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ASB elections for the 2006-2007 academic year are done

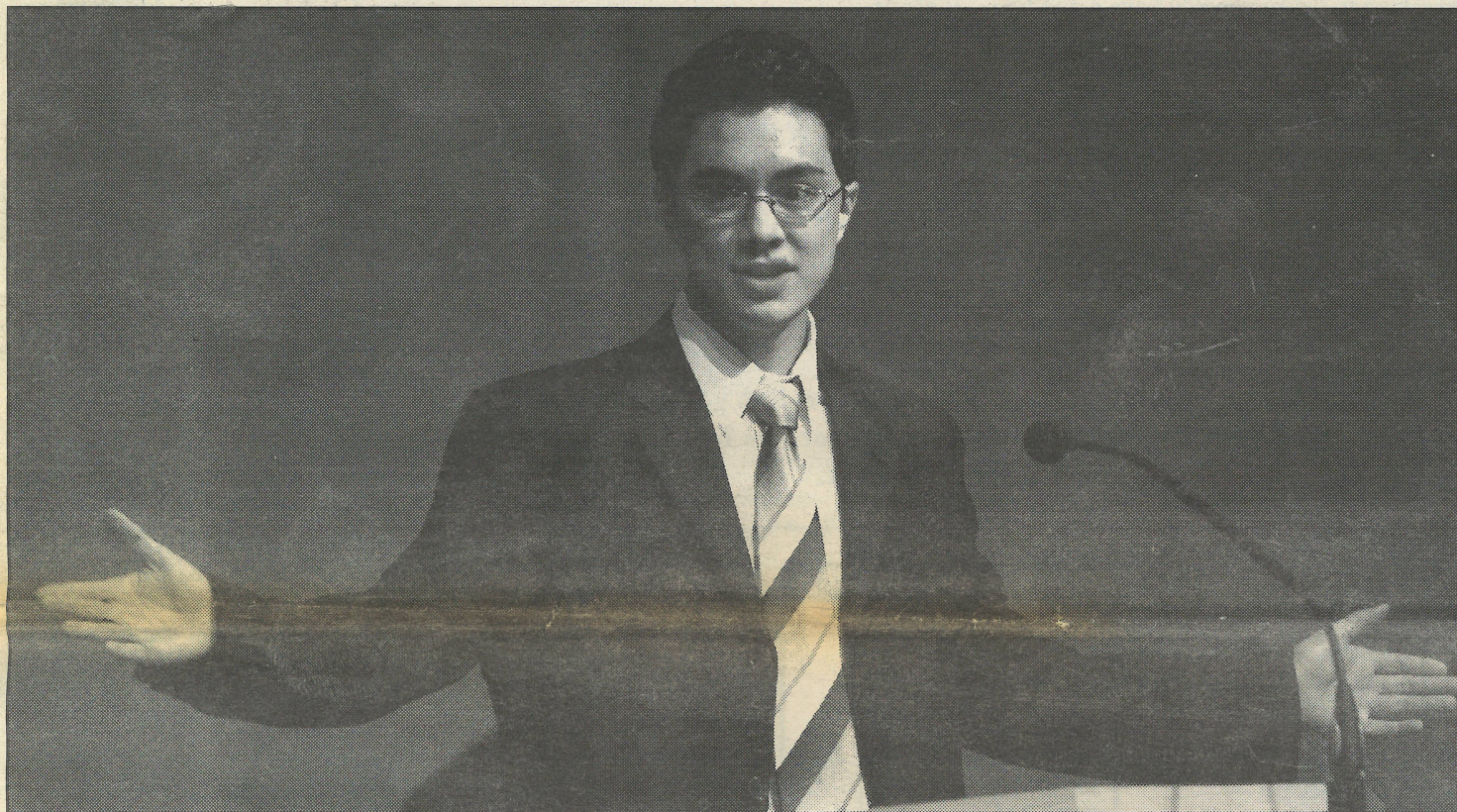


Photo by Austin Bennecker

Presidential candidate Jed Gosnell says, "My goal is that, together, we students would follow God and discover His will for our lives – that we would grow in Him spiritually and academically. My aim is unity among students as we fulfill God's work in our...lives, on campus and around the world."

By Rebekah Proctor
Staff Reporter

Each spring, students run, campaign, and vote for a new ASB team, and this year's election brought with it many surprises. The



new ASB team, for the 2006-2007 school year, was elected into office Friday, February 24, 2006. During chapel, the Wednesday prior, candidates delivered speeches to a captive chapel audience in order to gain student favor regarding their leadership abilities on ASB.

A new voting system was set up by IS guru, John Mabbott, on the Eagle website which allowed the tallying process to be more speedy and efficient. The voting system online created many checks on the election process so that students no longer voted twice and no votes could be lost. It was also designed to accommodate off-campus students and those who are chapel exempt. Alas, the voting system had some unforeseeable problems: 75 students were unable to login and vote. All positions besides the president were won by 100+ votes, thus a re-vote was necessary because those 75 votes may have altered which candidates made Friday's election results. All four presidential candidates were voted on a second time on Monday, February 27. The run-offs for the election took place the following day between candidates Timothy Pile, Jed Gosnell, Nathan Pecota, and Kelly Daniel. The presidential run-off resulted with Jed Gosnell as president.

"I thought [ASB elections] went a lot better than previous years in regards to: timeliness and organization. Other than the quirk that happened with the internet, it went very well," Charly Nicholai, current VP of Student Ministries said. "I feel next year's team is going to be very qualified and they will do a wonderful job."

The candidates elected include: Danielle Duncan, Secretary; Stephen Olson, Vice President of Student Ministries; Tiffany Felt, Secretary of Student Ministries; Tatiana Troutman, Vice President of Activities; Danielle Banke, Secretary of Activities; Josiah Thalhofer, Treasurer; and Ryan Lister, Intramural Coordinator.

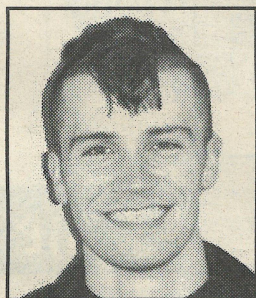
"Honestly, I really liked the group of candidates we had," agreed Caleb Bryant, current ASB President. "I feel there is a lot of potential for next year's team. I have a lot

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Muslims riot over religious cartoons

Denmark's *Jyllands-Posten* ignites violence in Europe over Muhammad depictions

By Gideon Copple
News Editor



protestors attacked and looted shops belonging to local Christians. At least fifteen people – mostly Christians – were killed during protests on February 19.

Witnesses said three children and a priest were among the dead.

Similar protests have claimed the lives of dozens more in Libya, Egypt, and other predominantly-Muslim countries.

Some protestors have attacked other local symbols of the West in their countries. In Pakistan, Islamic hard-liners attacked American fast-food restaurants KFC and McDonalds.

In Indonesia, home to the world's largest population of Muslims, hundreds of protestors attacked the U.S. Embassy. Crowds of protestors marched behind a banner reading "We are ready to attack the enemies of the Prophet."

Since the world-wide violence has erupted, many of the Danish cartoonists who created the Muhammad caricatures

have gone into hiding.

One of the Danish cartoonists, Kurt Westergaard, has cited the freedom of the press in defense to accusations that his cartoons are 'hate speech'. He says he has no regrets.

In early February, a Pakistani cleric put a \$1 million bounty on Westergaard's head.

Jyllands-Posten, the Danish newspaper which originally published the cartoons, has issued an official apology to the Muslim world on its website. Flemming Rose, who is a *Jyllands-Posten* editor, issued a statement on February 19 explaining why he chose to publish the cartoons in the first place. In his statement, Rose mentions:

"On occasion, *Jyllands-Posten* has refused to print satirical cartoons of Jesus, but not because it applies a double standard. In fact, the same cartoonist who drew the image of Muhammed with a bomb in his turban drew a cartoon with Jesus on the cross having dollar notes in his eyes and another with the Star of David attached to a bomb fuse. There were, however, no embassy burnings or death threats when we published those."

Over the past two months, Muslim nations on several continents have been the site of violent demonstrations. Demonstrators are protesting the portrayal of the Muslim prophet Muhammad in several cartoons printed by a Danish newspaper last year.

The cartoons, which first appeared in Denmark's *Jyllands-Posten* newspaper, feature sarcastic representations of Muhammad – one of Islam's holiest and most revered figures. One of the published cartoons shows the Prophet, among other turban-wearing figures, in a police line-up and the witness saying: "I don't know which one he is."

Another cartoon, the most controversial, shows Muhammad carrying a lit bomb in the shape of a turban on his head. The bomb is decorated with an Islamic creed from the Koran.

For Muslims, any image showing Muhammad is considered to be blasphemy.

Riots have erupted in several nations in response to the cartoons. In Nigeria,

Let's face it: communication is best done in person

By Amy Weber
Campus Life Editor



road advertising the latest technological or cosmetic advances of society. There were no radios or ipods blasting the woes of emotional angst

at every hour of the day or night. Still, somewhere between the emails, instant messages, pagers, and cell phones we lost the point of dialoguing in the multitudinous modes of communication.

Despite the fact that people are able to communicate in a myriad of manners, oftentimes we disregard the most basic and necessary mode of communication: directly speaking to the person you have a question about or who offended you. Instead, many opt to hold frustrations, questions, and expectations inside. Giving the silent treatment to the offending party and ignoring the situation, people fail to address the source of conflict, choosing to wallow in pride and self-pity instead. While Mom's advice of "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all" is valid, it does not mean to stop communicat-

ing. Too often people assume that others know what they want, need, or feel, and everyone knows what assuming makes of us. Lack of communication leaves everyone in the dark.

On the flipside, at Northwest University we have "the NU grapevine," a.k.a.

gossip. While this form of communication can be a blessing to those promoting concerts and such, more often than not it is obnoxious and destructive.

More than one student has dealt with the repercussions of overeager communication channeled through the line of curious classmates. Rumors blow out of proportion.

This was the case for one single female student who was astounded, upon returning to the dorms at the end of the day, to hear the story about her alleged new

boyfriend. The tale generated from someone seeing her leave the NU campus earlier that day in the same vehicle as a male NU student. Another student took insult at a fellow student's actions, but rather than confronting her peer, student 'A' proceeded to relay her view of the injurious behavior

to her class, her floor, and anyone else that would listen. In each case, her audience enthusiastically absorbed and regurgitated the incident, adding their own spin. Student 'B'

received dirty looks and the cold shoulder without even knowing why.

With each telling and re-telling of juicy tidbits, gossip complicates everyone's life, taking us beyond reality into speculation. Loose lips do sink ships, and no one likes to see their SS. Reputation sink like the Titanic.

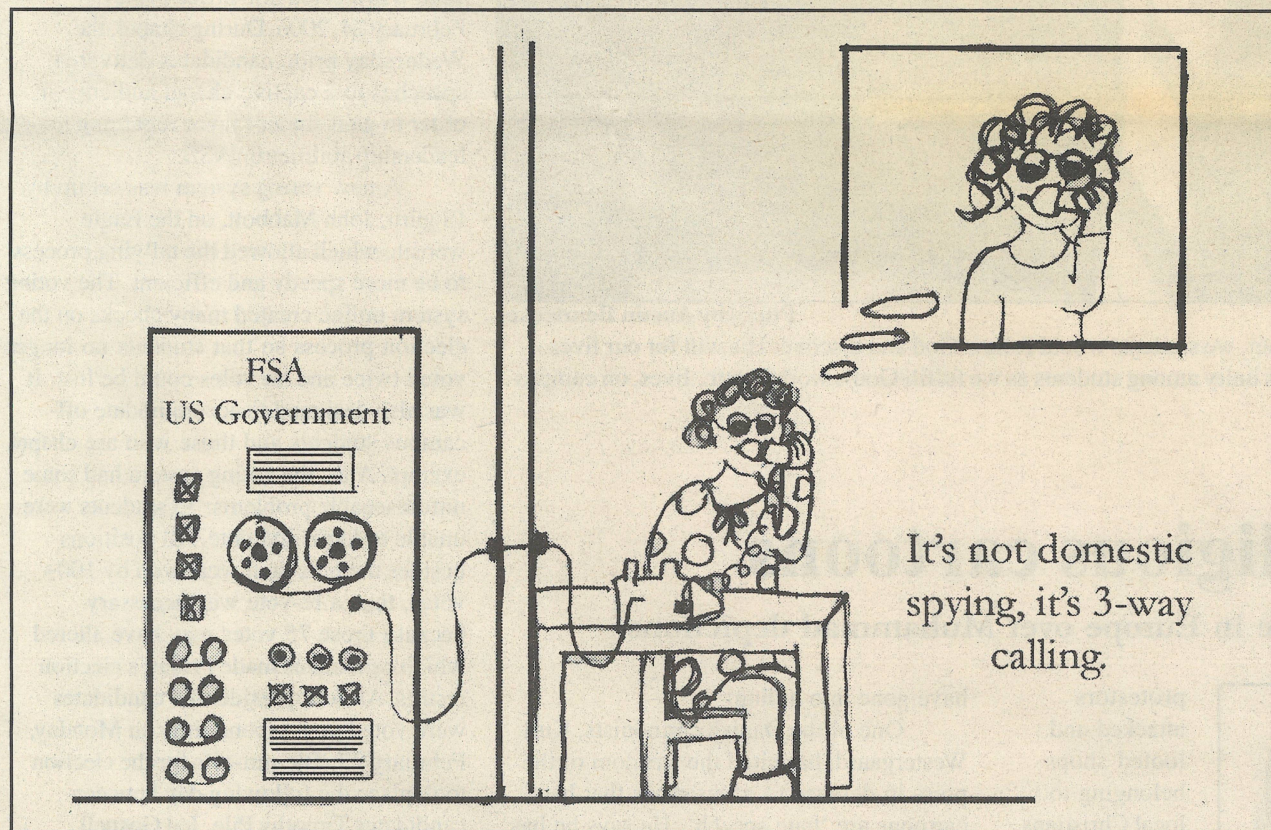
Stone walls and fake smiles, bad-mouthing and backbiting, gossip disguised as 'prayer requests,' volleyed back and forth over the library's computers, eagerly intercepted by not-so-busy students—let's face it, everyone has heard more than one conversation not intended for their ears. So how does one break the ice and weed out this disastrous 'grapevine?' Here is a novel concept: how about actually approaching those with whom one has conflict? With so many ways to communicate, surely all that remains is for people to take the initiative. Make a phone call. Write a song, a poem, or a blog. Take a walk and talk things out. Nothing beats a good ole heart to heart.

According to A. Barbour, author of *Louder Than Words: Nonverbal Communication*, only seven percent of communication is verbal, 38 percent vocal, and 55 percent is body movement (mostly facial). Obviously, the best approach to communication is in person. Just remember: "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses" (Proverbs 27:6 NIV). Be willing to face some confrontation instead of dancing around the issue. If you don't, eventually your feet will get blisters.

While Mom's advice of "if you can't say something nice, *don't* say anything at all" is *valid*, it does not mean to *stop* communicating.

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Created to desire: Dr. James Smith's lecture review

Many students were challenged by Thinking in Tongue's guest speaker in and out of chapel

By Joe McQueen
Opinion Editor

Why does thinking in tongues give me such a headache? I do not think I am alone in this either.

Our recent guest speaker from Calvin College, Dr. James Smith, seemed to wield an amazing ability to toss undergraduate brains into the blender of critical thought. As he offered three days' worth of lectures, I watched my fellow students respond in a variety of ways. Some quickly found a comfortable position in which to remedy their recent sleep deprivation. Others pulled out cell phones to play games or text message friends (apparently the latter group could not wait to act on Dr. Smith's encouragement to build community). In spite of this, many listened attentively; these students witnessed the authority of a mind and heart working as one. I may even dare to say that some encountered a burning bush and walked down from a mountain instead of out of a chapel.

The community at Northwest University must not forget Dr. Smith's message. In addition to the lectures he gave in chapel, I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Smith speak in my philosophy class. I would like to offer my attempt at summarizing just a few of Dr. Smith's main points and explaining why these ideas are vital.

Dr. Smith contrasted a holistic view of



life with a dualistic view of life. In simple terms, dualism is the belief in the separation of the mind and the body. In this line of thinking the mind becomes all-important.

Beliefs, reasons, and actions all reside in the mind, according to a dualistic approach to life. The body is merely a shell that will eventually be discarded. Therefore, the primary definition of a human is "a thing that thinks." Thinking defines humanity in a dualistic understanding of the world.

After explaining dualism, Dr. Smith proceeded to critique it through a more holistic view of life. To illustrate the holistic type of life, Dr. Smith drew a tin can on the classroom whiteboard. He proceeded to divide the tin can into segments, writing the following labels on different segments of the can: thoughts, feelings, actions, body, experiences, and nationality. He explained that we as humans are comprised of much more than brains; we are made up of all the elements labeled on the tin can. Dr. Smith then addressed a central thread running through the entire core of the tin can, holding all these different pieces together. He called it "desire" and said that what we desire, or love, runs through the center of our lives and determines what kind of

people we become. In other words, at the core of our existence, we are "lovers," not "thinkers." What or whom we love defines us because what we love will change how we think. If a man loves money, his desire for it will grow. This desire will shape the way he thinks about the world, and in turn, will shape his actions.

Through this deeper understanding of human life, Dr. Smith connected his philosophy with life application. He concluded that, as Christians, we must examine the central thread of desire that runs through our lives and ensure that it is fixed on Christ. Are we being made into people that love God at the very core of our existence? If we are, the things we think, say, and do will naturally glorify Christ and lead us to become more like Him.

What if we find that the core of our desire is not fixed on Christ? What if we find that we desire prestige or wealth instead of God? According to Dr. Smith, although we act out of our core desire, our actions also change our core desire. So, if I shop for four hours everyday in the mall, my core desire will change. The change may be small at first, but little by little I begin to desire and worship the latest trends that culture feeds me through advertising. But it is also possible to shape our core desire for the better. Dr. Smith mentioned the classic spiritual disciplines such as fasting, meditation, and biblical research, as methods for producing positive change.

But these are not the only activities

that can transform. Dr. Smith shared that for him, riding the city bus instead of driving his car helps him realize that life does not revolve around him. The bus keeps him from sitting in his own car, listening to his own music, thinking his own thoughts, and ultimately shaping his core desire to want only what is good for him.

So, nothing is neutral. Riding the bus, going to the mall, and praying all shape our core desire. Does this mean that we should never drive our own cars and only ride the bus?

No—it means that we must be aware that everywhere, at all times, something is always changing our core desire, and many times that change is for the worst. We must be aware that much of what we find in culture is bent on driving our desire away from God. If we become aware of this, we will be less likely to expose ourselves to behaviors that hinder our desire for God and more likely to participate in activities that enhance our desire for God.

My encouragement is that, in light of Dr. Smith's message, we examine ourselves and ask what can be done in our lives to effect this change. I would also like to offer sincere thanks to those responsible for selecting Dr. Smith and funding his visit to our campus. Perhaps we will be fortunate enough to have our minds engaged in this fashion more frequently.

In the shoes of an RA

By Chelsea Geier
Guest writer

I am an Resident Assistant (RA) in the residence halls here at Northwest and I am writing in order to give you a well-rounded idea of what my job is like. It is my heartfelt wish that the students, faculty and even parents of students have a good feeling of what encompasses a normal day, week and month for me, as well as the other RA's here in the dorms. Not because I am looking for praise or for sympathy, but because student life has everything to do with our job. To understand the importance of the RA's job, one must first understand that college is not only about academics; it is about the development of one's character and there are many aspects that affect that character.

Overall, an RA's job is focused on one thing and one thing alone: the students. While it may seem an easy task, it is truly a very complicated one. For instance, I have 30 girls on my floor that I am expected to know in depth. I must know about problems going on in their lives, struggles they are having, as well as spend time with them. I must say, this is probably the most rewarding and most challenging of my tasks. I will never forget the friendships I've made and girls I've met, but at the same time, there is a pressure to "keep track" of what is going on in their lives.

Another complicated issue is trying to cater to what I know about the girls. I am expected to plan at least 1 event of interest to my girls every month. This would not be so much of an issue if the RA's had a bigger floor budget. This year each RA received \$50 for the entire year to spend on their floor. The \$50 is supposed to cover: floor events/parties, all floor dinners, a portion of the floor retreats, floor decorations, and

many more things. Impossible you may say? Correct. For this reason, I must charge my girls for the floor retreat and ask for donations at floor parties. I don't feel this is fair because they have already paid a significant amount of money to simply live in the dorms. Along with this, Residence Life (in general) has a very small budget to work with, so it is very difficult to plan dorm-wide events or RA retreats.

The last difficult issue I will mention is 2-fold. When you break it down in hourly pay, the RA's are the lowest paid student worker at our school, but also the hardest working. By "hardest working" I mean we put the most hours into the job because we are required to be on-call 24/7. Just for an example, I have woken up in the middle of the night several times to deal with various issues concerning my girls. I am more than happy to do this because I know it is part of my job and I genuinely care about my girls. Even so, I don't know of another student position that requires this kind of time commitment. It is felt by a majority of the RA's that the financial priorities at the school may be a bit unbalanced considering that student life is supposed to be our main priority.

Finally, I want to emphasize why this job matters and why it is worthwhile. I will never regret being an RA at NU because it has taught me skills that usually take years to learn such as: how to work with almost any personality, how to work well with and respect authority, along with how to creatively solve problems, develop a Christ-like caring attitude towards everyone I meet—including people I wouldn't necessarily be friends with. The relationships I have built and the growth I have seen this year are more numerous than the downfalls of the RA position.

This article is the opinion of one individual and does not represent all RAs.

Letter to the editor:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for producing an informative and well written edition of the Talon.

Its breadth of coverage makes for an engaging read about subjects capturing the attention of the NU student. More specifically, Joe McQueen's Opinion/Editorial on "Confessions" deserves to be reread by many of us in the community of Northwest University. Joe masterfully calls us to foundational, Christ-centered principles that integrate the disciplines of the mind with the call of the heart to an obedient

response of worshipful service!

The timely discourses on Black History Month and the accompanying call to celebrate the richness of our diversity at Northwest remind us of God's love for the whole world.

Your dedicated work on the Talon enriches our learning community. THANK YOU!

Marshall Flowers Jr, PhD
Senior Vice President

Letter to the editor:

Dear Editor,

A couple weeks ago, a friend and I sat in the Aerie reading your article, "A cure for the terminally-single." I'm pretty sure that a few "Amen's" came out of our mouths as we read about our Father's love for us, and how easily we tend to cast it aside for these short-lived "feeding-frenzies."

I, too, have been experiencing a renewed realization of our Father's love for us within the past couple months. He is so amazing! I was in Bible Study and Interpretation last semester, listening as my fellow classmates discussed whether or not there truly exists that "one" person for us. Has God truly set aside one man/woman for us? Now, I understand that many people have different perspectives on this, but this point only led me to my amazing revelation from God. It dawned on me that there is a perfectly good reason why we long for that one person to share our lives with. It is simply because we were created to share our lives and our hearts with the One who made us. God created us to long for Him. But, the world - broken by sin - has pointed

our eyes and hearts to a worldly counterfeit of love. This counterfeit can be damaging and painful, and seems to block our eyes and hearts from the One who desperately and truly loves us.

What was said in this article is true; "we feed off each other's emotional highs." I truly believe that in order for us to draw closer to God and feel His perfect love for us, we must begin to consciously change our behaviors and words.

As Paul said to the church in Ephesus, "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." I pray that we will begin to grasp this as the body of Christ, realizing that our words and actions do affect others. All this to say that my friend and I were truly blessed by this article, and I feel encouraged to continue living a life that shows others that God is the One for me.

In Him,
Megan Robbert

US port control controversy

US sells control over 6 ports to Arab company

By Kortney Thoma
Editor in Chief

President Bush recently approved a port takeover by Dubai Ports World, from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which puts them in charge of six major ports' shipping operations: New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

Immediately following the sale announcement, politicians and citizens alike went up in arms against the Bush administration with protest and fear concerning homeland security. In fact, Newsweek reports that a recent Rasmussen poll showed only 17% of Americans are in support of the sale.

Many of the arguments as to why this deal should not go through are linked back to one central complaint: why would the administration allow a company from the UAE control our ports when the country was directly involved with 9/11 by funding the hijackers? Still, more arguments stand with complaint that American jobs will be lost as President Bush allows yet another company to be outsourced.

Despite all of the complaints, the Bush Administration still maintains that the deal is safe. They have assured Americans that Dubai is willing to cooperate with all security measures. In fact, whenever the US Navy enters a Dubai-controlled port, the company shuts down all of its commercial traffic. Here in the US, Dubai is already



letting government officials inspect all warehouses and cargo holds before the takeover is official. Dubai also promises, and has signed legal contracts,

to allow the US Homeland Security office access to all of their records and facilities whenever necessary. Furthermore, as part of the contract, all security will be handled by the US Coast Guard, Customs Service, and dock workers will be hired through US unions.

One huge benefit of the deal is that in order to seal the deal with the US, Dubai has pledged to help the US stop smuggling illegal shipments of nuclear materials between hostile countries in the Middle East. Many government officials maintain that this new relationship with DP World and the UAE is actually beneficial to the war on terror.

President Bush has voiced his concern that if the US refuses to sell its ports to middle eastern companies the world will see the US as only seeking relations with certain countries and will portray us as prejudiced against Arabs.

For the time being, the deal with Dubai Ports World is at a standstill while the administration waits for controversy to die, though Bush maintains that the deal will continue regardless of public opinion.

Art program gains support

By Kate Dartnall
Staff Reporter

While the University is busy building the nursing program and new science facility, many students are fervently requesting an art program be added to the school's majors.

This semester, student Sean Loomis is petitioning for support of a real arts program.

"I want to see changes," the freshmen ASB officer said. So far, Loomis has collected about 200 student signatures; roughly 20 percent of the student body. Student suggestions for courses like advanced painting, fashion design and photography accompany the signatures.

After taking an introductory art class from Professor Daniel Rice, Loomis anticipated enrolling in the advanced level. However, Loomis was discouraged to find there was only an introductory course. "When I asked if there were any further classes I could take, I was told there was not."

Students also comment on Northwest as a 'liberal arts' University. "Why not put the arts back into 'liberal arts,'" student Michael Stracener said. "If a course for fashion design was offered, I'd be interested."

While students begin to share their opinion, Loomis has begun to seek faculty support. In mid-February, he met with Dr. Darrell Hobson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "It's just a matter of letting



your voice be known. It's not falling on deaf ears," Dr. Hobson said. Hobson encourages students to keep talking, but his ability to influence curriculum

changes is slowed due to limited resources. "To say this [arts program] is a high priority would be wrong," he said.

For the longest time, there wasn't even an arts program. Only in the past few years have introductory courses like drawing, painting and visual communication been added to curriculum. In the College of Arts and Sciences, the focus has been on developing the drama, music and communication departments, adds Hobson.

Hobson reaffirms that by Fall semester we should expect courses for Sound Production, Media/Video Presentation as well as a course for the new NU radio station. Also, Hobson would like to see a digital photography course offered and plans to add a Media Studies Program by Fall Semester 2007. Until then, Hobson suggests students organize support for the arts through extra-curricular activities and groups, and meanwhile he too supports Loomis's efforts and welcomes any related ideas.

If you are interested in signing Loomis' petition or have ideas on how to support the arts at Northwest, email him at sean.loomis@northwestu.edu.

Supreme Court is filled

By Karyn Hiller
Assistant Layout Editor

Originally nominated by Bush Senior for the Supreme Court in 1992, John Roberts' nomination did not come to a vote. Now at the age of fifty, Roberts is one of the youngest Justices in history.

All the polls taken showed that the American people favored Roberts. He won the senate vote with a total of 78 votes—only 22 votes were in opposition. Fifty-five votes from the Republicans, and there was direct spilt between the Democrats.

Roberts was commissioned and sworn in on September 29. He has now been in office for five months.

Roberts graduated *Summa Cum Laude* with his four year degree from Harvard. He stayed at Harvard and graduated *Magna Cum Laude* with his law degree. Roberts has argued thirty-nine cases and has served on Federal Judicial Services, as law clerk, special assistant, associated counsel, private practice, and served as a deputy solicitor general.

Roberts takes the seat in place of William H. Rehnquist. Rehnquist died September 3rd at the age of eighty after struggling with thyroid cancer for the past year. He worked until death. Rehnquist served for over thirty-three years.

For the next few months the Supreme Court will hear cases including religious freedom, employment discrimination,



political gerrymandering, and state's rights.

The Supreme Court will also be revisiting *Locke vs. Davey*. Joshua Davey, an alumni of N.U., was denied

a state scholarship during his time at Northwest because state money cannot be used in the pursuit of a theology or ministerial degree. Davey took his case to the Supreme Court in 2003 but the court upheld that states have a right to distribute state aid to ministry and theology majors or not. The Supreme Court will review Davey's case with evaluation pertaining to the first amendment and one's right of free religious exercise.

Some other items on the Supreme Court's List include the doctor assisted suicide law, finance campaign, and parent notification or consent before a minor/adolescent receives an abortion.

One of the newest decisions from the Supreme Court is the decision to further allow the use and transportation of hallucinogenic tea for religious rituals. It is noted as being very significant part of the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act." This act was placed in 1993 and states neutrality towards religions, government shall not burden religions, balance between government and religious liberty, and freedom to exercise religion.

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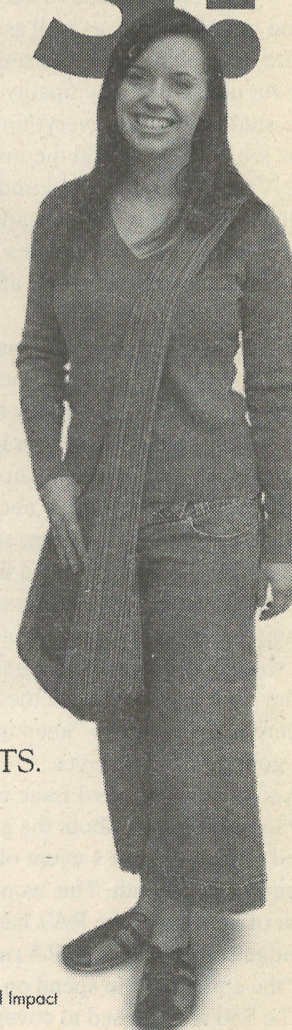
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Civil rights leader Coretta Scott-King passes away

Nation mourns the loss of a great and powerful voice from our nation's past and present

By Rebeka Proctor
Staff Reporter



A national icon and hero of human rights, Coretta Scott King, the wife of Martin Luther King Jr., died in her sleep in the early morning of January 31 at Santa Monica Hospital in Baja, California. She was 78 years old. King's death resulted from complications due to a stroke she suffered in August and from advanced-stage ovarian cancer.

Over 14,000 people attended her funeral, including President Bush, Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, BeBe and CeCe Winan, Maya Angelo, and Stevie Wonder. She became the first woman and black person to have her casket viewed in the Capitol. President Bush honored Coretta King at the beginning of his State of the Union address in January. In February, thousands of Super Bowl XL fans observed a moment of silence for Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King.

Not only did King follow in her husband's footsteps during the civil rights movement, she also demonstrated, protested and fought for numerous social causes including humanitarian aid, women's rights, and peace.

King organized 'Freedom Concerts' in which people performed music and read poetry to help Civil Rights efforts. She pushed for the establishment of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a national holiday, and

she initiated building the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta—a center dedicated to scholarship and activism.

This accomplished woman was born in Alabama on April 27, 1927. Graduating at the top of her class in high school, King continued her education at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio. Later, she attended Boston's Conservatory of Music. It was there that she met Martin Luther King Jr., a philosophy student who quickly fell for her. They had four children together.

When her husband came into public prominence during the civil rights movement, King always supported him. Four days after Dr. King's assassination in 1968, she marched with 50,000 people in Memphis to show solidarity with justice.

King picked up from where her husband left off: she became the first woman to preach in St. Paul's Cathedral in Great Britain. Over her lifetime, she received sixty honorable degrees, wrote three books, and spoke and sang all over the world. She regularly received honors and awards dedicated to her late husband. Her messages always carried a constant theme: equality for all.



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Civil rights leader Coretta Scott-King died January 31 from a stroke. King will be forever remembered as the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s wife and as a strong voice for the freedom and rights of African Americans.

ASB election results

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of confidence that they will perform well in what they will be doing. There are a lot of different personalities and more of a gender disbursement, which I think will benefit them in the long-run. Overall, I felt really good about it."

The Talon interviewed several of the newly elected candidates to find out more about them. Business major and Secretary Danielle Duncan, when asked what inspired her to run for office, responded with, "I really felt like I've been given this opportunity. My biggest fear is to not be in control of something, and by running for a position, I wasn't in control of the results. I realized that if I want to go into politics, I need to really be pushing myself into these positions that make me uncomfortable. I wasn't focused on winning, but to just running for the position."

Danielle has high expectations for the following year: "I think we are going to have a completely new team dynamic than this year. It's going to be a completely new experience." Her goals for next year seem to reflect the attitude of the entire group of

new candidates: "It doesn't really matter what I want to do, but what we can do as a team."

Filling the Vice President of Student Ministries position next year is Stephen Olson, a Biblical Literature major. His goal while serving in ASB is "to make ministry more accessible for everybody. I plan to create more opportunities for ministry through more advertisements and encouraging people to pursue their dreams, and creating ways for them to be more effective."

Another goal Stephen has consists of a large outreach to downtown Seattle in which the whole student body would be involved. "We are going to start gathering leaders soon to lead the ministry and build vision. It's going to be a lot of brain storming and decision making. I'm trying not to make it too complicated, but real simple so that when people see it is well executed, they will want to continue reaching out in this way in the years to come. It's definitely the heart of the ASB team."

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR...

- March 17 -- Northwest Friday, 7:30 PM Jazz Concert
- March 25 -- 7:30 Jazz Concert
- March 27 -- Early Registration Begins
- March 31 -- Last Day to Withdraw
- April 4 -- 7:30 PM Preview Night of Romeo and Juliet
- April 4 -- 7:30 Voice recital
- April 7 -- Wind Ensemble Concert
- April 5-8 -- 7:30 PM Romeo and Juliet

Debate season comes to end

Students prepare for NPDA Nationals

By Kortney Thoma
Editor in Chief



International Forensic Association's (IFA) tournament. IFA hosts a tournament each year in a country outside the United States in hopes to expand the

This year's debate team is once again preparing for the National Parliamentary Debate Association's (NPDA) national competition and they find themselves poised for another successful year.

This year's competition will be held at Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR where an expected 600+ teams will compete for four days in order to determine who are the country's best debaters. Northwest has consistently placed one debater, Casey Digennaro, in the final rounds each year for the past three years.

Digennaro shares his experience as a debater: "Debate is pretty casual sport and it gets painted as if it's not, and while in the round there is lots of skill and competition, the preparation for this sport is doing the things that every college student should do. If you're not reading articles and newspapers, then what are you doing at college? Debaters just do what college students do. The perfect college student should be the perfect debater."

Other debaters like Taylor Jones don't feel as relaxed. "I'm kinda nervous [about nationals] because I don't know what to expect with debaters from all over the country, especially with metaphorical topics," she says.

But before the national competition begins, six debaters will travel to Prague, Czech Republic to debate in the annual

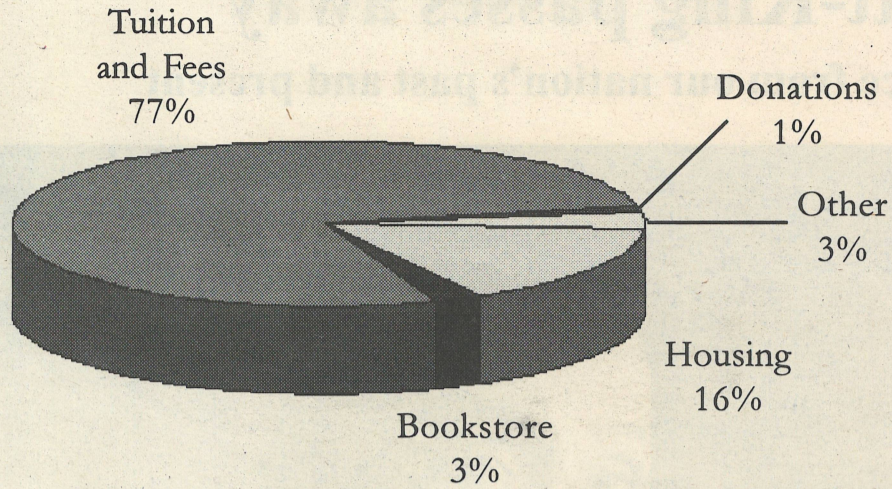
awareness of other cultures and help debaters learn about international conflicts. This year's team will be gone for 10 days over spring break and into the following week.

Today, March 3, the debate team led chapel in its annual chapel debate. The topic discussed was the ethics of capital punishment and whether Christians should oppose its use. Casey Digennaro and Gideon Copple represented the team opposing capital punishment and Jedidiah Nelson and Taylor Jones represented the side in favor of capital punishment.

The team's season will end with the NPDA national tournament, but next year holds many exciting tournaments as well. The debate team is currently learning a new style of debate called World's Style, and will travel to Oxford University in November to compete. They will also compete in the World's Championship Competition in Vancouver, BC. "I can't wait, I've always wanted to go to England," says Jones.

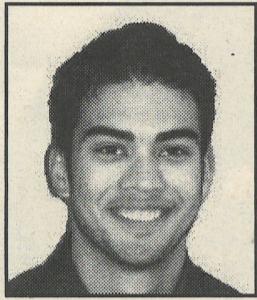
If you are interested in joining the school's Eagle Debate Team, please email Coach Gary Gillespie at gary.gillespie@northwestu.edu.

NU Budget Revenues



The cost of being a student

By Peter Dacanay
Staff Reporter



program enhancement and auxiliary costs.

Program enhancement refers to faculty and staff salaries and the funding of academic programming, such as

the School of Ministry and the Athletics Department, the latter recently forming the school's new women's soccer team. Auxiliary costs are those which are outside of the administration's control, including insurance, maintenance, and utilities.

For those curious whether tuition costs also pay for the school's numerous building campaigns, Neary says that, unlike some other institutions, the administration doesn't "tie-in" campaign funding with tuition costs. The administration exercises a "commitment...to do these things outside of tuition." Tuition, he says, "ties most directly...to students' quality of living, faculty and staff, and program operation."

He also points out that as Northwest University has continued "to change...rapidly," there has also been increased expectation of the university. According to Neary, the tuition increase will help meet this expectation. He emphasizes that the administration does their "very best to provide students with resources" to keep up with increases in tuition.

Regarding financial aid, it is a "fairly sophisticated science tailored more student-by-student, rather than department," says Neary, and is for the most part based on a "mix of students' need and merit."

For instance, the Board of Directors, through which all budgetary proposals must pass, recently allocated "slightly more" aid to School of Ministry students starting next year to try and offset funds made unavailable by the state to students pursuing religion-oriented degrees.

According to Provost Jim Heugel, this will provide much-needed relief to School of Ministry students. To Heugel, who often hears stories of overwhelming debt from past School of Ministry graduates, this extra financial assistance is intended to help School of Ministry students be in a position "free to follow God's call" without the incumbency of debt.

According to Heugel, in addition to the School of Ministry, the recent budgetary changes speak to the university's "bolstering of...our general student body, and programs started over the last six to eight years." He sees the "need to build a structure that will support these programs for years to come," as well as the need to "provide freeing systems" to faculty, to help them "do what they do best."

There are many high cost investments in life, and a quality education is no exception.

For most students, however, it is not uncommon during their college experience to at one point question the accrued financial burden of their academic pursuits. In light of such predicaments, it is relieving to note that Northwest University has a multitude of financial and supportive services and personnel whose function is to help provide students with as much an affordable and quality education as possible.

Yet, year after year, tuition costs steadily increase, and so the questions remain: *Where exactly does the students' tuition money go? Who makes these decisions? How are students informed about raised tuition costs?*

Dan Neary, Executive Vice-President and Chief Administrative Officer of Northwest University, admits that the school's administration has been "very inconsistent" over the years in communicating to students information concerning changes in tuition costs. Some years, the administration has gone great lengths to inform students of such changes, and other years they have not, and in either case some students have nevertheless been left uninformed of those changes.

According to Neary, this year the administration has put forth a "little extra work" to inform the student body of the important changes being made. President Don Argue recently issued a letter to all continuing students' mailboxes, encouraging them to apply themselves to "diligent planning" for the 2006-2007 school year, during which time it is expected that Northwest University's cost of tuition, room, board and mandatory fees will increase by 9.6%. However, Northwest University's Financial Aid Office is also expected to distribute over \$17 million during that same period, as well.

Included with President Argue's letter is the *2006-2007 Financial Bulletin*, intended to help students obtain accurate information and be made aware of all available resources to helping students reach their goals.

According to Neary, despite next year's 9.6% increase, slightly above the national average for private four-year institutions, the university has done a fairly "decent job" of keeping tuition percentage increases around the national mean.

There are several factors which influence the tuition rate, and each falls within one of two general categories:

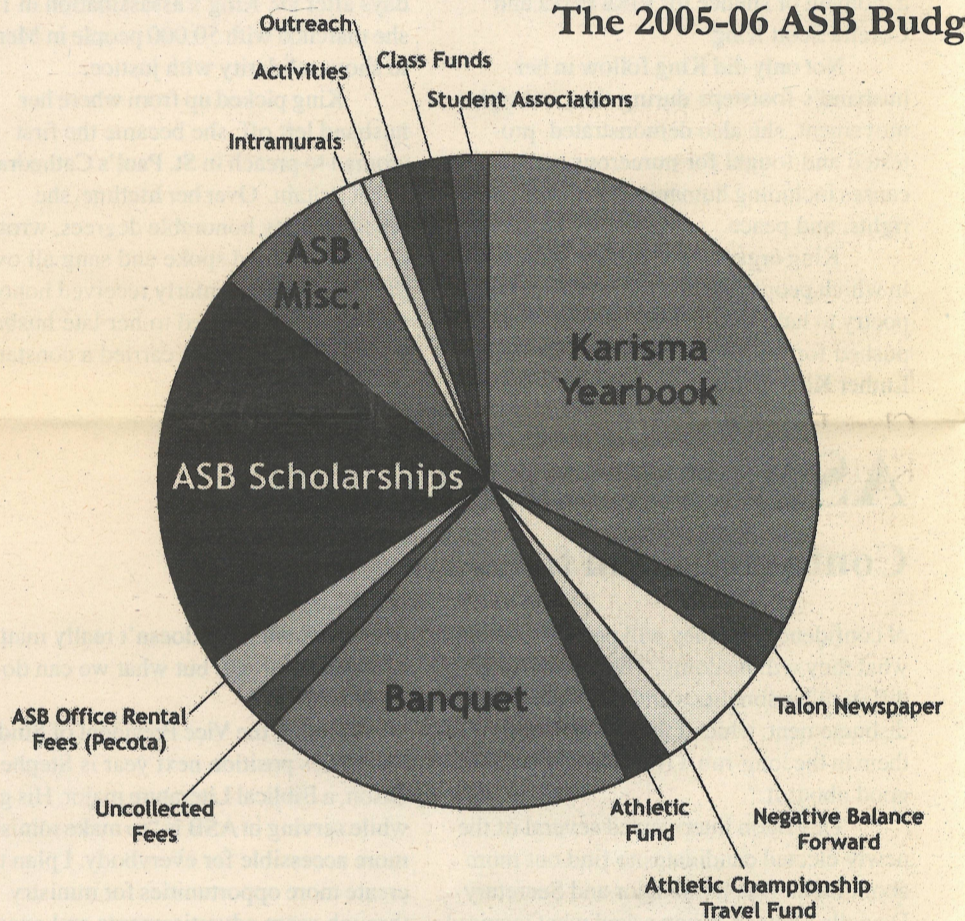
Show me the money

Where does all of our tuition money go? Many students are curious about how the university is financing the cost of college, so *The Talon* went to the source to get the information that each student needs to know about the 2006-07 NU Combined Current General Fund.

The 2006-07 NU Combined Current General Fund

Tuition and Fees	\$20,988,794
Donations	\$333,939
Other	\$824,027
Housing	\$4,352,096
Bookstore	\$700,000
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	\$27,199,856

The 2005-06 ASB Budget



What the ASB budget really costs

By Gideon Copple
News Editor

If you're reading this edition of the *Talon*, you're probably interested in learning about how NU uses your hard-earned cash. After all, money is the root of all evil – if it is not used wisely, right?

This year, all undergraduate Northwest students who enrolled for both Fall and Spring semesters have paid the \$174 'Student Activity Fee': \$96 for Fall, and \$78 for Spring. If you enrolled at NU for Spring semester only, you paid \$137.

Last semester, 903 undergraduate students were enrolled. This means Northwest collected \$86,000 in Student Activity Fees alone. This semester, it is estimated that Student Activity Fees will total \$70,400. Therefore, for the 2005-06 academic year, Student Activity Fees totaled approximately \$157,000.



So, where does all this money go? It goes to the ASB.

The ASB's budget is comprised of funds generated by Student Activity Fees. The money

is used to cover the costs of ASB activities, the yearbook, athletic events, the end-of-school Banquet, and other social and events held on campus.

For example, events such as last semester's Gotcha tournament, the Christmas party, and Talent Show were all paid for and organized through the ASB budget.

Last month, the ASB sponsored the Single Awareness party and the Backstage Café. In the near future, the ASB will also pay for its most expensive event yet: the annual end-of-year Banquet.

However, social events are only part of

The money

students complain about tuition increases and
went behind the scenes and found some vital
information about where and how their money is spent.

Overall Fund Budget

Academic Programs	\$6,827,564
Financial Aid	\$5,809,492
Student Development	\$1,370,368
Enrollment	\$1,164,530
Advancement & Marketing	\$984,341
Business & Facilities	\$10,279,672
Administration	\$711,086
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	\$27,147,053

ASB Expenditures

ASB Officer Scholarships	\$31,368
ASB Intramurals	\$2,000
ASB Outreach (Ministries)	\$2,000
ASB Student Activities	\$2,000
Athletic Championship Travel	\$2,257.50
Athletic Fund	\$3,612
Banquet	\$28,896
Class Funds*	\$3,160.50
Karisma Yearbook	\$50,568
Miscellaneous (unspecified)	\$10,652.69
Negative Balance Forward**	\$7,081
Pecota Center Rental Fees***	\$4,100
Student Associations****	\$2,934.75
Talon Newspaper	\$4,091.56
Uncollected Fees	\$2,393
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	\$157,115

***Class Funds:** Money designated for events coordinated by Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior Class Officers.

****Negative Balance Forward:** 'Rollover' money which was not used by the previous year's ASB.

*****Pecota Center Rental Fees** cover the expense of the ASB's office in the Pecota Center.

******Student Associations** includes the MSA Retreat, AWS and AMS.

What the budget covers and how it affects you

What the ASB's budget entails.

Included in the ASB budget are funds for intramurals and other athletic events. During the recent Conference Finals men's basketball games, the ASB bought tickets for the first 100 Northwest students who showed up.

The ASB budget also sets aside money for various student-led ministries on and off-campus. Programs such as Lighthouse and A2K are examples of outreach initiatives which operate from Student Activity Fees. This year, ASB has budgeted \$2000 for their 'Outreach Fund.'

But what is *most* of the money from Student Activity Fees used for?

No, it's not Gotcha. Or intramural sports. Or even the Banquet.

The largest single expense in the ASB Budget is the *Karisma* yearbook. In fact, nearly one third of this year's budget is going to be used for *Karisma*-related expenses: specifically for printing books and yearbook staff scholarships. *Karisma*

scholarships deducted from tuition and are designated as follows: 50% for Editor in Chief, 35% for two assistant editors, and 35% off for one photo editor.

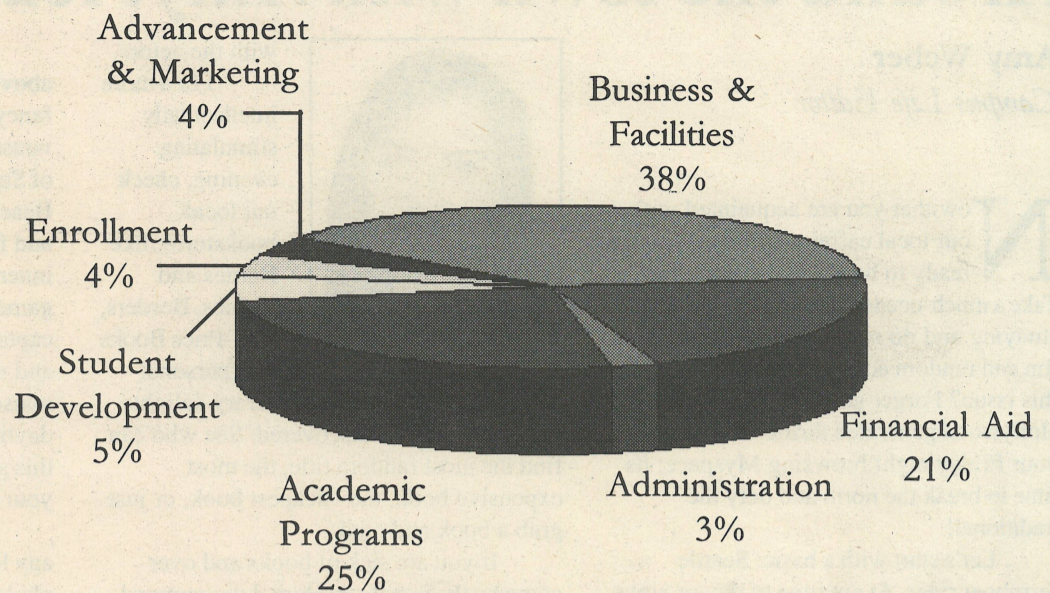
ASB officers also receive scholarships which are deducted from the ASB fund: 50% off tuition for all VP's and the President and 33% off tuition for all secretaries.

One thing is for sure: balancing the ASB books is no easy task. Managing ASB finances this year is Caryn Jamieson, current ASB Treasurer. Her job is to ensure that all ASB funds are put to the best possible use. Students with questions or funding proposals are encouraged to contact Jamieson or other ASB Officers.

For an in-depth view of this year's budget, the *Talon* is offering the below table showing the breakdown of this year's Student Activity Fee.

As a Northwest student, you *can* have a say in how ASB uses its money. Email ASB at asb@northwestu.edu or contact your class officers with any concerns you may have.

NU Budget Expenditures



Living on campus:

A bittersweet experience

By Kate Dartnall

Staff Reporter

Not too long ago we dreamt of the freedom that only a diploma gave which an acceptance letter cemented and a big wave goodbye christened. We imagined our college years as rowdy and studious, as a challenge and a breeze. We anticipated the "college experience." For many, this dream became reality during their first year living on campus. Here, at Northwest University, the experience is complete with frequent maintenance problems and over-priced meals.

As Northwest enters the middle of spring semester, students are quick to share their dissatisfaction of living on campus. When on-campus students were questioned about their experience so far, many voiced their annoyance over maintenance issues.

"In the first week of living in the apartments, part of our bathroom ceiling had caved in and our toilet and bathroom sink were replaced," said junior Danielle Duncan. Duncan adds that she was surprised to find the plumbing in the new apartments in worse condition than the plumbing in the dorms, with toilets frequently plugged. The apartment next door to Duncan has also had its share of plumbing issues; at one time the apartment had a toilet, shower drain, and kitchen sink plugged for more than three days.

"After 7 minutes in the shower, the water goes cold," said Duncan. Duncan and her roommate even avoid taking showers between 7 and 9 a.m., at which time they are confident the water will be cold.

Students in the apartments are not the only ones with complaints. One of the women's bathrooms in Perks has had mold covering the section of ceiling above the shower stalls since before Christmas break. "I bring my own cleaning supplies," said junior Janna Chairet. Chairet also shared that the carpets never seem to be clean, as white socks will easily become stained brown.

Utilities have also raised complaints. In the men's dormitories, one hallway has only half of the rooms heated and most rooms on the women's Guy 100 floor have heaters that don't work either.

While some are bothered mainly by the maintenance hiccups, others choke over the food program. "A meal plan would be nice," said freshmen Heath Arnett. "Sometimes I don't want to eat there, but I pay for it



anyway."

While other private Christian Universities accommodate their students with a budgeted meal plan, Northwest

charges a flat fee for those living in the dorms and includes it in the housing price tag of \$3,225.00 (one semester of double occupancy). While the school maintains that having one's board included in the housing costs is beneficial because it keeps the cafeteria open all day and on weekends, many students argue that the weekend cafeteria hours are not adequate to what they pay for.

"Unless you're going on a hot date, who eats dinner at 8 p.m.?" asks junior Janna Chairet, referring to the dreaded Sunday night dinner.

Plastic wear, old chicken nuggets, cereal, waffles (on occasion), and sandwich makings are the usual choices on Sunday nights. "Sometimes the food even runs out before students make it through the line," adds Chairet.

Regardless of these complaints, transfer student Phil Hanks provides a humorous account of why he appreciates the cafeteria set up. "When I first came to this school, I thought the food was great," said Hanks. "When I was living on my own, we ate cereal all the time. It's nice having someone else cook for you."

Before Hanks transferred to Northwest, he didn't have the on-campus, college experience. He had to cook, clean, pay bills and muster up motivation to do homework, all on his own. "Since you're not allowed to do anything fun here, suddenly, homework doesn't look all that bad," said Hanks. "It's nice not having to worry so much, living on campus. You pay these guys and they take care of everything."

Students may be aggravated with their roommate, cold water, and the food program, but still many feel that these catastrophes contribute to the overall college experience. Maybe the maintenance can be improved and the food program challenged, but by that time, we'll all be sharing our fond memories of complaining together and suffering together—a true "college experience."

These are the opinions of a few students and are not necessarily reflective of the entire campus community.

Around the town with Amy: featuring Seattle fun

Amy Weber
Campus Life Editor

Now that you are acquainted with our local caffeine stations, you are ready to head out for some fun! Take a much-needed break from mid-term studying and do something random. What fun and random activities shall we feature this issue? Forget going to see the latest Hollywood generated thriller or wasting your Friday night browsing Myspace; its time to break the norm and defy the traditional!

Let's start with a basic: Seattle ferryboat rides. At anytime of day or night, these boats are a fun and fairly inexpensive way to get out and see the Sound. Bring some friends, a snack or two, and a sense of adventure as you frolic about the spacious ferry. Take in the breathtaking beauty of the Seattle skyline. If you really want to make it a Seattle unique experience, grab some Ivar's seafood from down the block to take with you. Beware the seagulls.

If you are looking for some laughs, head over to Pike Place Market Theater to catch a Theatresports or improv show. Forget *Whose Line is it Anyway?*; this is the real live deal. No show is the same so you can check it out regularly for twelve bucks or less. The showtimes for Theatresports are as follows: Friday & Saturday at 10:30pm, Sunday at 7pm. Come prepared to engage in a night of comedy



with the actors.

For a more intellectually stimulating evening, check out local bookstores, like Barnes and Nobles, Borders, Half-Price Books (my personal

favorite), and many other literary delights just waiting to be discovered. See who can find the most random title, the most expensive book, the cheapest book, or just grab a book and read.

If you are sick of books and overcome by the urge to explore, I recommend that you meander through Pike's Place Market, Westlake Center, or the Seattle Waterfront. Between the flying fresh fish-market, gorgeous flower bouquets, random novelty shops, original Starbucks, and the intrigues of Post Alley, Pike's Place Market offers hours of adventure. Westlake Center boasts the entertainment of over fifty different stores and within walking distance of the ever popular Gameworks. If you want some brisk salty air and a good walk, check out the Seattle Waterfront with its novelty shops, scenic docks, and tasty restaurants.

There is a chance that none of the above-mentioned activities catches your fancy or satisfies your streak of mischiefousness. In such a case, I offer the charms of Seattle's parks: Gasworks, Kerry, Alki Beach, and the Arboretum. In these scenic and fun locations you can release your inner-five year and fly a kite or two, play a game of tag (remember how much fun it is?), capture the flag, night Frisbee, Sardines, and whatever other games and recreational nonsense you can think of. For some daytime fun, pack a picnic! The success of this selection of activities relies entirely on your ability to let loose and make merry.

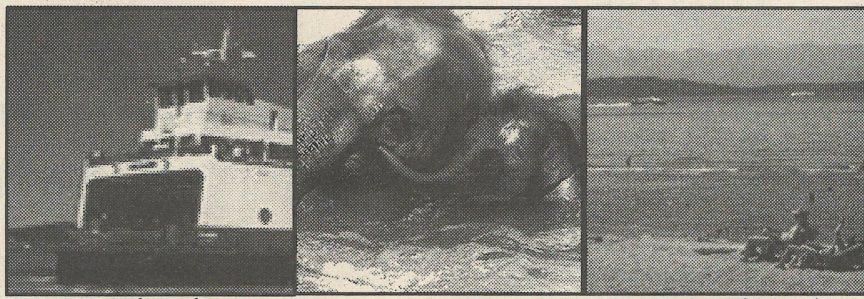
Along the same lines, you can explore any local city while participating in a photograph scavenger hunt. Pick up a

under the Aurora Bridge (featured in the film *Ten Things I Hate About You*) always provides a prime photo opportunity.

To complete the flashback to childhood, spend a day investigating Seattle's iconic Woodland Park Zoo, the Pacific Science Center, or the Seattle Aquarium. You are never too old to enjoy visiting gorillas, penguins, bears, giraffes, and many more. Satisfy your curiosity in the engaging displays and mind-stretching experiments of the Pacific Science Center. With two IMAX theaters and a butterfly house, you are guaranteed hours of amusement. Take advantage of the Seattle Aquarium's bountiful exhibits, informative displays, and natural wonders. The Pacific Northwest hosts a unique population of flora and

fauna that is hard to view in the wild. Plus, the sea otters are hilariously enthralling.

Whatever you decide to do, remember that spontaneity is half the fun of an excursion. You can have fun wherever you are if you want



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couple of disposable cameras, make a list of places and/or items to take a picture with, form a couple teams, and then head off to see who can get the most creative pictures and finish first. Or, just wander around and see what random pictures you can take of you and your friends. The Fremont troll

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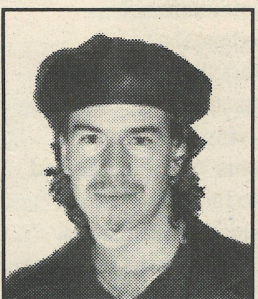
If you have any suggestions or know of any activities or places your fellow students might enjoy, PLEASE email Amy at amy.weber@northwestu.edu. All feedback is appreciated.

Helpful cash-saving tips from a senior

By Lowel Perry
Staff Reporter

Let's talk about money: the one thing that you, as a college student, do not have but eventually hope to possess. Now with money on your mind, let us logically explore this college situation. I imagine that you are now well acquainted with the concept of college debt and surely realize that from a financial perspective, being a traditional college student is the most ridiculous of all quandaries invented by society. Here, you exist at a period when your earning potential is the lowest it will ever be, while you are expected to procure, as if by magic, a gargantuan sum of money in a short period of time. This demand is ridiculous. But here we are, and I like you, am acting out a script I was not made for me while society expects us to perform with something beyond perfection. As one starving college student to another, I offer something not quite the sum of hope, but perhaps still of value—a few money saving tips.

Books are evil. There is an elaborate conspiracy of textbook authors, publishers and colleges to leech every last penny from any dirt-broke college student who wanders into their campus bookstore, fresh from paying tuition. As you may have heard, the endless amounts of switching around chapters and/or the addition of a few paragraphs results in new editions of a textbook. I will tell you a secret that the authors, publishers, and colleges don't want you to know; you don't have to spend hundreds of dollars on new textbooks. To start, two weeks before classes begin, find out from your instructors which textbooks you need. Then you can start



your search. I always check the local libraries first. Who knows, you might get lucky. I currently have one class for which I was able to get all of my books on loan

from the library. Next, check www.ebay.com and www.amazon.com. Most books can be found online at half-price for the newest version. You can reduce the price even further by looking for books that are one or two versions old. On Amazon.com, this often means that you pay less than five dollars per book. In the end, it comes down to one question: if the old version costs \$2.00 and the new version costs \$200.00, are you willing to pay \$198.00 for a few extra paragraphs? Consider this: if those paragraphs are the difference between life and death on the next exam, instructors and classmates with new books are usually very helpful.

Don't drive. I know this idea sounds harsh, but be realistic; driving is expensive. Insurance, maintenance, gas, purchase price, accidents—all these are among the many associated costs of owning and operating a vehicle. Research estimates range from \$0.51 to \$0.86 per mile. If you drive 12,500 miles per year, you spend between \$6,375 and \$10,750. This amounts to a large proportion of the limited income of any college student. So, what do you do without a car? Ride the bus. Carpool. If you get a job on campus, you won't have to deal with transportation so much, and although campus wages are small, you will have more time for work, school or social activities.

Dating? This is a touchy subject but dating is another expense, and depending on your significant other, it can be a big one. Is there an answer to this problem? Yes! Scrap dating—get married! According to the Revised Equivalence Scale, the cost of living for a single person is 71% of that for a married couple. That means that if you and your partner contribute to costs equally, then your individual costs go down by almost 30%. Of course, there are many other factors that apply to your unique situation that you should consider, such as income from parents being curtailed, wedding costs (the latest average is \$26,327 and climbing, according to a survey by CNN), and whether you plan to have a traditional breadwinner/homemaker relationship.

Mystery shopping. I like going to the movies. I like going shopping. Who doesn't? Well, why not get paid for it?

www.certifiedreports.com is great for movie theatre checks and shopping at Abercrombie and Fitch.

www.checkmarkinc.com deals with Ross, the Dress Barn and sometimes coffee house shops. www.trendsource.com is good for video rental and grocery shops. Pay is typically \$8 per assignment, not including reimbursements for purchases. All you have to do is register at these sites and then you can sign up for shops whenever you want.

There are many other ways to save money. www.craigslist.com and www.fatwallet.com are a couple of great sites for finding deals. Many money saving strategies are out there waiting to be discovered. This article is, of course, not a complete list, but I hope that it helps all of you, the oppressed and debt-ridden college students whose financial wounds are particularly painful.

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A review of Northwest's coffee shop

The Aerie: Seattle's next popular venue?

By Steve Potorke

Arts and Entertainment Editor

To those who live both on and off campus, the Aerie stands as a worthy place for congregation and fellowship. Considering how far the Aerie has come since the lone days of duct-taped blue pleather seats, \$2.00 hamburgers, and an all-around bowling alley atmosphere—students now have a “hang out” they can be proud of (although this author still pines for “the good ol’ days”). Since its opening two years ago as “The Aerie,” this hub of Northwest University attracts faculty, students, and visitors of all ages.

In an attempt to gather more people to its caffeinated gates, the Aerie management (mostly students majoring in Business) has invited many local Christian musical acts to grace its stage. Some of the acts that have played within the last two and half years include: The Rex, Russell Square, Mystery and Manners/Tin, Jason



Ocher, Cover Band, Pablo Trucker, Cure for the Common, Dillon Morris, and Amber Alert.

Although there have been a slough of bands and musicians, “the scene” in the Aerie has hardly been a success. As David Hall says, “At best...it’s shoddy.” This is Seattle, students—how can it be possible that an all-ages venue-type place, with a relatively attractive locale and serene atmosphere, cannot attract bigger and more well-known acts? Firstly, the management must be willing to PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE! We have a prime set-up including drinks, snacks, and a full-staff...so why not promote the pants off of this potential venue? Secondly, students and faculty alike need to see that the Aerie could do more than provide coffee and music—local artists, humorists,

theologians, poets, and literary figures could also come and elaborate on their respective disciplines. Finally, and most reluctantly for this author to suggest—the Aerie could generate a huge profit if handled well. Just think...a well-known author is on tour and happens to be at Seattle University on a Tuesday, The Aerie researches said author and has this person stop by for a couple of hours on Wednesday to speak about his/her newest collec-

tion of essays. With an acoustic performance for an opener and a book-signing after—that could be one great night.

So...students, I encourage you to check out the music in the Aerie and feel free to offer suggestions to the management if you have any friends or family that need any sort of creative promotion. Let’s open our eyes to see the potential in the Aerie coffee shop.

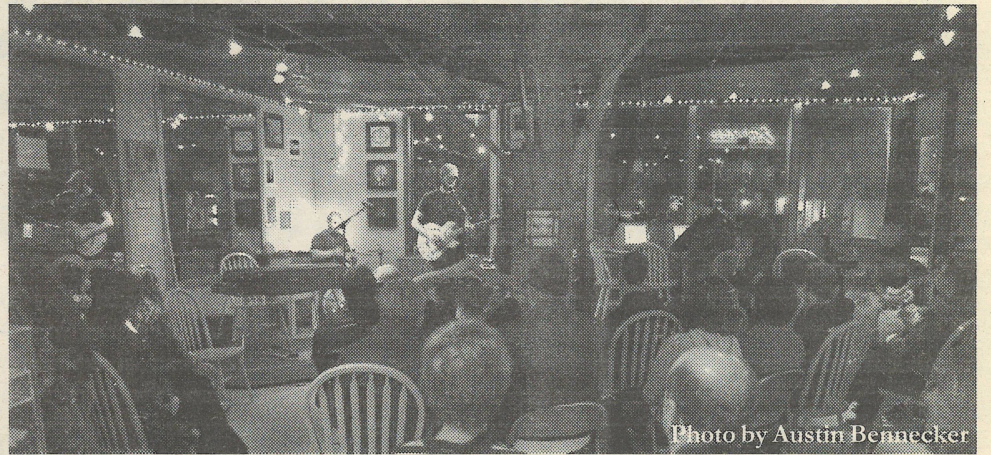


Photo by Austin Bennecker

Dead Sea Scrolls come to Seattle Pacific Science Center

By Kortney Thoma

Editor in Chief

Students have often dreamt of visiting the Middle East and seeing the biblical lands, but this year the Middle East is coming to Seattle. The Dead Sea Scrolls, some of the oldest records of biblical books and considered one of the most important archeological finds of the 20th century, will be coming to the Pacific Science Center September 23, 2006 through January 7, 2007.

The *Discovering The Dead Sea Scrolls* exhibit is a significant event for the entire west coast and the world. Of the 13 manuscripts that will be on display, four of them have never been seen by the public before, and one has never been on display outside of Israel. Three of the manuscripts are replicas of the originals. The exhibit will feature a documentary film on the scrolls, an exhibit on preserving and protecting the scrolls, an overview of the second temple period (in which most of the scrolls were written), a model of the Qumran ruins where the scrolls were found, a display exhibit of the scrolls complete with a translation and transcription of their contents, and a second gallery of other historical and sacred texts.

Before the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery, the oldest biblical manuscript was 895 BC, but the Dead Sea Scrolls are more than 1,000 years older. The scrolls were discovered in 1947 by a young Bedouin shepherd who found the first cave with many pottery vessels containing biblical manuscripts. Following the young man’s accidental discovery, many more caves were discovered and ultimately 50,000 fragments of more than 850 documents were found. They were written in Hebrew and Aramaic on animal skin, papyrus, and even one on copper, all preserved by their unique location at the lowest point on earth with the highest barometric pressure on the earth’s surface.

The Pacific Science Center’s hours are from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM MWF, with special exhibit hours until 9:00 PM on Thursdays. The center is also open Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 10:00



AM to 6:00 PM. Keep in mind, though, when planning your trip that tickets for Discovering The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit end at 3:30 PM MWF, 7:30 PM on Thursday,

and 4:30 PM for the weekend and holidays. After Christmas the exhibit hours will be extended to 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM each day with final ticket sales at 8:30 PM.

Admission prices for the Thursday evening exhibit (does not include admission to the rest of the center) are \$12. General Admission (anytime during regular hours) is \$19.75 and admission plus and IMAX film is \$24.75. You can purchase your tickets in advance online at www.pacificsciencecenter.com. For groups

Isaiah—This scroll is rather young by Dead Sea scroll standards and was written not long after the death of Christ. This scroll is special in a few ways; the first passage forms the center of perhaps the most performed musical composition of all time: Handel’s Messiah.

Ezekiel—This is the third biblical scroll undergoing conservation for its first public appearance. One piece contains a slice extending from Ezek 10:5-10:16. The second fragment is in the following column: Ezek 10:16-11:11. These sections of Ezekiel detail the Chariot of God.

Psalms—The most frequently found book of the Bible in the caves at Qumran (37 in all), this manuscript is the largest Psalms scroll found and this piece has never before traveled outside Israel. The Psalms in this manuscript are not found in the same order as they are in the traditional Hebrew Bible. The scribe of this scroll clearly distinguished the name of God (YHWH) in

hymn which perhaps served as a type of the sort that the leader of the community would deliver in celebration of festival days. The large number of surviving fragments of this scroll indicates its importance to the sect.

Hosea Commentary—This text is a commentary, or “peshar,” on the prophetic biblical verses from the book of Hosea (2:8-14). The “pesharim” interpreted the biblical text in light of events of the late Second Temple Period—seeing within the text prophecies and messages relevant to the community’s beliefs and practices. This document talks about the unfaithful ones of Israel who have been led astray and their affliction is famine. The talk of famine could be a metaphor but it’s also possible that it is a reference to an actual drought cited in historical sources during that period.

Calendrical Document—This document provides a record of the Sabbaths, first days of the months, and the festivals of the Dead Sea sect. The Dead Sea sect used a solar calendar of 364 days in the year, which stood against the more popular 354 day lunar calendar used in the Temple. The lunar model was victorious in the calendar wars of the period and is still the form used by normative Judaism to this very day.

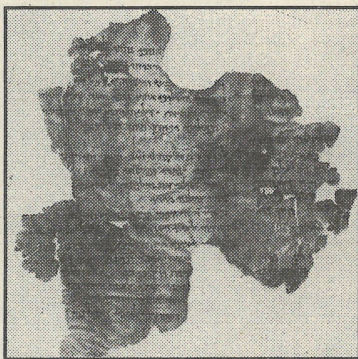
Pseudo-Ezekiel—This text, unknown before the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls, includes the first known reference to a physical resurrection of the dead. This scroll is open to much interpretation

though it’s likely that the events and figures obliquely mentioned in the work are reflective of the reign of the notorious Antiochus IV.

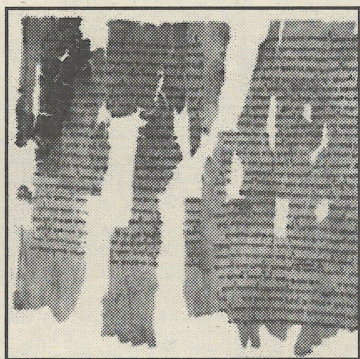
Facsimiles
Deuteronomy—Consisting of six columns, this replica contains part of Chapter 8 and Chapter 5, which includes the Ten Commandments.

Aramaic Apocrypha—This manuscript is part of the extensive collection of apocalyptic literature in the library of the sect at Qumran.

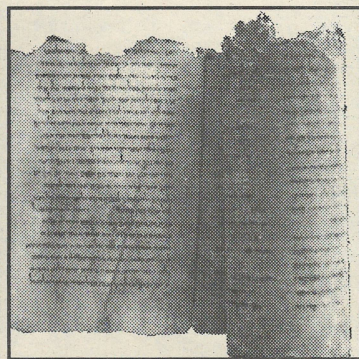
Damascus Document—A scroll marking the beginning of scroll research, a copy of this document was found in 1890 in the Cairo Genizah (depository for sacred Hebrew books that are no longer usable).



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The following is an overview of the scrolls provided by the Pacific Science Center:

Biblical Scrolls

Genesis—Making its public debut at Pacific Science Center, this scroll fragment begins with the fourth day of creation and the dividing of light from the darkness. The last line of the fragment details the sixth day reading “and God created humankind...”
Exodus—Another manuscript appearing for the first time before the public, these scroll fragments include the burning bush incident where God reveals his name (Yahweh) for the first time to Moses, as well as detailing a portion of the Passover story.

this scroll by writing it in Paleo-Hebrew, a more archaic set of letter forms.

Sectarian Scrolls

War Rule—This scroll fragment caused a stir in 1991. It was thought to mention a messianic figure put to death by “wounds” and thus would have indicated the doctrine of a crucified Messiah among Jews a century before the time of Jesus. But scholars later decided the text described the opposite situation: a messianic figure putting to death the enemies of Israel. This scroll makes its first-ever public appearance at Pacific Science Center.

Community Rule—Also known as The Manual of Discipline, it contains rules ordering the communal life of the Dead Sea sect. Included in a portion of this scroll is a

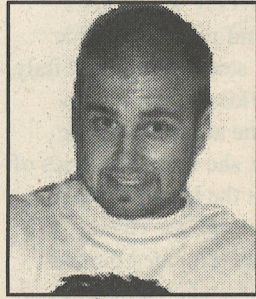
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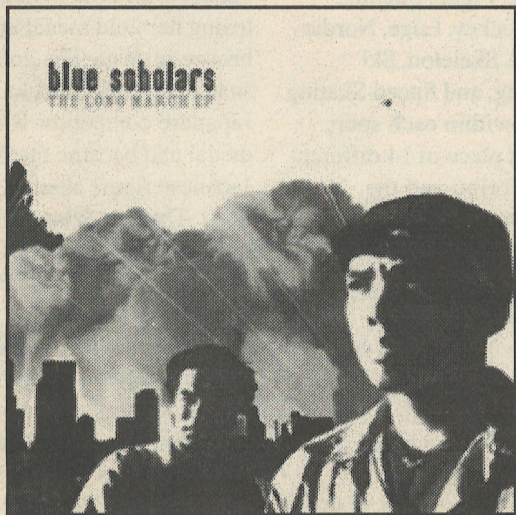
By Dave Hall
Features Editor

Seattle is known for its uncompromising rock scene, harboring such bands as Death Cab for Cutie, Pedro the Lion, Nirvana, and Jimi Hendrix. Rarely do bands comprised of two members emerge from an energized music scene sporting an emcee and a dj and playing poetry to hip-hop. The Blue Scholars, Seattle's latest hip-hop and most popular twosome does just that. The duo, emcee Geologic and turntablist Sabzi, formed in 2002, toured relentlessly, and found a following who felt the Northwest was represented through the Blue Scholars' music.

Their latest release, aptly self-titled *Blue Scholars*, combines early East Coast sounds with political overtones and perspiring beats. The compact disc kicks off with "Solstice: Reintroduction," a smooth tune defining the band: "Blue Scholars in the place to be/ We got one dj and one emcee." One highlight of the disc is the poignant and striking lyrics of "Blink," a piece of hip-hop



freedom of speech/To build a pipeline and put Afghanistan on the beach." Another track worth listening to is "Burnt Offering"—a prayer to survive life: "I call upon the father often/I fought the devil last night and almost lost/Now I'm drinking bottled, flushing out the toxins/Vomiting and coughing and feeling closer to the coffin/Every morning that I arrive is a night I survive."



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If you're into hip-hop and poetry, this cd is a must get. Passionate lyrics and pulsing beats thrive as the Blue Scholars gain national attention. Support local northwest music: pick the cd up, give it a listen and you'll find yourself bobbing to fresh grooves.

poetry questioning the Bush administration: "To your so called commander-in-chief/ I'm telling you the man is a thief/In his head he holds a plan to ban your freedom of speech/To build a pipeline and put Afghanistan on the beach." Another track worth listening to is "Burnt Offering"—a prayer to survive life: "I call upon the father often/I fought the devil last night and almost lost/Now I'm drinking bottled, flushing out the toxins/Vomiting and coughing and feeling closer to the coffin/Every morning that I arrive is a night I survive."

CD Review:

Calling from the hills of Judea

By Karyn Hiller
Staff Reporter

Matisyahu, a stage-name for born Matthew Miller, grew up in a Jewish home. He started on a path of rebellion in his teen years and at age 19 he joined the Carlebach Shul—a synagogue that helped foster and form his musical talents. At 24 years old, Matisyahu's debut album, *Shake Off the Dust Arise*, was released in 2004, and 2005's album, *Live at Stubb's*, skyrocketed him into the popular eye. Influenced by hip-hop and reggae, Matisyahu was able to create his own new sound.

Now as a strict Lubavitch Hasidic his music is a religious experience of its own.

His lyrics are poetry set to a backdrop of his band's alluring, and fluent sound. Painting detailed images, the lines are the cry of his heart to God, and provide a message to his

listeners. Matisyahu is able to draw you in with his voice and variety of vocal techniques. His entrancing effect will surely leave you addicted to this beat-boxing, Hebrew rapper.

While I love the whole album, I have a particular attachment to the song "King Without a Crown." He starts out slow and



soothing, the band picks up precisely, sounding like some "Toots and the Maytals" counterpart. He chimes in, "You are all that I have/ and you're all that I need/

each and every day I pray to get to know you please...you're like water for my soul when it gets thirsty." The verse is articulate but sharp. Cutting out any fluff, the song resonates within the soul, capturing your heart and turning these few lines into your own desire. He then

changes the tone, no longer talking directly to God, but describes to the listener how he praises God. He continues his cry, "You're a slave to yourself and you don't even know/ drowning in the waters can't stay afloat/ ask God for mercy and he'll throw you a rope." This song is chock full of fundamental truths expressed in a profound way.

I give this album a blazin' four stars. The sound is catchy and provides an honest sharing of the fundamental truths we all believe as Christians. Check out his new album entitled "Youth," coming out March seventh, and for more information go to www.matismusic.com and www.allmusic.com.



www.matisyahu.org

Romeo and Juliet scheduled for spring production

By Rebekah Proctor
Staff Reporter

Northwest University's Drama Department is eagerly preparing for this spring's play, *Romeo and Juliet*, directed by Lisa Peretti, and scheduled to open the first weekend of April. The play will be set in modern times and take place in Verona, Italy just like the original location. Actors will use the original script, written in Shakespearean English.

Production manager Meghan Young is excited at the chance to manage her first Shakespeare play even though there are challenges to overcome. "We have a 21 person cast, which makes rehearsals difficult; it's hard trying to get 21 people together at once." Alongside managing the production, Meghan Young is playing Mercutio, Romeo's best friend.

In order to make the play a smashing hit, the Drama Department has asked actor Bob Borwick to choreograph the fighting scenes, a specialty he is known for throughout the Seattle area. They have also turned to Candace Vance, who teaches acting here at Northwest, to do the scene work. The last time the Northwest University drama department put on a Shakespeare play they presented a 1950's themed production of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*.



The star power behind the play includes: Tim Kowalski as Romeo, Lauren Gardner playing Juliet, Gideon Copple as Friar Lawrence, Alex Reynolds

playing the Nurse, Dustin Larson as Benevolio, Alisha Covey playing Lady Capulet, and Sky Holsinger as Paris.

Lauren Gardner, a senior with a drama concentration, is excited to play a leading role. "I am thrilled, I can't even tell you. What a way to go out, this is essentially what I came here for." When asked what she thought of the play set in modern times she responded, "I trust Lisa because she is a genius. I would have preferred to have it set in the original time and wear the traditional costumes, but I'm excited to try it in the present day."

Due to the length of *Romeo and Juliet*, Meghan and her team had to cut some of the script in order to accommodate a two hour show. Though some of the script will be missing, this play is expected to shine as Northwest prepares for another excellent production.

The play will run April 5-8 at 7:30 PM each night.

"Backstage Cafe" is a hit

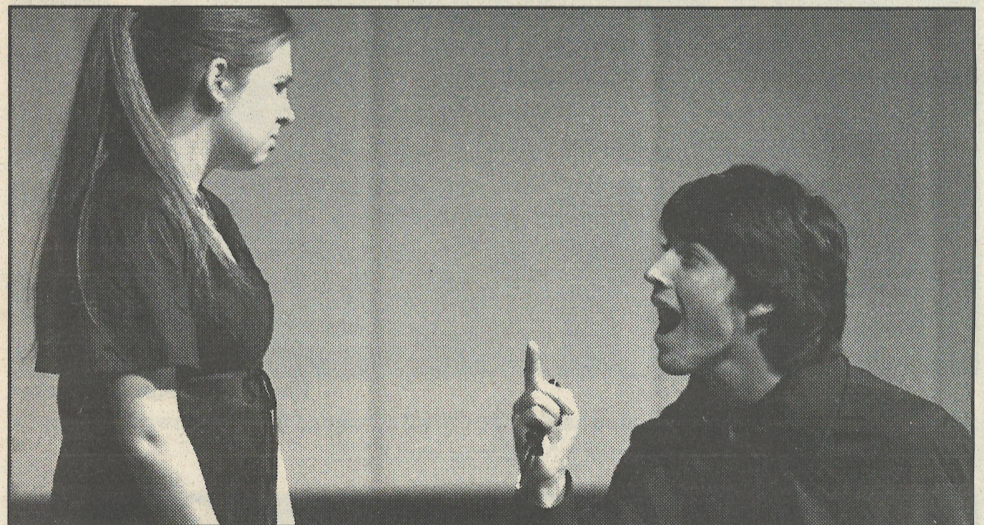


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David Kramer plays Richard III, a love sick king who begs actress Kate Elliot's character for her hand in marriage at the funeral of her husband whom he has killed.



Photo by Austin Bennecker

Actress Martha Tracy gears up before the big show with a little dramatic comedy to loosen up herself and her fellow thespians.

Winter Olympic Games end and will reconvene in 2010

By Rocky Davis
Sports Editor

Every four years athletes from around the world gather and compete for 15 days with one goal in mind: to be the best athlete in the world. Turin (Torino), Italy hosted this year's Olympic Games from February 10 to February 26 with more than 2,500 athletes from 85 different countries competing in the name of athletic excel-



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unite the host country by using its citizens to pass the torch in a relay which goes through all regions and provinces. This year's relay made 61 stops throughout Italy, covering over 11,000 kilometers. When Belmondo lit the flame at the end of the relay on February 10, she ignited a series of fireworks and then lit the top of highest flame in Olympic Winter Game History, 57 meters high. The flame remained burned until February 26, 2006, when the games ended.

There are 15 competitive sport categories during this year's Olympics: Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Bobsled, Cross-country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Ice Hockey, Luge, Nordic Combined, Short Track, Skeleton, Ski Jumping, Snowboarding, and Speed Skating with numerous events within each sport. This year's events took place in 14 different locations throughout Torino and the Mountains of the Piedmont Region. Results were announced each evening at 8 PM (Torino time) in Torino's central square where over 15 days 252 medals were awarded. The US followed Germany in second place with a total of 25 medals—9 gold, 9 silver, and 7 bronze. The US' gold medals were awarded for Men's 5000 m Speed Skating, Men's Halfpipe Snowboarding, Men's 500 m Speed Skating, Ladies Halfpipe Snowboarding, Men's Combined Alpine Skiing, Men's Snowboard Cross, Men's 1000 m Speed Skating, Ladies

Giant Slalom Alpine Skiing, and Men's 500 m Short Track Speed Skating.

The US' two biggest names in Olympic competition—Lindsey Jacobellis and Apolo Anton Ohno—both won medals. Ohno brought home the gold in Men's 500 m Short Track Speed Skating and Jacobellis won silver in Ladies' Snowboard Cross. Among other mentionable achievements, Sasha Cohen won silver in Ladies' Figure Skating despite a fall in her long program performance. Irina Slutskaya was expected to win the gold in this event and that Russia would sweep the Ladies' Figure Skating by winning gold in all four events, but Slutskaya fell in her long program, losing her gold medal and receiving a bronze instead. The gold was then snatched up by Shizuka Arakawa—a Japanese competitor who won Japan's only medal and became the first ever to hold a Japanese figure skating title.

The next Winter Olympic Games will be held in Vancouver, BC in 2010 from February 12 to 28. The Paralympic Winter Games will also be held there following the Winter Games from March 12 to 21. The ice events and two skiing events will be held at venues in the Vancouver area while the remaining events will be held at Whistler, 120 kilometers north of the city.

The next Olympic Games will take place in the summer of 2008 in Beijing, China.



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Senior Grant Enloe brought the ball up the court to score another Northwest point on February 22 in the first round of playoffs against Eastern Oregon University. Enloe was also named one of the top five defensive players in the Cascade Conference.

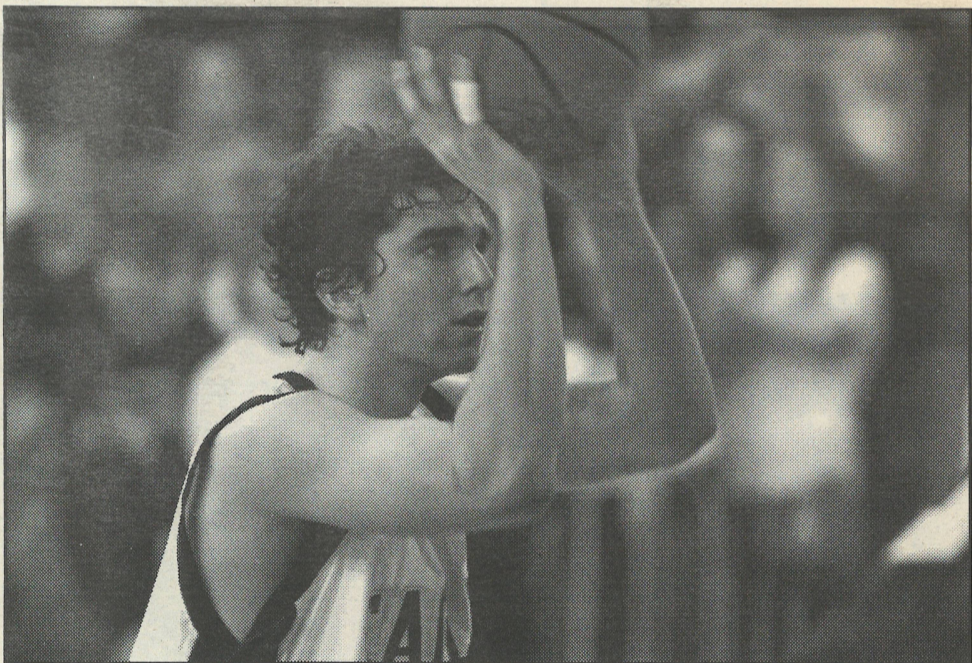


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Junior Morgan Axton concentrated hard as the crowd screamed for a Northwest free throw point against Eastern Oregon University. Northwest won 82-75.



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In their first ever home playoff game against Eastern Oregon University, the pressure was on, but didn't phase junior Kendrick Holley. The Eagles won and played a second home playoff game against Albertson College which Northwest also won with a 81-70 score.

Women's soccer debuts

By Karyn Hiller
Assistant Layout Editor

For the first time in NU history, a women's soccer team is added to the repertoire of Northwest athletics. After many years of effort to create a women's team, Northwest announced late January that the soccer team will make its debut next year.

Kristi Brodin, the athletic direction, she said the soccer team has been a "long time coming." Before implementation of the new team, statistics needed to show of how many students a women's soccer team could bring in, the budget also needed a second look, and administration approval was needed. Yet many students, faculty, and employees held an overall view that a women's soccer team was indeed needed alike in hopes that it would draw more students to NU. The next big step was finding a coach; Erin Redwine has assumed the position.

About three years ago, she actually came to school wondering about the possibility of having a women's soccer team, and her coaching it. Now, years later, she is coaching her very own team. "I'm looking forward to building a winning program from the ground up. After the team is formed, together, we'll set high, but realistic/reachable goals for our team."

Redwine was the only person to be interviewed, and is described as a complete package. She has the experience of playing soccer and coaching. Redwine started playing at age five. She played every position but most recently played forward for the Seattle Sounders in 2004. Redwine's coaching experience includes: "Coaching in 2001 for a Crossfire Premier Girls U-11 team, JV and Junior High girls at Bellevue Christian High School. My husband and I also coach our own soccer camps (Redwine Soccer)."



She knows the area well and has other connections that make good resources. With enthusiasm, commitment, and an attractive personality, Redwine draws

people in. Her traits also include being competitive and inspiring, but, most importantly, Kristi described Redwine as a "devoute Christian," and that coaching soccer is her "calling."

"I love coaching the whole person; spirit, soul (mind, will and emotions) and body. I pray for my players and do everything in my power to see them succeed on the field and in life," says Redwine.

Her strategy is "relationships. I believe that it's important for a coach to develop strong relationship with [her] players. When my players trust me and know that I believe in them, they'll be motivated to perform at their best. It's just as important for teammates to come together and bond, especially in the women's game. Spending quality time together off the field will have a positive impact on what happens on the field."

Redwine has been recruiting from high schools all over state and country. She is currently in the process of recruiting 18-22 players. The soccer team division is NAIA. In regard to the Competition, "We'll be challenged, but I believe that we'll thrive."

Women's soccer at NU is going to help expand the school and draw in more recognition. The sky is limitless and what the future holds for women's soccer is full of exciting possibilities. Redwine stated the following about the women's soccer team, "I believe that each year will grow brighter and brighter." For more information contact erin.redwine@northwestu.edu.