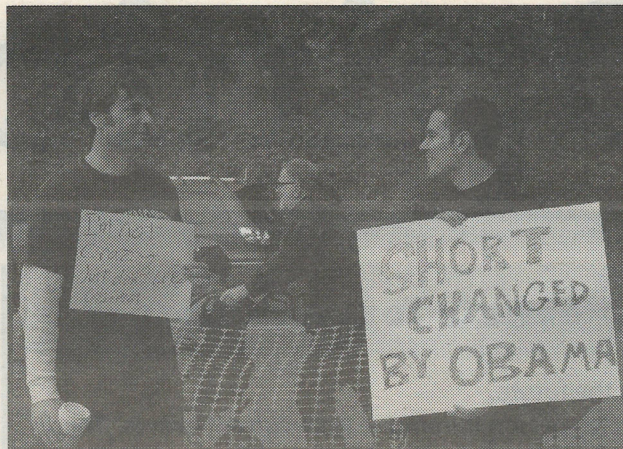


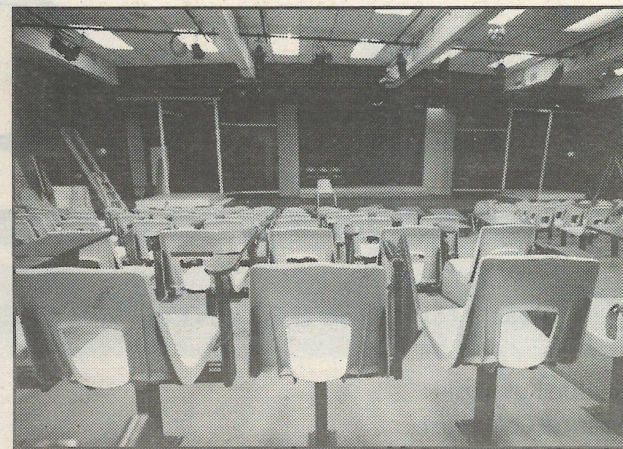
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## NU strives to stand out in a competitive college market

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*Seeking solutions to market to the outside community*

Timothy Edward Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

NU is preparing multiple strategies to grasp the attention of prospective students in an ever-increasing competitive college market.

Selling an NU education is trying to market a \$100,000 investment to a buyer who has many choices.

Other colleges and universities significantly increased discounts to students and made financial aid packages more attractive.

Seattle Pacific University changed their funding discounts last year so that they became financially competitive with NU, according to President Joseph Castleberry in the faculty council meeting last Thursday.

Another marketing obstacle NU faces is its common name.

"There are 50 some colleges in the country that has some version of Northwest in their name," said Associate Vice President for Marketing, Merlin Quiggle.

It's confusing to people that receive brochures or letters in the mail from a Northwest, Northwestern, Northwestern Christian College, or Northwest University.

Still, the marketing team and admissions staff work closely together to target potential students.

"We, the staff of the admissions office, do everything that we can to get students to apply, confirm and enroll at Northwest University; however, making connections with other NU people, helps in this process," said Director of Traditional Admissions, Jessica Velasco.

Three enrollment counselors, as well as Velasco, attend college fairs, visit high schools and community colleges, and have individual visits with prospective students.

### Application fees are waived through November 15

As an added incentive, "we are waiving the application fee for all students that fill out the application online



Photographer Thien Lai suggests one way Northwest University could market to prospective students

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between now and November 15. Our application fee is \$30, but we didn't want the \$30 application fee to stop students from applying," said Velasco.

Other reasons for the waiver are because many competing universities are also waiving their application fees, so NU has to compete with the competition.

"In addition, we waive the application fee for any student that visits campus," said Velasco.

Enrollment, financial aid, registration, transcript evaluation, and housing are all possible reasons why prospective students have chosen not to attend NU.

"We had a record number of applicants this year, we had a 150 more

applicants than we had the previous year," said Quiggle, "these looked like solid applicants... then at the last minute they didn't come. We're working on finding out those reasons. We have some ideas, we [have] some things we are researching and going to fix, but we don't know."

In the last nine years, the average percent of students that applied, were accepted, and actually attended NU, was 40 percent. The conversion rate this year was 29 percent out of 978 applicants.

Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Dan Neary, is one of many who're focused on figuring out the possible reasons for student no-show's this fall and prepar-

ing to face these issues in meetings with prospective students in late spring and summer.

"I'm confident that we'll continue to identify areas that need improvement and we will find solutions. I'm also confident that we won't find one simple answer or solution, but rather a number of integrated initiatives; this is a complex challenge that will likely require complex solutions," said Neary.

### The athletic department a major avenue for NU publicity

"Athletics is one of the 'front porch' departments of the university. It is visible because of the exposure to the media and because the teams travel

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# Opinion

## Shelbe's Soapbox: Current events for dummies

Shelbe Kukowski  
Political Columnist

Students are too ignorant on this campus. Obviously, we all went through an admissions process and had to be selected to enroll at NU, which strongly suggests that there is a certain level of intelligence present on campus.

However, I assert that in order to be a truly well-rounded student and productive member of society, we need to be aware of international and domestic current events.

Too often students become absorbed in the NU Bubble, but I maintain that the "Bubble" only exists when students fail to seek news outside of campus.

Why is it important to know about current events you ask?

For business majors it is important because current events worldwide affect business, from changing policies to stock values.

Education majors will one day need to refer to these events while teaching social studies to their students.

National legislation has recently transformed the medical industry and surely this should be of interest to Nursing and Pre-med students.

Communication majors will someday have to research, interpret and report current events for other citizens.

Those majoring in missions would be well-served to understand the political, social and economic dynamics of the countries to which they may travel

"Knowledge about current events is imperative to becoming a well-rounded, intelligent, and productive member of society."

Shelbe Kukowski

in the future.

No person is immune from current events. These events will affect all our lives and future careers in some capacity.

It's each student's responsibility to know, at the very least, the major headlines in the US.

Many students come to NU to receive a well-rounded education, but that cannot be achieved unless individuals are willing to make the effort to educate themselves outside the classroom and read about the issues being debated, the wars being waged and the policies being decided in the vast world outside the NU "bubble" because these matters will ultimately affect all of us in some way for the rest of our lives. There is no excuse for ignorance about what is occurring out in the "real world."

Long past is the time when our parents were responsible for being our main form of news. As adults, we need to be informed. Not only about what is occurring on campus, but in the US and around the world.

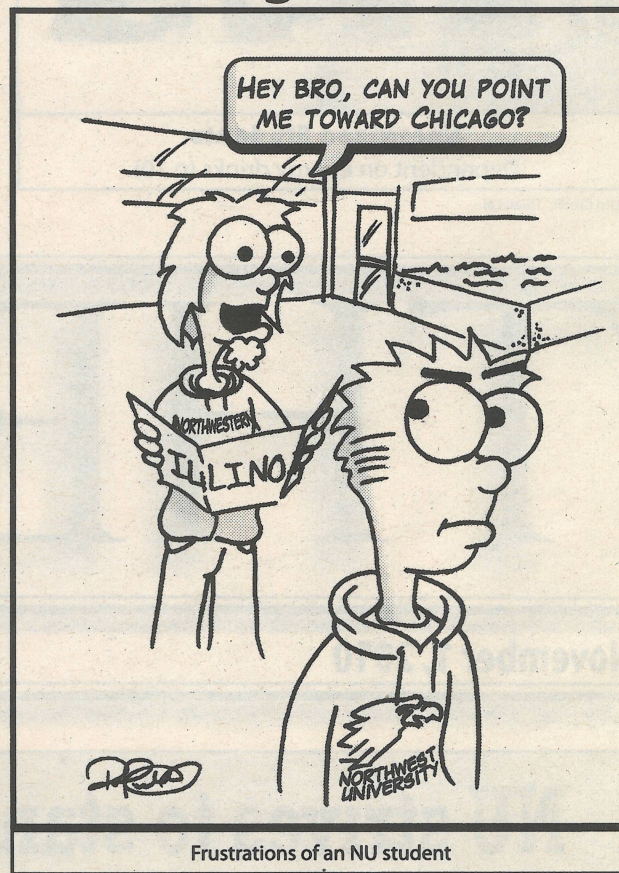
Knowledge about current events is imperative to becoming a well-rounded, intelligent, and productive member of society.

By failing to take an interest in the history being written around us every day, we are defaulting to ignorance.

If we expect to contribute to the world in a meaningful way, we need to have an understanding of the history, politics and social dynamics that shape it.

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## A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Christy Wolyniak  
Editor in Chief

Elections come to a close this week, as students and voters seem muddled in their political choices.

I went to my very first political rally on October 21. It opened my eyes to the many different political views of Washingtonians.

In the Patty Murray political rally, people kept saying, "it's up to you," and enforced this idea of how valuable we as young people are to the world around us.

As voters, we have a voice and it's imperative to use it. I never really valued voting in the past. After this rally, even though it was pro-Democrat, I discovered a newfound passion for learning about government initiatives.

Even though I could've gotten beaten to death by Patty Murray posters for saying I was a Republican, the overall experience was exciting for me.

Our voices, and the voices of our community matter. As far as I am aware, we're the only college newspaper on this side of the water. It's our job to cover what happens

over here.

As such, The Talon will be including a Community News section of our paper in which writers will go out and report about things that are happening in the community around us. We want our news to pertain to you, NU students and faculty. It's also important to reach out to our Kirkland neighbors and report news that impacts them.

What do you think? Do you want to read more community news if it pertains to you too? Do you want us to devote an entire page just for comics, poetry, or music events?

This is your paper. If you don't tell us what you want, we'll just keep guessing and hope we intrigue you, make you laugh, or make you think. Speak up NU!

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### Say What?!

The Talon incorrectly printed in its 3rd issue, "Unexpected Gift" story, that two donors gave the university funds. Correction: one donor: Hobby Lobby Stores Inc. gave funds.

"Regius Award Event" was incorrectly attributed as 'Regis.'

Please e-mail any other major factual errors to [taloneditor@northwestu.edu](mailto:taloneditor@northwestu.edu).



## NU's future plans *continued from page 1*

all over the Pacific Northwest and the USA," said Sports Information Director and Men's Basketball Assistant Coach, Al Kawashima.

Soccer, volleyball, basketball, cross-country, and track and field athletes market the university everywhere they compete.

"We don't really actively market, but indirectly we're doing it by sending out a press release or we get our name published in a newspaper or on the web. It's a good way of putting our name out front and getting familiarity with our school," said Kawashima.

While athletics markets indirectly, Quiggle directly works to create good marketing for all the programs that NU has to offer.

## Quiggle created two magazines that advertise to two different audiences

One publication is for students and the other for NU alumni and friends.

"We started a publication to send to prospective students, called 'exit 17'... this is designed to be a recruiting piece to prospective students. It doesn't come across real aggressively as advertising, it's to give people a feeling for the place and to just help them with what they are thinking about," said Quiggle.

It is called "exit 17" in reference to the route you take off I-405 to get to NU. According to Quiggle, President Castleberry also commented that the name is symbolic for a teenager exiting the age of 17 and becoming an adult at 18.

The publication features articles on sports, ministry, science and nursing programs, a faculty profile and other features on programs about the school.

The other publication is, "Northwest Passage", which is similar to "exit 17," but it is made to appeal to alumni and friends.

"If you went here 20 years ago, you may not know we added, business, nursing, and we have pre-med and we have Creatio," said Quiggle.

"Northwest Passage," lets people know NU is still committed to preparing people to serve God.

"We are very, very committed to preparing people for ministry, in whatever form that takes, but we have some

other things that maybe you didn't know about. So when you're talking to high school kids in church or maybe your thinking about giving or whatever, this is an update thing," said Quiggle.

## NU buys mailing lists of prospective students that have interests similar to what NU offers

Quiggle then works with enrollment to mail out these publications to nearly 20,000 prospective students, and over 15,000 alumni and friends.

"You can buy mailing lists; there are companies that survey high school kids and they find out various criteria about what the kid is interested in... we figure out all the categories of potential students that might be a fit for Northwest University and then we buy those lists," said Quiggle.

University administrators are currently fine-tuning marketing tactics and seeking better ways to attract students.

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## Faculty Voice Speaks Up: Another fine mess

### Americans are smarter than Obama makes us out to be

Kevin Cooney  
Guest Writer

We the voters can make a mess of things by electing leaders who make an even bigger mess. This election is primarily about fixing a mess we the American voter made. In 2008, the American voters wanted "anybody but Bush."

However, President Bush was not on the ballot, Barak Obama was and he seemed to be a blank slate of "hope and change" that we elected him without really checking his personal qualifications to be the American President.

Barak Obama is now our professor-in-chief. He, like most professors, (at least until there is a faculty meeting), considers himself to be the smartest person in the room. The problem is that he is not.

This may shock most of you, but I believe that at a basic common sense level, Sarah Palin is a lot smarter than President Barak Obama. How can I say that? Barak Obama is a Harvard Law and Columbia graduate and Sarah Palin is...well...a graduate from the University of Idaho (no offence to those of you from Idaho).

"Obama described working class Americans as 'clinging to their guns and religion' in order to explain why working class voters opposed him."

Kevin Cooney

I can say this because Sarah Palin has a fundamentally better understanding of the American people, our needs, dreams, and hopes than our President does because she understands and listens to us.

Who can forget that day in 2008 when candidate Barak Obama described working class Americans as "clinging to their guns and religion" in order to explain why working class voters opposed him? Now he is at it again. Repeatedly, both he and his staff have said the problem with America is the American voter.

For example, in an October 18 speech in Massachu-



Professor Cooney shares his political views

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setts, the president again blamed the American people for "failing to think clearly" and being guided by "fear and frustration" with the economy. The president's mantra on the campaign trail (when he is invited at all) implies 'it's not my fault it's you, the voter's, fault.'

On Wednesday morning, if the polls are correct, Barak Obama is going to wake up to a new reality, a Congress full of people that he may wish that he had treated with respect. Who is he going to blame for this? If his past teaches us anything about him, he will keep blaming us, or anyone but himself.

The problem with this kind of thinking on the part of our president is that he fails to understand the fact that democracy at its most basic and most fundamental level trusts in the wisdom of groups.

That is to say that collectively, we are smarter as a people than as individuals. Obama on the other hand feels that he is smarter than the majority of America.

The democratic majority, like individuals, can make mistakes. However as Abraham Lincoln (or possibly PT Barnum) once said, "you can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

We as a people are figuring out that we made a mistake in the last election cycle. Our president on the other hand has not figured out that he has made a mistake in believing that he is smarter than the rest of us put together.

Today is November 1. We are a day away from an election that may change the course of American history.

Wait! Didn't we have that election just two years ago when a candidate promised to end wars, rid the nation and the world of poverty, lead a global chorus of "Kum Ba Ya," and above all fix Washington, DC once and for all?

Oops, he wasn't "god," and thus couldn't do all he promised us he would do and above all he forgot to listen to the people who put him in office.

We American voters made a mistake by putting our faith in a person who will not listen to the very people who elected him.

Will we do it again? Well maybe those "Tea Partiers" will do what Obama would not: listen to us.

Our politicians are human and fallible, but in the end, most are well intentioned as long as we do not put our collective faith in an individual (this side of heaven) or political parties we should be OK.

However, we must trust ourselves by remembering that we Americans have elected great leaders, good leaders, and bad leaders in our history but we mostly have elected the good rather than the bad.

They are dependent on us; if we vote, use our collective wisdom, and punish them when fail to listen. By the way, did you vote?

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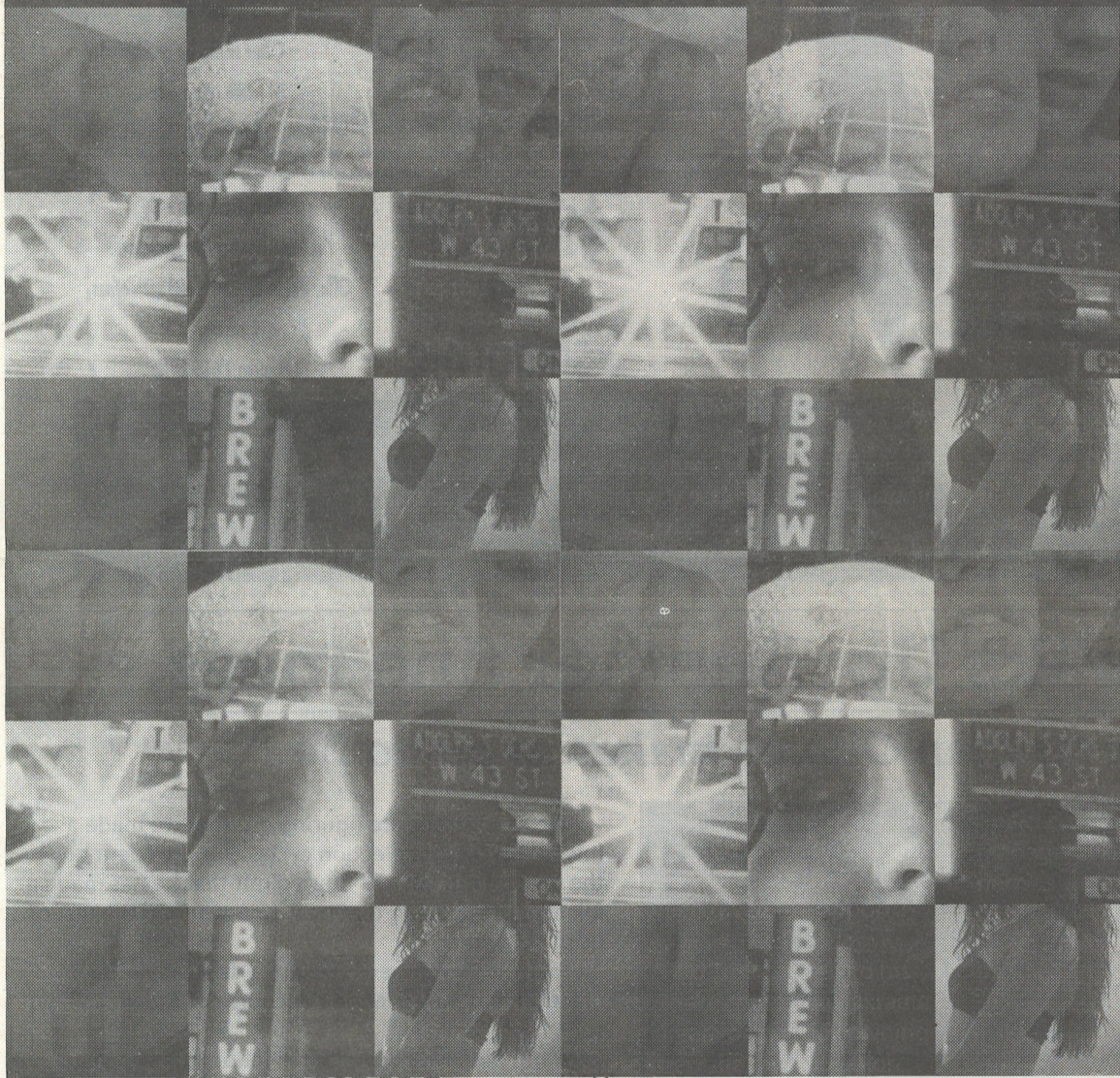
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## Houghton City Council Relationship Strained

Anuheka Akamine  
Senior Staff Writer

Northwest University has forged a delicate alliance with the Houghton community following years of friction over problems in the neighborhood.

"I think it has been in the past, somewhat adversarial," said Lisa McConnell, Central Houghton Neighborhood Association Chairperson, regarding NU's relationship with the Houghton community, "there have been some things that the university has done that hasn't been done quite as smoothly as the neighbors would have liked," she said.

According to McConnell, neighbors raised complaints recently over NU's decision to lease the athletic ball fields to lacrosse teams on Saturday mornings. Neighbors were upset about volume levels and trash thrown into neighboring properties.

Steve Sankey, director for Campus Planning and Construction Advancement at NU said there were instances where neighbors caught lacrosse players using the wooded area near the fields as a restroom.

Neighbors have also voiced concerns over the noise level of the bands playing during Pursuit on Monday nights. This issue is currently under review and in the midst of resolution by NU, according to Sankey.

"My job is to know what's going on with neighbors. The reason that's important is because we didn't always care all that much," he said.

Some Houghton community members say that NU has a reputation for being a bully.

"The perspective from the neighborhood is that offering an apology rather than asking for permission seems a lot easier for NU," said McConnell.

According to Sankey, earning trust within the community takes time. Despite his eight-year role as ambassador between NU and Central Houghton, not every operation is ideal.

"I think we've developed a respectable working relationship. Is every day 'peachy keen and sweet?' Not always," he said.

Despite positive perspectives and a focus within the administration to be mindful of neighbors, NU still carries a stigma that for some community members may be, according to the McConnell, difficult to forget.

"We're better than we used to be," Sankey said, "we have worked our tails off to be better neighbors and we're still working on it."

According to Houghton neighborhood zoning codes, NU is required to have a master plan. If NU wants to ex-

pand or change the master plan in any way, NU must bring it before the Houghton Community Council and present the plans at community planning meetings.

According to McConnell, schools make up nearly a third of the Houghton Community, and NU, as 60-acre property located right in the middle of a residential area, makes an impact.

"The Houghton neighborhood cares a lot about how the master plan works at the university. Whenever the master plan is being amended they are going to get people in there talking about it," said Nancy Cox, city staff person to the Houghton Community Council.

McConnell describes the Houghton community as resistant to see change, regardless of whether it is good or bad.

"When NU is developing and expanding, that's when I get complaints," she said.

However, McConnell says that these complaints are not disproportionate in the community.

"Just like any institution neighbors take issue with how their neighbors are acting," said Cox.

NU's efforts towards acting as good

neighbors, like student participation in community work days and NU attendance at neighborhood visioning meetings has impacted Houghton community members.

"Northwest University did get involved with our neighborhood plan update. Which, I took as a proactive step on the universities part," said McConnell, "one of the things the NU students have done is that they volunteered in the park restorations. It's helpful that the neighbors get to meet the people that live there on the campus."

According to Cox, NU is beneficial to the city of Kirkland on a whole.

"The students are contributing and the green space is beautiful," she said, "occasionally we get complaints, but again we see complaints all over the city, so it's not more than others."

Recognizing that solidifying a reliable, lasting relationship between NU and Houghton is, according to McConnell, like a two-way street.

"I'd like to establish more of a relationship between the university and the community because the neighbors need to treat students as a part of the community," she said.

According to McConnell, students are encouraged to attend Central Houghton Neighborhood Association meetings. To keep up to date with what is going on in the community, information can be found at [www.houghton-lives.com](http://www.houghton-lives.com).

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## What's on the ballot

### I-1101

I-1101 would dissolve state involvement in hard liquor sales including removing state distribution centers, doing away with the traditional "three tier" system of manufacturer to distributor to retailer. This privatizes the sale of liquor and would allow any business to buy liquor directly from the manufacturer.

It would allow the sale of hard liquor in bulk at discounted prices, doing away with WA bans on volume discounts.

Supporters of I-1101 include large grocers like Costco. Smaller businesses and grocers are opposed to I-1101 because of their inability to compete with the prices of super stores and large retailers. Others who oppose I-1101 believe that the abolition of volume discount bans will remove the "checks," on selling hard alcohol, which may lead to greater binge drinking.

### I-1105

I-1105, like I-1101 intends to remove the state out of sale and distribution of liquor, privatizing the sale of liquor retail and distribution (beer, spirits and wine).

It would close state held liquor stores and in exchange the state would allow licensed private parties in the sale and distribution of spirits through a distributor, maintaining and expanding the "three-tier" system to include hard liquor.

The legislation must come up with new ways to fill the void the state liquor tax would leave, forcing retailers and distributors to pay a percentage of gross sales and require the Liquor Control Board to place a new tax on spirit sales.

Those in opposition of both I-1101 and I-1105 fear that greater accessibility to hard alcohol will lead to an overall decrease to public safety.

### I-1107

I-1107 would reverse 2010's referendum 52, which will amend the temporary state tax laws on candy and bottled water and temporary excise taxes on soda. It would also restore to makers of some processed foods containing meat, fruit or vegetables a business and an occupations tax rate.

Elimination of I-1107 would, according to Washington Secretary of State, make it difficult for the state to pay for projects, like energy efficiencies or health care and education that are dependent on that revenue. Furthermore, I-1107 would leave a \$200 million deficiency.

The biggest supporters of I-1107 is the American Beverage Association. Those in opposition to I-1107 want to preserve taxes on soda and candy to avoid drastic health care and education cuts.

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## Obama's visit pushes for Democratic vote

Christy Wolyniak  
Editor in Chief

President Barack Obama's rally for Senator Patty Murray demonstrated how deeply divided citizens are over how the country should move forward.

One college student held an anti-Obama sign of Obama with a Hitler-stache as thousands of people packed into a pavilion on the University of Washington campus on October 21.

"The country is disheartened by the financial collapse. It discourages me. I'm looking for [some] energizing [from this rally]," said a private citizen before the rally.

Other students and citizens sold Obama pins to people in line, or passed out fliers for voting initiatives.

"Young people matter," said UW student body president, Madeline McKenna.

Obama and Murray approached the stage together to a roaring and cheering crowd. Murray began with, "Enthusiasm gap? I have four words for them. Come to Washington state!"

In between Murray's speech, excited supporters burst into chants of "Patty," with red posters and homemade signs waving proud, and began to boo when she spoke of her opposition, Dino Rossi.

According to Murray, Rossi staked his entire campaign on one word: no. She referenced the Bush administration, and how Republicans want to go back to the same policies that "landed us in this mess."

"I'm not saying I'd never vote for a Democrat," said Kathryn, "Just because people have different views doesn't mean they can't work together."

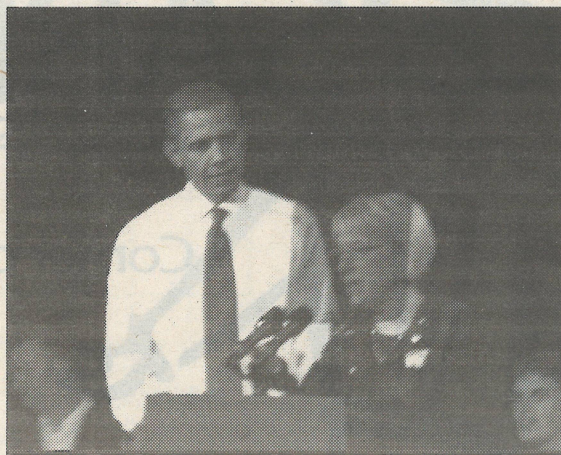
Diehard Democrats and Republicans alike listened to the speech, taking away different perspectives.

"Obama attempted to be a visionary. He had ideas of

hope, but hasn't followed through," said UW student, Britany.

Obama used an analogy of him and Murray pushing a car out of a muddy ditch, with Republicans on the road above yelling down to them, "Push harder."

"If you want your car going forward, you put it in D. If you want it going backwards, you put it in R," said Obama, to an



President Obama and Patty Murry speak at UW rally

Photo: Christy Wolyniak

uproarious crowd.

He said that Republicans are "battling amnesia, betting that we'd forget who caused this mess in the first place. [It's up to you], Seattle, to tell them...you haven't forgotten."

In reflection of his speech, student John McLeod said, "It was more negative than I'm used to. Earlier on in the campaign, [Obama] was more positive...it was like he was blaming the [economic] mess on the Republicans."

"People were pumped about [the rally]. It was a show of force for Patty Murray, hopefully she'll beat out Rossi" said McLeod, from Idaho.

More than 10,000 students and citizens headed into UW's pavilion to see Obama headline Patty Murray's get the vote out rally.

Inside, an enthusiastic crowd did the wave a few times in between waving large red Patty Murray posters.

A local Seattle choir sang unifying songs such as "God Bless America," "Lean on Me," "Amazing Grace" and others before the crowd took part in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the choir, various student leaders, a marine veteran, and multiple county executives and state congressional representatives spoke in support of Patty Murray, voting, and Democratic ideals.

Other speakers validated the Murray campaign and pointed out what Democrats such as Murray are doing right, and how Republican Dino Rossi opposes everything Obama is trying to do.

"I will be introducing the Dino Rossi, 3 Strikes You're Out Bill," joked Jay Inslee.

"With the help of Murray, we're pulling ourselves out of that mess [that Obama and Murray] inherited," said WA Governor, Christine Gregoire.

"Obama needs a congress to support him, not oppose him," said congressman Norm Dicks.

One such party that opposes Obama is the Tea Party protesters.

"[The Tea Partiers] are effective to an extent. They [seem] frustrated with their own party and other parties. They're too extreme for me, but I think they're getting heard," said UW student, Kathryn.

Elections end tomorrow. Follow Obama's advice and get the vote out for whoever you think is the best candidate to direct our state senate.



## THE NEST DIVIDED :

### Should students have to sign statement of faith?

#### Sign it if you mean it

Matthew Moroni  
Staff Reporter

To some, the idea of signing a statement of faith is an undesirable and debatable one. The question at hand is whether or not a student should have to sign a statement of faith and declare that they share theological beliefs and values parallel to those of the institution; a requirement for acceptance to the university.

We've all heard of that 'one student' at Northwest: the individual who signed the paper just so that they could be accepted to the university. Maybe they wanted a hefty scholarship they were offered, but the Christian beliefs were standing in the way. Maybe their parents are missionaries to some foreign country and the only way the student was getting their education paid for was if they went where mommy and daddy wanted.

Call me crazy, but I don't understand why someone would want to attend a university with such strong beliefs if they did not relate to them.

If students disagree or have no faith to declare, they are sure to run into issues and problems later during their enrollment at Northwest. What about chapel attendance and bible/theology classes?

If students didn't have to sign a statement of faith, they might just argue that they don't agree with those things and thus are exempt from attendance to such gatherings.

I don't think that students are signing a paper agreeing that they will 'believe certain things,' as they are signing a document stating they *do* agree with certain things.

Times have changed, and it might be true that signing a faith statement is a bit outdated, but you can't necessarily change that. Things are the way they are, and there needs to be some sort of regulation at a university that values faith for its foundation.

Students can believe what they want, but if they're going to willingly and knowingly attend a private university with the values and beliefs of Northwest, they need to agree to the policies and standards set forth.

If Northwest did not have a policy in place like they do, I fear that they would eventually develop into one of those schools where people are surprised when they find out it's 'Christian.'

One such university would be pretty general, but with some Christian theology classes and an optional weekly chapel to attend. Think hard and I'm sure a few 'Christian' schools around the US will come to mind.

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"Why someone would want to attend a university with such strong beliefs if they did not relate to them."

Matthew Moroni

#### Paper can't change the heart

Jessie Fast  
Staff Reporter

To attend Northwest, you have to sign a statement of faith.

Although this attempts to bring together the faith base of the community, perhaps the campus as a whole would be better off if this rule were revoked.

Then the student body could be more diverse, and true faith could be voluntary.

The requirement to sign a statement of faith implements something of a double standard for the university body. All undergraduates are forced to sign a form claiming that they agree to believe certain things.

However, this same policy does not apply to graduate students. Since the two levels of students attend the same university, either both groups should have to agree to a statement of faith, or neither should.

Nothing about the beliefs of the university change between the undergraduate and graduate facets of the school, so this consistency

should be reflected in the contracts forced upon its students.

Moreover, behavioral contracts are not the same as faith contracts.

Agreeing to behave a certain way is a valid method of regulating what goes on in a specific place, in this case, campus, in order to establish a contract by which to punish those who disobey the rules and to maintain the privileges of those who do not.

Agreeing to believe a certain way, however, is a method for pushing an agenda and squelching free thought. It creates a cookie-cutter effect, in which students claim to believe a certain way because it is required, not because they genuinely believe it.

This is indeed ironic for a campus which wishes to convey a diverse student body, but then inherently excludes anyone with a differing worldview. Requir-

ing incoming students to sign the statement does not project an image of genuine believers.

Although some students genuinely do agree with the stan-

"Signing a piece of paper will not in any way change the state of a person's heart."

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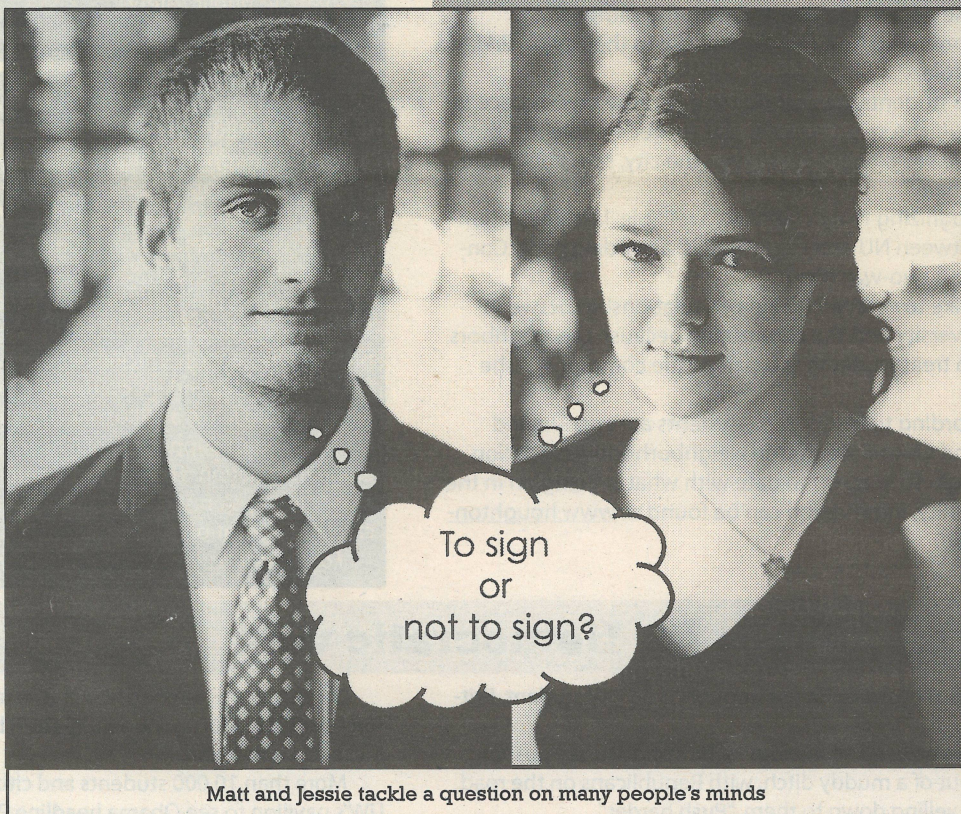
dards of the contract, more students, even those who are Christians, differ on certain points.

Forcing all to agree to one standard does not encourage discussion, the understanding of different perspectives, or diversity within the campus. It instead fosters secrecy and fear of disagreeing with the powers-that-be.

Faith is not a thing which can be contracted. Following Christian standards of behavior does not inherently mean one has to be a Christian.

Conduct can be enforced without the necessary inclusion of a statement of faith. If a person really and truly believes something, like Christianity, that belief will exist whether or not a contract is signed. If it is not believed, signing a piece of paper will not in any way change the state of a person's heart.

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Matt and Jessie tackle a question on many people's minds

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The Northwest University Choralons 2010 being true to who they are

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## Ministry team director always serving

Janae Lovern  
Ministry Intern

There are many people hard at work on the Northwest University campus that many students probably have no idea who they are other than the fact that they have seen their faces many times throughout the semester.

Campus Ministries would love to introduce you to an amazing woman who is an extremely important part of our campus and has a huge heart for the students she works with.

Ministry team director, Tracy Laas takes care of many things behind the scenes for Choralons, summer ministry teams, and other Campus Ministry needs.

She's a huge part of the behind-the-scenes work for Choralons every year and schedules the choir's spring tour which takes place in Oregon this year.

Also, Laas has the responsibility of finding and scheduling events, transportation and hotels.

The Choralons put a big emphasis on ministering to people through their musical gifts. Laas is responsible for finding and scheduling people and places for the students to have the opportunity to minister to people. For example, last year Choralons reached out to homeless people in San Francisco.

Tracy spoke highly of the Choralons team this year and explained how

ministry is a huge part of the students involved.

"Not an average University choir, they are worship-focused and it is evident that the students are passionate about their individual walks with the Lord," said Laas.

Outside of Choralons, Laas is responsible for the summer ministry teams at Northwest University. Two of those teams are "Crossing," and "ACTS."

The teams travel around during the summer to different student audiences (mostly summer camps) reaching out to students that they meet through their performances.

Last year's ACTS team featured three NU students, Carl Erickson, Breanna Welk, and Jenny Lubanovici.

Through meeting Laas and finding out what she does at Northwest, I was able to discover something important, as students we take for granted the amazing love and devotion that many people on campus pour into our school and fellow students.

Laas' office is located in the Campus Ministries office which is inside the Pecota center.

I would like to challenge all the NU students to take the time this semester to get to know or just share your appreciation with a person you may not know who spends a great deal of time and effort making sure that as students we have the best experience we can in college.

If we didn't have people like Laas and many others who care so much about us, Northwest University just wouldn't be the same.



Tracy Laas helps out behind-the-scenes

Photo Credit: NU Information Services

## CAMPUS MINISTRIES PRESENTS: MOVIE NIGHT AT NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY

Once a month Campus Ministries will be showing a movie in hopes of allowing students to relax from homework, fellowship with friends, and have a good time!

## A WALK IN GOD'S CREATION

We've complained about it. We've rejoiced in its glory. And we've wondered how on earth it came to be- creation.

As I was trying to find an outfit for the day, I realized that it was too cold for a t-shirt but too warm for a winter sweater; a dilemma that always strikes my wardrobe when November starts to creep up on Washington's weather patterns every year.

As I stepped out the front door of my house, fashioning a short sleeved sweater, jeans and a light jacket, I stepped into a pile of crunchy leaves and a smile inched its way across my face. I looked up and found my heart leaping at the glorious sight of God's amazing creation.

A vast array of colors painted across the outdoors and the fresh cold air brought everything to a stand still as the world started to wake up.

I find it fascinating that even amidst all the chaos that man has brought among the world, God still has control and He is still making things beautiful everyday.

Despite all our problems, financial issues, car troubles, or complicated relationships, there is an amazing world flowing around us that is so enormous and complex that we can't even explain it.

Today as I ponder these thoughts, I am so thankful for the amazing love that God has for us, all of us. Even though we may have a million things going on, it's important to take a minute, or even two, to look around at the great and mighty things that the Lord has made.

Sometimes we get caught up in thoughts about creation like it's something that only occurred once a very long time ago, but let's just go about these precious fall days in awe of the beautiful pictures God has painted on our surroundings.





Eagle Guard, Ahmaad Cook, looks to steal ball from VIU's Billet.

Photo Credit: Shannon Kestner



Fans support NU's Basketball team at the first home match.

Photo Credit: Shannon Kestner



Senior Tyson Christie's dunk contributed to NU's 90-59 win against VIU.

Photo Credit: Shannon Kestner

## Cross Country Looks Back At a Season Well Run

Danielle Mercier  
Staff Writer

Northwest University's 2010 Cross Country team has enjoyed a successful season and looks forward to serving God through their athletic talent in seasons to come.

Sickness, injuries and a lack of training time initially kept runners back this season. But in Mark Mandi's second season of coaching the cross country team, he felt the team has made great progress.

"Every time we go out there, there's a memorable moment," said Mandi.

According to Mandi, though the team struggled in the beginning of the season, they reached new heights at the Puma classic in mid-october.

Juniors, Seth Bridges and Paige DeLapp, took the top men and women's spot on the team. Bridges finished with an 8k race time of 25:51. DeLapp finished with a 5k time of 18:58. Sophomore, Matt Porter, was a close second for the men.

In a more recent meet at the WWU Invitational held on October 23, only eagle women raced. Delaap again finished with the team's leading time of 23:50 in the 6K race. She came in 36 out of 117 runners. NU left WWU with an overall finish of 9th place and was the only NAIA school that competed at the invitational. The lady Eagles ran against a number of NCAA Division II schools.

The team now looks forward to seasons in the future and is excited for a summer of training with hopes for new record-breaking times. Aside from success, Mandi has hopes for a faith driven team.

"I pray that performance isn't the thing that drives us or me, but Christ," he said.

The team will round up the season at Klamath Falls for the Conference Championship on November 6 for a chance to qualify for nationals.

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## Eagle Sports Highlights

### WINS AND LOSSES

- 10/30 Women's Volleyball vs. Concordia; 1-3, L
- 10/30 Women's Basketball vs. Carroll College; 61-82, L
- 10/30 Men's Soccer vs. Oregon Institute of Technology; 1-5, L
- 10/30 Women's Soccer vs. Corban University; 0-1, L
- 10/29 Women's Volleyball vs. Warner Pacific College; 3-1, W
- 10/29 Women's Basketball vs. Montana State Northern; 86-77, W
- 10/29 Men's Soccer vs. Northwest Christian Univ.; 1-1 OT, T
- 10/29 Women's Soccer vs. Northwest Christian Univ.; 5-0, W
- 10/28 Women's Basketball vs. Carroll College; 53-66, L
- 10/23 Women's Volleyball vs. College of Idaho; 3-1, L
- 10/23 Men's Soccer vs. Concordia University; 1-0, L
- 10/23 Women's Soccer vs. Oregon Institute of Technology; 2-0, L
- 10/22 Men's Basketball vs. Vancouver Island Univ.; 90-59, W
- 10/22 Women's Volleyball vs. Eastern Oregon Univ.; 3-0, W
- 10/22 Men's Soccer vs. Corban University; 2-1 OT, W

## Kawashima, a vital part of NU athletics

Timothy Edward Smith  
Senior Staff Writer

Behind the scenes of the athletic department, Al Kawashima holds the important title of sports information director, as well as being the assistant coach for the men's basketball team.

"Coach K has made a huge impact on the players that have come through our program during his seven years with the men's basketball team," said men's basketball coach, John Van Dyke, "it is no coincidence that when he started helping, our program turned around and we went from being towards the bottom in the conference, to being towards the top."

Kawashima came to NU in 2004, as assistant coach for the men's basketball team.

"I think we have really great young people here... besides being good athletes, just solid good Christian people and I think that's what makes it so enjoyable," said Kawashima.

On the court, he assists Van Dyke in coaching duties during the game. Off the court, he helps recruit players to NU, assists athletes with education needs, and handles the designing and organizing of team athletic gear.

"More importantly he is in it for the right reasons; that is to help young men grow into solid Christian men that will positively impact their communities as they leave NU," said Van Dyke.

Getting to know the players makes it more

interesting to watch, according to Kawashima, who enjoys watching where NU athletes go with their athletic and professional careers. He tries to get to know the players from each sport and in his time at NU, he has found a new enjoyable sport to watch.

"I've come to like volleyball. I actually didn't watch a lot of volleyball until I got here," said Kawashima

Two years after coming to NU, he was offered the position of sports information director.

"Athletics must have an SID to exist," said athletic director and men's soccer coach, Gary McIntosh, "I feel Al is one of the top sports information directors in the conference."

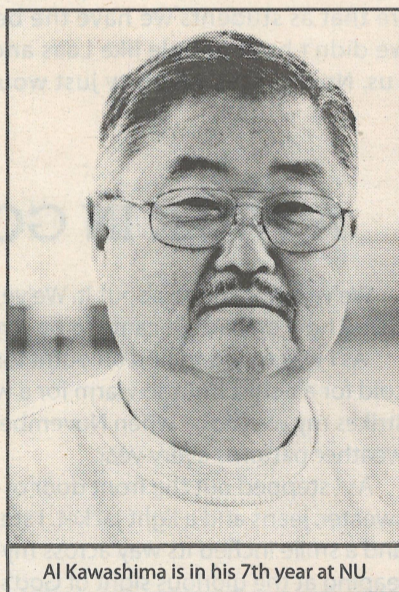
His role in the department is to provide

consistent, updated sports information on each sports team for the NU community and to local media news.

He also sends information to every athlete's hometown newspaper and posts statistics and game summaries on the Northwest University, Cascade Conference and NAIA websites.

"Because I enjoy sports... it's not hard to do the work. It's exciting to do... it is a lot of work, but it doesn't seem like that, because I really enjoy doing it," said Kawashima.

While all eyes are on the game, one of the most valuable players continues on behind the scenes, ensuring that the rest of the world knows about the NU Eagles.



Al Kawashima is in his 7th year at NU

Photo Credit: Thien Lai

"He is in it...to help young men grow into solid Christian men that will...impact their communities as they leave NU."

John Van Dyke



## Good and bad for December Grads

*Early graduation is not enough to counter the reality of a bad economy*

Jennifer Jensen  
Staff Reporter

While graduation cannot seem to come soon enough for some students, it seems to be looming dismally in front of this year's December graduates as they enter into one of the most competitive job markets.

A study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that 24 percent of graduates in 2010 are expected to walk straight from graduation into a full-time job.

Although the employment rate has increased since 2009, the unnerving fact is that graduates can expect to make anywhere from two to ten percent less in annual salaries, according to the New York Times. What does this mean for this year's graduates?

Nathan Oakes, senior pastoral major, graduating in December, believes that he has somewhat of an advantage over spring graduates.

"I will be graduating [in December] before a bulk of graduates," he said.

Oakes is taking advantage of this head start on the job market by already seeking out opportunities within churches in the area.

Tiffany Kent, graduating with a degree in psychology, expresses her apprehension about graduating in the Spring of 2011. "It makes me a little bit nervous because I have a lot of close friends and family who are struggling to find job, who are also college graduates," said Kent.



Representation of how you early graduates might feel

Photo Credit: Doug Harkness

Though she has no set post-grad plans, Kent is currently weighing the pros and cons of entering the job market versus going straight into Masters work.

According to economists, now more than ever there is an emphasis on persistence, connections, and credentials and they encourage graduates to gain practical experience through networking

and internships.

Since 2009, things are definitely improving in terms of job and career opportunities, but do not seem to bring any comfort to this year's newest batch of graduates.

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## Arguing for debate

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Staff Reporter

Despite the debate team's aim at ministering to the academic world, debating in the chapel was not well received.

Students opposed to watching a debate during the time allotted to chapel argue that the debate did not facilitate a time to honor or worship God.

Gary Gillespie, NU debate team head coach with over twenty years of experience responded to the argument with biblical claim.

"[In 2 Corinthians 10] Paul specifically says that making arguments is a basic task of a spiritual person... In Acts 17, Paul debated the Athenian philosophers, modeling the need for believers to be able to engage the culture with rational arguments and persuasion," he said.

Debate team captain, Maxwell Mooney, feels the debate chapel was just as acceptable as everything else that goes on in chapel.

"There are many other things in chapel that are not typically considered worship, such as convocation, NUSG elections and speeches, Crew chapels, and the list goes

on... it's called 'Community Chapel,' sometimes it involves more community than chapel," said Mooney.

Outside of the NU community, the debate team finds greater ministerial success. In debate competitions at prestigious schools like Harvard University.

"Most [universities] aren't believers in Jesus, but they accept us. So, we dispel stereotypes that Christians are anti-intellectual or non-tolerant," said Gillespie.

As well as gain in greater respect amongst intellectual peers, Mooney, has experienced many benefits from debating but one stands a part from the rest as an "important realization."

"There are always two sides to a coin," he said.

According to Gillespie, other benefits to joining debate include keeping up with current events and valuable preparation for both law and graduate school.

The team has also traveled to Greece, England, Australia, Prague, Hawaii, and all over the rest of the US.

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## NU propels alum into the business world

Kristi Henderson  
Staff Reporter

There are many Northwest University alumni that have graduated and gone on to do extraordinary things. Students should take their advice and learn from them when given the opportunity.

One such alumnus, Vlad Triska, received his MBA in 2006 from NU. Triska came from Ukraine 10 years ago with the dream of one day owning his own business. He knew that an education would be essential, so he decided to join the NU community.

"Without Northwest I would not have known

how to start [my business], how to manage, how to communicate with people, or how to serve customers," said Triska.

According to Vlad, customer service, business management, and American culture and economics were crucial elements of his education at NU.

He attributes his success as a businessman to his alma mater and is truly grateful for the educational opportunities he received from attending.

One of the most useful classes that Triska took during his time at Northwest was a management class. "It taught me how to manage my time, business, goals and it helped me find my way in life," he said



Triska attributes self-owned business, Voir Photography, to his NU experience.

Photo Credit: Vlad Triska

He began working in accounting at his home church. Thanks to his educational background, and with the help of his best friend, Triska was able to get a job as an accountant. After learning how to operate a business, he was able to start a business of his own.

Triska encourages current NU students not to wait until they finish school to find out what they're going to do, but jump in while they're still studying.

"Students should start working toward their career today," he said. It's important to get as much experience as possible before graduation. Students at NU have the opportunity to do internships and practice for their future occupation. To graduate with real, hands on experience, gives NU students an advantage over other applicants competing for the same job.

Triska took these lessons to heart and has made his dreams a reality. He is now the proud owner and operator of his successful photography business (see advertisement on right) and is passing knowledge onto other students in hope that they can one day reach their potential.

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# Student Life

## Health:

### A little too hyped up?

*Not getting enough sleep? Lay off the Red Bull.*

Mariesa Walberg  
Staff Reporter

Busy college students like us too often miss out on vital sleep. The easy answer to sleep deprivation might be drinking a can or two (or three) of Red Bull, or any other energy drink.

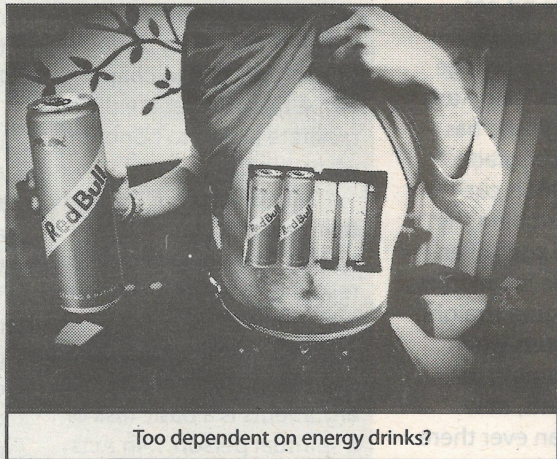
However, have you stopped to think about what you're drinking, or if there is another alternative to energy drinks?

The truth is, energy drinks contain unknown amounts of caffeine and startling amounts of B vitamins. What does this mean?

This means consumers are at a high risk for dangerous heart rhythms, numbness and tingling in extremities, anxiety, insomnia, and other unpleasant effects.

Not only are there high doses of caffeine and B vitamins, but large amounts of taurine, glucuronolactone, and guarana."

The truth is, we don't know what



Too dependent on energy drinks?

Photo Credit: Thien Lai

kind of effects these ingredients can have," said Dr. Sandra Braganza, a pediatrician and nutrition expert at Children's Hospital at Montefiore in New York.

Why drink something with little published research to back up its effects on alertness and energy?

The biggest issue involved with energy drinks is excess caffeine consumption.

Caffeine is a type of drug, and when abused, has devastating effects. Mayo Clinic says 200-300 milligrams

of caffeine per day is ok, but more than 500-600 milligrams a day is dangerous.

The problem with energy drinks, according to Fox News, is that the caffeine comes from multiple sources, making it hard to calculate caffeine content. GOOD

A good rule of thumb, according to Molly Morgan, a New York dietitian, is to have, "one can a day or less and view it as a treat, not part of a daily routine."

Even better, don't drink energy drinks, which have high sugar and caloric content.

The best option for us as busy college students is to prioritize sleep, eat a healthy diet, and drink plenty of water to avoid drowsiness.

But when adequate sleep is sometimes not an option, consider what you've just read before you down a 5-hour energy.

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## Eagle Eye: Fight Stress



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Adam Thalhofer  
Staff Reporter

Stress. It's all around us – coming in many forms such as work, school, friends, and even family. As the semester progresses, these burdens of stress only increase.

From the list of prayer requests shown in chapel, to personal burdens held quietly, stress induced by life begins to take its toll on the students about this time of the semester.

Many students, however, have found various ways of dealing with stress. Some have helpful hints, to either work with stress, work around it, or in rare cases, ignore it.

One such case would be Joseph Babcock, who said his method of dealing with stress is simply to ignore it.

"I just ignore it until I'm done with whatever is stressing me," said Babcock.

While this may be one option in dealing, or the lack of dealing, with stress, let's look at some tangible options students can take to minimize stress in their lives.

"Don't multitask," said student president of Northwest University Business Association (N.U.B.A.), Brad Brown.

According to Brown, multitasking is the wrong approach to take when trying to deal with stress. When feeling overloaded with school, friends and work, don't try to complete several of these at the same time.

Take one assignment, one problem, or one issue at a time and focus on that until it's done, and then move on to the next issue. Multitasking will only spread you thin and you will get less done as a result.

Dr. Wynn Allen follows this up by emphasizing the importance of prioritizing.

"I have to keep prioritizing... I prioritize my professional life, my personal life," said Allen.

He suggests that when faced with many tasks and burdens, select the most important or perhaps the shortest to get done with, so you can move on to the next.

Another effective way to deal with or even avoid stress is to simply get enough sleep.

"I try to get enough sleep because I find that when I'm really tired, I get stressed out way more easily," said freshman Christa Peterson.

Sometimes our stress is caused by exhaustion, and getting more sleep will help us focus and not stress about so many issues.

So whether it's a matter of taking on one assignment at a time through prioritizing, focusing on one issue and not multitasking, or simply getting enough sleep to avoid being stressed, there are effective ways of minimizing stress as the semester moves along. How will you choose to deal with stress?

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## New Scenes In The Script

### NU considers remodeling Millard Hall theater and adding improvisation groups

Kelsey Horn  
Staff Writer

Three highly qualified adjunct professors, a high-tech performance facility, and a brand new class are all pieces of the blueprints for the future of the drama department.

Professor Gary Gillespie shares the ambitions of the Northwest University Drama Department to create an educational and fun experience for students.

"The department wants to change the stereotype of mediocre theater found in Christian drama communities,"

Gary Gillespie

"Our goal is to continue to make the drama experience a vital academic enrichment for our students

and to create a more active drama club, with drama improv groups that are utilizing the space [Millard Hall] more than just twice a year," said Gillespie.

The department wants to change the stereotype of mediocre theater found in Christian drama communities, according to Gillespie.

"Right now we have access to some of the best adjuncts in the country and they're dedicated, they're experienced, and they're professional. They not only have the highest degrees, but they also have real life stage experience," he said.

Part-time professors and professional actors, Sam and Candace Vance and Chrystal Helmcke add fresh and qualified direction for the drama scene at NU, according to Gillespie.

"I love seeing the student who suddenly has a new grasp on sin and Redemption because she delved deep into a broken character in a secular drama," said Helmcke.

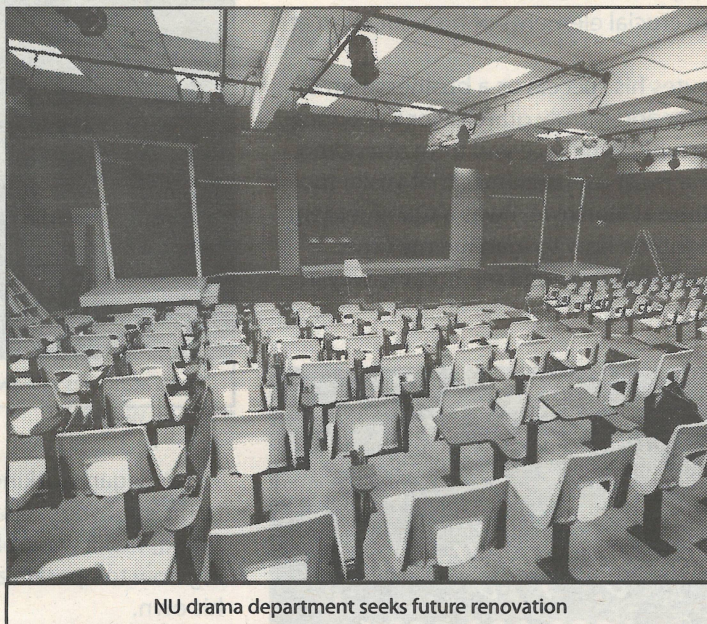
The Seattle area takes a leading role in the expansion of the drama club. Students have access to some of the most paramount plays in America.

"What is so exciting about drama at Northwest University is that we're in the center of some of the most vibrant theaters anywhere. Seattle is known as the third most significant theater city in the country, after New York and Chicago," said Gillespie.

Plans to remodel Millard Hall into a more comfortable and intimate space is on the wish list for these professors.

"Further development of the NU Drama Program would enrich even more students to "carry the call" by means of theatrical expression," said Helmcke.

They have talked to architects about building a two



NU drama department seeks future renovation

Photo Credit: Thien Lai

story structure on the backside of Millard Hall, according to Gillespie.

"Our vision is to create a high-tech performance stage that we could utilize all the latest technology for lighting and for creating a flag screen," he said.

The new addition would be available for debates and lectures, as well as, improvisation groups and drama performances.

"We're looking for a major donor that would be willing to renovate Millard Hall, so that it would be a useable theater space," said Gillespie.

Next fall, an improvisation class will be offered to all

"Further development of the NU Drama Program would enrich even more students to "carry the call" by means of theatrical expression."

Chrystal Helmcke

students, regardless of their major.

"Right now we have skits that are done by ACTS. These are wonderful times and I'm sure the churches love it, but what would be unique about our program is that they would be trained by professional actors," said Gillespie

Ideally, groups would perform once a week for an improv night in Millard Hall and go out into the local community and represent Northwest University.

Gillespie hopes to involve Creatio in the expansion of the drama department.

"Right now Creatio is doing the Music Industry Program. Originally, Jeff Lockhart wanted to see it as a way of raising money for drama as well," he said.

A week long summer drama festival, hosted at NU, is a dream for 2012.

"With a group of dedicated professors, professional actor's and directors, NU drama is starting to make a name for itself and I cannot wait to see where it takes us," said junior Kelsey Rainwater.

Students from all over the country can come to the northwest and experience Seattle's theater scene.

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## A TASTE OF CAPITOL HILL: CATALYST GALLERY

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Seattle remains a haven for gray clouds, wet sidewalks, and the arts, yet none seem to embody the Seattle art scene more than the Catalyst Gallery on Capitol Hill.

What began as a fourplex quickly transformed into a live-in art gallery when two of John Roberts' friends convinced him to convert his abode.

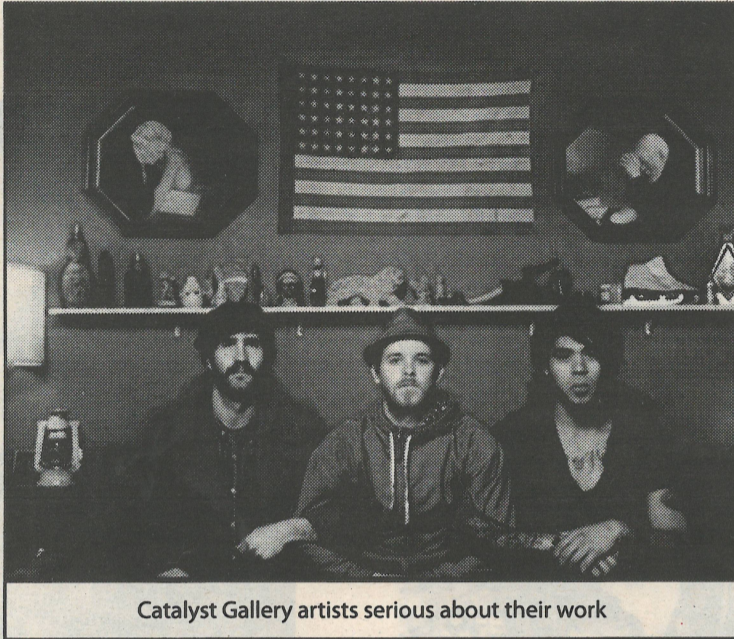
John Roberts, Jerad Knudsen, and Nik Virrey moved to Seattle from California and recently began making waves in the area for some of their recent art shows.

One of the first to hit it off was Stephen Shultz's "Fallen Timbers of the Northwest," which consisted of holograms of a volcano and the space needle, as well as hidden speakers creating an ambiance of forest sounds amongst all the forest décor.

In May, they featured a show of works by Danielle Burton and Jody Poth, which included dioramas, made from old shipping crates and felt animals throughout. These guys are quickly gaining local notoriety for their showcase of eclectic works and their large variety of blossoming artists.

Last May, the Catalyst Gallery was featured in The Seattle Times, and their Facebook page is gaining in clicks and 'likes.'

Artists do not need to pass some credibility test, possess a college education, or be well known to afford their work a piece of real estate in the Catalyst Gallery's floor space. That is what sets them apart and remains a stark contrast from



Catalyst Gallery artists serious about their work

Photo Credit: Catalyst Gallery

much of the haughty, "inner-circle only," type of Seattle galleries found in abundance.

The Catalyst Gallery owns a more laid back feel, as well as a cozy atmosphere. During open hours, primarily on the weekends, anyone can show up and take a gander as well as do a little art shopping in the Vintage Lounge. This is a room set up with various pieces consisting of furniture, art frames on the wall, and jumbles of enhancing trinkets all of which constructs the

antiquated feel that the artists were probably looking for.

See something you like in the Vintage Room? Make them an offer; all of the artsy knick-knacks stand as purchasable. Seattle stands as an area affluent in art, if you know where to look. On the first Thursday of every month, most, if not all, Seattle art galleries remain open all evening for viewing. On the second Thursday of each month all of Kirkland's art galleries remain open late as well.

So if you possess a mind for art, or at least an appreciation, head over to the Catalyst Gallery or check out their website.

[www.catalystgallery.com](http://www.catalystgallery.com). The next upcoming showcase begins on November 5.



## In the name of art



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If you have an eye for art, treat yourself with a trip to the Kirkland Arts Center to check out the captivating exhibit, "Steambot."

The Kirkland Arts center prides itself on serving the art community of the Eastside by providing artists and art lovers alike with ways to come together, share skills and arrange visually appealing displays for others to enjoy. It is located at the historic Peter Kirk building in an effort by the city of Kirkland to restore a piece of its history.

The Arts Center provides workshops, gallery exhibits and events. Like the upcoming 'Sumi Painting workshop: Fall Bounty.' They also offer volunteer and internship opportunities. The newest addition to the family is the Steambot Exhibit.

Steambot brings together the creative minds of local artists Rebecca Cummins, Pat Gallagher, Rusty Oliver, Randy Moss and Simon Winder. The artists were carefully selected through a jury process and are a mix of programmers, fabricators and visionaries which have been brought together to exhibit a display of interactive work. The display combines the innovative techniques of today and craftsmanship of the past.

Each artists brings different techniques into affect. Cummins uses the historical tool of optics and unique usage of light in her work of art. Gallagher displays pastel and ink drawings and Oliver forms art through the usage of metalworking.

Steambot will be open from October 15 to December 3 at the Kirkland Arts Center. The Art Centers is located on Market Street and open Monday through Saturday. Take a peak at the display and other events to come.

Check it out at <http://www.kirklandartscenter.org>

## Brain Buster Challenge

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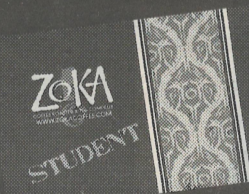
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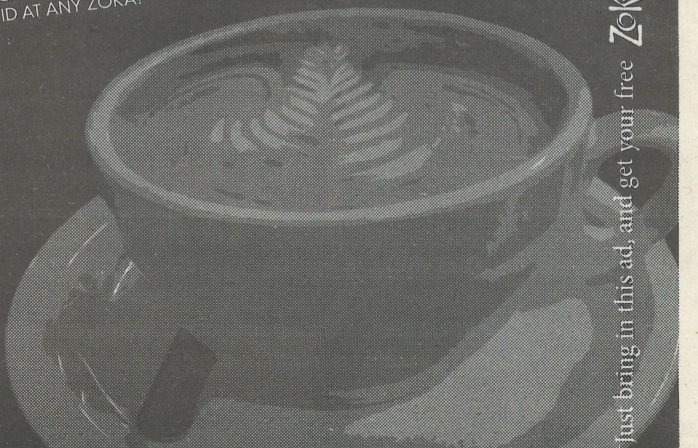
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