

THE NORTHWEST INDEPENDENCE

MARCH 21, 2001-KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON: DEBUT ISSUE

Attack of the Chapel Police?

By Del, Resident Life Columnist

In case you haven't noticed, they're watching.

The chapel police are no Gestapo, but they are watching. Chapel skippers beware.

The chapel police lurk somewhere beneath the halls of the Campus Ministries Office, where they are rumored to have a comprehensive file on every NC student.

Unfortunately, this rumor is correct. The tendrils of the Chapel Police infiltrate many hearts of our beloved NC students.

You can hear the pious refrains of "chapel skipper" and "sinner" resonating across the campus.

The Chapel Police are just a giant lugie in the eye of decency.

Frankly, they can and will make life miserable for you.

You see, the chapel police ignore the fact that chapel is forced

church. We know that every time people are forced to do something, they rebel. How else did our country get started? The campus should be Christ-centered, but making *everyone* go to chapel, a chapel in name only, a "business meeting atmosphere" where we are fed propaganda, is silly.

I appreciate the spiritual atmosphere here at good ol' NC. But ditching the chapel police would be a giant step in the right direction.

Remember, they're watching.

Search and Seizure: Do students have rights?

By Bob, Staff Reporter

Imagine a world with a big brother. Your brother (God bless 'em!) is always there for you. And you appreciate his support, because without him, you wouldn't be at this great college.

However, that big

brother has a dark side, Luke. When you're not aware of it, your big brother is watching. Not only that, but he can break down your door when he feels like it. He can invade your privacy. He practically owns you.

That brother is the powers that be at NC.

Since rooms are the college's property, it seems logical that they can search them when they need to...right?

What about that right called privacy?

There's a conflict here. It may begin with trust.

How much are we trusted?

Apparently, not enough to go to chapel on our own initiative.

Certainly not enough to dance.

God forbid, we should be able to decide our own spiritual destiny.

Double jeopardy God forbid, we should decide how to be stewards of our rooms. You know, Billy Bob might be smoking crack and square dancing at two in the morning in the

buck nude. Big brother would not approve.

Forgive the sarcasm. The point remains: are we trusted as adults?

Not yet.

Top 9 CD's in My Player

By Murray, Culture Critic

- 1) "Glo"-Delirious?
- 2) "Ever Passing Moment" -MXPX
- 3) "Chase the Sun"- Orange County Supertones
- 4) "All the Hype that Your Money Can Buy" -Five Iron Frenzy
- 5) "Relient K" -Relient K
- 6) "Loud and Clear" - Orange County Supertones
- 7) "Take Me To Your Leader" -Newsboys
- 8) "Offerings" -Third Day
- 9) "Conspiracy No.5" - Third Day



About Us

The views in this paper do not represent those of the staff, students or any other persons at NC except that of the authors alone. Northwest Independence does not print slanderous, libelous, or other defaming comments in accordance with Paul's advice in the Bible.

We exist to present a variety of ideas about issues relevant to NC Students.

Input, comments, guest letters, opinions, etc., are accepted but are subject to editing.

Contact Us: ncindependence@yahoo.com

Limiting Church Size a Wrong Idea

By Jerry, Opinion

King County's recent debate on limiting church size should be one-sided.

Unfortunately, the prevailing wisdom is, screw religion. Churches have been shafted by a weird coalition of eco-nuts and bureaucrats that apparently want to repeal the First Amendment.

The choice is an easy one-people or the environment?

People, no contest.

End of debate.

Hi, Big Brother

By Greg, Staff Reporter

Have you seen the "Big Brother" phenomenon at work on campus?

Whether we like it or not (and few of us do), there are powers that be here, seeking to control and manipulate us.

After all, we're paying \$17k+ a year to come here. That's a lot of money for someone to pay just to end up being handled.

The "Big Brother" powers that be assert themselves frequently in a variety of areas. For example, there's the fire alarms.

Then there's the Charge It Syndrome, which means that the powers that be can charge us for almost anything, whether it's a speck on the ceiling or getting caught on the jon during a fire alarm.

Who are they kidding?