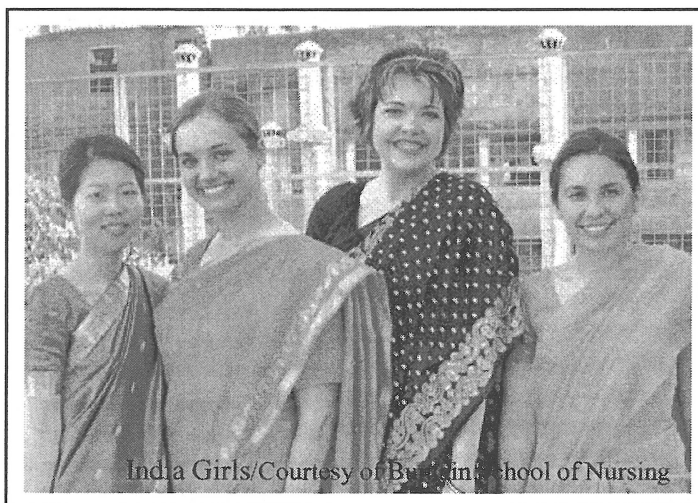
Leah Johnson, a student who traveled to Bethel, Alaska, says, "Before I left, I felt like ministry was feeding the starving and curing the sick, but then I realized ministry can be as simple as smiling at a patient"

"Ministry is more about the way a person lives rather than feeding the hungry and taking care of the sick," shares Sam Hirst, a student who spent his four weeks in Taipei, Taiwan. "In places like Taiwan, where there are many religions, just having a conversation is part of

ministry."

An average day of working within the various medical facilities included hands-on practicum, observation, and the opportunity of being fully immersed in a different culture.

Hirst explains what took place in a typical day in Taipei.

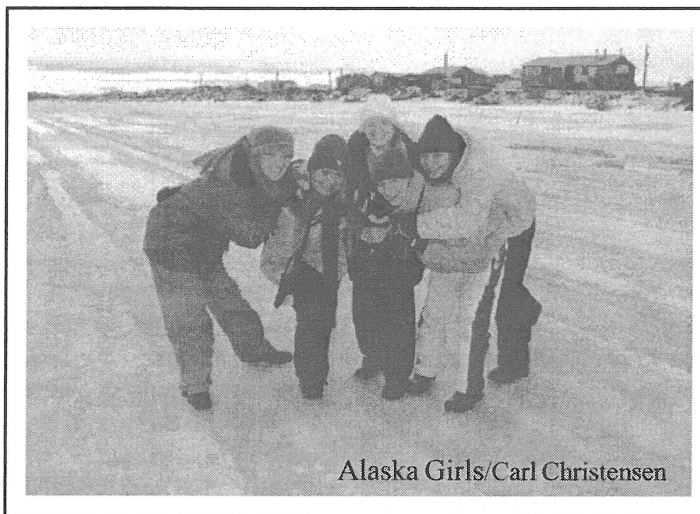


India Girls/Courtesy of Buntain School of Nursing

"Everyday is packed from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with constant learning, relationship building, touring, and a lot of observation," he says. "We got to see a heart

and maternity," Johnson recalls about her time in the Bethel Hospital in Alaska. "We practiced our clinical skills and did a lot of patient care. We observed cultural differences and integrated our faith. After work, we would walk home, which was always an adventure

because it was so icy. The residents of the town said it was the iciest weather they'd had in years. Then we'd make dinner, watch TV, and walk to the store



Alaska Girls/Carl Christensen

transplant, as well as open heart surgery. There was both in-class and hands-on time for learning. We did employee health screening and toured different types of facilities."

"We worked an eight hour shift

at the hospital, rotating from the ER, inpatient, pediatrics, clinics,

"We participated in devotional time and then took a small break to enjoy a nice cup of Indian tea (Chai). By 9:30 a.m., we were in our wards and working with the nurses and doctors. After lunch, we heard presentations from the Calcutta nursing students and went on various field trips. By 5:00 p.m., we were back on the streets in the markets. The days were full of learning, developing relationships, and understanding the needs of the people in the city."

Not only did the NC nursing students change their outlook on ministry, but many of them also developed perspectives on the world that will better equip them for the medical field anywhere.

"My worst experience was the traffic in India," states Ford. "The drivers do not abide by rules and if there is even an inch of space on the roadways, there will be three cars competing for the spot. The Lord was with us every step of the way!"

"My most interesting experience was when we went on hovercraft to two different villages and I saw an 18 wheeler driving on the river," Johnson remarks about her time in Alaska. "The river becomes a state highway when it freezes in the winter, so that becomes the main form of transportation from village to village other than airplanes."

"Overall, it was a crazy time filled with tired feet, different food, and stinky tofu," says Hirst. "The first time we smelled this tofu, we all thought it was a literal burning, wet, dying dog. It's the worst smell!"

Ford ends her reflections by stating, "One of the most important things I learned was: people won't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. There is much more work still to be done."

when we would get bored. At night, we'd hang out and study."

Ford details what a day in Calcutta was like. "Each morning began at 5:15 a.m. with a loudspeaker broadcasting the Islamic prayer. We then dressed for the day and were on our way to the Mission of Mercy Hospital by 7:55 a.m.," she says.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

BY MERCYNOVAK  
The Talon

In addition to the frustrations and stress of being the editor of this newspaper, I also get a few perks. One of them is the fact that I have had the honor of working with a wonderful group of people (thank you, wonderful people!) and the opportunity to bring something new and exciting to this campus with them. Another perk is the fact that I can use the pages of this newspaper to bid adieu to my undergraduate college career and to the people who made it so special.

Graduation! For all of us, that word rings with the sound of freedom and triumph. Yet, while I am eagerly awaiting that moment, just a few short days away, I still feel a little sad that it's coming so soon. You see, being a student is a rare privilege. We have the chance to put the real world on hold for a few years and instead spend that time discovering who we are and what we want to do. Work is almost an extracurricular activity, not the force that directs our days. When people ask what we do, we say we are students. And students are people who have fun, who learn, who make mistakes, who make friends, who can be both silly and serious with complete freedom and few repercussions. While we may be adults and definitely want to be treated as such, we all secretly enjoy the knowledge that just because we are students, we can get away with some irresponsibility

and are not expected to be too adult-like. We are learners, and learners must have grace while they learn.

So what do I have to say to those of you who are still in this fortunate stage? Simply this: make the most of it. These *are* the best years of your lives. When else will you have the opportunity and the energy to take a bunch of different classes, be involved in activities that vary from soccer to choir, run around the whole day with friends and then stay up all night studying or hanging out? When else will you have so many learned people at your disposal just to help you figure out your life? Take advantage of this period. You're paying for it, so you might as well do so. Don't graduate with regrets.

Before I close, let me thank you for your support of this newspaper. It has been overwhelming, and we all really appreciate it. Becky Wilson, who has written several articles for the paper, will be next year's editor. She plans on putting out an issue on the first Friday of every month. Therefore, the first issue will come out two weeks after school starts next August. If you have articles and ideas over the summer, please do send them to Becky at [talon@ncag.edu](mailto:talon@ncag.edu).

And now, goodbye. The curtain falls on the college careers of many of us. But for others – for you — it is still open. Act for all you're worth. You never know how you might change and whose life you might touch.

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## Outside the Bubble

BY AUTUMN WITT

Last July, I moved to Japan with my husband, Jacob, to teach English. Often, when we told Christians we were going to Japan to teach English, they'd say, "Oh, I gotcha. You mean you're going to be a missionary under the guise of teaching English." It was then that I really felt the dichotomy that most people associate with mission work. If one is a missionary, then he or she does not have a professional vocation. In Japan, I discovered that the fact that I believe in Christ sets me apart regardless of what type of work I'm doing.

Jacob and I attend a church just twenty minutes away from our home. We also have a Bible Study in our home for other members of the teaching program. We have both come to realize that part of our calling is to witness through our lifestyle to people who are outside the church's influence. A large part of that is doing our jobs well. It also means that we respect our contracts, which prohibit religious activities, and witness primarily through our lifestyles and after-hour friendships.

We love the schools where we teach and have a great relationship with our fellow teachers and students. As a student at Northwest, I always wondered how our little college compared to bigger universities, and now that I'm working in the field I studied for, I feel very confident about the quality of my NC education. God is teaching me much about living out my Christian beliefs in my daily interaction with people.

Two specific instances stand out in my mind. My first month in Japan, I was invited to the funeral of our office driver's mother. I went and realized that the line I was standing in led up to the altar where I would burn

incense. I had to decide quickly what to do, and I chose to follow the example of my officemates and then bow my condolences to the family. Afterwards, while I was still debating if I had done the right thing, my conversation with several ladies turned to how this funeral was different from a Christian funeral. My pastor later agreed with me that if I had made a scene by leaving the line, it would have not only embarrassed everyone there but also offended the family and hindered later chances to witness.

My next opportunity to witness came last Christmas. I invited the ladies in my office to our house for a Christmas party. I was nervous and kept asking God to make it a fun evening and to provide opportunities naturally for me to share the gospel. Everyone was curious about the Christmas displays in our house; from the very start they wanted me to explain the nativity set and advent calendar. Then, we baked Christmas sugar cookies, opened presents, and read the Christmas story together in Japanese. When I told them they could keep the Bibles, I was amazed at the surprise and joy on their faces. They had never heard the Christmas story and were literally speechless. I was so impressed by the way that God orchestrated the whole evening.

If living at NC was life in a bubble, living in Japan is life under a magnifying glass. My co-workers, neighbors, and local barista notice every action I make. I am acutely aware that anything I do not only colors their impression of Americans but also of Christians. It is a real wake up call to speak and act deliberately in everything I do.

If you are interested in learning more, we have a website: [www.jawitt.com](http://www.jawitt.com) with lots of pictures.

## *A Midsummer Night's Dream: All is not mended*

BY PAUL BOYER

What words can describe the spectacle of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, NC's spring drama production? Playful, rollicking, giddy, warm-hearted, goofy and ...*racy*? Maybe like me, you hugged and congratulated actors, told them what a wonderful job they did, shuffled out into the night, and had an argument with yourself as you walked away. Maybe like me, you were struggling with the fact that, at times, the play is unabashedly lusty, while also being uproariously funny.

I offer a critique—I hope a biblical response to our spring play. But as I prepare to do so, I am conscious of the fact that NC hosts Christians of many different tribes, flavors, and majors. I don't want to alienate anyone in my audience or contribute to a sense of disunity in the student body. This article is not an instance of a MMM (Macho Ministry Major) coming off the top turnbuckle, family-size Bible in hand, to flatten all things dramatic, literary, or

artistic. Nor is this a personal assault directed at anyone in the cast or crew. Many of the cast and crew are dear friends of mine. So why *am* I writing this?

I feel that there were times during the spring production when the testimony of our community was damaged. Our testimony is tied to our status as children of God. As such, we are to imitate Christ and live a life of love (Eph. 5.1-2). It is interesting to note the specific way that Paul wants us to imitate our Father in this case: avoiding every hint of sexual immorality (Eph. 5.3). He does not limit this ban strictly to physical intercourse. In verse four, he extends this prohibition to sexual speech: "obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you, instead let there be thankfulness to God" (NLT).

How does this relate to the play? I agree with the assistant director of the production, Rachael Dill, that the cast delivered a dynamic performance. I agree with her that the actors displayed

impressive mastery over Shakespearean language and that their grasp for timing and physical humor made the play a joy to watch. Dill explained to me that during rehearsals the cast members were directed to downplay any possible ribald interpretations of their lines and instead focus on situational humor. It is obvious that cast members heeded these instructions for the most part.

However, there were specific instances when the thrill of a potential laugh may have overcome an actor's better judgment. Communication is not primarily verbal. Our body language and tone say *more* than our actual words. For instance, pelvic thrusts repeated for emphasis normally symbolize a cheap attitude toward sex, as do double entendres. Thinking back, I don't remember very many instances of coarse joking, but I do remember feeling like those instances cast a shadow on an otherwise delightful play. Dill admits, "It's true that during certain performances certain cast members experimented with

interpretations of their character and lines that hadn't been accepted in rehearsal." While such experimentation may have been exciting, in my opinion, it failed to follow the principles of propriety set forth in Ephesians 5.

Thankfully, we know what to do when we fail. We can always express our sorrow to God and ask him to clean up any area of impurity in our lives. The play ends with these lines from the lovable, fairy side-kick, Puck: "If we shadows have offended, think but this, and all is mended, that you have but slumber'd here while these visions did appear. And this weak and idle theme, no more yielding but a dream, gentles, do not reprehend: if you pardon, we will mend." In the fairy world, pretending it never happened may make things "all better," but in the real world, we owe it to God, each other, and ourselves to deal honestly with sin, even if it is something as "small" as an off-color joke or obscene gesture.

## Intermingled Worlds

BY LAUREN GARDNER

Of all the words one could use to describe NC's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *racy* is not one. Though there was sexual humor in the text performed, the play was not racy or unrepresentative of NC's Christianity. As a cast member, a Christian, and an actress with moral integrity, I offer different viewpoints for the NC and public community to consider.

First, speaking as a cast member, I verify our vast team efforts to create a community worthy script. Professor Julia Young spent countless hours editing out sexual or suggestive lines unacceptable for an NC

production but, at the same time, leaving lines that played up the young lovers' attraction to one another. Next, Director, Lisa Peretti-Stephenson, and the entire cast spent well over fifty hours in rehearsal working to produce a piece of art combining good acting, humor, and moral integrity. Cast members were instructed specifically not to "play up" any sexual nature of lines, and those actors who did attempt to re-write the directions were acting unprofessionally.

Still, it's helpful to consider the social stigma surrounding any mention of sex, especially in a Christian circle, and to ask *what* about sex, including flirtation, young love,

and apparent physical attraction, is *appropriate* for discussion or for performance. One student suggested that another "sinful" act — gluttony or pride, for instance — displayed on stage, might not have elicited the response of Boyer's article. Apparently, these acts do not hold the same social stigma as does hinting at something sexual. However, the sexual content of the performance was socially acceptable, even in Christian circles. For example, consider a scene in the play in which the main characters have just been married, and in response to the command, "Lovers to bed!" the men "high-five" each other, happily

anticipating their first sexual experience as *married* couples. The couples meet the Christian standard of marriage before sex. Can it be offensive that they are happy, excited, even laughing about having married sex?

Suppose that, instead, there was a giant buffet in which the entire kingdom partakes. Characters come to the buffet and leave doubled over from their gluttony. Suppose one character had shown excessive pride in tricking another. Would anyone have raised questions about the stage appropriateness of these acts? Would anyone then have worried about the play

## A peculiar breed of moochers

BY KASEA HAMAR

The Talon

A few days ago, I was wearing my "Eagles" baseball style t-shirt at work and one of my adult co-workers began mocking me because this particular shirt has the word "Helper" written very stylishly across the back. I had never thought anything of it prior to this interaction, but as my fellow laborer laughed, I realized for the first time that being identified as a helper to the whole world might be considered a little sophomoric. Despite being called out by my co-worker as an unfashionable, service-minded dork, I couldn't escape one simple fact: the shirt was free, and because of that, I will wear it until the seams disintegrate or my mom finds it

in the laundry and throws it away. I tried to explain this to my co-worker, but she responded only with the quizzical but snotty gaze of someone who makes more than \$349 a year.

It was then that I realized that only college students can understand the "free stuff" phenomenon. We are a peculiar breed, who, because of our high level of debt versus our pathetic actual incomes, are forced to find treasures in free, but often unattractive t-shirts, sample bottles of hotel shampoo or lotion, and sale bins of underwear that are labeled "irregular." We spend hours rifling through "Good Stuff" boxes and rummaging for the sample size containers of deodorant, gum, and even

perfume, for special occasions of course, because complimentary personal hygiene products are as good as gold.

In my years at Northwest, I have eluded security guards to scrape money out of water fountains to buy Diet Coke, crawled through a mob of rowdy, inebriated people to get an ugly green shirt that says "Make 7" on the front and "Up Yours" on the back, and this past summer, unrolled toilet paper from the spools in gas station bathrooms in order to take it back to my humble Firs apartment and save a few measly cents. There is always a trade-off, however. One may have to settle for one-ply toilet tissue, but when it's free, a little chafing is worth it.

Admittedly, our quest for bargains can often lead to

uncouth behavior. At the word "sample" or "clearance," our eyes glaze over, any thoughts of classiness go out the window, and our determination to obtain the objective overrides our innate rationality and manners. For example, only a member of our cheap herd would receive a dinner invitation from a friend and consequently show up on the poor, unsuspecting person's doorstep with a U-Haul's worth of laundry to avoid the costs of washing clothes in the school's coin operated machines.

Those rich folk, the same ones who make more than \$349 a year, may think this rude behavior, but unless they have walked a mile in "irregular" underwear after using one-ply toilet paper, they couldn't possibly understand.

### Daisy

BY LAURAM JOHNSON

"Aren't daisies the friendliest flower?"

Meg Ryan, You've Got Mail

If I were to choose a flower for a friend, I would choose a daisy. The classic daisy, with its clean, white petals and fuzzy, yellow center that seems to catch rays of sunlight and shine them back at you, is like a whisper of summer days, grassy feet, and wet noses. Whether it's swaying in the meadow, sitting in the florist shop, or standing in a crystalline vase, the daisy exudes a certain cheerful confidence that says, "Life is wonderful. Won't you be my friend?"

To this, I reply, "Why, yes." For, who could think of a better kind of friend? As one of the most widespread species of flowers, daisies are always there; they are the best flower for every occasion. If I were sick, I'd want a daisy to smile at me. If I were happy, I'd want a daisy to laugh with me. If I were in love, I'd want a daisy to daydream with me—he loves me, he loves me not, he loves me, he loves me not—as long as it always ended on he loves me.

Daisies have the remarkable ability of making life beautiful. They add a touch of youth to a woman's hair, enhance the beauty of a bouquet's rose, and cover the blemishes of an ugly pitching mound. When others are happy, they are happy, and they take delight in those around

them. Perhaps this is why they come best in bunches.

Have you ever visited a field of daisies? It's like stepping into Wonderland, where the flowers really do talk. They pop their heads up and nod hello and tickle your legs. And when you sit down on the grass, you feel that you're surrounded by a hundred friends. You feel special.

The only part of God's creation that makes a better friend than a daisy is a person. Perhaps, daisies are only models of what we all ought to be.

So, give someone a daisy today. But more importantly, give someone yourself.

### Question Corner

BY TIFFANY ZULKOWSKY

The Talon

**Question: What is the best part of the summer?**

Vanessa Phillips, freshman, "The sunshine."

Michael Chao, sophomore, "Being with my friends."

Jamie Bonife, junior, "I get to read books that I want to read, and not have to read."

Zack Hofstad, senior, "I like it because I get to go travel. I have freedom to take off to another country and do what I want to do."

Elisabeth Tyler, freshman, "I like summer clothes shopping."

Brian Friske, sophomore, "Fishing under the sun in the Pacific Ocean."

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# Interview with band Eye Candy: not your average Christians

BY BECKY WILSON  
The Talon

As we sat down at the picnic table outside Pecota Center, I looked closely at the guys before me. One sported wild black hair, a black leather jacket, and a guitar slung over his shoulder. The other one wore a straight jacket. These guys were not what I expected. They were Jesse Bryan and Sam Stewart, singer and guitarist for the band, Eye Candy. Their bass player, Luke Dusky, absent from the interview, was busy surfing. Eye Candy is in the process of recording a full album. The band says, "Our lyrics drill into the mind of listeners and strike the oil of new thoughts. Amen."

**Q: Would you define Eye Candy as a Christian rock band?**

**Sam:** We're a rock band composed of Christians.

**Jesse:** Yeah, that's probably the easiest way to say it.

**Q: How did Eye Candy form?**

**Jesse:** Sam is the musical genius in that he puts together all the riffs. He's really the one that brought everybody together.

**Sam:** Jesse, I've never seen anybody write like him. What we like to do is lock him in his room, occasionally we'll slip food under [the door], but we don't let anybody go in there.

**Jesse:** It's just me and Sam. He'll play on the guitar and we'll just start. I don't think we've ever walked out of a room without a song.

**Sam:** It just comes. It's natural.

**Q: How did you come up with the name, Eye Candy?**

**Sam:** I think it was after I was talking with one of my buddies and he was telling me how he asked this girl to Banquet. She told him flat out no, because she wanted to go with a cuter guy.

**Jesse:** He wasn't the Eye Candy.

**Sam:** I needed to write a song about how we are attractive beasts.

**Q: Where does the inspiration for your songs come from?**

**Jesse:** Eye Candy is most easily explained at rock in its purest form, which is basically a lot of love. And consequently a lot of hurt as well.

**Q: How often do you perform?**

**Jesse:** We've been spending a lot of time on some of our new songs. This whole last week and this week we've been doing our demo. And we've been working on some new songs, so we'll probably have 12 or 13 songs by the end of the school year.

**Sam:** Actually, our first concert was down on the 400 floor. That was awesome.

**Jesse:** We pretty much rocked the house.

**Q: Do you have an established fan base?**

**Sam:** Oh, we do.

**Jesse:** They're fanatics. They're the Candy Kids. That's what we call them. And they go berserker. We have a Christian fan base, but the UW is getting huge for us. The UW kids love us. We have just crazy fans.

**Q: Eye Candy is obviously outside the norm of Christian music; what do you say to those who believe Christian music should fit a certain norm?**

**Sam:** That's ridiculous.

**Jesse:** You got to reach everybody. That's just not our thing. We're not going to sit on stage with all lights on one little acoustic guitar and some candles lit, man. We want to light the place on fire. Let's get the blood pumping. A lot of people think as Christians you can't have any fun. You got to lock yourself in your dorm room and drink Tang all night long. We really need to break out of this mold, this bubble.

**Sam:** We want to play with the secular crowd. We want to show them that Christians can rock harder than anyone else.

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## Thunderbirds Help Students Make the Grade

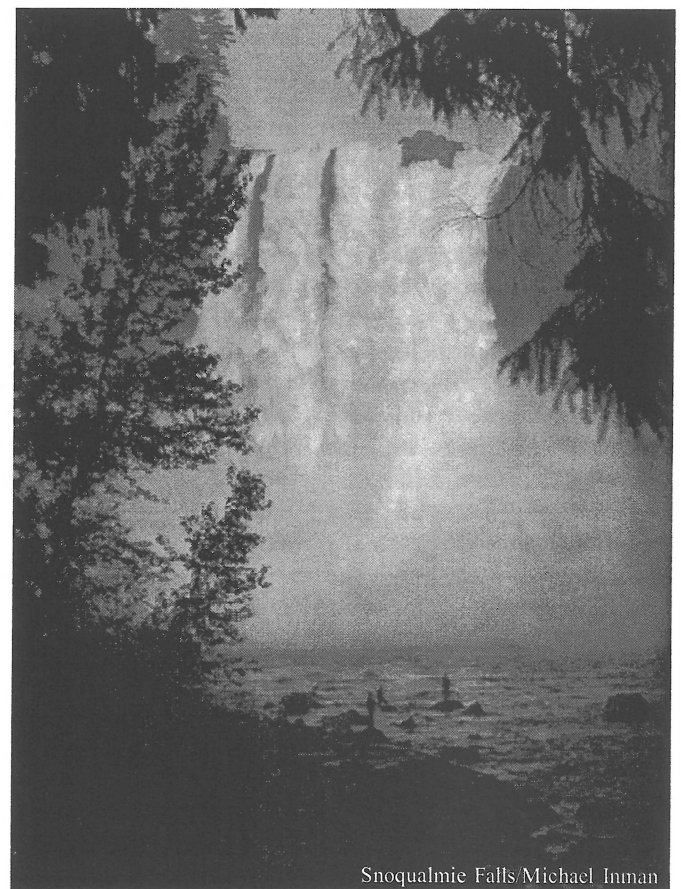
Christopher Troll

In the midst of a busy semester filled with lectures, theories, and reports, it can be refreshing for college students to see a real-world application of what is learned in the classroom. For Northwest College's Sales and Advertising class, this refreshment came in the form of acting as an advertising agency for the Seattle Thunderbirds hockey team.

Some of the attractions of the March 5th event, dubbed "Northwest College Night at the Seattle Thunderbirds Game," were prizes which included a tuxedo rental, Stevens Pass lift tickets, and an Azteca gift certificate.

By the day the game was to be played, 70 people were signed-up to attend as a result of the class' efforts. The evening began as sophomore Jonette Hagebusch, sang the National Anthem. Throughout the course of the night, there were in between-period activities on the ice that included broomball and a human-sized version of foosball.

"I believe the Thunderbird project is a great opportunity for students to apply theory to practice," says course instructor, Dr. Matt Nelson said. "The Business Department at Northwest College looks forward to an ongoing relationship with the Seattle Thunderbirds that provides a mutual benefit for both organizations."



Snoqualmie Falls/Michael Inman

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remainder is made up by money left in the account from previous years. Also, not all the money allotted to the various accounts for next year will be used. It is Pablo's responsibility to ensure that there is enough money for the necessary expenses. She juggles the General, Activities, Outreach, Intramurals and Homecoming accounts to ensure there is enough money. All the money in the other accounts stays there and can be used in subsequent years.

Pablo states, "I have spent time reassessing why we allocate the money we do and have had to make several

changes to ensure that this money will be used in a manner beneficial to all students." She continues, "It is an overwhelming responsibility to be the caretaker for this large amount of money, knowing that the smallest mistake can have considerable repercussions. I want to commend my fellow officers for being very good with their accounts and stretching and maximizing their money to its fullest capacity."

In the past, the ASB officers have not had much decision-making power in determining how the activity fee should be dispersed. They had to follow the direction of the administration. However, this

year's Associate Vice-President for Student Development, Christian Lindbeck has other ideas. He says, "This money should be spent under the discretion of the *elected* ASB officers, who receive their direction from the student body. The students should use their vote and chose officers who will be *their* voice." However, he does believe that the ASB officers should have the discretion to decide what will be best for the entire student body. As an example, he states, "Although some students complain that they have to pay for Spring Banquet whether they go or not, the ASB is under the obligation to decide if this

college and if it is, to make the necessary charges. It is the same principal with taxes."

Lindbeck ends with these words: "It is the students' responsibility to critically examine how this fee is spent, and if they have any concerns, they can present their argument at the Student Council meetings. These meetings are the best place for the ASB officers and the student body to dialogue, and students should take advantage of these opportunities."

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damaging NC's community or its testimony?

The testimony of the college's community was not damaged. In fact, the performance touched people in positive ways. For instance, Debby Dickerson, a Bellevue resident and a Christian, attended a performance with her eight and eleven year old sons. When I asked her about the play's sexual content, she said, "I'm hyper-sensitive about sexual content in the entertainment I allow the boys to watch. To be completely honest, the idea of sex in a dishonorable or negative light never crossed my mind during or after the production." Dickerson clearly enjoyed the performance and added, "I haven't laughed that hard in a long time. Thank you! We really enjoyed it!" Again, the

testimony of our community did not suffer, but rather, it touched others, providing much-needed relief from everyday stress.

Yet, I am deeply saddened to hear that some think the performance was damaging. This feeling reminds me of a quote from *Absolute Truths* by Susan Howatch: "Maybe you haven't played your part quite as perfectly as you'd wished, but human beings aren't perfect, are they, and an unrealistic obsession with obtaining perfection can cause a lot of trouble" (568). What does perfection look like on stage? In life? In art? We can edit, we can direct, and we can censor. Perhaps we can also accept that God's creativity and glory reflect in art from both the Christian and the secular worlds, that these worlds intermingle, that *all* aspects of our humanity come from Him.

*\*edited by Prof. Julia Young*

**Local News**

Crystal Brame, shot by her husband David Brame, Tacoma's chief of police, died in the hospital on Saturday. City is deluged with grief while city officials are deluged with controversy.

Doctors test the loyalty (along with the resources) of patients as they add monthly retainer fees to patient's bills.

Time to fill up! Gas prices are at their lowest since late January with the national average dropping to \$1.513 per gallon. The average is still 12 cents higher than this time last year.

**CURRENT NEWS****World News**

Huda Salih Mahdi Ammash, the woman US officials accused of overseeing Iraq's bio-warfare research programs and #53 on America's 55 most wanted list, was taken into custody in Baghdad on Sunday according to Pentagon officials

China appears to control SARS spread as 160 new cases have been reported along with 9 deaths. Treatment has become more difficult as scores of hospital support staff have quit or refuse to report to work.

Pakistan officials vow to get rid of their nuclear arsenal provided that neighboring India does the same. "As far as Pakistan is concerned, if India is ready to denuclearize, we would be happy to denuclearize," Foreign Ministry spokesman Aziz Ahmed Khan said, "But it will have to be mutual."

**US News**

Numerous tornados tear through Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and western Tennessee killing at least 35. No estimate has yet been given on the cost of the damage.

Think you'll never get your degree? There is always hope. Don Flickinger of Toledo, Ohio just graduated with his Associates Degree from the University of Toledo, at the age of 96.

Stepping up the pressure on lawmakers opposed to his economic plan, President Bush on Monday urged Americans to call their representatives in Congress to let them know they want tax cuts.

**Sports**

Mariners win 3 in a row and sweep the Chicago White Sox in their 5-1 victory last night.

**Weather**

Wed-Friday: Cloudy with high in the upper 50's to low 60's.

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