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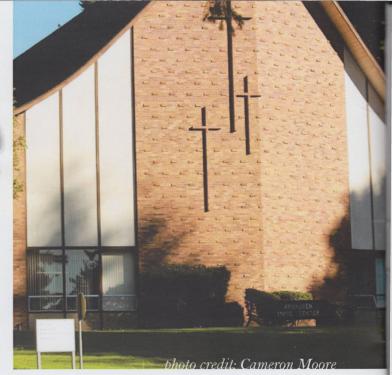
Chapel Adjusts Policy

With the new school year come some important changes in chapel service times and chapel policy. As of Monday, Sept. 23, chapel services will not be held on Mondays, but will continue to meet on Wednesday and Friday every week. This is new for the NU community this semester in the hope that students will build greater relationships with each other through Life Groups and other activities. There are plenty of opportunities to reach the required 35 chapel credits by attending Pursuit, Life Groups, and of course, traditional chapel services. Don't forget to check out the important changes that have been made to the chapel policy, which include new consequences for not meeting the required credits. Contact the Campus Ministries office or log on to Eagle and click on Campus Ministries from the drop down menu for more information.

Sister Sacramento

Northwest University has opened a brand new campus in Sacramento, Calif. this semester. There are already more than 60 students taking classes, and after months of planning, this campus is now part of the Northwest University family. Getting a degree from NU Sacramento provides a high level of accreditation, a Christian atmosphere, hands on learning, and a convenient location. More information about the Sacramento campus can be found at www.sacramento.northwestu.edu.





NU Adds New Criminal Justice Major

Interested in finding out more about a new degree program offered at NU? Northwest recently launched an online Criminal Justice program, created to work with students' schedules. This new program has been designed mainly for working adults who are already involved in the criminal justice field. Want to find out more? Log on to www.criminaljustice.northwestu.edu.

Campus Office Relocations

You may be wondering why the Housing office isn't where it used to be or maybe you didn't even know that it has changed location. Several important offices on campus have moved locations this year. You can now find Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Accounts in the Barton building. The Criminal Justice Program, Accounting, and Human Resources (HR) are in the Davis building. The Housing office, formerly in Davis, is now located underneath the Hurst Library. Additionally, the Advancement office has moved to the 6710 building across from Metropolitan Market. Need help locating these offices? Log on to Eagle, call the office you're looking for or check out the campus map!

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Maritza Lino Student Spotlight

Sofia Suarez

Born in Bolivia and later called to the United States, Sofia Suarez is at Northwest University once again. Her journey to NU is a story of God's providence. Ten years ago, her family met two American couples. After kindling a strong friendship, both families were interested in

Sofia's story. The Lord spoke to them and told them that Sofia was to attend

"When we are walking in His plans and not our own, then He does more than we could ever imagine."

Northwest University. After praying and seeking the Lord's direction, they both decided to commit to help her financially. Northwest was also very generous in providing her with a scholarship, and soon her dream of studying at Northwest University became a reality.

Suarez was enrolled in the Center for English Language Education (CELE) program for only one semester, but her second semester was so good that she is back for more as an international student.

TALON: How did you hear about the CELE program at Northwest University?

SUAREZ: I was already planning on coming to NU to study, but in order to continue with my career, I would have to pass the TOEFL [Test of English as a Foreign Language] exam. I heard about the great English Language Education here in order to continue with my major, so I was a part of it.

TALON: Did the CELE program meet your expectations?

SUAREZ: Yes, it has helped me in three specific ways. First, it helped me to learn how to interact with people around me and awakened in me the desire to submerge myself in other cultures. Also, I felt that my writing, speaking, and reading skills improved. Lastly, I also loved the spiritual aspect of it. God gave me a love for other international students, especially Koreans. This program not only helped me intellectually but spiritually. It was challenging, but because of a writing lab class in which I learned to defend my beliefs and faith, I am able to speak more about this with non-Christians even in English.

TALON: What are you expecting to accomplish after

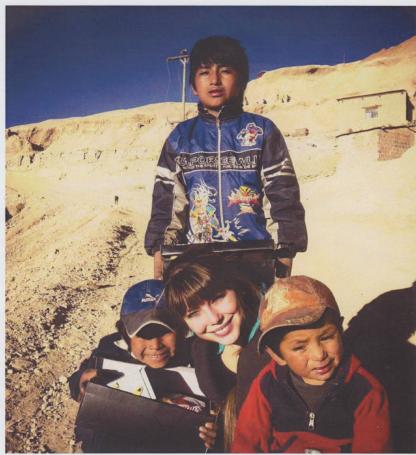
being a part of CELE for one semester?

SUAREZ: I want to use every tool that CELE provided me with in order to absorb every bit of knowledge that I can in all of my classes.

TALON: Any words of encouragement to fellow international students?

SUAREZ: Do not be discouraged the first time that you fail, because learning means failing many times. Do not be afraid of expressing yourself, because you will only

know if you can do something if you try. Know that every international student goes through the same struggles, but at the end of it all, it is worth it. To all students: get involved with international students in any way possible, because you will be able to learn from them as they learn from you.



Renewing Northwest What Does UCOR Mean For U?

A NU Experience

With the introduction of a new core curriculum, this new school year heralded in a lot more than the biggest freshmen class NU has yet to see. After years of discussion, the development of the new core curriculum began in earnest. But why, after nearly eight decades, is Northwest looking to change its standard mode of operation? Simple. "We want to offer more flexibility and exploration," Professor Lenae Nofziger explains. "We want students to have a wider education."

You Score With UCOR

A significant feature of the new core curriculum is a new section of classes labeled UCOR. Featuring both Identity and Vocation and Faith and Humanity, UCOR offers a distinctly unique experience to students who choose to attend NU. From day one, students

are given a common experience and a place to build relationships. Together with

faculty, incoming students will explore who they are and where they are going. The course focuses on lectures and small groups designed to promote critical thinking and reflection for the duration of their time at NU. In short. Dr. Ron Jacobson, Dean of the School of Education, says it best: "It is tough when you are 18 to say what you are going to do with the rest of your life. What are the gifts God's given me? Do I have an analytical mind? Have I discovered my hidden talents? The UCOR classes give students a chance to reflect, explore, and find out 'Who am I?' early on in their university experience."

Write Right

The new core curriculum's academic scope branches far further than the unifying UCORs. A big factor driving the switch was the studies concerning writing requirements in base level courses and feedback from these studies. A book by Scott Jaschik titled, Academically Adrift takes a critical look at how classroom expectations can determine what a student gains from taking a course. Fittingly, this book served as a guideline for the creation of the new 'writing practice classes.' This label guarantees that a writing intensive course will have a minimum 21 pages of written work. "In five or six or ten years you will remember very little of the specific content," remarks Dr. Jim Heugel, Provost, "so in some ways, it doesn't matter which courses you take so long as you take good courses

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that teach you how to learn, think, and write. Engage your mind in a positive way. Regardless of which courses students choose, they will be walking away with important skills. Regardless of where you go, writing is important."

Faculty Sacrifice

The downsides to such a major curriculum overhaul hit the faculty hardest. Professors are working hard to adjust their curricula to fit the changing criteria. The Provost's office is also hard at work. With the added flexibility comes an administrative jigsaw puzzle of balancing the previously required classes with the newly required electives into the courses offered each semester.

Marlene Pierce Feature

It is very likely that what courses are offered in the future will depend on what students decide to take. "The faculty voted to impose this on themselves, and this is indicative of a willingness to inconvenience themselves and take on challenges for the benefit of their students," Heugel remarked with a hint of pride. "It's the perfect example of what we want Northwest to be. It promotes flexibility, hospitality, and quality education."

Truly NU

"All Truth is God's Truth," says Dr. Blaine Charette, one of the professors who helped develop the UCOR program. This mentality explains how the vastly different opinions and backgrounds of those involved in the planning of the new curriculum worked in harmony to institute such

> a major change smoothly. Historically, other universities who have undergone such a drastic change have found the process bothersome and

a cause of conflict among the staff and students. In true NU fashion, however, what elsewhere has caused discord and chaos has brought only discourse and community.

UCOR At A Glance

The new curriculum allows more freedom in what classes you take and what credits you transfer. The new requirements allow for less restrictive programs. This means students are able to explore more areas of academia than within their major. The new substitution practices allow all the students at Northwest to maximize what courses they have taken in a freedom unseen by the previously restrictive programs.

Faculty Voice Science-Friction

Dr. Joshua Ziefle Tackles The Good & Evil Conundrum Ender's Game © Summit Entertainment



This past summer I've indulged one of my hobbies: reading science fiction. For the haters out there, I won't try to defend myself, except to say that I am quite honestly an irredeemable nerd. Yet know this: the best science fiction isn't about explosions or alien wars or transporter beams. It is about ideas.

So it was that I've been reading the Ender's Game series by Orson Scott Card. The first book, soon to be a major motion picture, deals with questions of war, peace, innocence, and betrayal by focusing on a young boy called

upon to save the human race. I wholeheartedly endorse getting a copy and reading it today.

The sequels to that first volume are a bit more philosophical in orientation, and in one of them I read a statement that rather blew me away. In the middle of the book, an older and rather bitter character says the following to her younger conversation partner: "Don't ever try to teach me about good and evil. I've been there; you've seen nothing but the map."

Good and evil. Powerful concepts. We Christians think about them a lot. As a former pastor and now ministry professor, it is my job to reflect on them, preach about them, and teach them with some regularity. In so doing, I run the risk of treating them like intellectual topics rather than the realities they are in the lives of so many. Perhaps that's why this short statement struck home for me.

As you might expect, I've done a lot a reading in my day. And, like many of you, I've sat in a lot of classes. So believe me when I tell you it would be easy for me to talk about the reality of evil in our world, the need to stand against it, and the way that Christ comes to redeem us. Tie things up in a nice little bow and leave them at that. Utterly pious yet overly simplistic statements that would satisfy the "Christian checklist"

but do little more. It would be easy, in other words, for me to provide students with simple

uncomplicated answers to questions about the hurt, pain, and suffering in our world.

But I can't do that. I can't do that because there is so much of that "map" that I haven't journeyed through. That I haven't lived. While I hope I never have to, I do know enough to realize that in any case there are some things that are too deep for me.

We make a mistake as Christians when we think we've got it all figured out. But if we think that we ourselves have all the answers to people's questions just because Christ is the Answer, we run the risk of running roughshod over others when we have no idea what they've been though.

Being a Christian means many things, but one of them is being humble. Humbling ourselves before God first and foremost. Humbling ourselves before others and being servants. It also means humbling ourselves in our own eyes and realizing that despite our vaunted theories and ideas and "answers," this fallen world is much more complicated than we comprehend.

So the next time a friend comes to you with hurts and honest questions, be careful not to answer them too quickly or tell them that you understand, when quite honestly you have no way to feel the pain they are going through. When classroom debate turns to issues of politics, suffering, or good and evil, make sure you understand that what you speak about is not

just another topic to play around with, but involves real people. Remember, first and foremost, that all of our knowledge and ideas are but a drop in the ocean compared to the God who holds all things and has suffered all things for us. Because, at the end of the day, the only one that fully comprehends the entirety of human good and evil is Christ Himself.



Dr. Ziefle is the College of Ministry associate youth ministries professor. photo credit: Northwest University

New Management, Gluten-Free Options & More!

Kayhm Martell Student Life

Walk into the Aerie and you'll immediately notice that something has changed; the Aerie is under the new management of Pioneer Catering, with Ed Norman as the proverbial "Dean of Foods" and Diane Trandum as the manager of the Aerie Café. Newly hired this summer, Trandum has introduced her own homemade baked goods to the Aerie's menu.

Enjoy freshly-baked cinnamon rolls, muffins-like the special coffee cake muffin with cream cheese filling-and other pastries, or choose a sandwich that can be pressed into a Panini in minutes from the new selection of items. There are also salads and other chilled foods to choose from with a fresh, new look.

While there are many changes occurring in the Aerie, you can still get the same gourmet coffees and teas that have always been offered. However, the prices on the drinks, and everything else in the store, have been changed to show the original price combined with the sales tax for a quicker and easier transaction. "We are excited... to serve the students the best we can through coffee shop ministry!" the Aerie Café recently tweeted.



photo credit: Matthew Zwicker



The Caf has also been rumored to be working hard at improving the quality of its food selections. For example, the traditionally "healthy" buffet section has been tweaked into a gluten-free buffet. You can expect further changes and improvements to the Caf throughout the semester. The food is already impressing students. "The unlimited soda and ice cream is awesome. It's also really cool that the grill is open all the time," freshman Colton Brown enthused.

The Caf has also updated technologically, providing weekly menus on their Eagle page. Students can also special order treats from the Caf, including birthday cakes, cookies by the dozen, fresh fruit, and a student "survival pack," including fresh fruit, chips, orange juice, cookies, cereal, hot chocolate, cups and napkins, and several other necessities to make it through an entire night of studying. Caf hours and notices are also now easily accessible through the Eagle website.

The NU world of food is taking huge leaps forward this year, so expect plenty of positive changes this semester that will make your life easier and healthier.

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Sports Crista Greenwood

Andrew Bonesteel, Co-Coordinator

Rec Sports Revamped

Recreational Sports Revamp

Do you love intramural sports? Do you love outdoor activities? Do you just want to meet new people? Well take a look at the newly revamped Recreational Sports program NUSG is offering this year. The "Adventure Recreation" section of this program is run by Abbie Kruse and Shelby Selvidge and the Intramural Sports section is run by Andrew Bonesteel and Hunter Madich.

What Should I Expect?

"Expect more opportunities to get involved in both sports on campus as well as a wide range of opportunities off campus in the surrounding communities," said Bonesteel when asked about what students can expect from the program. He noted that his teammates were brainstorming many events and activities before students arrived on campus this fall.

Off Campus Adventures?

Selvidge has a passion for the outdoors and has been suggesting events such as rock climbing and hiking. Kruse, her co-coordinator, is interested in Saturday events as well which will allow students to branch out of the normal routine. With the old system, students didn't

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have the same opportunities for outdoor activity that they will this year.

Women's Intramurals?

A new and much desired change in the intramural section of Rec Sports is the addition of women's teams. A women's soccer intramural has been recently discussed. In motion currently is the start of the Flag Football pre-season games. The games are already in full swing, so feel free to learn the game if you are new, polish up if you are a returner, or just cheer on your team!

Why Get Involved?

The NUSG team, including the Recreational and Adventure Sports Coordinators, believes that participation in events strengthens community. They want to create opportunities for students to be active together, meet new friends, and grow closer to those they already know. Rec Sports are a way for students to escape the stress of student life in a fun and active way. The team does acknowledge that this new program is truly what students make of it. They encourage all students to get involved, make suggestions, and try something new.

For more information about the revamped Recreational Sports program, contact any of the co-coordinators.





This month's **TopShots** see more online at www.nutalon.com

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Entertainment Arturo Monroy

Freshman Fifteen: 15 Tips For NU Freshmen

If you're late to class, clear your throat loudly. The professor may not have noticed you walk in the door. It's also customary to apologize to the professor in front of everyone on bended knee.

2 If you must use the bathroom during lecture, be sure to raise your hand.

During Gotcha Week, freshmen are required to keep their IDs on a lanyard around their necks at all times so that upperclassmen can find them.

The only appropriate phrase to use in chapel is "come on."

Ask about NU's discounted wedding package, including officiate services provided by Campus Ministries and reception catering by the Caf.

6 Freshmen aren't allowed to park in any parking lot next to a building.

Bring all textbooks to every class.

R Ask for a Deluxe Eagle Burger at the Grill.

Have a DTR within the first month of classes starting.

10 When a professor doesn't immediately respond to an email, contact his/her spouse and threaten the family pet until you get a reply.

L If you spend enough time under the library, you will hear voices of small children. That's normal.

2 There's a hot tub in the Barton building exclusive to seniors – something to look forward to as you complete your undergraduate career.

LoDon't stress about what to wear; yoga pants are always your best option.

4 The EFC is for pre-wedding workouts and half-marathon training only.

15 Make sure you're married, or at least engaged, by the end of your senior year. NU is an expensive dating service, so use it! #ringbyspring





The new Chapel AC system brings a whole new meaning to Pursuit's countdown... photo collage by Peter McMurray all photos copyright to original owners

Culture Bomb: Why don't we care?

us vs. Syria

The Syrian government has been using chemical weapons on its own citizens. Innocent lives are ended everyday by the officials of the country. Footage has been released of children drenched in napalm, with their skin peeling off, being evacuated from their school. President Obama has been talking with his officials and Congress about sending our military to Syria in an attempt to end the violence. Our country is on the verge of entering into a new conflict overseas.

But all people talked about when school started was how Miley Cyrus twerked with Robin Thicke at the VMAs.

What does that say about us as a nation? Many people *still* don't even know that we are on the verge of entering Syria, much less that Syria's war has been going on for quite some time. Honestly, I am just as guilty as the next American. That Monday morning following the VMAs, I read articles and made posts about the embarrassing debacle and had no idea what was happening on the other side of the world. It's just so much easier to be ignorant.

When did we become so celebrity obsessed? When did the name of Beyonce's baby and the secret wedding of Ryan Reynolds become news? Beats me. All I know is that the average individual is more likely to follow a Twitter feed than a Congressional Hearing. This begs the question: was this celeb craze caused by the media, or was the media simply responding to a demand?

Papers and tabloids are responding to what we ask for. We Americans like to follow our favorite famous people, and the media gives us what we want. We're the cause of our own ignorance. Sometimes we like not knowing about the hard realities of the world and would rather stick to the artificial lifestyles of the rich and famous.

I don't want to seem like I condemn anyone who reads People magazine, because I stay up-to-date on Taylor Swift and her endless list of boyfriends as much as the next person. But consider these questions: "At what point does celebrity following lead to obsession and ignorance? Has that line already been crossed?"

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Editorials Peter McMurray & Zachary McGuirk

Should chapel requirements apply to all NU students?



Currently, Chapel is required for Northwest students—sometimes. The average student must attend a certain number of chapel events per

semester—unless they are non-traditional, busy, or have some other excuse for not going. Doesn't that defeat the purpose of making chapel mandatory? It's basically sending the message that seeking after God in community with fellow believers should be a priority in your life...unless you're really busy. Then don't worry about making time for it.

I thought that chapel was mandatory as a means to teach students to make time for God and community. Ideally, all students would want to go to chapel three times a week on their own. But when the end of the semester rolls around, there will be kids studying for finals and putting God-time on the shelf. Thus, mandatory chapel gets students to include church into their schedule.

But if plenty of kids get to duck out of chapel because of other existing busyness, then it sends a mixed message.

I understand that there are students who are in the nursing program who are required to be at hospitals at certain times, and there are those who work off-campus who need their jobs. But perhaps there should be a better system so that these students can be as actively involved in chapel. The new Life Group program is probably a step in the right direction, but we'll see how well it plays out. As it stands, I think all we're saying is that attending a church is important unless you have other things to do, then don't worry about it.

-Peter





Life in the dorms and student apartments is different than life off campus. Students who make the switch find themselves piled in bills, responsibilities, difficult commutes, and often have to pick

up demanding jobs to make their payments. Life off campus is, put simply, life as true, independent adults. Forcing offcampus students to attend chapel on campus is an attempt at filling a need that doesn't need filling, and potentially gets in the way of their lives.

The target demographic of the average chapel is plain to see. Sermons are usually addressed to students in their early twenties living in the dorms, and more often than not seem most applicable to young adults new to the college experience. The average commuter does not fit this demographic at all, being much older and experienced than a new college student.

Lets face it: if you're an upperclassman moving off campus or a thirty-something-year-old Christian returning to earn a degree, you've probably heard everything chapel has to say a thousand times. You're also probably established in a home church already, and a reliable mode of transportation to get you there.

While chapel serves a great purpose in the lives of students in the dorms and apartments who may not be able to make it to church every Sunday, it is an unnecessary time sink for many off-campus students who have lives and responsibilities to manage outside of school. While the school's attempt at building unity through chapel is admirable, it's time for them to start thinking about how they can help their students address their actual needs.



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Top 6 Cheap Things To Do Near NU

Regal East Valley 13 Theatre | \$3 Renton

The Bible calls us to be good stewards of our finances. Check out 1 Corinthians 4:2, son. Just \$3 for the big screen. Let's go!

Seattle | Varies

255 Bus Stop (across from NU)

If all else fails, catch the bus and hit up the 15th largest city in the US. Get some solid Instagram shots at Gas Works Park or touch that nasty gum wall by Pike Place Market.

Lucky Strike Arcade | Varies Bellevue

Want a real throwback Thursday? Unleash the kid inside you at the arcade! Coupled with a killer bowling alley atop an elegant Bellevue high-rise, Lucky Strike is the bee's knees for electronic entertainment enthusiasts. Get tickets. Win prizes. Win life.

by Austin Carney

TechCity Bowling | \$5.50/hour for 4 Kirkland

We love our softball team here at NU, but most of us aren't feeling the whole "you're out" after three strikes thing. Head up to TechCity and three strikes is a turkey! That's worth celebrating.

Caffe Rococo | ≈\$5 Kirkland

Everybody loves Starbucks. Be unique. Live outside yourself. Get caffeinated at Rococo. Finish up that last assignment to the soothing melodies of live, local, indie music.

Do Nothing | Free | NU

Play frisbee. Walk around campus. You could sit in your dorm room and play League of Legends. It's a totally viable option. Who needs a social life? It's free, well, besides the \$3500/semester you're paying for housing.



From the Editor:

Welcome to the new face of *The Talon*! We've made some changes, and we're excited to see what you think. In future issues, this page will be devoted to responding to questions and comments that you, fair reader, send to me. These questions can be about *anything* - I welcome your thoughts! Have something to say? Send it to talonstaff@northwestu.edu and look for your letter in the next issue. I hope to hear from you soon!



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