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Media Portray Palin's Pentecostal Faith in Black and White

Rachael Harris
Staff Writer

Newsweek said Sarah Palin's Assemblies of God background shows "theological naiveté" and that her faith represents the difference between "enlightened religion" and "evangelical religion."

Other mass media news stories have called Palin's religious beliefs "politically explosive," "extremist," "off the wall" and "kind of nuts."

Recently, a journalist said that Palin's "views might strike some as offensive, even radical, but they're not atypical for a Pentecostal congregation."

Though Christians have many diverse perspectives, Palin's religious beliefs have come to represent evangelical Christians, and particularly, members of the Assemblies of God. But the negative glare of the media grossly misrepresents the true nature of the group, said Bob Cook, executive vice president of The Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education.

"We have an allegiance to a higher Being, and we believe He is the God of the Bible and the God of the Universe. So if that makes us radical, then fine, we will be radical," Cook said, "but to say that we are radical in ways that separate us from other Americans and we have some snobbish arrogance – that's just not true."

Cook believes journalists are making sweeping claims rather than doing research. "It was interesting that since Sarah Palin has been introduced, we have not had news agencies that have made contact – real contact – with the general council of AG – with the national office. You would think that they'd want to do their homework," he said, adding that, "instead, they're finding some YouTube deal for some pastor here and there. We're just hoping that they will do a thorough job in investigating the Assemblies of God."

Palin has remained unapologetic in the scrutiny of her faith. "Nobody is going to convince me that my foundation of faith is not good for me and for my family no matter the mocking, no matter what anybody says about it," she said in an interview earlier this month.

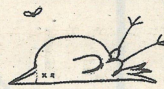
While the spotlight on religion shines brightly on Palin, Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate Joe Biden's Roman Catholic background has gone largely unnoticed, according to the pewforum.org.

Sen. John McCain and Sen. Barack Obama have handled the media beam on religion differently. While they have mentioned their Christian faith in the campaigns, political analysts have pointed out their reticence to be as open as Palin.

Obama said he feels the pressure from voters' disapproval of his religious beliefs.

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What Happened To The Flightless Bird?



Katrina Ong
Guest Writer

Feathers were ruffled when The Flightless Bird, an underground newspaper, landed on the Northwest University campus last spring. But the paper was not printed in rebellion, insists Nathan Austin, one of the creators. It was simply a replacement for the school newspaper, which ceased publication last December, he said.

Austin decided to start the paper when he heard that there had been an underground paper at the university some years before.

"I thought, why don't we just do that again? Open up the floor to free thought again. The paper's gone," he said. "It was not necessarily something we wanted to bash the school with."

Students either hailed issues of The Flightless Bird or hastily threw copies into recycle bins. Although the paper started as an alternative to The Talon, it became a vehicle to voice controversial topics that may not have been published in the university's sanctioned newspaper, Austin said.

The underground paper ran articles critiquing administration and school policies. It also criticized religious controversies including Benny Hinn and other televangelists; and discussed efforts to stop human trafficking.

"I felt there was a constriction of student media and student thought. Even The Talon seemed like it was very much controlled by the administration - made to sound a certain way," Austin said. "I understood that, as a school, there are rules, but it's college for Pete's sake. We are thinking crazy thoughts, 'What does this mean? What does that mean?' We have questions and we didn't want

questions to be silenced."

The Flightless Bird published five issues. Each printing was between four and five regular printer pages in



Co-creator Nate Austin said The Flightless Bird was supposed to give readers a diversity of perspectives on campus and community issues.

length, which were stapled together and distributed across campus.

The paper followed the concept of a zine. An issue contained between three to six articles, including political cartoons or illustrations of some kind.

"The Flightless Bird gave students a chance to, not only broaden the material that was being discussed, but also to openly criticize things that they saw on campus - to question, critique things that they saw," said David Thompson, advocate of the paper. "The administration was a little pissed about it because they felt The Flightless Bird was undermining their authority."

Controversial issues were not the concern of the administration, asserts Paul Banas, vice president for student development. "Our primary concern is good journalism. We aren't afraid of anything

that students want to communicate, but we do want to help students apply good journalism practice," he said. "We demand that we use good journalism skills in reporting: that it is well reported, both sides are represented, and there has been care not to be slanderous. I think that is important."

Some students remarked that the writers of The Flightless Bird were "cowardly cowards" for remaining anonymous, explained Austin. "There were a lot of people asking why we didn't just put our names on it," he said. "Sure, but I would kind of like to get my degree and not be expelled."

The Talon shut down last year after the editor resigned. "The paper ceased to publish because there weren't any students who wanted to be part of it," said Banas. "I wish that the energy that was put into The Flightless Bird could have been put into The Talon. That those who had the motivation to put it together stepped up to the plate for a solution to The Talon."

With The Talon back in print with a new staff, some students are hopeful for the paper's success. "I see The Talon having a lot of potential to have students getting involved. Because the school is so small, the paper has the potential to be very relevant to the students," said Thompson. "Taking the initiative to interact with the community, those on staff should be able to gauge what the students want to hear and adjust accordingly."

Austin sees a dilemma with the Talon staff being only female. "It would be good to have a real balanced perspective in all aspects I suppose. Diversity would be a good thing," he said.

Currently, there are no plans for The Flightless Bird to go back into print.

BUDGET CUTS ACROSS CAMPUS

Michelle Meade
Staff Writer

The university is facing a \$600,000 shortfall in its operating budget due to low enrollment.

The expected enrollment is down three percent, which amounts to 21 students, said Executive Vice President Dan Neary. He blames current economic instability for the drop.

Provost Jim Heugel had to cut \$150,000 from the academic budget for the year. Equipment funds and the provost's travel fund were cut by \$80,000. The equipment funds are used to buy items such as projectors, chairs, white boards, music instruments and science equipment.

An additional \$70,000 was cut from the library book budget. "I hate not buying books, but this year on such short notice it seems better than to cut money from faculty and departments who were expecting it," Heugel said.

"Any time you cut the book budget, we get a little freaked out," admitted one professor.

"You don't want to go to the well of books very often because that could be a big problem. If we have a shortfall next year, we'll have to find different areas to cut, but we'll have more time to plan," Heugel added.

Other budget cuts would be made in funds that are not directly tied to the academics of the university, Heugel said. Fewer people may be hired this year, according to Les Welk, university board director. Neary also plans to put less money into long-term reserves for future needs, such as carpeting.

Neary expressed optimism that the cuts would go mostly unnoticed by students. However, some faculty members have concerns.

"It's not that students don't get a good education, because they do. It's just that they don't get the education they could be getting," said one professor.

Neary and President Castleberry both hope that graduate and LEAP enrollments, as well as fundraising efforts would help cover the shortfall so fewer cuts would be needed.

"We've been setting records in fundraising, and we have very good hopes that this year is going to be a banner year," Castleberry said.

However, Welk cautioned that it is more difficult to raise funds for basic operations than it is to get support for projects such as the Health and Sciences Center. The board is "hopeful" for these additional revenue sources, he added, but it still expects to see cutbacks this year.

Northwest remains financially stable despite hard economic times, according to an email President Castleberry sent to faculty.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Lindsey Cressey
Editor-in-Chief

The meeting begins. I sit here with my notebook on my lap and gel pen in hand, listening to my staff brainstorm ideas for this current issue. The whiteboard begins to fill up: featured students, undercover stories, an all inclusive sports page, administration outlooks, arts and entertainment, things to do around Kirkland, open dorms, etc., etc. As creative idea after idea bounces around, the excitement of a well-developed newspaper begins to ignite inside everyone. And by everyone, I mean the four staff writers on the Talon. The silent battle inside my mind wavers back and forth between the perfectionist and the realist. I want to walk across a silent campus and see every face happily buried in a flawless, 18pg, color drenched issue. I am also taking a full load of credits, working two jobs and attempting to graduate in May. *Is this why The Talon has never been an overall success?*

The truth is we can't do it alone. Not only do we realize students don't want to hear from the same four feminine voices over and over again, we also recognize there is a diversity of students at Northwest. It takes time to include material every student can relate to. Time no single college student possesses. I love humor. Rachael loves sports. Michelle loves literature. ReBekha loves photography. And that's our staff. What about the rest of you? The philosophy majors, artists, athletes, pastors, educators, controversial advocates and die hard politicians. How do we reach out to you and make the paper a unifying force instead of meaningless compilation of words, torn up from Quizno's and smoothie ads.

I am determined. The amount of talent that exists on this campus astounds me with every new conversation. We are a campus filled with musicians and writers. I sit in

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my English classes blown away at the intellect and skill of my fellow students and, if it is the only thing for which I am known on this campus, I am making it my goal to find you. To hound you. And to use YOU to get the entire campus involved in the excitement that lies in this room, with my staff, right now.

So that is what we did. This issue is a diversity of students' works and passions, written by more than just our staff. And it will only continue to grow in its ability to relate to you as our eyes are opened to the interests and needs of the students on campus.

We will not compromise. The Talon will succeed. And we don't apologize along the way for the learning process in which it happens.

NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY BUYS MILLION DOLLAR HOME FOR PRESIDENT

Michelle Meade
Staff Writer

The Northwest University Board of Directors just closed on the purchase of a \$1.05 million dollar house next to the campus for the president.

From his new home at 5222 111th lane, President Castleberry will be able to walk to work every day and to host students, friends, alumni, and possible donors to the school.

"I'm really delighted that I'm going to have this wonderful tool that will help me do my job better," said Castleberry.

Although this year has been financially tough for the school, administrators emphasize that the purchase of the house has no connection with the three percent cut in the operating budget.

According to Executive Vice President Dan Neary, the house was purchased using the Foundations Note Fund. Investors deposit money into the fund, and it is available to the school for projects. The school borrowed the money from this fund and will pay it back at an interest rate significantly lower than if it had been a regular mortgage.

The Note Fund is never used for regular operations. The house was not paid for out of tuition dollars, nor did it affect the annual budget, according to Neary.

The house will be owned by Northwest, and the president will pay rent to the school.

Les Welk, chairman of the Board of Directors, acknowledged that students may be skeptical



Northwest administrators say the house purchase is beneficial for the university. President Castleberry and his family moved into the home near the chapel this month.

about this purchase, especially amidst a budget shortfall. He offered two reasons the board decided to continue with it.

"It is two totally separate funds and decisions. They do not interact or relate to one another," Welk said, in reference to the house fund and the operating budget. "In buying the home, it doesn't exacerbate or exaggerate the operational budget problem."

Secondly, "In buying the home, we're asking the president to place a very high emphasis on creating relationships and friendships that may result in monetary compensation and fundraising for the university. He's taking a very aggressive and sophisticated approach to that, and we felt that the home would only be a tool that would enable him better to do that job."

When Castleberry arrived in 2007, housing him became "an immediate issue, since he was from out of the area," said Welk. He moved into

the university-owned duplexes temporarily, and he had hoped eventually to purchase his own home. When his house in Springfield didn't sell, the board began looking for other options to help him live affordably near campus.

"We came here out of a deep conviction that God had brought us here, and we would have lived in the duplex houses as long as we needed to. Being here on campus gives me a sense of what's going on that I'm not willing to give up," said Castleberry. He explained that he would not have been able to afford a home in Kirkland and would have faced a long commute if he had tried to find a home on his own.

The Board had originally considered building a house on a piece of property the

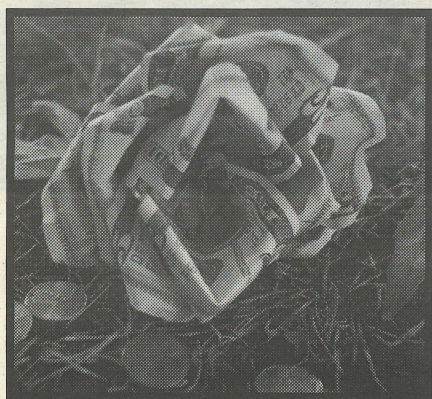
university already owns on 59th Street. However, due to a soft market, they soon realized that they could purchase the house near the chapel for about the same price as it would cost to build, said Dan Neary. That would free up the other property for other school buildings, such as more duplexes, and the newly purchased house would become another asset.

While Neary's office was only in charge of finding the house, not making the final decision, he says he supports the purchase. "It's a good move. We've got a history of good deals in terms of property ownership."

Les Welk added that the house was appraised at a much higher value than what the school paid for it.

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WEATHERING THE ECONOMY: A PROFESSOR'S PERSPECTIVE



Professor John Bacon
Guest Writer

It does not take an expert knowledge of economics to realize that we are facing tough financial times. At this point, economists are not arguing over whether or not we are in a financial crisis but the magnitude of the crisis. Some think that it is the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression; others argue that it is the worst crisis in the history of the United States.

However, for students in colleges

and universities across America there are more pressing concerns about the economy than labels applied by academics. Many are concerned about their future and what they need to do to help weather the current financial storm. I would recommend three things to help students, not only get through the financial crisis but, become financially stable through it.

First and foremost, each individual or household needs to set a realistic budget. For most people, budget is akin to a four-letter word because they view budgets as instruments used to control them. Rather, a sound budget helps you control your money. Money is nothing more than a tool; a means to an end. Budgets help control the flow of money and ensure that you have enough to go around. A

great resource for learning how to set a budget is Dave Ramsey's book, *The Total Money Makeover*.

The second recommendation is to not spend more than you make. While this seems like common sense, it is really becoming rather rare. With the advent of easy credit and other ways to finance one's personal debt, spending more than you earn is very easy to do. A report by the St. Louis Federal Reserve shows that the national savings rate has dropped from 10% in 1980 to 0.4% in 2006. In our culture, it is becoming

more difficult to be patient and save for things. Resist the mainstream American cultural ideal of quick riches and overnight success and save now for things you want in the future.

Finally, it is imperative that you

view your education as an investment rather than debt. Getting an education is expensive. The current average cost of tuition at a private institution is \$23,712 per year according to Collegeboard.com. However, a report by CNN finds that those individuals with a bachelor's degree make, on average, \$20,000 per year more than those with only a high school diploma and individuals with advanced degrees earn an average of \$50,000 per year more. Although incurring student loan debt to become financially sound may seem counterintuitive, it is actually one of the best ways to ensure that you become and remain secure.

The current economic crisis is frightening. Businesses going bankrupt, government buyouts of private businesses and personal hardships abound. Even in all of this chaos and confusion you can become financially secure by creating a budget to control your money, spending less than you earn, and staying in school to increase your future earning potential.

"View your education as an investment rather than a debt."
Professor John Bacon

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"Part of the reason I think it's always difficult for public figures to talk about this is that the nature of politics is that you want to have everybody like you and project the best possible traits onto you. Oftentimes that's by being as vague as possible, or appealing to the lowest common denominators," Obama told a Chicago Sun Times reporter. "The more specific and detailed you are on issues as personal and fundamental as your faith, the more potentially dangerous it is."

Though media's floodlights on the candidate's religious beliefs appears particularly strong in this election, Professor Leroy Johnson believes it's just politics as usual.

"We think that this is such a dirty, personal campaign," he said, "but I could take you back through American history, and campaign after campaign of this kind of dirty politics, because it works."

The public scrutiny of a presidential candidate's religious faith reaches back as far as the 1960's, when evangelical voters became concerned about President John F. Kennedy's Catholic background, according to Johnson. He said that religious hot-button issues such as abortion showed up in the campaigns of Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan as they tried to woo Christian voters.

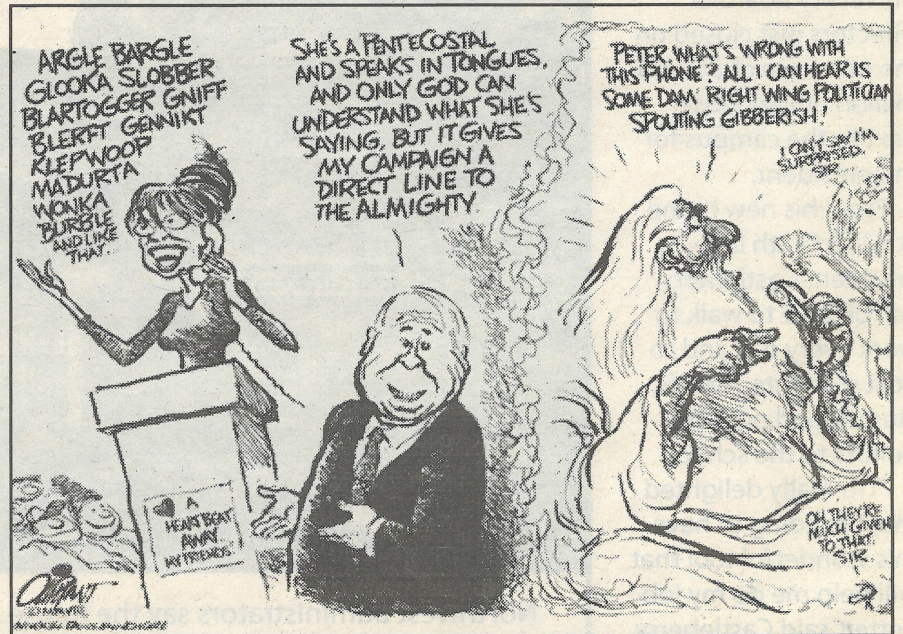
"Practically every candidate since then has had to talk about their faith, because people expect it. There are so many Christians that these guys know that they have got to play to them," Johnson said.

A primary concern for Cook and other leaders in the Assemblies of God is that the negative portrayal of Palin's faith will taint evangelicalism as a whole, and thus turn people away from a potential relationship with Jesus Christ. "We are just trying to let people know, study us, look at us, don't just make a snap judgment about what you heard," Cook said.

Johnson suggested that these offenses are often dismissed by the public after voter ballots have been tallied. "They know that people will forget about that stuff, but right now we'll concentrate

on it and maybe it will swing some people away," he explained.

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This political cartoon by Washington Post cartoonist Pat Oliphant mocks speaking in tongues. It illustrates the media heat on Palin and the Assemblies of God.

Palin's Pentecostal Problem?

Check out what the media says

"Now we see that not only is she a crazy, right-wing religious nut-job with a cause, she can't even form a coherent sentence."

www.debatetherace08.com

"McCain may find himself quoting a bowdlerized verse of Scripture in November; what does it profit a man to gain the Christian right and lose the White House?" (in regard to McCain's choice of Palin as his running mate)

Time Magazine

"Palin sounded like a Pentecostal when she asked people at Wasilla Assemblies of God to pray about building a gas pipe through Alaska."

www.thechurchofjesuschrist.wordpress.com

"Governor Palin squeezed her eyes peculiarly hard when she said the word *blessed*. Palin is Pentecostal after all, and Pentecostals are proud of speaking in tongues." (in regard to her first interview)

www.zimbio.com

"President Bush, using the coded language understood by evangelicals, is saying Sarah Palin was 'an inspired pick' as John McCain's running mate."

www.nashvillescene.com

Religious Profiles

John McCain
Episcopalian

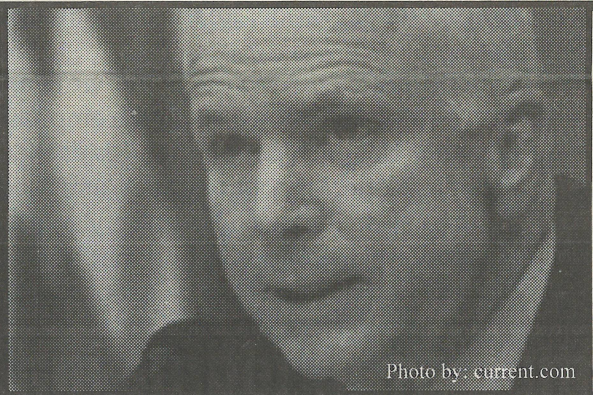


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What does faith mean?

"It means I'm *saved* and *forgiven*."

Saddleback Presidential Forum

"I'm going to keep plugging away at this and I'm going to keep seeking *God's guidance* and *His wisdom* and *His favor* and *His grace*, for me, for my family, for this campaign, for our nation."

Pewforum.org



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Sarah Palin
Assemblies of God

Barack Obama
Church of Christ

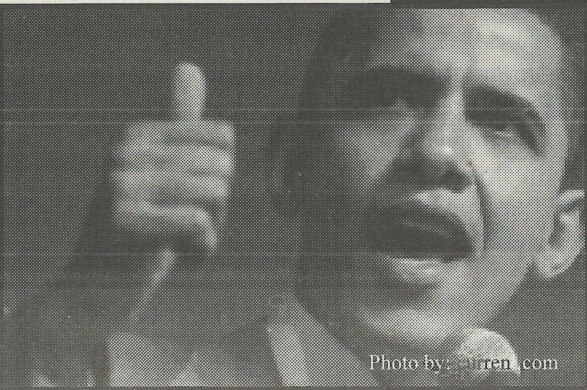


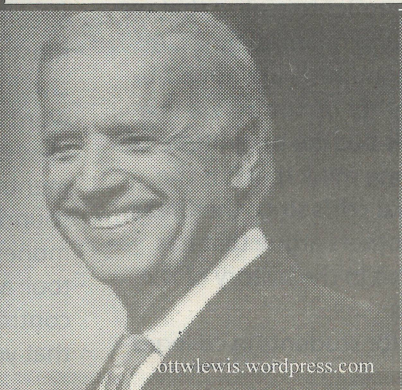
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"I have a deep faith. So I draw from the *Christian faith*. On the other hand, I was born in Hawaii where obviously there are a lot of *Eastern influences*. I lived in Indonesia, the largest *Muslim country*... I've drawn as much from *Judaism* as any other faith."

Chicago Sun Times

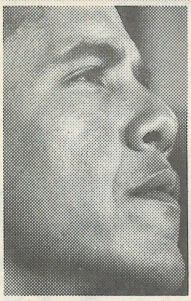
"I'm very proud to be *Catholic*... When John Kennedy ran for president, I remember being so proud that he was Catholic. But he had to prove that *he wasn't ruled by his beliefs*. I'm with John Kennedy on the *role religion ought to play in politics*."

Pewforum.org



hotwlewis.wordpress.com

Joe Biden
Roman Catholic



Why I Will Vote For Barack Obama

Emily Copple
Guest Writer

I grew up with the notion in my head that when it came time for me to vote I assumed I would vote for Republican Party. Why? My parents, my Christian friends, my pastor, etc. are all Republican. I was under the impression that when Christians "assume their "righteous" role" to vote, voting Republican was the sole way to go.

I've since found that this is not necessarily the case.

Barack Obama's experience and passion are two vital reasons why he will make an excellent leader. Barack is able to maintain a foundation of strong faith and has mentioned God's role being foremost in his life, as well as his family's life. His wife, Michelle Obama, is a dynamic, articulate and involved woman in civil service.

Obama has promised that military insurgency within Iraq will cease by the end of 2009, and that combat will cease. Over 4000 American casualties and over 12,000 Iraqi civilians' lives have been taken on account of this war. Currently we are spending over 270 million dollars a day in Iraq, which has significantly expanded our

national annual deficit to 4.82 billion dollars.

Health care reform is a key part of Obama's platform. As Christians, I think it is our responsibility to understand that Jesus commands us to care for the sick, the poor and the needy. We need to understand that basic health care should be made available to every citizen.

Obama is pro-choice on the issue of abortion. However, he proposes that stronger efforts will be made to reduce the number of abortions that occur in America. This includes stronger sexual education in schools, preventative education and resources being made more readily available.

I am voting for Barack Obama this year because I am ready for a leader who is willing to restore, renew and change the patterns within America. I think Obama will offer a new level of understanding, reform, alliance, strength and faith that America needs.



Emily Copple and Mallory MacDonald share their faith, but not their views of who should be the next leader of this country.

Neither John McCain or Barack Obama have thoroughly impressed me, but I feel McCain's policies reflect my personal worldview the most, and so I will vote accordingly.

A candidate's view on abortion is the primary issue that fuels my voting decisions. For three years, I worked for the Pregnancy Centers of Central Virginia, and found abortion to be such a difficult experience for the women and families who went through it. While complete restoration can occur, I found there was so much less heartache when they chose to carry their pregnancy to term. John McCain believes that life begins at conception, and therefore will defend the rights of the unborn.

Alternative, sustainable energies are

Why I Will Vote For John McCain

Mallory MacDonald
Guest Writer

For me, this year's election has come down to voting for the "lesser of the evils."

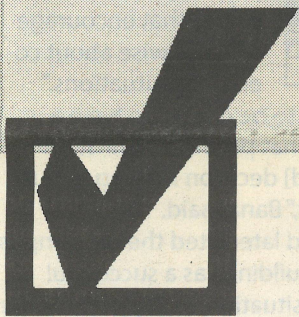
also a crucial issue for me. McCain's proposals and policies defend these values, and he has proposed a \$300 million incentive for the first invention of an alternative long lasting battery for hybrid transportation. He also promises to decrease our nation's reliance on international oil.

And while I am not convinced of the necessity of our troops remaining in the Middle East, I think McCain will use wisdom in discerning what steps to take next.

Gov. Sarah Palin was a stellar choice as a running-mate. She is feisty, intelligent, connects with the people, and brings diversity merely because she is just that—a "she." John McCain is a strong leader, and is just what we need to occupy the White House, and govern the 50 states.

Sydney J. Harris said, "Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be." So, with that, may we all vote as informed, intelligent, college students grateful for this honorable action in democracy.

Election '08: How To Be An Informed Voter A Satirical Essay on Voter Etiquette



Kellie Graham
Feature
Writer



The right to vote has undoubtedly come at a cost and should be taken with utmost seriousness—especially now. The Bush Administration has amassed a slew of disgruntled Americans who yearn for our country's improvement. The plausibility and nature of this improvement rests largely in the hands of two individuals: Barack Obama and John McCain. I urge you, citizens of America, to make an informed decision in this 2008 election. Please read carefully. You are about to discover the steps that will lead you away from voter ignorance toward voter intelligence.

Step 1: Look closely at the candidates' physical appearance. Modern wisdom suggests that one's outward appearance directly reflects his/her inward condition. We live by this wisdom on a daily basis. We make judgments about people based on their clothing, skin pigmentation, and degree of beauty. For instance, we all know that men who wear pink shirts are sexually confused on the inside. My grandpa—married 52 years—frequently wears pink shirts. I have been waiting—and waiting—for the day when he will get honest with himself and come out of the closet. (I think he will confess any day now).

My grandpa's experience proves that appearance reflects inward condition. As you can see, it is only logical that we make decisions based on appearance, including the decision of who to vote for. Obama is a biracial; McCain is white. Obama's ear lobes are noticeably detached; McCain's ears hide mysteriously behind his large cheeks. What do these outward facts tell you about their character? I think you know.

Step 2: Use collaborative filtering and do careful research to determine who the celebrities are voting for. Collaborative filtering is a process "by which collective knowledge is assembled and applied" (Green). Netflix uses a rather sophisticated system of collaborative filtering (Green). As viewers rate movies, Netflix locates others who have similar tastes. Netflix then uses this data to suggest movies that viewers will likely enjoy. If you enjoy the movie Cannibal Women in the Avocado Jungle of Death, then—by association—you will probably also enjoy Frankenhooker. So, in the same way that collaborative filtering helps people find good movies, it can help

you find the right candidate. Consider this example. Jerry Springer and Oprah Winfrey support Obama. If you like Jerry and Oprah, then you can logically conclude that you should also support Obama. Keep in mind, that—in order for the process to be most effective—you should try to uncover information about as many celebrities as possible. Indeed, celebrities are today's source of infallible knowledge on a broad range of topics—topics ranging from hair care to politics. You can trust their views. To begin your celebrity research, go to the following site: <http://www.electionrecommender.com/>. Here, you can rate politically-decided celebrities on a five star system. The site will then use your ratings to suggest who you should vote for.



www.washingtonpost.com/.../PH2007100800771

Step 3: Pay close attention to campaign ads; they are highly objective and informative. According to McCain's ads, Obama is "not ready to lead" ("ADVICE"). His inexperience would cripple our country. According to Obama's ads, McCain's presidency would only give us "more of the same" ("STILL"). He would not provide the change that America needs. The candidates' assessments of each other are accurate, so listen intently—even take notes. As Election Day approaches, you can expect to see many more ads during commercial breaks. When you sit down to watch *Smallville* and *Deal or No Deal*, be ready. Put your critical thinking cap on—the one you bought at college—and equip yourself with pen and paper. Who said that you can't watch dramas and game shows and become politically-informed at the same time?

Step 4: Remember the trusty notions that have been passed down to you from your faith system. Religious organizations are rarely wrong—just look at the historical record of the Christian church. Its decision to sell indulgences was right. Its allegiance with Hitler's regime

was right. Killing thousands of Muslims in the crusades, burning libraries, the Inquisition—right, right, right. Because of this reputation of rightness, you should not question the church's stand on presidential candidates or on moral issues such as abortion and homosexuality. If your church says that homosexuals should not have the power to legally wed, then—indeed—they should not have that power. Wholeheartedly agree with the moral and political stance that your faith system takes. Wholeheartedly endorse the candidate that your faith system endorses.

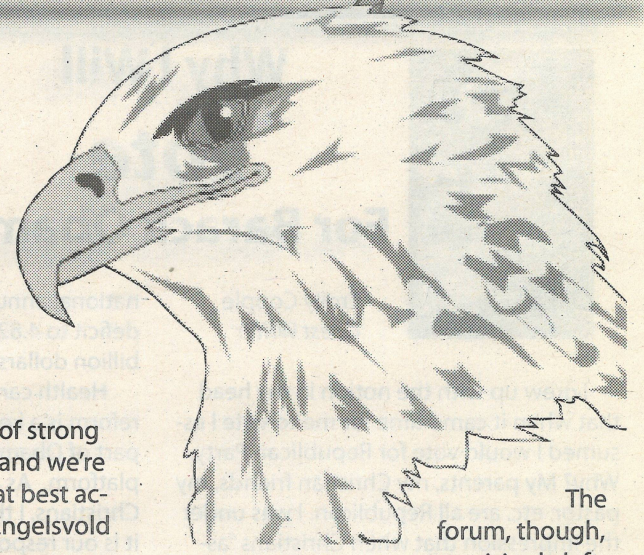
Step 5: If—after taking all of the above steps—you are still undecided, then simply grab a Monster and a friend and play a game of *Sorry*. The red game pieces represent McCain, the blue pieces represent Obama. If the red pieces arrive home first, then you should vote for McCain. If the blue pieces arrive first, then vote for Obama. If you don't drink Monster, have friends, or own *Sorry*, then stand in your kitchen and spin around really fast while blindfolded. Obama is the oven. McCain is the microwave. After eighty-two seconds of rapid spinning, stop. Then, point your finger. Whichever kitchen appliance your finger is most closely pointing to deems the most worthy candidate. To ensure reliability, perform this process a total of three times.

This is my solemn guarantee: the above five steps will help you become an intelligent voter. But, to safeguard your intelligence, you need to avoid certain areas of politics.

Citizens of America, don't be stupid. The right to vote is a loaded revolver. This essay is the revolver manual. If you take the steps I have outlined for you, then you will use your revolver wisely—like Billy the Kid, a true gunman. But, if you fail to heed my warnings, then you will surely wreak havoc on America. You will shoot African Americans and women right in the heart; you will murderously dishonor their past sufferings. Listen! How will you choose the better candidate? Obama or McCain—how will you decide? Will you sensibly study celebrities, or irrationally investigate such issues as health care and foreign policy? I trust that you will do the former, not the latter. November 4th is coming. Ready, aim, fire.

Want to read the whole essay?
Email talonstaff@northwestu.edu

Eagle Eye: A Look Into Open Dorms



The forum, though, surprisingly left one question untouched. In pursuit of an answer, I contacted Engelsvold and Paul Banas, vice president for student development, hoping they might shed some light on my query: Why doesn't Northwest have completely or mostly open dormitories like UW or SPU?

"I think our current housing structure makes that a little difficult," Engelsvold said, referring to the dorms' single sex features such as bathrooms, "But beyond that, I think philosophically there probably [are] some values that encourage us to be wise about co-ed dorm situations."

"We want to be careful to have a community that promotes Christian thinking [and] decision making about relationships," Banas said.

Engelsvold later cited the on campus apartment buildings as a successful co-ed living situation, in support for the housing structure theory.

"It [the proposal] needs to be wholly and completely from the students," said Engelsvold. "That being said, I know that the student leadership is cognizant of the fact that resident life personnel have to staff the event. So, if there's nobody on duty before seven PM, it's unlikely that we're going to have open dorms or visitation before then."

Comments? Email talonstaff@northwestu.edu

How do You feel about Open Dorms?

Nikita Hall



Junior+1/2

"Only desperate people want open dorms!"

Seth Bridges



Freshman

"Open dorms are really important because they foster community between men and women."

Natalie Dooley



Sophomore

"There are better places to hang out than in the dorms."

John Striker



Sophomore

"Whether or not we have open dorms doesn't matter. We find a way to hang out regardless."

Rachael Harris
Editorial Staff

Open dorms: a concept that chills some and enlivens others, a magnet of opposing viewpoints, and a make-over recipient this school year thanks to a student senate proposal in the works.

Most everyone who has experienced open dorms has a story to tell of some notorious instance that either turned them away from the idea or sent them galloping in gleeful favor. One fellow dorm resident narrated a familiar scenario in the men's halls last fall: "During open dorms all of the guys dust off their guitars, and play worship music. They tell the visiting girls that, 'This song came to me in my third hour of prayer.'" Pathetic? Possibly. But strategic? Absolutely.

This manipulated setting, though, often turns students away from the typical open dorms situation and sends them in pursuit of a more "normalized" system.

If I could pin a metaphor to the current scenario encompassing open dorms, I'd use that coined by NU's Community Life-Director, Bethene Engelsvold. Open dorms provide the opportunity to floor "shop," she explained in an interview earlier this month.

Now, a fraction of dormitory residents (freshmen anyone?) solicit their individual floors and rooms, while visitors browse for the most enticing company. Hopefully, after changes are made to the current system, residents will enjoy a "visitation" option as well. When the shopping metaphor is applied to this new idea, the dorms can magically transform from window shops into a coffee house-style lounge.

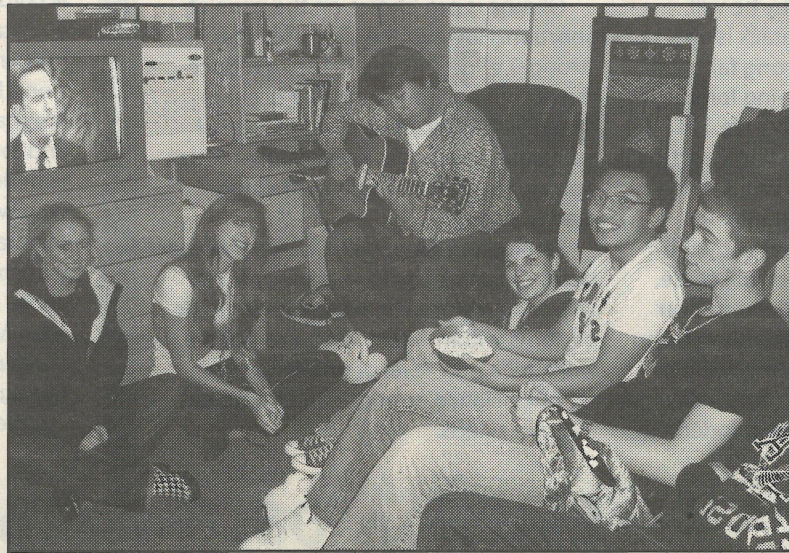
A collection of students, though, prefer the current system. They view open dorms as an opportunity to initiate acquaintances that would not have come about in the focused atmosphere of classes.

Still, others call for the end of any

open dorms system, pointing out the numerous alternative locations for creating friendships other than the privacy of one's dorm room.

"We've got[ten] to this point where we have a lot of strong opinions in different areas and we're trying to find a solution that best accommodates everybody," Engelsvold said.

Thus evolved the open dorms community chat, hosted by Engelsvold this month in Perks lounge. Students seated in rows on couches or lounging on



Northwest students chilling in a room during open dorms

the floor gathered, with an attitude of resolve, to discuss the possible changes to open dorms.

NUSG President Jadon Haynes, explained that a Student Senate Committee aimed at community improvement will compile students' ideas into a formal proposition. First the Senate and then Northwest administration must pass the proposition before it can take effect.

The most prominently proposed change involves a new visitation policy, in which dorm residents may invite visitors during an allotted time. How would this system differ from open dorms? The visitation idea would allow a longer range of visiting hours, Engelsvold explained. In addition, visitors would be required to sign in and leave identification before being escorted by the student to his/her room.

Mark Your Calendar

10/29: Wind Ensemble Recital@ 7:30

11/11: NO SCHOOL! Veterans Day

11/14: Northwest Friday

Jazz Concert @ 7:30

Roomies Weekend Begins

11/18-22: Drama Performs

"The Importance of Being Earnest"

@ 7:30

11/27-28: NO SCHOOL! Thanksgiving Grub

ATTENTION ALL BOYS AND MEN

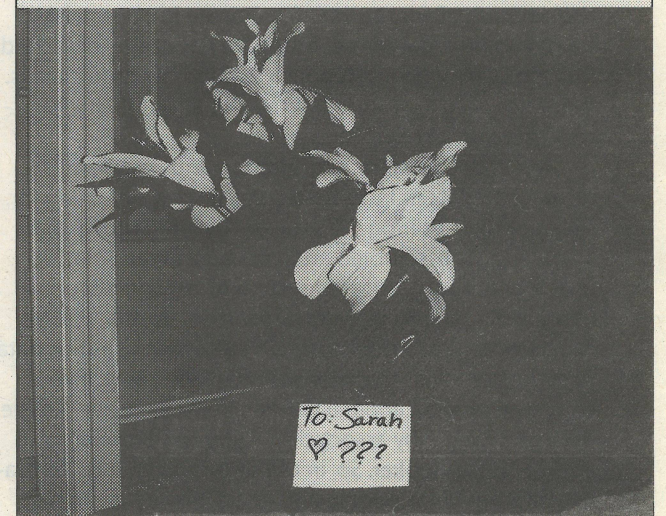
Gather the roomates

Whip out the florist's number

4 to 1 is the ratio

November 14th is the date

ROOMIES FALL 08'



Ask Abby

Dear Abby,

As mid-semester approaches, I find myself stressed to the max. Not only are deadlines approaching, but activities are becoming more demanding on my time. Relationships (that are normally my escape) are becoming few and far between.

What can I do to balance my time and not receive a hernia at my young age of 20?

Sincerely,

Stressed Sally

Dear Stressed Sally,

Although you may feel like the only hectic college kid on campus, every student goes through this phase as a result of either laziness or over-commitment: *choose your poison*. But there is something about the weather changing, couples blanketing the campus, and overlapping deadlines that rightfully raise each of our heart rates. Not to mention, it seems that all professors gather together for a secret meeting of complementary due dates in order to torture us as much as possible. But we will overcome! YOU will overcome. Carnegie Mellon did a study on how to lower stress for college students, here's what we can learn:

Breathe. After you read this sentence, stop reading for a second, and inhale deeply. Of course eating healthy, getting sleep and exercise are obvious solutions to stress relief, but the real help over-committers need is to know, it is OK to say no. As D.A.R.E. would say, "Just Say No!" If you're feeling overwhelmed and stretched thin, realize you're not giving your full potential at anything because you're too busy. Focus on the tasks at hand and add no more to your plate. No dessert. No seconds. Eat what you have. For those of you who suffer from laziness: Get up. Stop sleeping and do your stuff! You're preparing for your career today. How's that looking?

Next, try talking it out. Grab a friend, head back to your room (make sure they are same sex first or more stress will arise) and spend twenty minutes or so explaining what's going on. If you're more of an introvert, then write it in a journal. Either way, bottling up stress is like diarrhea; sooner or later, you're going to explode. Then, begin to clean up the mess with a list or a planner. Become a time organizer, allowing time for friends and relaxation amidst other things.

And finally, Laugh. Pull out the never failing *Would You Rather* book, Browse YouTube, or Watch SNL with Tina Fey as Sarah Palin. Laughter is the best medicine. So grab a friend and share in times of stress relief and lasting memories. Plus, you get an ab workout so you're ultimately killing two birds with one stone.

And remember, years from now, you won't remember the Thursday night you spent hours in the library or the to-do list plaguing your every step. We are in college, the best times of our lives - let that linger.

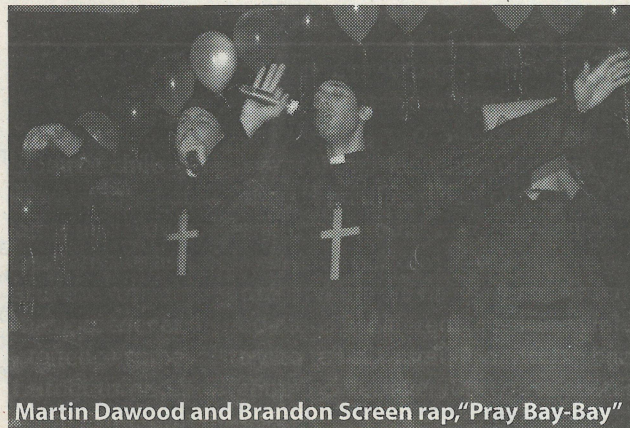
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Abby

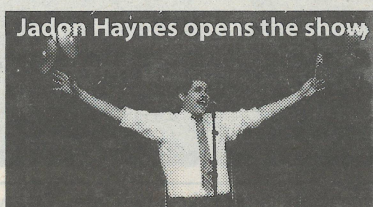
Talent Show 2008: An Unforgettable Event



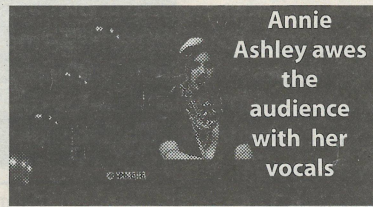
Katie Campbell congratulates winner Nadine Keen



Martin Dawood and Brandon Screen rap, "Pray Bay-Bay"



Jadon Haynes opens the show



Annie Ashley awes the audience with her vocals



Todd Sitting redefines dancing

Lindsey Cressey
Editor-in-Chief

There were triumphs and upsets at Northwest University's 2008 Talent Show. In the end the audience walked away being the winners after being entertained by more than 10 high-quality acts.

A patriotic theme took over both the chapel and members of the NUSG. Hosts Katie Campbell and Ryan Gilbreath set the tone in their vibrant red and royal blue matching outfits. Campbell caught eyes with her flowing golden locks and Gilbreath unveiled his inner Ricky Ricardo as they opened the show in a mock presidential debate. And with the introduction of the charismatic judges; Dani Banke, Shauna Marshall and Professor Mike Thompson, the show began.

Each judge clearly voiced a favorite act. Thompson felt inspired by the words of "The Nice Guy" aka. Jason Wong, "If loving you is Wong, I don't want to be wight," said Thompson.

Dani Banke remained captivated by the vocals of Annie Ashley, "I loved the way the lyrics came back around at the end. It was beautiful," she said.

And Shauna Marshall was in obvious adoration of the upbeat moves of Todd Sitting. "I noticed you are wearing soccer shorts. Do you like soccer? Cause I'm the captain of the soccer team..." she said with a wink.

The amount of talent in the building was seeping out the doors and it was the musical poetry of Nadine Keels, "The Nadine Keels Song," that grabbed the judge's attention. "I think you should talk to Dr. Herms about testing out of Old Testament," Thompson said in response to her Biblical poetry.

Dani Banke described it as "powerful" and wanted to know if Keels could "give her lessons." In the end, Keels was announced the winner of the 2008 Northwest University Talent Show. One of the biggest shocks that night was the announcement that last year's talent show winners, Mo-Dolla's and Screen Diddy, did not make the top three this year. With security hovering and beats-a-flowin', the rapping duo presented for the first time live, Pray Bay-bay The two graciously allowed a private interview after the show:

Cressey: There was an expectation coming into this show that you would win once again. How are you feeling about the outcome of the show?

Mo-Dolla's: It was motivation when looking at the grand big picture. You think we going to let a "Talent Show" break this well oiled machine down, girl you must be outside yo mind. We have done shows all around the world, this is nothing but a bump in the road. Anyway, you can't take anything away from the other contestants. They had what it took.....tonight. We have our album droppin' on Christmas day and we will remain top of da charts.

Cressey: Who was your favorite act this year?

Mo-Dolla's: Second to us would have to be dat magic carpet ride. Aladdin was actin really weird in da skit and da monkey was crazy yo.

Cressey: Where did your inspiration for your new hit "Pray Baby" come from?

Mo-Dolla's: Screen Diddy and I pray every day. We both thought it was only appropriate that we acknowledge the act of prayer in our daily lives. We went into the studio and looked for something and came upon a song called "Aye bay bay" by an artist of Hurricane. We got in contact with his agent and they allowed us to remake a song that would not only be beneficial but wholesome to our youthful listeners.

Cressey: Is there anything you want to say to your loyal fans out there?

Mo-Dolla's: First, God is our numba one fan. Without big guns up stairs, we wouldn't be where we are today. For all our other fans, we love ya and your support. For all you others out their chugging that HATERaide, keep it coming. It's nothing but fuel to our fire. Like my boy Usher always says, "Let it burn." That's what we do and we keep chugin' along setting an example for the kids of the future.

There you have it. Mo-Dolla's has spoken. Overall, the 2008 Talent show provided laughs and entertainment to the Northwest Community.

Activities Coordinator Katie Campbell summed up the event, "There is a lot of time and hard work that goes into an activity like this. I hope the students enjoyed it and saw it as an event where the campus could come together for a good ole' time."

Quiznos SUB

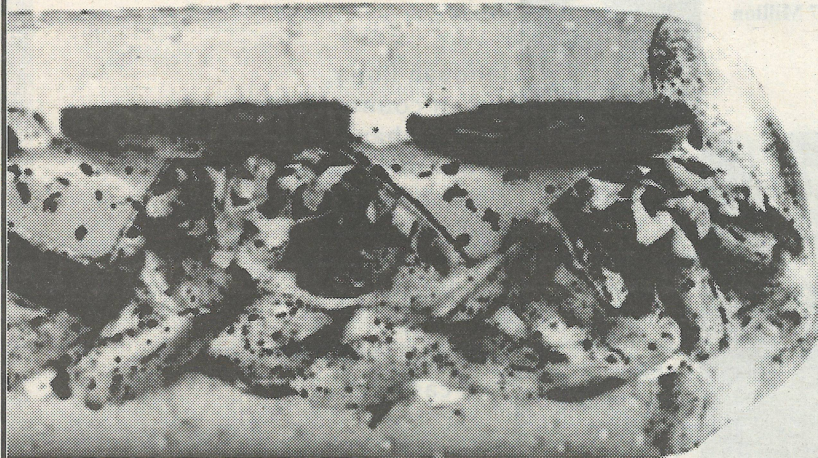
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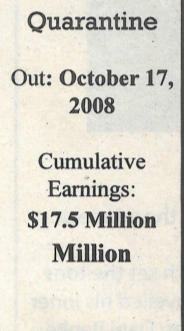
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Monarch: Ethereal With Strings Attached

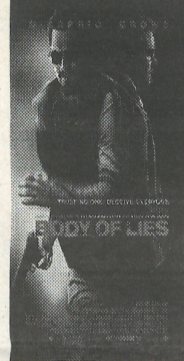
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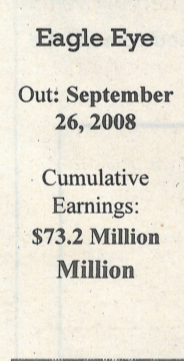
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Out: October 3, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$56.9 Million



Quarantine
Out: October 17, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$17.5 Million



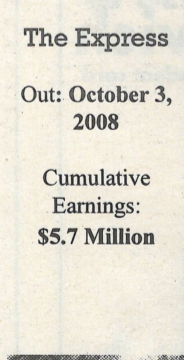
Body of Lies
Out: October 10, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$16.6 Million



Eagle Eye
Out: September 26, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$73.2 Million



Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist
Out: October 3, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$22.3 Million



The Express
Out: October 3, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$5.7 Million



Nights in Rodanthe
Out: September 26, 2008
Cumulative Earnings: \$33.7 Million



By Tristan McCoy

I went to the Comet Tavern to see local Kirkland band Monarch on Saturday October fourth. This broke a three month musical draught that had sucked dry all of my playlists. The floodgates burst as Monarch's music ended my Ecclesiastical depression in believing there was no new music under the sun.

Monarch is like Zen. Extremely hard to define and is only understood once one is immersed. Do not worry though, Monarch's music only brings a deep influence of thought right before lifting the listener to new heights.

Introspective isn't the right word, but it's the first thing that comes to mind.

Monarch is Epic in the sense that it demands attention and persuasive in the way the music takes hold and guides emotions with contemplative signature melodies. Front man Brennan Strawn has a crisp, clear voice that he liberally takes to the falsetto and in this regard is very Radiohead reminiscent.

Other members include a local barista on keyboard who incredibly fills the space. Also NU's very own former students Jesse Proctor and Warren Kinser are on the role call. Proctors drumming is very similar to that of Arcade Fire and Kinser's bass



Photo of Monarch band taken by Daley Strawn

lines are coolly influenced by jazz and funk grooves. These members are all new additions as Monarch is Brennan Strawn, who has played with a number of people and lived in New York and Los Angeles.

Kinser describes Monarch as "epic...spacey... and ethereal." In this regard Monarch is ethereal with strings attached. Certain songs sounded like Nada Surf but still had the experimental element often expressed by Radiohead. Other songs had a certain Postal Service catchy, feel-good, parade-like anthem proclivity.

On Sunday mornings members of Monarch can be found leading worship at local Kirkland church: Sacred Journey. Kinser works in the Talent Development office at Northwest University.

"I'm just building houses and playing music." Proctor commented in regards to his current post-graduate state.

All of the members of Monarch are really friendly and it is obvious that they really enjoy playing music together. The wear their musical hearts on their sleeves and their passion is obvious in music.

Be sure to be on the look out for any upcoming Monarch shows as they start playing larger venues and this is definitely one band you don't want to miss. Also, be on the look out for new talent coming from NU's Talent Development office.

Jehovah Ropa

Student Poetry
By David Thompson

God never let me meet you
Until you were ready
To meet Him
And even then
Who was ready?
Because
From where I stood
Ready was subjective
And subjective was
Just another word
That we threw around
To avoid tears
That came anyway

When clouds part
And blue skies prove
Oddly untrue,
And when prayers shake dust
And doctors shake hands,
And when families
Become more than just
Four walls
Red eyes
And McDonalds wrappers;
It is in these times
Empathetic blues
And cool whites
Rest softly
On the heads
Of those who need them
Most

Jehovah Ropa,
A man counts his days
On your hands alone
And who knows
When palms close
And time stops
For one person
Clocks sit
Patiently
Despite reverent hopes
And cash deposits

Calendar of Events

Comedy Improv:

The Historic University
Theatre: Home to Comedy
JET CITY IMPROV
Seattle's Best Improv Show
Fridays and Saturdays @
10:30p.m. Admission: \$9.00
JetCityImprov.com
TWISTED FLICKS
Films with inserted Dialogue
Oct. 30,31, Nov. 1st @ 8:00p.m.
Admission: \$10.00
CAMPFIRE
Seattle's Halloween Improv
Fridays and Saturdays @
8:30p.m. The Market Theatre
UnexpectedProductions.org

Theater Shows:

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
November 18th-22nd @ Mil-
lard
Theatermania.com
WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND
Nov. 13th-Dec. 2nd
Ticket Price Varies
Fifth Avenue Theatre
THE THREE MUSKETEERS
Now-Nov. 15th @
Seattle Repertory Theatre
Student Admission: \$20.00
DEFENDING THE CAVE MAN
Comedy about ongoing gen-
der wars
Kirkland Performing Arts
Center
Oct. 30,31, Nov. 1st
@8:00p.m.

Concerts:

TRIPLE DOOR JAZZ FESTIVAL
October 29th-3rd @ Triple Door
MISSY MIGGINS
Nov. 2 @ The Showbox at the Market
DRAGONFORCE
Nov. 3 @ The Showbox SoDo
ALANIS MORSIETTE
November 5th @ Paramount
COPELAND
Nov. 6th @ El Corazon
TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA
November 8th @ Key Arena
JASON MRAZ
November 9th @ Paramount
JENNY OWENS YOUNG
Nov. 9th @ The High Drive
UNDEROATH
Nov. 10th @ The Showbox @ The Market
MINUS THE BEAR
Nov. 22nd @ The Showbox @ The Market



Friday night
concert in the aerie...
LIVE MUSIC

friday
nov 7th @ 7pm

opening: Hannah Joy Moreno
sounds like: Kathryn Scott, Leslie Feist, Rosie
Thomas, Regina Spektor, the Beatles, Brooke
Frasier, Gary Moreno, Jaci Velasquez

John Leckenby

out of: Burlington, WA
influencers: Sigur Ros,
Coldplay, Damien Rice,
Muse, Paper Route, The
Beatles

sounds like: Jon Foreman,
Damien Rice, Paper Route,
Aqualung

FEATURE FALL SPORT:

Cross Country

That's right, they run for fun.



Seth Bridges
Guest Writer

What do you do when following two experienced runners you don't know, in a park you don't know, and you've lost the one familiar person around? You hang on!

I got started running Cross Country when my dad and I did a Thanksgiving fun run and the pack broke up. The leaders and I went one way at a fork in the trail, and the rest of the runners, my dad included, went the other. I could either maintain eye contact with the leading runners or get lost in a big city park from that point on. I stuck with the leaders.

How long we ran was inconceivable, but it felt like days. The run was longer than any I'd ever done before, and a lot faster. I remember little except pain and dogged desperation.

We finally came back to the place we started, and I can still remember my feeling of relief. Apparently it was a pretty good effort, because one of the men I was following was the Cross Country coach at Lakes High School, and after we finished he started talking to me about running for him.

Now, I'm starting a new phase as a Northwest Eagle, and already that makes me proud. It's exciting to be a part of the new team and see where we are headed.

The women's team, with freshmen making up almost half the team, has come together so much in the last six weeks. They are really learning to race as a team, and might have a chance to return to Nationals as a team. Even if not, they will still have women who can make Nationals individually, and I'm

excited to watch them in the last half of the season.

On the men's side, if we had more bodies, we would rock. The team lost multiple recruits in the last two weeks before the season started, and combined with Alex Croutworst and Kyle Balda being injured, we were pretty well decimated. After three meets running an incomplete team there is little hope of a national birth, but we have quality and should send a contingent of individuals to Nationals.

Being as small as we are has its advantages too. With three out of five on the same dormitory floor, and Tyler Hart and Alex Croutworst sharing an apartment, we have gotten very close.

Hopefully both teams can have a breakout performance at the Cascade Conference Preview in a little over a week. God Bless Eagle XC!



2008-2009 NU Cross Country team members stretching at practice.

Aimee Teuscher
Guest Writer



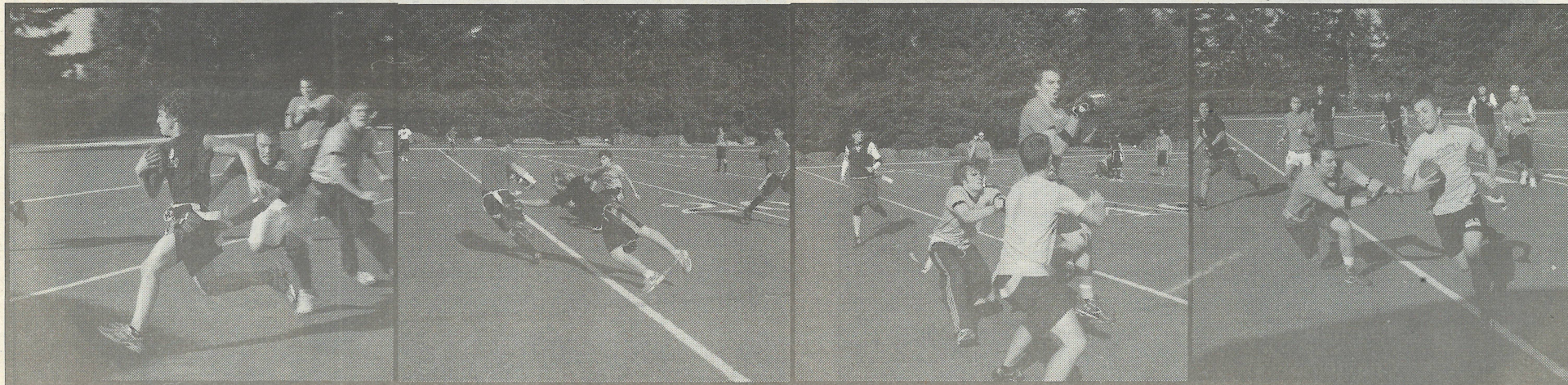
Runners have something that other people don't. A sort of power that comes with running. A runner can push the limits of what possible, if they dare. I've dared. And I've become addicted. There is no better feeling than finishing a race knowing that I left every ounce of energy out there on the race course. That feeling keeps me running.

The cross country team here at Northwest University is something special. We've become like a family through the training, races, and our shared love for the sport. The environment at practice is fun during the warm up, as the guys are always spontaneously singing and cracking jokes. But after the warm up everyone becomes serious and focused in the workouts. It isn't often that you find these types of individuals. They make the team perfect. We have something that other teams don't.

November Intramurals - Football and Powderpuff

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22
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11:30am-----9 v 4	11:30am-----2 v 9	11:30am-----5 v 7	11:30am-----3 v 8
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2:30pm-----2 v 6		2:30pm-----2 v 4	

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Mens intramural football teams go all out this year in order to win the competition. Photos taken by Jonathan Yorkowitz

Ministry

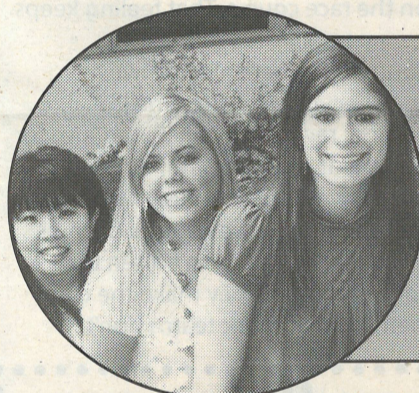
Our Vision

By: Angelique Sofie

The 2008 - 2009 campus ministries team looks forward to serving the campus and the community. From a staff perspective, our vision is to involve ourselves as pastors, leaders, and friends in the lives of students so that we may reflect an example of a Christ follower. Our purpose is to help students grow as leaders by providing opportunities that will enable growth in personal skills, spiritual devotion, and a commitment to community. Pastor Phil recently said that "A current statistic shows that 85% of young adults are turning away from their faith when they go to college. I don't want NU to be a part of that statistic. Rather, I pray every day that we would anchor deeper in our passion, discipline, and knowledge of who God is." Ministry interns aim to keep the spiritual vision of the campus alive and encourage students to grab hold of the many opportunities around them. Through providing lots of ways for students to get involved in outreach, prayer, music, crews, and pursuit, the team hopes to offer something different for everyone. This year's theme, *Awaken*, symbolizes the desire that we have to see God move in the hearts of students. This year represents a time of change and new beginnings. We really hope to see miraculous things happen as God moves on this campus in a strong and tangible way.



Meet the 2008 - 2009 Campus Ministries Team



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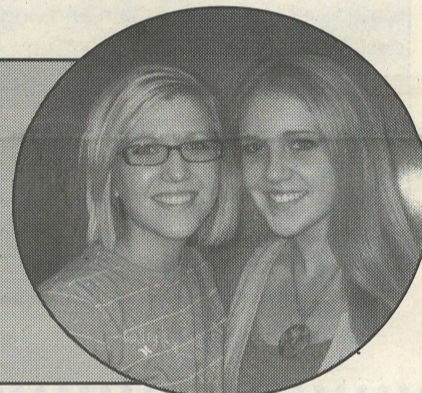
Our desire is to keep students informed and involved in ministry events on campus and in the community.

- Satomi, Tausha, Angelique

Outreach

Our main focus is human trafficking but we are branching off into ministries around the Seattle area and overseas. Look for outreaches to get involved in as the year goes on.

- Lindsay and Jessica



Music and Recording

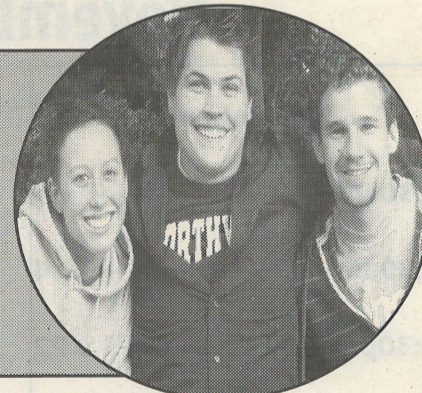
We desire to see Northwest University go beyond in its musical vena through creative song writing, recording, and performance.

- Jordan and Nicole

NUSG Ministries

The purpose of Student Ministries is to create opportunities for students to be involved in ministry and to motivate them to do so.

- Olivia, Jadon, Eric



Crews

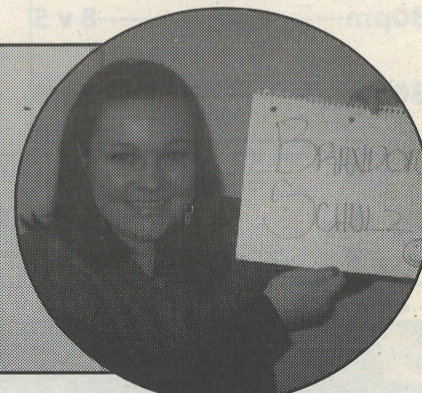
Our purpose is to link people in our community with effective leaders. We hope that through crews this year, students will create stronger relationships with each other and the Lord.

- Olivia, Mikel, Havilah

Pursuit

Pursuit is an opportunity on Monday nights for students who desire for more of God to meet and worship Him, as well as encourage one another in faith.

- Brandon and Mikaela



Prayer

Prayer brings unity, power and reality to the impossible. Live with excitement and high expectations of God's capabilities.

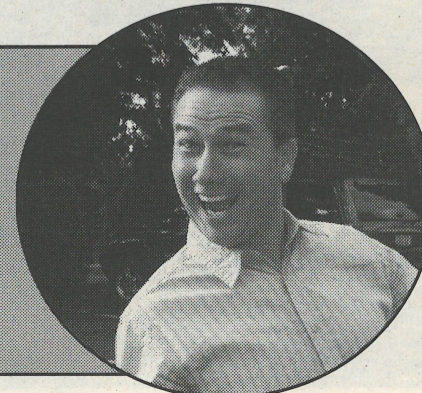
-Roxy and Tirza



Campus Pastor

My personal vision for the students on our campus this year is that God would really wake up our spirit and see that Jesus wants to have a deep and lasting relationship with us.

-Pastor Phil



Worship through Words Writing Submitted by Students

Forgotten

If you haven't noticed, there is great pain in which many cases the heart has been slain. Then wake up and take a good look around the need for love is so deeply profound. It can be seen on so many different faces in so many different places.

Although we have all been wronged it doesn't mean we should go repeating the same song.

Why do we have the right to withhold love when readily that is what we ourselves want more of.

An uncut gem is what we really are love is the mold that shapes us into a crystallized star.

The world is crying out in agonizing sorrow so love everyone like there is no tomorrow.

-Jessy Nichole Miller

It's Okay

Open up my eyes, Lord. Let me see my life before me in plain view, spread out like the southern landscape. Then walk me through. Guide my steps through murky water. I took a walk at the ocean front and kelp wrapped around my ankles, and now I doubt at every turn. I question all I do before it's been done. One little worry was left behind and cemented itself within me. It made me cold and paralyzed. So careful, so unsure, I am a leaf on the wind, as timid as a rock on a cliff. Feels like I'm sitting on the shelf, Lord, take me down. There are more important things than what I feel right now. There are bigger seas to cross. So, usher me in with your comfort. Hide me beneath your healing wing, and while I'm there whisper to me all your promises I've forgotten. And I will be restored under your care. I'll walk away on my own and still feel your warmth. I'll walk in strength and with purpose, each step leaving an imprint. But perfection was not meant for me, my path isn't even paved in bronze. Letting go my imagination, and all I thought was best, and fantasy is a romanticized word, it leads to winding roads and poisonous thorns. And I am not a fool, Lord, I won't deceive myself anymore. I will stand firm upon your love. Even when the path is unknown, I am assured.

- Mary Venanzi

Late Night Outreach

Roaming the street corners of Seattle until the wee hours of the morning, Sheila Houston hopes to make a difference in the lives of prostitutes who are enslaved in a world that they cannot break free from. Handing out bags filled with hygiene products, she listens to the stories of women who suffer daily from physical and mental abuse. Instead of judging them, she simply listens to concerns and finds a way to encourage them.

According to Houston, a nine-year veteran of the ministry, "Women are not prostitutes. They are in prostitution. What they do does not dictate who they are. The enemy does not care who you are or where you live. He will touch you whether you live in the hood or in Bellevue. These girls need love and we are pastors without walls. Sometimes even the simplest action, such as humming a gospel tune, can make a huge difference in someone's life."

Houston's late night ministry team is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact her at sheilaiyc@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

November 1:
Freeze Project

November 10:
Relentless CD Launch Party at Pursuit

November 21:
Operation Iraq

November 17:
Recording crew meetup at 5:30pm

For more information about any of the listed events, please contact communication@northwestu.edu

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Emily Stuart and Kim Seifert



1 Interact with Art



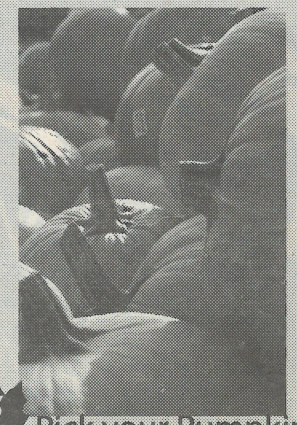
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4 Play in the leaves, leaves, of course!



2 Show Some Spirit



5 Pick your Pumpkin



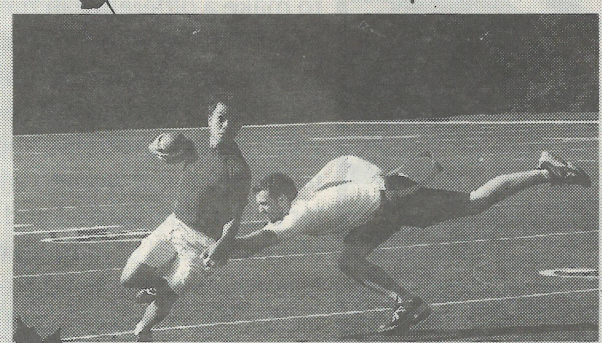
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6 Study by the Window

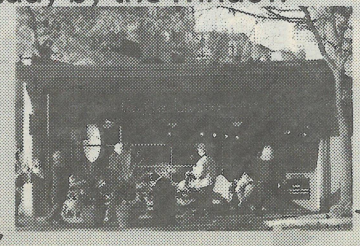


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8 Whatever you do, take a friend!

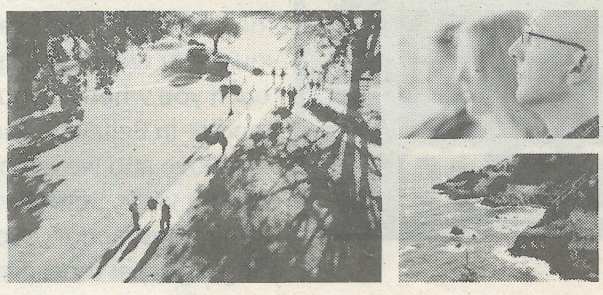


3 Be Courageous




7 Or Outdoors

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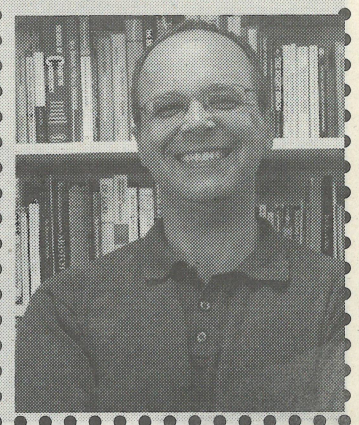
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