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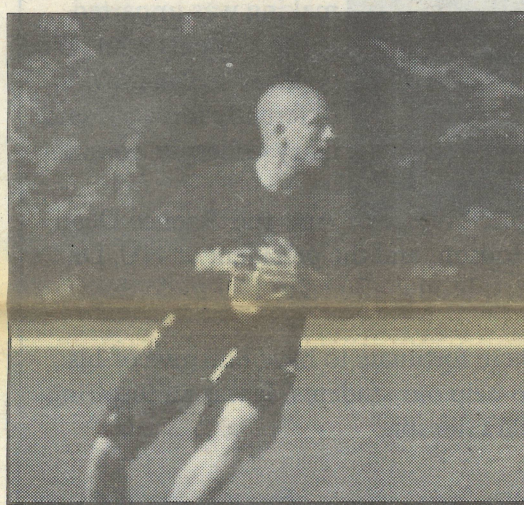
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## More Students Taking Different Routes to Graduation

By: Jessie Fast  
Senior Staff Writer

With a flagging economy and rising tuition costs, most Northwest students are choosing to forgo the traditional, four-year college experience in favor of a more diverse educational path.

This fall, 55 percent of all incoming students bring college credit earned at other institutions with them.

"With the advent of online courses, [they] have really, really exploded onto the market, community colleges, students doing summer work, things like that," said NU registrar, Sandy Hendrickson. "We normally graduate a couple [of students] who will transfer in and graduate within a year."

Most students, who will spend two to three years here at NU, according to Hendrickson, bring a unique range of educational experiences with them. In fact, administrators say that NU tends toward a more liberal approach about what counts as transfer credit, in comparison to other schools.

"We probably use non-traditional sources maybe a little more than some other schools. A lot of these ways of earning credit are not necessarily for traditional undergrads," said Hendrickson.

These non-traditional sources include military service and professional licenses, such as real estate. Since these are often not earned by those coming straight out of high school, who have not had the time nor the life experience, they are more applicable to those enrolled in the LEAP or adult education programs.

"The programs are a little more skewed towards the transfer side. I get like two freshmen in there a year," said Hendrickson.

Northwest's transfer policy is "in some ways... more lenient (math, some of the sciences). In some ways we are strict, speech would be an example," said Jim Jessup, dean of academic services.

"It's a real quandary for us as faculty, because we want to help students, we want to serve them to be able to get into the institution and get on with their education. On the other hand, we have this pressure of knowing what they are going to face in the second or third or fourth year," said Jessup.

As explained by Northwest's transfer webpage, Northwest accepts 60 semester credits, and even up to 30 from an unaccredited school, but it is required that students earn at least 30 credits at this school over at least two semesters.

This means that NU accepts more transfer credits than comparable, private schools in the area. Other schools allow only two years of credit to transfer, according to their websites.

Seattle Pacific University allows 90 quarter credits total to be transferred in (this equates to 60 semester credits). University of Puget Sound limits transfer credits to 64 semester credits. The exception is Pacific Lutheran University. They hold a policy similar to Northwest's, meaning they accept up to 96 semester credits, 64 of which can be transferred from a two-year institution.

Northwest's transfer population can be broken up into two categories: students classified as true transfers, and those classified as freshmen with credit. This distinction has to do with when the students earned their college credit.

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## Why Are Your Friends Leaving?

By: Josh Desimone  
Staff Writer

Trapped inside the bubble that is Northwest? If you spend any amount of time at NU, you'll notice that Northwest has its own culture. But how well does Northwest retain its students?

We are seen as a welcoming Christian community. As a small campus, life-long relationships should be made relatively easily. So why would anyone want to leave this Northwest bubble? Why do people leave and what do they do afterwards?

Doug Seaton was a transfer student from Edmonds Community College, who came to play basketball for Northwest in the 07-08 season. He was enrolled in the communications program and lived in the greater Kirkland area, but enjoyed Northwest so much he wanted to live on campus. He eventually moved in with the 400 floor, but later realized school might not be for him.

"My reason for leaving was basically to take my energy to see if God had something else for me apart from school," said Seaton. "I'd been in school, including summer school, since high school, not knowing what I was there for."

Doug is now working full time for a marina in Seattle, and can sometimes be found working out at 24-Hour Fitness in Kirkland.

Two athletes from last year, Carleigh Newman and Colleen Woods both said they left primarily due to financial reasons.

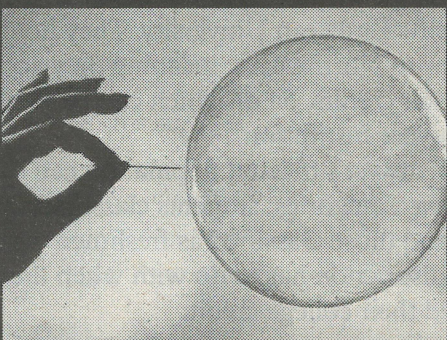
Newman is now working at a coffee shop in Bellingham, and Woods is coaching the Edmonds Woodway Varsity girls' basketball team, and going to Shoreline Community College.

Erin Newman is another student who has left Northwest. She would have been a junior in the nursing program but left because "I needed a year to do more things, I was happy at Northwest but had been working hard for four years and all of the sudden wondered why I was in such a rush. I am glad I have this year to get my life more in order before I start a nursing program next year."

Newman is now working as a caregiver in Kirkland and received her nursing assistant, certified degree. She is taking some classes at Bellevue College and working to pay off her loans.

College is a big step, and not always for everyone. On top of that,

take into account the expenses, and we might have found a few answers. There are many reasons why students will leave Northwest, we just hope the bubble doesn't burst for you.



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## Film Expert Shares Insight into Industry

By: Kirsten Phillips  
Editor-in-Chief

Vertefeuille.

"Being able to talk to someone who has already made those mistakes and adapted to those experiences is not something that you can get anywhere else," he said.

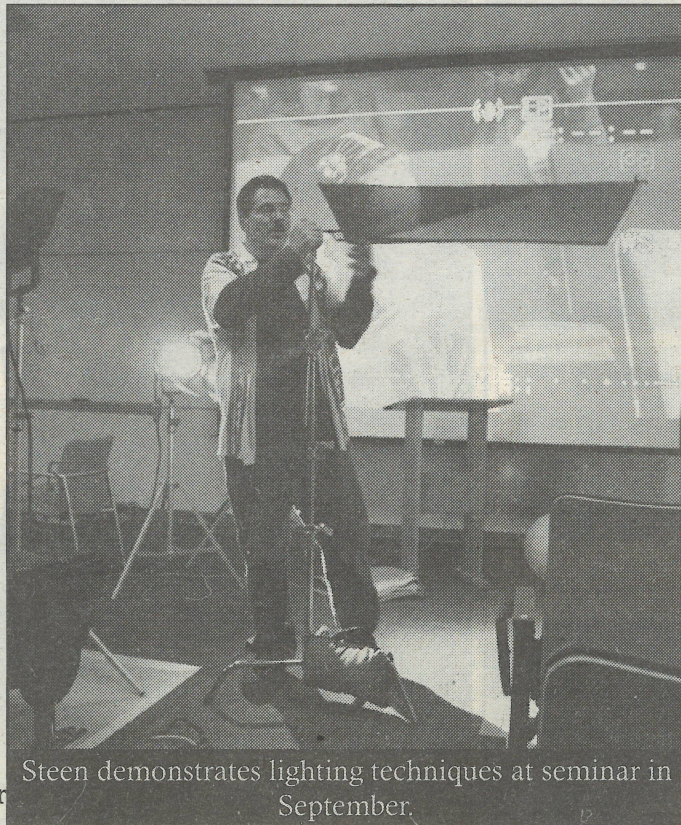
Russell Steen, an expert in videography, gave students, faculty, and the community members an opportunity to learn of techniques of video and film over a two-day seminar held September 25th and 26th.

"Anytime that I am able to talk with professionals in the field that I'm interested in, film making, I jump at that because people who have been working in the field for years have experience," said Peter student at NU.

Steen, who has been in the film industry for 20 years, currently works for Joyce Meyer Ministries as the Director of Photography.

His work can be seen in music videos by Queen Latifah, advertisements for MTV and Nokia, as well as major motion pictures such as *Wag the Dog*. He has also filmed a documentary for the Dream Center in LA.

A lot of beginning film is about making mistakes and learning from those mistakes, said



Steen demonstrates lighting techniques at seminar in September.

Gillespie, College of Arts and Science Dean Darrell Hobson, and the president of NU, Dr. Castleberry, brought Steen to NU to do this seminar.

"We were fortunate to have him give of his time to help our students. It was an inspiring time," said Gillespie.

To view a press release about the seminar visit: [eagle.northwestu.edu/talon](http://eagle.northwestu.edu/talon)

## Letter from the Editor

I have spent more than three year here and in my time here, I have seen many of my friends transfer out.

They have left for many reasons, such as financial status, while others have left because they felt God calling them somewhere else.

Every semester, I wonder what friends won't be in my classes because of them leaving. It is always sad to have to say goodbye to a friend because they are no longer at NU.

On the flipside though, I have made great friends that have transferred in. Every class I have this semester has multiple transfer students.

They have taken different paths to NU, some are true transfers while others are Running Start transfers.

Northwest has been where God has kept me for the past three years and I truly enjoy

being here.

All three years I have completed at NU have not come without thoughts of transferring out.

However, I am grateful that God has kept me here. Northwest is a place where we have professors that care about us and we have an incredible opportunity to get a Christian education.

I love sitting in my liberal arts classes and still being able to talk about God and how we might use our faith in our careers.

Northwest is where I have belonged for the past three years and it is where I will stay for the next seven months.

I am thankful for my time at NU and for the friends I have made, transfers and non-transfers.

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## What's Sweeter than a Creme Tangerine?



By: Christy Wolyniak  
Guest Writer

Northwest University celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Kirkland neighbors to the beats of the Beatles.

Graduate Enrollment Counselor, John Vertefeuille, who has attended a Beatles' concert before, said of Crème Tangerine's NU concert, "there's a whole lot less smoke and the [music] is nostalgic."

Roughly 400 people, both old and young cozied up on The Green in anticipation of a lively concert under the stars, while "the enrollment team stayed busy answering questions about [NU's] different programs and areas of study," said Dani Banke, executive assistant to the president.

Crème Tangerine has roots at NU as three band members, Dustin Shirley, Jeff Lockhart, and Chuck Dorsett, are NU alumni.

For bass player and vocalist, Dustin Shirley, being in the band was the "icing on the cake for him," said Sheri Shirley, Dustin's mom. Sheri attends most of Crème Tangerine's concerts when she can.

Since Crème Tangerine is a secular band devoted to playing nothing but Beatles, they are able to attract a large non-Christian audience.

People "come to hear the Beatles and then they're blown away when we tell them we're Christians who like to have fun!" said Dustin Shirley.

Executive Vice President, Dan Neary, joined the band for one song. Throughout the concert band members invited other faculty and stu-

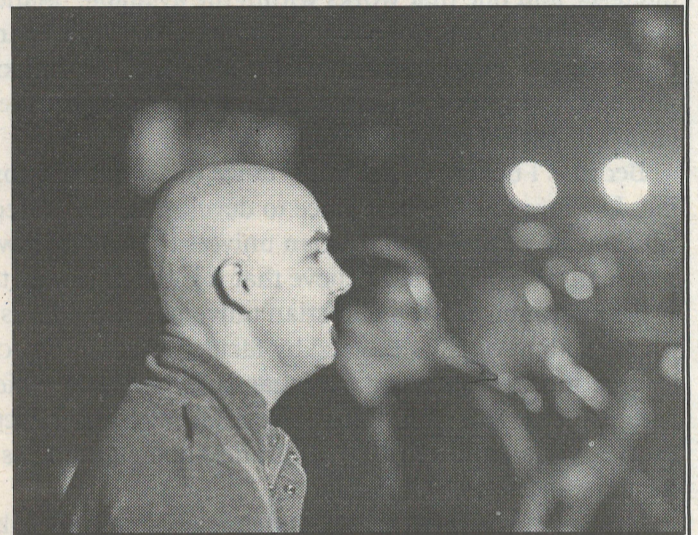
dents to sing or play guitar with them.

The band's line up of songs included some old favorites but also lesser known songs.

President Joseph Castleberry said that his favorite song is 'Revolution' because it is "so counter-revolutionary."

The band's fresh and energetic attitude had a positive effect on audience members. "I would definitely go see them again when they're in town," said NU freshman, Colin Withers.

The night ended with the popular Hey Jude while at least three generations sang, swayed, and waved cell phones in tribute. Crème Tangerine's concert was a "sweet" way to celebrate NU's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, inviting the community to the campus with open arms.



Dustin Shirley, Alumni of NU, of Crème Tangerine

## Transfers Cont.

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"Transfer students, from an Admissions perspective, include students who after high school attended a community college or a different four-year college/university prior to applying to and choosing to attend NU. Running Start students are not in the same category. They are new students with credit," said Sally Demos, admission counselor at NU.

Whereas true transfer students earn their college credit once they have graduated high school, freshmen with credit earn it while still in high school. According to Hendrickson, this translates to over half of this year's class entering Northwest with some credit, ranging from a class or two taken during high school to full AA degrees earned after high school graduation.

The reasons students transfer to Northwest as opposed to another school vary on a case by case basis. Annie Ashley, Running Start student and a senior in the communication department, transferred from Everett Community College to Northwest last year.

"I love all my professors here, and that they really care about their students, which makes me want to work even harder. Northwest really fits what I want to do better than Everett could. I like being more than an insignificant spot in a classroom, and having many different opportu-

nities to get involved with life on campus," said Ashley.

Some students even transfer from greater distances than community college. Adam Thalhoffer, Vashon Island native, transferred from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, Canada to Northwest this semester. He is a junior, major-

**"Northwest really fits what I want to do better than Everett could. I like being more than an insignificant spot in a classroom."  
- Annie Ashley**

ing in communication, and chose this campus because of familial ties and the Christian community.

"My brother, Josiah, came here, and I always just loved the school. I think it's a lot easier to meet friends here, just because of the relationship with Jesus Christ, and that just makes the atmosphere really nice," said Thalhoffer.

According to the numbers provided by Hendrickson, the main body

of traditional, undergraduate students is composed of 843 students. Sixty percent of these are continuing students, meaning that they were enrolled at Northwest last semester and have returned again this semester, and that 40 percent of the current student body is new, incoming students. Of that number, nearly 40 percent are true transfers, while the other 15 percent of the

transfer population are Running Start students.

Jessup said that Northwest follows the Inter-college Relations Commission (ICRC) standards for the transferring of credit, meaning the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) is followed, and that students can easily transfer credits in from any other accredited institution, based on standards outlined by the ICRC.

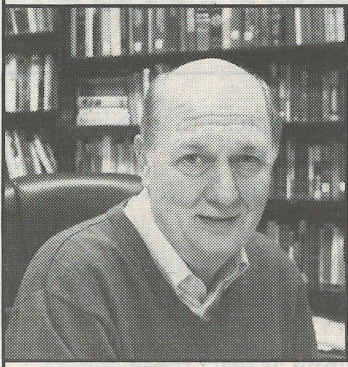
The idea of transferring credit, as with any other college credit, in the end comes down to graduation. "We have about a 45 percent graduation rate for our undergraduates. The number, or percent, of our transfer students who graduate as compared to those who start is about the same," said Jessup.

Although transfer students have to deal with the sometimes harsh transition between schools, innate in any such circumstantial change, they are often more motivated to work hard and finish their degrees. "Transfer students are amazing people to work with, because they have an understanding of how college works," said Demos.

Ultimately, transfer students are a growing group of individuals whose success rate of graduation equals that of traditional students. They just chose to take a different route to get there, and find, for their own unique reasons, that Northwest is the best way for them to complete their education in a Christ-focused environment of academia.

"There are a lot of unique qualities that Northwest University provides. I think any student looking for a university looks for that. Sometimes it's not what we do; it's who the student is. Who wouldn't want to come here? It's just a fit," said Hendrickson.

## Taking the Right Path to your Education



By: Darrell Hobson  
Guest Faculty Writer

Students are using many pathways to achieve a college education, some taking AP and Running Start courses while completing high school, others completing Associates degrees at local community colleges, others attending one or more colleges as they seek to find the educational path that best suits their interests, and one that works within the available finances.

Even though it is not really a new phenomenon, many people question the quality of education that students are getting, thinking that the best model for educational success is the traditional, four-year university program completed in a single setting.

Because I believe in the importance of the integration of faith and learning, I believe that the best place to develop an integrated approach to education is at a four-year Christian university like Northwest University. But, please note that I do not believe that it is the only way to achieve this goal.

The advantage that a Christian university provides is the context, a context intentionally designed by faculty selection, by curricular design, by creating an intentional Christian community in which a learner who accepts her responsibility for personal growth can effectively develop intellectual, social, and spiritual skills and understanding as a basis for living a meaningful life as a Christian.

I do, however, think that a student can effectively achieve an excellent education through a number of pathways. But there are some matters that one must consider in choosing which pathway is best.

First, students must recognize that a degree program is more than merely a random collection of credit hours and courses. Being an educated person, a person well-prepared to meaningfully engage her world, means that one has the following:

- Intellectual and learning skills that will allow her to continually learn and grow, preparing her to meet an unknown future;
- Awareness and understanding of a breadth of human knowledge, providing the basis for full participation in the culture as a thoughtful, well-read Christian;
- Logical processes and creative thinking skills that will enable her to envision a future different than the one that currently exists.

Second, careful planning is essential. For example, a student wanting to become a physician must take a common core of classes in the sciences. In choosing, quality of the course does matter, so select wisely and seek advice! Be sure to pay attention to the level of competence required for admission to a major. For example, you may find that a major requires calculus as a basic mathematical competency, yet you struggled to complete algebra in high school. This does not mean that you should not proceed, it merely means that you have some work to do, and that it may take you more time to accomplish your goals.

Third, read! Read quality Christian literature dealing with worldview, and about Christian engagement with the arts, sciences, and humanities. Read constantly about your field of specific interest. (If doing so does not interest you, this may not be the field for you—but at least you now know that!)

Fourth, seek out integrative experiences that will help you to develop the interpersonal skills necessary for engaging the world as a thoughtful educated Christian. Participate in Christian communities and organizations that allow you to express your values. As you are doing this, work at intentionally building a network of relationships and mentoring.

There are many pathways to a quality education and to a successful future as a thoughtful Christian. Finding the one that works for you requires that you pay attention, choose well, and then fully engage in fulfilling your God-given purpose in life: To glorify God and to enjoy Him fully forever.

## Business World Comes to NU Through New Professor

By: Jodie Castleberry  
Senior Staff Writer

Although his teaching career has been short, Tim Lucas, assistant professor of management, is already carrying the call of higher education.

"Having only had six full weeks of my time as a faculty professor, I know it's my calling. I couldn't tell you how proud I am to drive into that [NU] entrance every day," said Lucas.

This year Lucas starts as a new faculty member in the business department after adjunct teaching last September.

Business is old hat to him though, as he was very successful in the restaurant and airline industry for 20 years prior to coming to NU.

He described his time in the restaurant industry and how he was in transition from that industry, seeking out God's call on his life when the opportunity of teaching came up.

"I had a successful career in business and liked it and had no regrets and nothing negative, but it really wasn't my calling. It wasn't what I wanted to do with the rest

of my life," said Lucas, "I wanted to teach, specifically at the university level."

Like many at Northwest, Lucas is seeing his calling fulfilled in his time at NU.

"I honestly feel like God has led me here because the truth of the matter is, when I look at what's gone on in my life and just the extraordinary opportunity of timing," said Lucas, "the opportunity of Northwest came up."

After meeting with faculty members, John Bacon and Theresa Gillespie, Lucas decided to adjunct teach at NU, which led him to apply for a full time faculty position.

Lucas stood out to NU business faculty members because of his successful career in the business industry.

"He brings experience, real world experience," said Gillespie.

Because of his experience, he is able to bring business expertise into his classes.

"Professor Lucas offers real life explanations in the classroom because he has lived what he is teaching," said Haley King, a senior majoring in business management.

Students in his classes will not only get an education in business, but Lucas' heart is to see his students succeed in their future careers.

"He is a highly intelligent professor who really cares about his students and their future successes in the business world," said

Brian Swanson, Northwest senior who is pursuing his bachelors in marketing.

Having worked in the secular industry for the past 20 years, Lucas looks forward to the Chris-

tian environment at Northwest. He hopes that through his time here, he can impact more than just business majors through his courses.

"Business courses will strengthen their chance for success with anything that they're going to do, whether that's starting a church, organizing a mission or leading a nonprofit. There are so many business applications and principles that will strengthen their chance for success that can be learned from business courses as they go out into the world with their calling to spread the word."

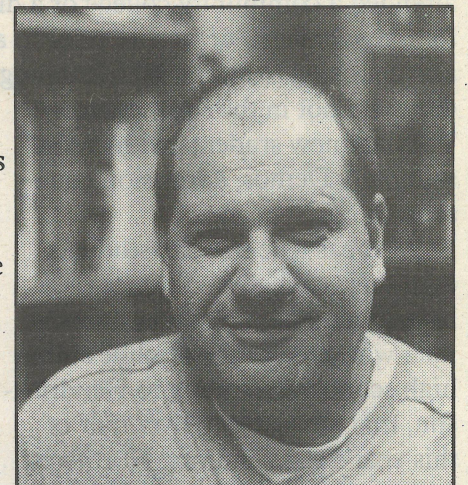
Alongside of teaching, he is also completing his dissertation in social entrepreneurship. He hopes that he can get students thinking about this topic as he studies it.

Lucas is teaching money and banking, macroeconomics, organization management theory, and operations management this semester.

"Tim has a wonderful sense of humor, that makes the classes enjoyable. He's very gracious, he is very kind to his students, respects his students, and he really cares," said Gillespie.



Lucas celebrates graduation with his parents, whom he is very close to.



Lucas enjoys his new office at NU.

## The Gate Keepers

By: Jodie Castleberry  
Senior Staff Writer

Along with the hundreds of new people arriving here on campus this fall, you may have noticed a few who wear badges.

NU has hired a new security team with four new officers protecting the campus, Puget Sound Security replaced Securitas this fall and will greatly enhance student safety because of their vast experience in educational settings, according to Security Director Joel Butz.

"Puget Sound has had Lake Washington School district for the past 20 years so they are not new to a school environment," he said. The company "gave us people who had been working with Puget Sound for many years," according to Butz.

One face that you may still recognize is Puni Mikaele, site supervisor, who was working for Securitas but switched over to Puget Sound. "The new team is working out well. They've been here not even a month yet, and they're doing a great job," said Mikaele.

Mikaele's positive attitude and hard work make him a continued asset to the campus. He is a retired marine core gunnery sergeant, Vietnam vet, and one of the nicest guys you're going to meet. Whenever Mikaele walks into a room, you can't help but

smile at his personality. He is affectionately called by his first name by nearly everyone on campus.

With the new team in place, Butz can focus more fully on long term campus safety.

"We had very little university planning before we made this transition because I was here as Security Director, but I really wasn't. I was more of a site and shift supervisor. I would monitor the daily security function, but I was also patrolling a shift and that doesn't allow time for security management," Butz said.

"Since we've made this shift, and now we have someone doing the day-to-day patrol, now I'm available to do all the planning and things we've been doing the last couple years."

Now Butz is devoting much of his time to preparing for future disasters.

Butz plans to have the new team work closely with the campus community.

"One of the things about patrol work, as a former police officer, you have to know your beat," he said. "You have to know who belongs and you get a sense of who belongs and who doesn't."

He encourages us, as students, to build relationships with team because it will help them do their job better.

"Our new security officers, they don't know the beat yet and there's an adjustment

there. So the more they get to know who belongs, the more they get to be comfortable with people on the campus," he said.

Butz wants people to come up and say that person doesn't belong so that officers don't have to wonder if that person belongs here.

I love our security guys and their hearts. I'm looking forward to getting to know the new guys as well and hope you do too.

Here's some tidbits about them:

The guys work in shifts and Mohammad works the swing shift starting at 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

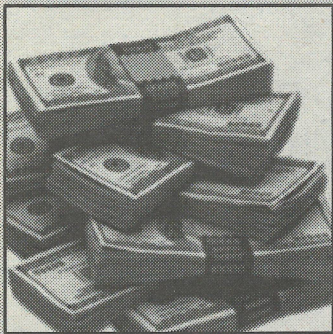
Marcus works the graveyard shift from 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. and he and his wife recorded a gospel album and they're working on a second album (so he's the guy who lets you in when you forget the code after a late night bubble tea run to Seattle).

Our weekend guys who work here 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. are Brian and Richard. Brian is a college student, working his way into the working world while getting his education, and Richard served in the Navy for six years.

"We don't have gates because we're an open campus but we're the gate keepers," said Butz.

## Jessica's Political View: Financial Aid

By: Jessica Orr  
Staff Writer



Lets face it—college is expensive. The economic downturn in America today forces the cost of college education upward. The question on every student's mind is—"How will I pay for it?"

"We'll let you borrow more than you can afford," said Vickie Hampton, financial planning processor at Texas Technical University.

"One of my colleagues accumulated over \$100,000 debt earning a Ph.D. in English—a debt she would most likely never pay off during her lifetime," Hampton told Smart Money magazine.

The average cost of private, four-year colleges has doubled over the last 20 years and is now roughly \$23,712, according to Issues for Debate in American Public Policy.

Many students worry that jobs they land after college will not pay enough to tackle such heavy loans. Northwest University sophomore, Allison Hull, believes students entering ministry fields will not make enough money to pay off such high debts. Humanities and education majors may feel this stress as well, as they often enter into low-paying fields.

Federal financial aid attempts to lower student debt by providing subsidized loans and federal grants to students who have financial needs. If you qualify for federal aid, there are certain problems of which students should be aware.

Smart Money Magazine provides these tips for students: 1) Each year, the amount of subsidized student loans you can withdraw increases. However, an expansion of your loan causes you to qualify for fewer grants. 2) The cost of tuition increases a little each year, but colleges will not necessarily increase student scholarships to meet the needs of higher tuition costs.

Common problems students face with federal financial aid stem from errors made on their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

The Obama administration plans to simplify FAFSA by eliminating asset questions that do not determine a student's eligibility. National organizations that act as watch dogs say this change would be an improvement and have little impact on Pell Grant eligibility—a federal grant program supported by the U. S. Department of Education.

Other changes in the system include a program that limits monthly payments on federal student loans based upon the borrower's income. People with incomes 150 percent below the poverty line will not have to worry about payments at all. Others will owe as little as 15 percent of the amount due, according to U. S. News and World Report.

However, this system still has knots that the government must untangle. While the plan covers some interest for borrowers who can't afford it, for others, debts will increase as interest accrues.

As federal financial aid increases, colleges are raising their financial aid as well. Surprisingly, spendy private colleges are becoming more affordable than public—simply because of private donors. "The more expensive and prestigious the school, the more likely it is well endowed and can meet 100% of need, thanks to alumni donation campaigns," said Bedford, Massachusetts financial planner.

While federal financial aid is an option for some students, private scholarships are another way to shave off college debt.

Look for small scholarships—\$500 to \$1,000—and apply for several. These scholarships are released to smaller groups of people, unlike larger national scholarships. Organizations such as Fast Web and the College Board post new scholarships online everyday and help students find which ones they qualify for.

Students are more likely to win several smaller scholarships than one large award. Remember that a scholarship is a gift, not something you have to pay back later.

Scholarship applications are free and give you the chance to earn up to thousands in free cash just for answering a few simple questions—what can you lose except your student debt?

Comments? E-mail [talon@northwestu.edu](mailto:talon@northwestu.edu)

# Ministry

## NU Crews 2009-10

By: Racheal Arteaga  
Ministry Editor

The applications have been received, the interviews completed. After all has been said and done, there are so many wonderful small groups on campus, it would be hard to pick our favorites. Each and every one of the potential crew leaders have put their hearts into creating a small group for the 2009-10 school year that will combine both passion for a purpose and the heart for creating closer community on and off the Northwest University campus.

With that said, the Campus Ministry interns have selected three unique crews that show promise in involving many students and faculty in leadership and ministry. Our hope is that students will find a crew that fits them perfectly—it shouldn't be hard. With over 30 crews to choose from (listed below), there are limitless options, whether you choose a crew that is into beading, beatboxing, or good ol' Bible-reading. Don't forget, in exchange for building close friendships and discovering a new hobby, attending a crew regularly also counts for two chapel credits per month.

So get involved—join a crew. We promise, you're gonna love this stuff.

### Crews in the Spotlight

#### Sending Hope Overseas to Every Sole (SHOES)

Who: Kaitlyn Clouse  
Contact Info: kaitlyn.clouse07@northwestu.edu  
When: TBA  
Where: TBA  
Why: "I am currently in the process of starting a non-profit. We will be doing a shoe drive spring semester and are looking for people with a passion for overseas and/or brainstorming to help combat the devastation that is poverty."

#### Lighthouse Street Ministry

Who: Kelli Graham  
Contact Info: kelli.graham07@northwestu.edu  
When: Friday, 6:30PM  
Where: Meet in the Aerie to carpool to Westlake district of Seattle.  
Why: "To see Christ in the homeless and form relationships through humble service, consistency, and prayer so that they might know God better. Lighthouse enables people to experience a different culture: the culture of the homelessness. By interacting with this culture, people get to see the love and grace of God in powerful ways. People's stereotypes about the homeless crumble."

#### RUACH Dance Crew

Who: Chris Cheema and Kalie Messick  
Contact Info: kalie.messick@northwestu.edu  
When: TBA  
Where: TBA  
Why: "To come together as believers fellow shipping through dance and worship in choreography, with multiple styles of dance while improving our ability and skills of dance to minister to each other and our surrounding community."

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## NU's Fall Faith Challenge

By: Racheal Arteaga  
Ministry Editor

As Northwest University enters its 75th anniversary as an institution of both a higher education and a biblical foundation, it is fitting that we reflect on the disciplined life. Part of being a Christ-follower is growing closer and deeper into both knowledge and love for Him, and while it's not often easy, discipleship is a necessary part of this journey. The appropriately-named Fall Faith Challenge was introduced in chapel on September 18th, ushering in a new challenge for students this semester. This challenge involves making the deliberate choice to give up time for prayer, fasting, studying God's Word, and weeding out attitudes, thoughts, and actions that don't reflect the character of Christ. While the Fall Faith Challenge gives specific suggestions about the number of chapters to read and memorize, or the time to pray, the challenge is more than just a rulebook to follow to the letter. It's a completely voluntary symbolization of something much more important than the number of minutes prayed per day. This challenge is for each and every student at Northwest University, those who want see a deeper, fuller relationship with God. In chapel on the 18th, nearly 400 students signed a posterboard with the challenge printed on it, declaring their commitment to seek God first in every moment this fall. Discipleship is a lot more than obeying rules—it's accepting grace and choosing to respond with a change. Small suggestions they may be, but give it a try for a week or so. We promise, this training will become a habit, which will become a total life transformation. Discipleship is not easy, but it is worth it. Are you up to the challenge?

### FALL FAITH CHALLENGE

- >> **READ A CHAPTER A DAY** Psalm 19:7-14
- >> **MEMORIZE A VERSE A MONTH** Psalm 119:9,11
- >> **PRAY 7 MINUTES A DAY** Luke 18:1
- >> **FAST EACH WEEK** Ezra 8:23
- >> **FOCUS ON ONE GROWTH PRIORITY EACH MONTH** Luke 2:52
- >> **GET INVOLVED IN A MINISTRY: JOIN A CREW** 1 Peter 4:10

## Student Opinions on the Fall Faith Challenge:

"I think it's good to have a goal, but not be so confined or constricted to it. I don't think it's a bad thing, but I didn't personally feel called to this challenge." --Tiffany Kent

"I'm not doing the Fall Faith Challenge because I already have a similar challenge I'm following for church. You can definitely get a lot out of following the faith challenge though because it helps exercise discipline and self-control." --Rachael Ratzlaff

"I'm following the challenge. It's something I've been wanting to do by myself. But it's great to have the encouragement of everyone else." --Emily Holman

## Upcoming Chapel Speakers

By: Racheal Arteaga  
Ministry Editor

What do a Navy chaplain, a survivor of human trafficking, and a pastor who is impacting Whatcom County have in common? They are three of the upcoming speakers in chapel, highly recommended, with stories and passions that will both change and challenge the students of Northwest University.

Dr. Alan Keiran, along with his wife, Sally, is the co-founder of Dunamis International Ministries, which seeks to bring renewal to the church through the power of God's Holy Spirit. Together they have ministered to the body of Christ in preaching, teaching, prayer, ministry, and servant leadership roles in ministry in the Navy Chaplaincy and presently through his work at the U.S. Senate. Dr. Kieran will be speaking in both chapels on Monday, October 19th.

On Monday, November 16th, Rani Hong will be telling her story of being sold into slavery and bondage at the age of seven. Now free, Hong and her husband founded the Tronie Foundation to provide worldwide restoration of victims

of human trafficking and those vulnerable to exploitation. A subsidiary of the Tronie Foundation, "Homes of the Freedom," is opening the Northwest's first recovery shelter for human trafficking survivors. Ultimately, supporters envision this shelter as becoming the template to expand these shelters across the United States.

Finally, Grant Fishbook from Christ the King church in Bellingham will be bringing the word on Wednesday, November 18th. Fishbook is passionate about youth ministry, but also about blessing the unreached in our own state. "After a decade of youth ministry, I joined the team at Christ the King in 1999," Fishbook said. "I was immediately struck by the passion of the people for reaching the lost and broken of Whatcom county. I was excited because that is my passion! The mission, vision and values of Christ the King are a reflection of the godly people who call this church home. We care about people and our mission is to introduce them to Jesus and then allow them to experience real community."

Much of the above information is from their individual websites (see [www.troniefoundation.org](http://www.troniefoundation.org)), so check out the rest of the websites for a

better sneak peek at the upcoming chapels. It is a blessing to have each of these esteemed leaders, pastors and speakers come to reach out to you and I in chapel.

So don't miss the opportunity to learn and listen to the lives and ministries of these incredible servants of Christ. Their stories are life-changing and a testimony to the faithfulness of God's hand in their lives; Northwest University welcomes Alan Kieran, Rani Hong, and Grant Fishbook to the pulpit expecting great things from these upcoming chapels. Don't miss out!



L to R: Kieran, Hong, and Fishbook

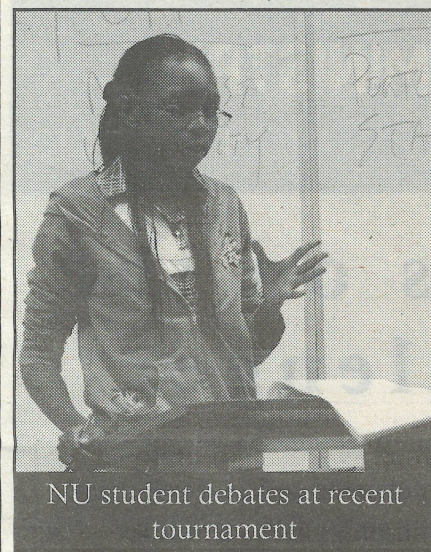
## Debaters Hit World Circuit

By: Jessie Fast  
Senior Staff Writer

This year's debate team proves to be more popular than in previous years.

The growing number of team members constitutes a group of intensely disciplined and determined individuals, ones who study an argument from both sides in order to engage in a stimulating game of parliamentary role-playing with each other in practice and with other teams from around the world at tournaments.

Gary Gillespie, team coach, and department chair of communication, is aided in leading this year's team, one of the biggest Northwest has seen in several years, by Nigel Reed and Jason Sandford. The team of six returners and



NU student debates at recent tournament

six novices, lead by team captain, Morgan Chinn, plan on developing "a core research base...on 350 topics" and "of having four high-caliber teams by the end of the year," according to

Chinn. With twelve

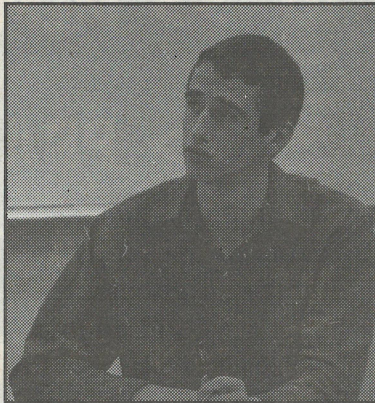
students on the team this semester, Gillespie

desires "to see debaters strive for excellence in completion, maximize their potential as critical thinkers and public communicators and to live out the values of the evangelical Christian worldview."

Additionally, over the next year the team plans on sending four students to the United Kingdom for the Oxford and Cambridge competitions, six students to Hawaii for the Pan Pacific Tournament, and the whole team to tournaments in Washington and the surrounding states, and to the University of British Columbia.

Chinn said that, "challenges the team faces this year are to overcome the somewhat daunting research goal by the end of the year," and of "keeping the aspect of tight community alive," in addition to "first and foremost representing Christ in all that we do."

"Debate will greatly impact one's life for the better, if only the doors are left open," said Chinn.



Evan Powell listens to a debate.

## Ask Kate

Dear Kate,

Living in the dorms is amazing, I love it! It seems like every other night me and the girls on my floor go out for a late snack. However, lately my wallet has been feeling thin from all these Bubble Tea and Starbucks runs. How can I save money and still have a great time with my girls?  
- In Need of Cash Bethany

Dear Bethany,

It's great to know you are enjoying college life. However, I know how easy it is to spend your cash flow on fun with friends. I remember watching my paychecks completely disappear before my eyes. Just know, you don't always have to spend money when you go out; you can just go for the trip. Sure, late night munchies are great when acted upon; however, if you feel like your cash flow is hurting, STOP SPENDING. Another way to keep track of what you spend your money on is by keeping a "cash book." Keep your receipts and write down what you spend your money on at the end of the day in a notebook-- your "cash book." Later, you can look back upon your book and create a budget.

-Kate Springer

If you have a question for Kate, feel free to email her @ AskKateNU@gmail.com

## International Student Plans to Assist Churches

By: Janie Kliever  
Senior Staff Writer

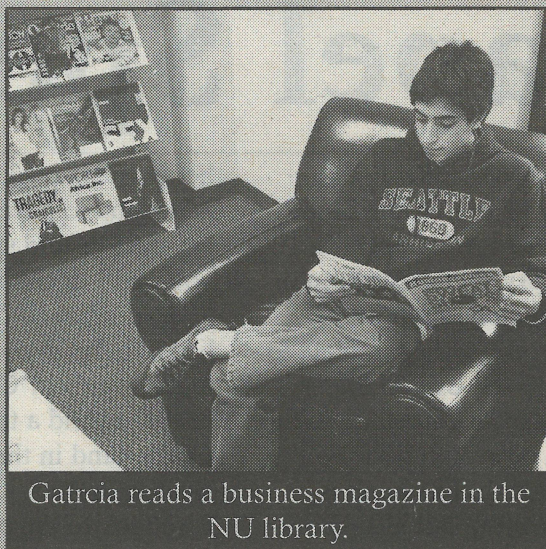
Who wants to be a millionaire? Bernardo Garcia does. I was initially surprised by this candid declaration, but later learned of the unselfish and generous nature of his comment and what led him to pursue that dream here at Northwest University.

"To help people, donating to church and to missions... that's my dream. I want to build my own company, if God wants it. I feel that I could help that way," Garcia shared.

Garcia, a freshman this year, plans on pursuing a degree in business management, and with the help of his entrepreneurial spirit, hopes to become financially successful to an extent that allows him to aid missionaries and Christian organizations in their efforts to serve God.

He came from his home in Ecuador only a few short weeks ago and views his journey leading to Northwest University as nothing less than providential.

After graduating from high school, Garcia knew he wanted to come to North America to continue his education, and seriously considered joining the Master's Commission, a ministry training program, but kept Evangel University in Missouri and Trinity Western University in Canada in mind as other options. The Castleberry family, who spent time in Ecuador doing



Garcia reads a business magazine in the NU library.

missions work, is friends with Garcia's family, and President Castleberry suggested that Garcia look at Northwest as a fourth option.

So began the whirlwind journey that led Garcia to NU. After devoting some serious prayer to his decision, he felt a peace about coming to Northwest and knew that God had guided him in the right direction.

"Sometimes the doors just close because it's not the way, but everything just opened and we could see that that was God's will," he said.

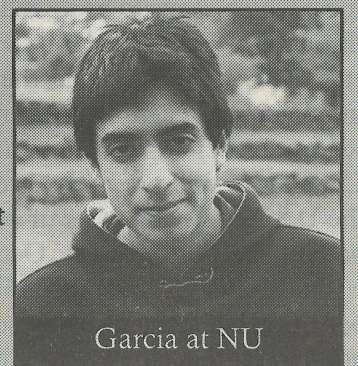
Originally, Garcia intended the Spring 2010 semester to be his first, but when NU administrators agreed to admit him without having taken the SAT (with a commitment that he would take the test as soon as possible), he decided to come a semester early. With only one month before his move to Washington, Garcia had little time to prepare. He filled his summer with planning, studying for the SAT, and improving his English.

"Everything was so fast," he said. "It was amazing that I could come here. I'm very happy."

At first, Garcia was concerned about making friends and feeling welcome, gauging from his brother's experience at Evangel U, but "when I got here," he said, "I felt this particular feeling of family... You can really feel the moving of the Holy Spirit here."

Because he has been able to interact with American missionaries in Ecuador, Garcia understands on a very personal level the difficulties that missionaries face. He fosters a particular passion for churches, missions, and Christian universities, where he desires to provide scholarships that enable students to go out into the world well equipped.

Garcia's dream of enabling college students for meaningful work in the world seems to echo 2 Timothy 2:21—we should be "vessels of honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, and prepared to do any good work."



Garcia at NU



## Drama Hits the Stage at the Fall Play

By: Janie Kliever  
Senior Staff Writer

The ravages of war, forbidden love, family secrets—the NU Drama Department's upcoming fall production has all the makings of a stellar performance.

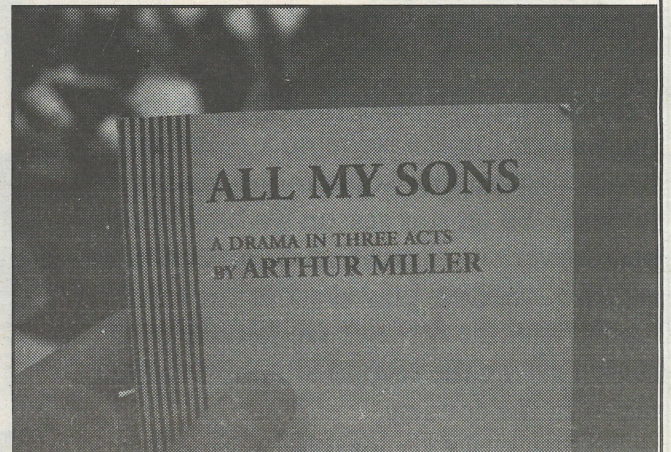
All My Sons, a play by Arthur Miller, takes audiences back to the tumultuous times following WWII, and chronicles the struggles of the

Keller family.

"The show is really about responsibility and trust towards and in your fellow man," said cast member Amanda Lapsansky, "and puts forth an example of how one person's or two people's decisions affect everyone around them, even people they've never even met before."

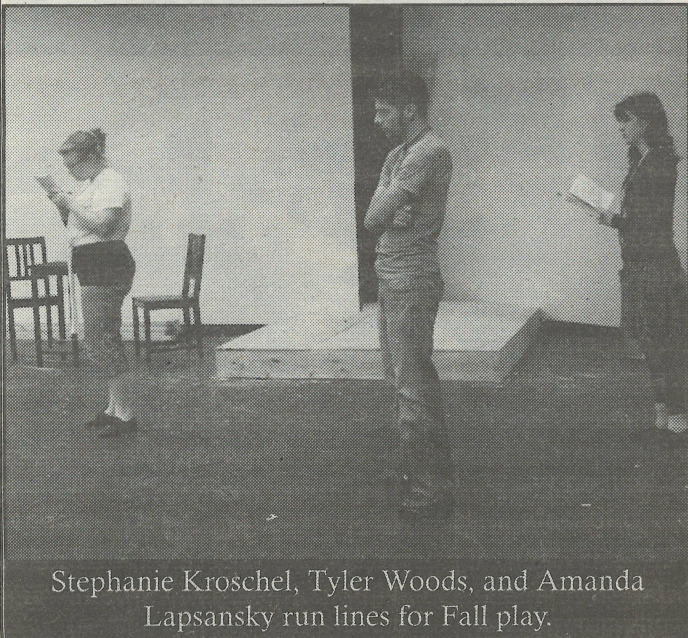
Aaron Bulger and Stephanie Kroschel will be playing Joe and Kate Keller, and Tyler Woods and Amanda Lapsansky are cast as Chris Keller and Ann Deever. Sean O'Leary, Addison Faber, Mikki Janeway, Andrew Weber, and Kelsey Rainwater will appear in supporting roles. Anne Hitt, production stage manager at Seattle's Taproot Theatre, will also assist the cast and crew this fall.

The members of the Keller family, Joe and Kate and their sons Chris and Larry, grapple with the repercussions of war as they strive to resolve family tension. Joe, the head of the family, has sacrificed everything in pursuit of the "American Dream": health, wealth, and happiness for his family. But when only one son returns from war, the family must fight a battle of their own when Larry's childhood sweetheart Ann is caught between Chris' romantic attentions and Kate's emphatic dis



approval of the relationship. To add to the conflict, "as the action of the plays moves forward, it becomes clear that this family is wrestling to come to terms with the truth of a dark secret," said Director Chrystal Helmcke.

All My Sons will premiere November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Millard Hall and will continue through November 21, at the same time each night. Tickets may be purchased in advance through the NU Bookstore, \$6 for students and \$10 for general admission.



Stephanie Kroschel, Tyler Woods, and Amanda Lapsansky run lines for Fall play.

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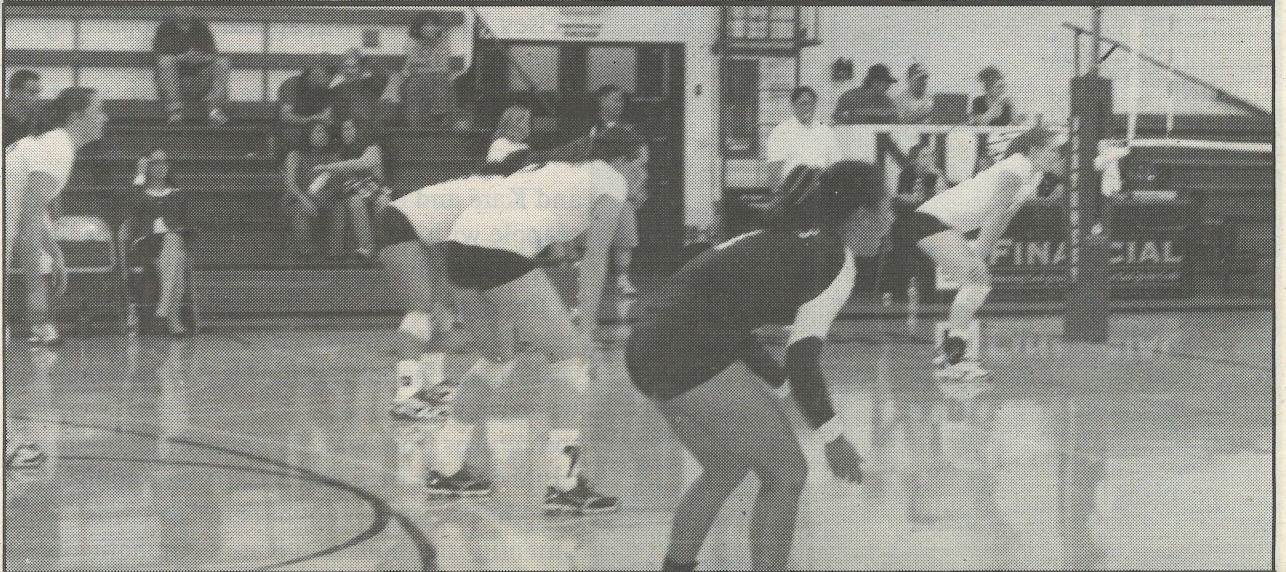
## Young Volleyball Team Looks for Success

By: Josh Desimone  
Staff Writer

The Northwest Volleyball team is one of the youngest in the conference. "We have two freshman, four sophomores, and three juniors. So far this season we have been playing very tough competition. Out of 14 matches, we have played six of the top 25 teams, with the first two weekends of our season seeing the second and third ranked teams in the country.

With that, we are learning a lot and improving a ton." Says Coach Dietrich. "Everyone on our team is contributing. All nine players have played almost every match." Said Dietrich.

Lauren Holtz, Junior captain predicts the team "will just miss making the playoffs, but it's hard to tell since our season is only halfway over. I'm predicting a fifth place finish." Holtz reminds us that "we are growing together as a team of nine and were looking forward to keep improving." Look out next year for the Eagles volleyball team as they continue to add quality players to their program and gain experience for their youthful squad.



Photos submitted by NU student and volleyball player Noel Meyers

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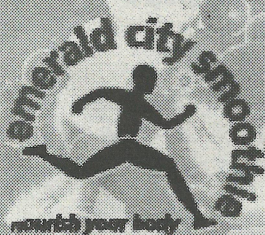
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## Renovations Take place with New Intramural Sports

By: Josh Desimone  
Staff Writer

Want to look good in those jeans and sweaters this fall and winter? Be a part of the intramural sports being offered this fall semester. These sports include: powder puff football, football, soccer, volleyball, frisbee golf, ultimate frisbee, ping pong, and pickleball. If you don't know how to play, it doesn't matter just attend one of the events and you can learn alongside your colleagues. Be looking for an announcement in the first week of October for concrete dates and times for each one of these sports. For ping pong and pickleball, there will be a tournament held at some point in the semester. As for the other sports, show up and teams will be picked accordingly. With the exception of football due to the teams already organized and have started their season.



Taylor Martin during an intramural football game.

Northwest Student Government Intramurals will be having an Intramural board to help out with each of the different sports offered for the first time.

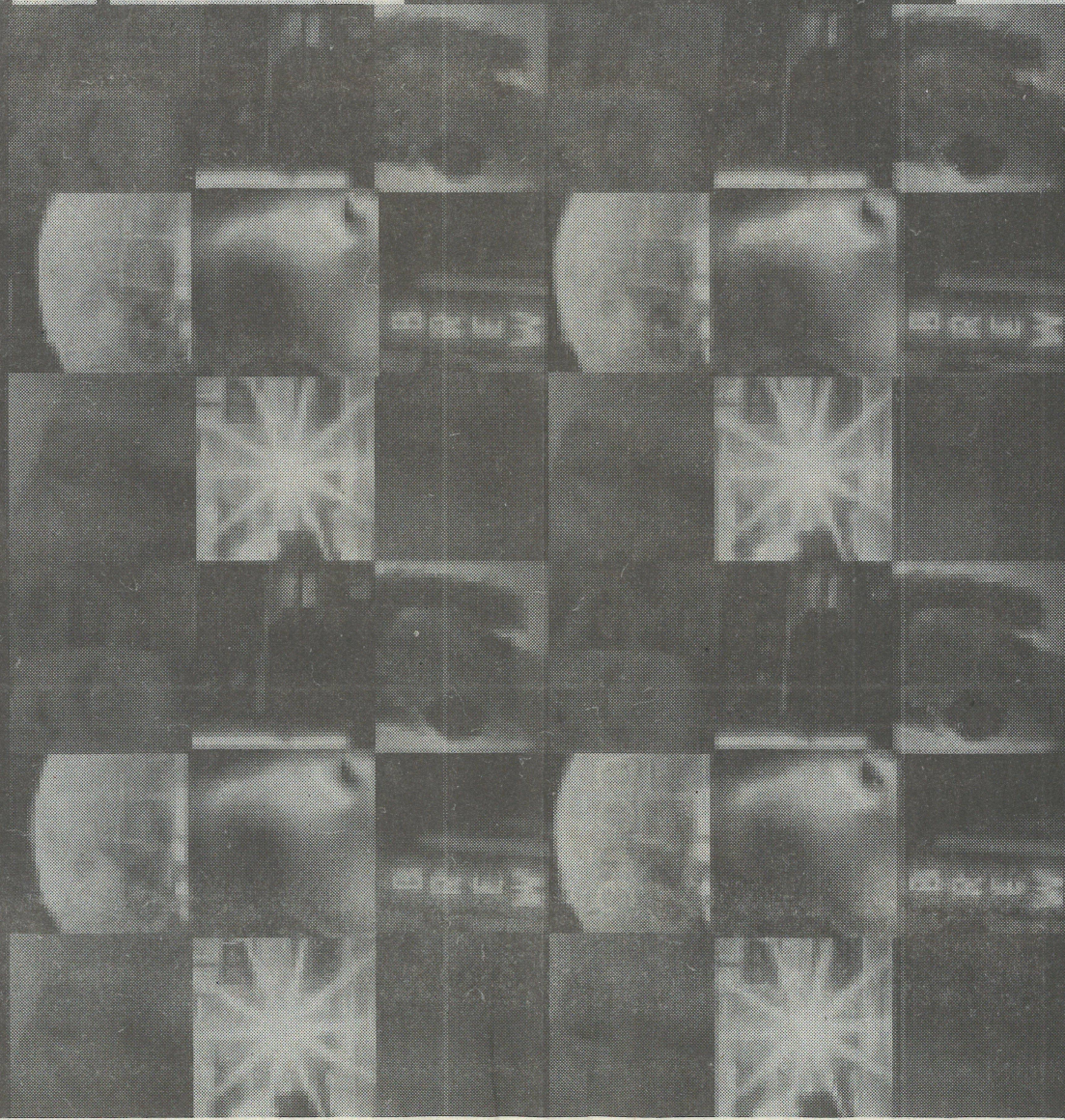
The intramural board will help facilitate and coordinate sports alongside Andy Weber, the intramural coordinator.

"It's nice to be able to put other students in a leadership role to help with the intramurals," said Weber.

Ten people have volunteered to help be a part of the intramural sports community. They will work with Weber to help create new intramural sports such as ping pong tournaments and pickleball.

The board meets bi-monthly to brainstorm new ideas and discuss past events to better the intramural program at NU.

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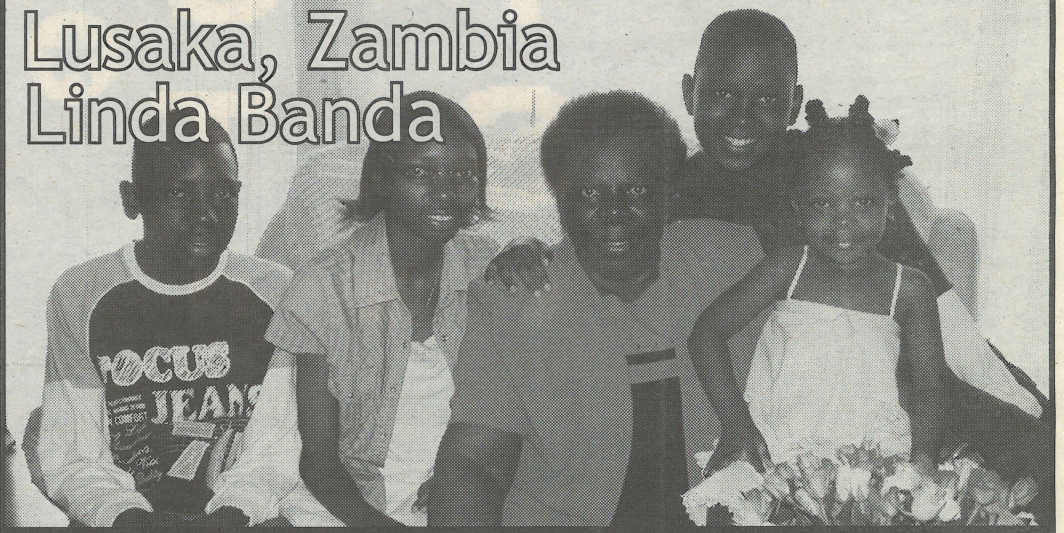
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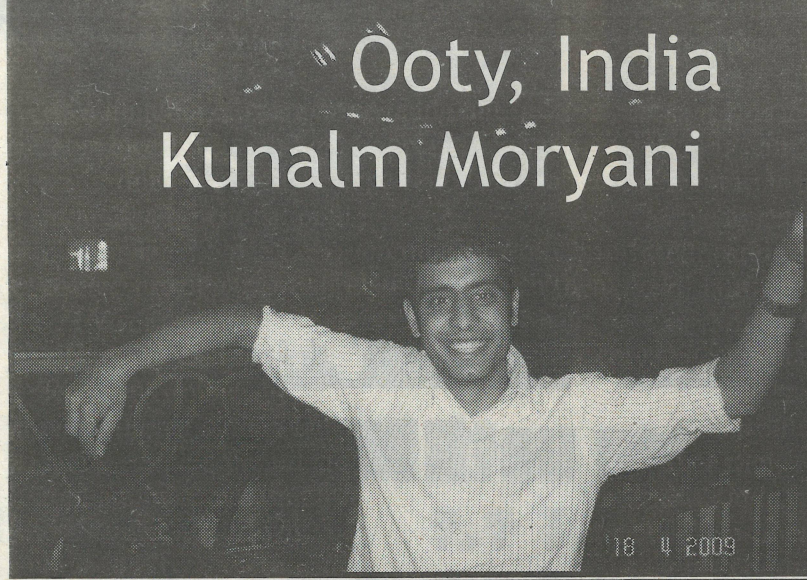
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