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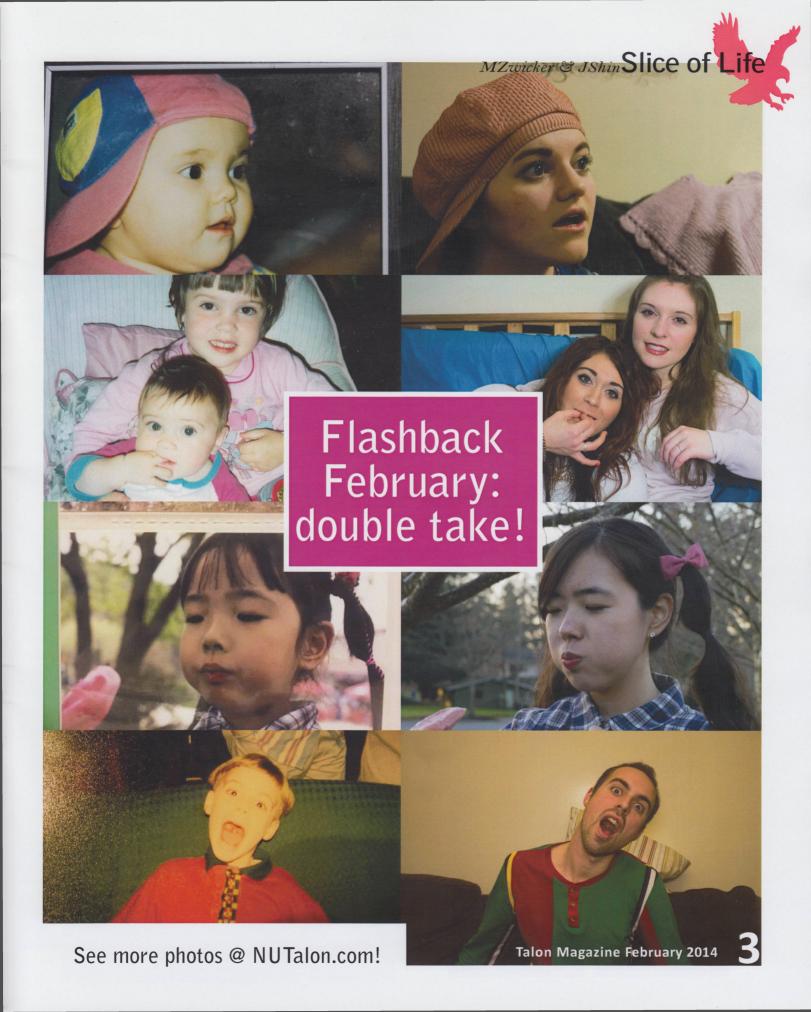
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## NUpdate

### Faith in Humanities Conference

Do you enjoy learning? Hearing stories? Getting chapel credit? The Faith in Humanities Conference is coming up! On Feb. 20 and 21, come hear research, short stories, poetry, and creative nonfiction presented by NU students, alumni, and faculty. Dr. Sarah Drivdahl of the psychology department will be delivering the keynote address. Additionally, NUMA is offering chapel credit to any students attending. Don't miss out on this exciting way to learn more about the topics your professors and fellow students are passionate about! For more information, email Bekah Ueland or Heather Karnes at swenglish@northwestu.edu.

### Enjoyed For Reality?

In January, the Local Missions Team hosted NU's first annual For Reality event. Students came together and creatively presented illustrations of the injustices taking place in the Seattle area. Seven local non-profits were represented: the Genesis Project, Olive Tree, Eastside Academy, Care Net, the Salvation Army, Union Gospel Mission, and World Vision. The goal was to show students that they are empowered to reach people in our own backyard. To get involved with one of the seven non-profits or a local missions team, contact localmissions@northwestu.edu.





#### Pursuit Conference

Pursuit: a time to draw together as a student body and truly seek Christ as we worship Him. This year's Pursuit Conference will take place Feb. 10-13 with three services: Monday night, Tuesday night, and Wednesday chapel. Services will include worship, guest speakers, student testimonies, and prayer. Guest speakers include Rich Wilkerson, Jr. and Eddie De La Rosa. This conference is open to the public, so grab your roommate or invite people from your small groups and churches and come join us!

#### Intramural Basketball Back

Intramural basketball is right around the corner. Beginning the first week of February, the intramural program provides an opportunity for both men and women to represent their living areas (dorm floors, apartments, off-campus, and FIRs) on the court. These teams compete, culminating with end-of-the-season playoffs. For those interested in playing basketball at the college level with your peers, join a team and come be a part of this exciting league! Teams will compete late on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Rec Sports Coordinators Hunter Madich and Andrew Bonesteel.



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### Mike Bowman Student Spotlight

## Abbie Kruse

Krusing Through Life

A long day filled with rigorous battles of knowledge, quick thinking, structured argumentation, and intense criticism is just another weekend for Political Science Major Abbie Kruse.

Kruse, a senior, currently leads the Northwest University Debate Team, constantly testing her skills against schools across the nation. Aside from various tournament accolades, she most recently placed 2nd at Pacific University's tournament.

In addition to her impressive debate skills, Kruse is also one of the few Political Science majors here at Northwest. Originally a Communications major, the debater let her passion for justice and law and her desire for something more lead her to make the switch.

As Kruse has progressed, she has allowed herself to grow and find what she wants to offer to the ever-changing political system in the future.



"I have no doubt she will be immensely successful in anything she pursues."

> Recognizing the limited number of women in politics, let alone those who are Christian, this woman of faith wants to be a breath of fresh air in the political system.

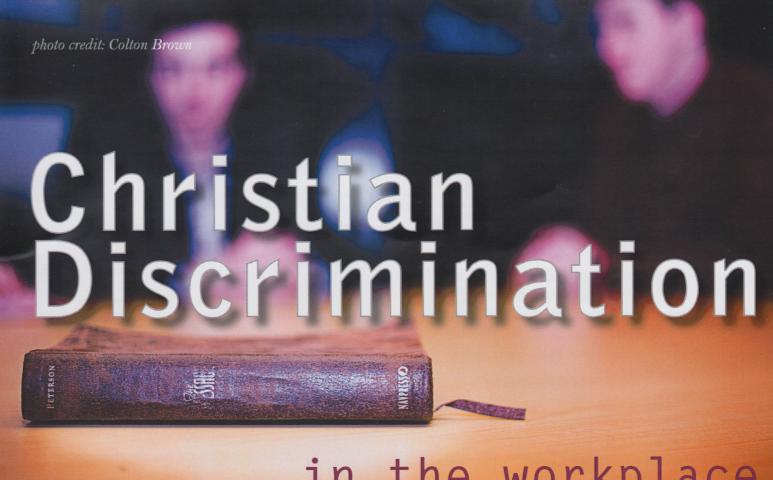
> Often, Christian politicians are viewed as radical or hypocritical, but Kruse has the passion and drive to bring humanity back to the political system and represent Christ's followers in a manner that both glorifies God and promotes a positive view of Christians today.

Kruse's tenacity and go-getter attitude is forging a well-lit path for her to chase her dreams, and she recently started interning at the Washington Policy Center in Seattle. This 17-member strong, nonpartisan think tank looks at creating free market solutions and adaptable policies.

Although some of her tasks may be small, the individuals she comes in contact with are big. Kruse isn't afraid to take on the challenge, learning everything she can in the hope of being accepted to law school next fall.

"In the profession that Abbie has chosen, the centrality of her faith to her life is an important part that will help her not use her quick wit for illgotten gains but to better the world," said Professor Jacob Witt, head debate coach, who has had the opportunity to watch Kruse evolve in her skills.

Perhaps friend and fellow debater Annaliese Herms sums it up best: "Abbie constantly gains the respect of everyone she comes in contact with. She has the ability to analyze complex issues and formulate realistic solutions. I have no doubt she will be immensely successful in anything she pursues."



in the workplace

### Which of these companies are based on Christian foundations?

Answers on next page



- A. Hobby Lobby
- B. Forever 21
- C. In-N-Out Burger I. Zumiez
- D. Mary Kay
- E. Walmart
- F. Tyson Foods
- G. George Foreman Cooking
- H. JetBlue
- J. Microsoft
- K. Target
- L. Apple





Microsoft





FOREVER 21

### Christians In Cubicles

Throughout the country, in cubicles and office buildings, Christians are slowly, and oh so subtly, being forced into hiding their faith out of fear of losing their jobs.

At Microsoft, as well in many other companies, employees are forbidden to say "Merry Christmas" to anyone. In a lot of cases, any person who does suffers severe consequences such as demotion or even job termination.

However, the companies allow employees to practice other religions freely in the workplace, permitting religious acts including songs, incense burning, and ceremonial foods with no discrimination at all.

It seems that, to some companies, Christianity is merely a political incorrectness only solved through silence.

Recently, the General Social Survey conducted a survey about discrimination in the workplace and asked about negative treatment employees had experienced. 36% of Christian participants said they felt gossiped about as opposed to 29% of non-Christians. 44% of Christians said they had been treated rudely as a result of their beliefs and opinions as opposed to 35% of non-Christians. And 50% of Christians said they've been lied to with 42% of non-Christians saying the same.

Peter McMurray Feature

Perhaps the Christian community is just being paranoid or hyper-sensitive to regular workplace behavior. But it could also be that, in an effort to create a completely politically correct environment for all people, Christians lose some of their freedom.

The worst part is that many Christians accept these rules. They think, "Well, I guess that's just how it is" and live with their restricted lifestyle. They grow complacent. They settle into the comfort of obedience to men and forget about their obedience to God. They try to restrict Him to Sunday mornings because that's easier than standing up for their beliefs.

But God cannot be restricted. Anytime we try, all we do is restrict ourselves. It's like trying to put God into a prison cell, except that we're the ones standing inside when the door is closed.

So as some of you begin looking for jobs and heading out into the working world, you need to ask yourself one question:

Are you willing to lose your career for the sake of the Gospel?

Or is that too high a price?

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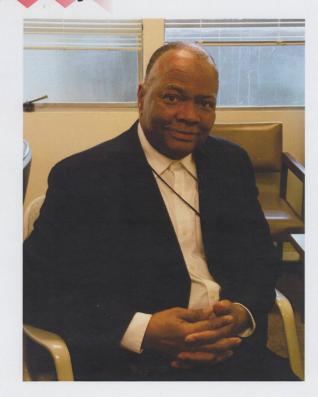
A - G were all at one point founded by Christian businessmen and women, many of which are still very vocal about their beliefs.
H - L may have "religious" backgrounds or tolerations, but be careful.

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### Faculty Voice Marlene Pierce



Moses Harris, a 69 year-old doctor of languages at Northwest University, has led a life of language, learning, and preaching God's love.

"At an early age, I got a thirst for language," Harris explained. "I got it from my dad." Harris recalled how his father integrated other languages into his upbringing and taught him to see people as people.

"Dad didn't look at color. In every group, there are some good ones and some bad ones," explained Harris when asked about his inspiration. In the '50s, during a very racially segregated time, the Reverend Harris watched his dad preach to a white church.

"I knew if my Dad could do it, I could do it."

"One thing I said I would never do is preach," joked Harris when asked what led him into ministry. "Never tell the Lord what you're not going to do."

It was 1962 in Yakima, WA when his would-be father-in-law would ask him to return a book, *How to Prepare a Sermon*, to his pastor in Yakima. As the book exchanged hands, God called him to preach.

He carried the book around for 14 years before returning it and pursuing his

## Literal Literary Evangelist: an interview with Dr. Moses Harris

calling. 37 years later, Harris runs a blog where he posts sermons in over eight languages and has not missed one week since he started the linguistic-evangelistic blog in 2007.

"God has given me the ability to articulate his gospel message in various arenas," said Harris. "I have a minimum of 80 countries that use my sermons around the world. I have touched every continent, even Antarctica."

From his start at a high school in Yakima to working as a prison chaplain to his current position at Northwest University, Harris was sought out and asked to teach without distributing references or resumés.

For Harris, it is all about listening to what the Lord would have him do. "My theme in life was preaching and teaching," he said simply. "I have turned down other involvements because of my calling."

Here at Northwest, Harris offers a plethora of independent study courses for students wishing to further their acquisition of languages beyond his basic French and Spanish courses.

When asked why he does it, he said that the answer is simple: "Find something you love to do, and you'll never work a day in your life. I enjoy it. I love it because I love people."

Among his international accomplishments, Harris is celebrated in multiple forms of media. He has written books, produced CDs, and preached to multiple nationalities over the years, but his favorite book, fittingly, is titled, *My Father My Hero*.

"When future generations look back on my life, I want them to say I am a man of God," Harris remarked. Truly, in all he does, Harris has accomplished that reputation.

### Maritza Lino Student Life

## ent Life

### A New Hope in NUhope

Located on the top floor of the Davis Building, a brand new facility is raising curiosity throughout our school and community. At the helm of NUhope Community Counseling Center are Dr. Becky Sherman, Dr. Kim Lampson, Joanne Bartos, Renee St. Jacques, Chaitra Devereaux, and Heather Taylor.

"NUhope is a training clinic for doctoral students in counseling psychology at Northwest University. Our therapists are responsive to the needs of a multicultural community," says the clinic regarding its purpose. Students, and perhaps even faculty, are not fully aware that this counseling center offers low-cost therapy group sessions.

Sherman, who serves as both the director and supervisor of NUhope, dreamt up the idea for the center. Lampson serves as another supervisor for the Center.

"NU values the needs of our community. A way of being able to meet the needs is by providing affordable counseling," insisted Bartos, an intern at the Center.

In order to meet the needs of a multicultural community, both Sherman and Bartos speak Spanish, a unique offering from counseling in this area.

NUhope (pronounced new + hope) would like undergraduate students to raise awareness of the various services that they offer which can benefit friends, family members, or loved ones.

Although current NU undergraduate students cannot seek counseling with NUhope, students from the Masters programs and above can. Key differences between NUhope and the Wellness Center counseling services on campus do exist. The Wellness Center consists of interns from the 2-year Master's program, and NUhope has interns from the 5-year Psy.D. program.

The cost of this very affordable counseling center is based on a sliding fee scale depending on the amount that patients can afford. Upon the completion of the first session, the clinician along with the client agree on the cost, ranging anywhere from \$5-50 per session.

"NUhope is supporting Northwest University's mission of serving with head, heart and hand," said Sherman. "We are serving the greater community by addressing the mental health needs of the underserved."



### **EVERYBODY** LOVES FRANCIS

Protestants, Catholics, and everyone in between all seem to agree on one thing: the new pope is the real deal and is working hard to give the church a shiny new coat of paint. His emphasis on caring for others and living like Christ has turn a blind eye to this." As a pre-med student, Castro managed to impress most of the religious world and even many secular (former) critics of the church's practices.

Pope Francis has made it a point to reach out to non-Catholic Christians and build bridges between the two often tense communities. Juan Pablo Bongarrá, President of the Argentine Bible Society, remarked that Francis would end his conversations with evangelical pastors by requesting that they pray for him.

Northwest University students are especially excited to see what Francis has in store for the church. Annaliese Herms, a student of Religion and Philosophy, said she is impressed with Francis' emphasis on helping and ministering to the poor and homeless. "Being from Argentina, he has a different cultural perspective than past popes. He puts a heavier emphasis on ministering to the poor and underprivileged." In fact, Francis has been known to take to the streets personally to speak with his people in Rome and invited a party of 200 homeless men and women into his home for dinner.

Many Christians have expressed amazement at the Pope's origins, which may have something to do with his compassion for the poor. Francis (formerly known as Jorge Mario Bergoglio) is a Jesuit, a member of a congregation known as The Society of Jesus.

"Jesuits don't try to get promoted in the church," said Catholic NU student Marmar Castro. "They're happy where they are. He [Francis] never wanted this position. People saw something in him and prayed about it and elected him pope. He didn't come out right away because he was crying. He never wanted this."

In addition to the touching story of his origin as pope, Castro loves the stance he takes on big church controversies and issues

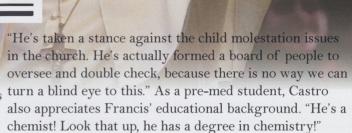


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"Benedict XVI had sort of a stodgy, academic approach, and one notable thing about Francis is he does definitely seem to have more of the pastoral approach, which is an encouraging thing," said Northwest's own resident church historian Professor Joshua Ziefle. Francis' 'preachby-living' lifestyle supports Ziefle's claim. Besides the aforementioned work with the homeless, Pope Francis also refuses to live in the traditional Apostolic Palace, choosing instead to stay in the Vatican's guest house so he can personally receive guests. He has also refused to wear the ornate clothes commonly associated with the pope, defaulting instead to simple white garb with the same cross he wore as a cardinal.

Ziefle does caution Christians caught up in pope-mania, though. "One thing we ought to be careful about is this. He's a really great guy, and everything he does seems to be perfect, but we know that no one is. He's going to make a mistake at one point, there's going to be something in his past, blah blah blah. Feel free to like him, but be careful about this, sort of, hero worship that we have." It's a good point we would all do well to remember and doesn't simply apply to the pope.

"Whether you're a Judah Smith fan, attend Mars Hill with Mark Driscoll, enjoy Tim Keller or Joyce Meyer, vesting the entirety of what Christianity stands for in that one question is never a good idea."

While Ziefle is absolutely right, it's impossible to deny that Pope Francis is changing the way Northwest University—and the world—views the Catholic Church. NU Psychology graduate Joseph Coburn said it best: "This new pope has swag!"

From the desks of:
Marlene Pierce, Rachael Wood,
Jacob Woodward, & Kimberly Garza



### Lyrical Love

#ValentinesDay #BeMine? #LeaveRoom4Jesus

#### Haiku From the Couch

Dearest Lounge Couples, Your public affection flares; Your passion inspires.

#### Mi Amor

Every day that passes I count down the hours
Just to see you again in Crowder.
As you walk by, I can't even breathe.
My heart stops and skips like a million beats.
Your eyes and smile seem to light up a room,

But let's not forget the smell of your amazing perfume. So with this I say

Roses are red; violets are blue.

I am in love.

Can you guess with who?

- Secret Love

### The Fast Track to Love

He pulled me over on the freeway to ask me my name. He wrote me a poem after our first conversation. On it date, time, and place where he said he would meet me.

But was I surprised when the date actually came! He read me not poems, but crimes against the nation. Never before has speeding hurt me so deeply.

### My Future Valentine

As I sit from behind in Christian thought,
All I can focus on are your gorgeous brown locks.

The back of your hands
Always seem to catch my attention,
So clean and so pink I can't even think.
You always seem to wear the perfect colors,
But boy you ought to have learned that from your mother.
My heart skips a beat every time you state scripture.
It makes me think this boy definitely
Needs to be in my picture.
I truly believe that God created you for me,

Choosing you from the rest, because in the end,
He knew I would love you the best.
Love,

Dream Girl

### **Anniversary Verse**

I know we've been dating for less than a week,
But I can already tell you're my heart's missing piece.
Since the beginning of time, you were meant to be mine;
You're my soul's perfect match and frankly quite a catch!
So I'm delighted to ask for the very first time:
My darling divine, would you also be my valentine?
You mean so much to me, and since it's already February,
I bought you a ring, for this most special anniversary.
Now as far as our future, three kids would be super;
I don't mean to be rash; am I moving too fast?
Since first our eyes met, I've been having a blast!
Don't worry! I talked to God about it. I think we will last!



The Great Debate:

Date or Wait?





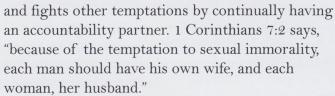
College is for lovers. We are creating ourselves, discovering our talents and interests, and the future is just starting to open up.

With that in mind, we should embrace the fact that love is part of that equation. While not every student is destined to marry, or even date, in college, doing so should not be shocking or disturbing.

That is not to say everyone should get married while attending college. Young adults' maturity levels vary greatly between ages 18 and 22. We all have different interests, different levels of independence, and different personal goals.

However, when two people meet who share those interests, independence, and goals and then fall in love, should they not choose to walk their paths together?

College is a time of great temptation, even attending a Christian university. Being married eliminates the temptation to have premarital sex



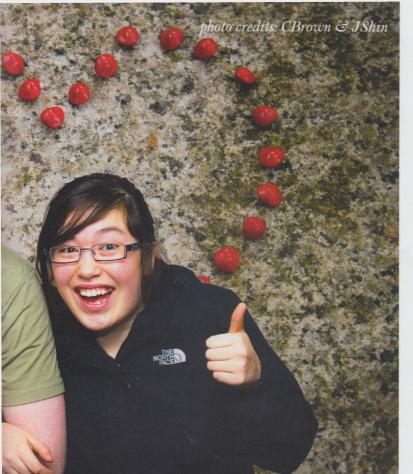
Finally, this university makes a great environment to be married. We have housing specifically for those of us who have chosen to get married—attending this school could otherwise be impossible without low-priced housing. Also, we get a pretty hefty discount on tuition as long as we both are attending.

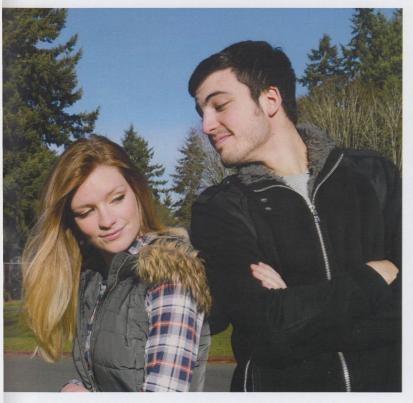
While we battle worldly influences and desires, we should welcome marriage with open arms. Marriage should not be taken lightly, but choosing marriage can be the best decision of your undergraduate career. It was for me!

### - Kaly Martell

Senior Communication Major, FIRs, Married







## Elisabeth Fonden Editorials wait.

In the two short years I've been at Northwest University, I have witnessed at least ten public engagements. The question is not if you're getting engaged, it's when. With this mentality floating around campus, many men and women feel pressured to speed up decisions when it comes to dating. Most students, I should hope, are here to gain a career that will provide for them in the future. Involving a relationship may lower once important priorities. Date nights start to take over much needed nights of studying, and grades may reflect badly.

Personally, I do not see anything wrong with dating while pursuing a college degree. However, college is a place where we as individuals should be building a stable life for ourselves. We are figuring out who we are and what we want. Listening to God is vital, and if it is meant to happen, it will!

Kat Bagwell, a business major at NU, states she isn't against dating in college; however, she doesn't agree with why most people do it. "A lot of people do it because everyone else is doing it or because of the ring by spring expectation," Bagwell noted. "If you're going to date someone, you need the emotional maturity to handle a relationship."

Single or dating, most people agree with her. Dating in its very essence isn't sinful by any means. But it is always important to draw the line somewhere. I believe it's safe to say that 99.9% of us students will be in thousands of dollars of debt by the time we graduate. The business world is tough, and it's important to stay focused to be successful. And who doesn't want to be successful?

### - Lizzy Fonden

Senior Communication Major, Commuter, Single

### Women's Basketball

High Hoops for the Season

The Women's basketball team has taken the league by storm this year, winning their last four out of five games. With a current record of 15-8, they are surely turning some heads throughout the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

Last year, the Lady Eagles had a tough season, only winning a total of two games. This year is vastly different.

Recently, winning an overtime game against Oregon Tech provided great excitement for the full house in attendance. Now entering the second half of the season, you can rest assured that you will see competitive basketball on the court as Eagles soar over what were thought to be better teams in the league.

Coach Ken Crawford, the recently-hired head coach, credits the senior leadership which has been through darker times together but has now brought a new light to this season. By incorporating hard work and perseverance along with Crawford's personal

coaching style, the team has created a successful team dynamic and season.

"The team is intelligent on the floor," commented Crawford. "They work hard and compete in practice and matches day in and day out." Before the season started, he wanted his team to be playing its best ball by the end of January, which the Eagles are now far more than accomplishing.

The recent weekend sweep of Warner Pacific and Concordia has the Eagles flying high and anxious to make a post-season appearance. Before the season even started the Lady Eagles were picked to finish last. Now, having overcome all adversity, they are (at printing time) only one game behind second place.

Other coaches and teams have taken note and commented on the Lady Eagles soaring over other women's teams in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

Soaring just as high is the recent attendance for the team's games. Coach Crawford claims that "when the fans are in attendance, they do provide the team with energy when they are loud. They cheer as rampantly as the 12th man that cheers in support of our Seattle Seahawks." So come on out and support your Lady Eagles; they deserve it!"





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■ See NUEagles.com for the latest scores!

To whom it may regard:

I really wish the *Talon* was worth reading, I do. Unfortunately, in the most recent issue, when I saw it and scanned through it, there was really nothing of substance. To me it seemed to be self absorbed and focused on really pointless issues. "Does Christmas still have Christ in it?"

Do people actually think about that stuff? Please read this article ["Largest Massacre of Christians in Syria Ignored" by Raymond Ibrahim].

If you want to make a difference, write about this. Write about the world and the atrocities that go on within it. Write about the martyrs of the Church that society keeps silent. Write about the pain in the world. Write about the world, not just people who have had cultural experiences.

As the *Talon*, you have a great opportunity to speak to the masses at Northwest University and inspire change. Right now, it is nothing. So, I am begging you to begin to speak of what nobody knows about. Report on issues that go on around the world. Show people that there is more than Northwest and the students. Do what has never been done before and push the limits on what you write about.

While I'm not against a few jokes here or there, like the Night Before Christmas NU Edition, when the jokes are surrounded by no substance, it defeats the purpose.

Please speak to people about what needs to be heard and prayed about, not about what they "want to hear." Who cares what people want to hear? God has placed the Talon in <code>[your]</code> position so <code>[you]</code> can make a difference in the lives of the believers. So, please do that.

Begin to write about what breaks hearts and inspires change. Then, and only then, will true change begin. Be the spark that sets fire to the hearts of many.

God bless and thank you.

With regard, William Hart Brown

### Letters to the Edito



Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you sincerely for your letter. We truly love to receive feedback from students and are happy to hear that you want to make your voice heard.

While I understand your concern to educate the student population on the distressing issues around the globe, the *Talon*'s primary focus is to bring ideas to the student body that are both immediately relevant and intellectually, socially, and spiritually challenging. We want to focus on the issues that affect our campus and the surrounding community in which we can have a direct impact.

That said, our goal is to serve students and motivate them to make a difference—be it through thoughts, speech, or actions—in their own spheres of influence. If you are aware of any groups on campus that are raising awareness of international or local persecution or are actively fighting it, we would love to hear about them. As always, we are open to suggestions on what articles the students want to read.

Thank you again for the feedback. We look forward to serving you better in the future.

Sincerely, Heather Karnes, Editor in Chief

### From the Editor:

Want your voice heard? Have criticism or praise? Send your comments to me through email at taloneditor@northwestu. edu, Facebook (/NUTalon), or Twitter (@TalonMagazine) then look for your letter in the next issue! I hope to hear from you soon!

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