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-Gandhi

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A multifaceted box that sits atop our refrigerator serves to contain cans, newspapers, and anything else that might harbor recycling aspirations. My roommates have joined me in this small environmental campaign; however, on occasion one of us slips and a Diet Coke can ends up in the garbage. As much as I might pleasure plunging my hand through day-old coffee grounds and browned banana peels to retrieve the prodigal piece - I have to wonder if it matters. If the one gets away to we cease to be "doing our part."

I remember when recycling screamed of fanaticism. It was something that only bra-less, tree-hugging, Birkenstock-wearing people cared about. Now environmental consciousness is almost the norm, only hinting of the aforementioned. And yet some Christians still seem hesitant because it ever so slightly resembles a liberal agenda. But why should the preservation of creation be a partisan issue? And if it must be so, why is it not the agenda of those who serve the Creator?

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a small pile of stones and a big creator

dating myths

By Carrie Hays and
Candice Gunstream

So, here we are, entering our senior year, our final year of college. Our thoughts are flooded with future decisions to make: graduating, passing licensing exams, paying off loans, finding a job, finding a place to live, and of course scheming how to catch that certain guy so that we can get that ring by spring, right? WRONG. Contrary to popular belief, just because we are seniors, we do not all have file folders with cut-out pictures of wedding dresses and honeymoon locations.

Marriage and relationships are not the only things going on in our heads. We do not sit in the Dex or go through the Scambooks looking for our potential husbands or putting our first names with their last names to see if they have a nice *ring*. Ok, so maybe we do this every once in a while, but purely as a joke on a late night with all of our friends. As seniors, we may have a clearer idea of what we are looking for, but this does not mean that the time-frame of dating has shortened. Most of us still want a relationship built on a consistent friendship and a good period of time where we can really get to know the person without pressure. Graduation is not the deadline to find "the One."

Asking a person out for one date, two nights of TWIRP, or hanging out at Walmart should not be mistaken for a marriage proposal. Once two people express mutual interest for each other, it should not be pushed up to serious relationship status. It can mean that they want to build a friendship or just simply get to know each other better. We understand that everyone has their own pace in which they move but is unfair to categorize everyone in say a three month period.

We are not desperate. We are not hoping this article will bring in the calls. We just want to speak out on behalf of girls, so maybe we can bring a little clarity from the girl's point of view.

By Stephanie Hunter Since the age of three, when my dad carried me up one switchback, and I walked another, I have backpacked in the Cascade mountain range of Northern Washington State. The experiences I have had while on the trail have played a big part in shaping my views of the world around me. I would never consider myself a hardcore environmentalist. After all, as Christians, shouldn't we care more about humans? On the other hand, I love my mountains; I want to keep them safe. I do not think my love of nature contradicts my faith.

When I was thirteen, my mom and I hiked half a day to reach Sahale Glacier, which sits above Cascade Pass. As we stood on the ice and admired the 360 degree view, my mother dropped to her knees and began stacking rocks. She wanted to create a memorial to God (like the Hebrews in the Old Testament.) I thought she was crazy. It was one of those moments when I was grateful no one was around. On our descent from the glacier we bumped into another group of hikers at Cascade pass; one of them, with his arms raised, was intoning a Native American praise to the mountain. It was then that I realized what my mother had done.

I do not protect my environment because I worship it above humanity. I do not stand on a mountain and worship the mountain. I am an environmentalist because creation gives me a small glimpse of the sheer magnitude and glory of God. We say people will know a Christians by their works. I say you will know God by His works. Doesn't that make our environment worth saving? Today, I know weather has long since scoured that small pile of stones from the mountain. I don't care. In my heart, those stones will forever stand as a tribute to my Creator. I see God in the world around me; I will protect that image.

NNU idol

while you were out... reading

By Sharece Bunn When Josh Maggard first told me about Karaoke night at the Perk, I was ecstatic. I had a plan to enter the contest, singing "At Last" and have one of my guy friends pretend he was my newfound love to give me flowers. This idea was SHOT down in my own head, when

I realized that this Karaoke night was for real.

Ian Williams took it upon himself to feature the first ever NNU Idol. It must be said right off that this name is not appropriate for NNU. As a Christian school, we should not condone the worshiping of idols, so for the rest of this article, I will call the "NNU Idol" our "Star."

The perk was set up to be a real show. Everyone was excited to see who was up next. The most amazing part, in my opinion, was that Shawn Blenker was adorned in an out-of-date dress. It was quite amusing...and kind of gross. Our own Lance Nelson chose to play the role of Simon, harping on the songs we all love so much, and telling people not to quit their day jobs. Dr. Willis also graced us with his presence, and chose to be a more agreeable judge.

The winners of this joyous event were Katie Wilson, Carly Peck, and Hannah Bowman. These girls get to go on to the State Christian Karaoke Championship where they have the opportunity to win \$1000. The Championship will be held in the Brandt Center on October 18th, the same night as Fresheree.

Carrie Hays was the "Funny Act Winner" with her rendition of "How Great Thou Art." The night was ultimately a success. Those who chose to spend a night away from homework spent their money on a worthy cause. Ian did a great job with his first big project as student center director.

By Devon Van Essen It seems *While You Were Out* came to NNU last weekend, and worked a miracle on a certain office on the Wiley second floor. Visitors to this department will notice a distinct change in atmosphere and may smell the aroma of mulled cider replacing the scent of mold and dust.

Our brave volunteers battled armies of dust bunnies and ventured to bravely go where no English major has gone before—into cupboards, under rugs, and behind bookshelves. The bodies of Charles Dickens, Ernest Hemingway, and Emily Bronte will rest easier knowing their great works are now in alphabetical order in the lending library. Students and faculty can feel safe drinking coffee from Wiley 202, assured that the coffeepot has been recently cleaned. There are even rumors of a teapot that will soon take

up residence there, for the edification of Jane Austen fans.

The biggest change, however, is the color of this new and improved department. A lovely brick red and a light sage green bring a warm coziness to the front room and hallways. In the words of one professor, "It seems like the kind of place where ideas are discussed." The decorating elves also rearranged the furniture, and removed some unnecessary pieces to open up the front room and make it an even better place to drink coffee and read books. And the transformation is not yet complete. Watch for a new lamp, rug, poster, and bulletin board display.

Come visit the English Department, found upstairs in Wiley, room 202, and meet the friendly English professors. There are always books to borrow and coffee brewing.

waiting is a twirp

By Nnub Ecerahs I'm gonna tell you a story about the most boring two hours of my life. So--after spending a few minutes in the Crusader office, I went downstairs, where the line for TWIRP tickets was already beyond the entrance to the bookstore. My horrid fate started to look up when Heidi Hanson came gasping through the door. She had sped to the student center, just to get in line. The sweat was dripping down her cute little nose. After a few moments, she took off to get her book. She eased some of the tension by bringing back "lollies," also called dum-dums, for all.

As time went on, I found that these two hours were *not* going to be the most boring, but would be quite an adventure. Someone commented on how we should have gotten chapel credit for staying in line so long. The words had barely left her mouth when Gene walked by with a pile of chapel cards. My hopes were dashed when I realized that it was a stack of filled-out chapel cards. It was a sad realization.

Girls were doing homework like mad-women. However, as time passed, girls resorted to playing cards and talking, mostly about boys. While in line, I found out that more people got engaged. We really ought to have announcements for such events. Boys walked in and out of the 'dex', finishing their meals before we even set foot in the dining hall. Sarah Campton said something about how sad it was that we were all waiting forever. But at the same time, she still sat in line to get her free T-shirt.

Some of us also began to ask ourselves one very important question. Would the guys ever wait in a line that long for us? Probably not. If a guy wanted to buy tickets and saw such a huge line, he would probably walk on by. However, one person in line broke this mold. Trevor Robinson sat at the table outside the 'dex from 1:30 until 3 (I know this because I saw him!). That is dedication. I hope that he and Krystal get the best T-shirts!

reflecting the father

By Andrew Kerr I am not ignorant enough to say that everyone attending NNU is a Christian, but I do believe that a lot more people claim to be a Christian than those who are actually living in Christ. Do not claim to be a Christian if Jesus is not living in you. Be honest to yourself and others. If you are not pursuing a life like Christ then say "I am not a Christian." Say, "I am an atheist," or perhaps "I am dabbling in Christianity" or "I believe in God but He is not my priority in life." Just be honest and do not live a lie. If you have rejected Jesus, then live your life as you wish, but if you claim to have given your life to Jesus, then it is no longer your life. Christians are not supposed to be so concerned about the physical world, for we are a part of a better world, an eternal world. We are to keep focused on God and the people God loves, which is every person. We are not to indulge in the sinfulness of this fallen world for we are to reflect a perfect God. We cannot reflect our filth onto God, for God is Love and God is patient, God is kind. He does not envy, He does not boast, He is not proud. God is not rude, He is not self-seeking, He is not easily angered, and He keeps no record of wrongs. God does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. He always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. If these characteristics are not growing in you, then Jesus does not live in you.

Jesus cannot be accepted in slices. We cannot take God as our Savior, Provider or as our Best Friend and Father and then not take Him as our Lord and Master. We cannot take what we want of God and leave out the parts that make us uncomfortable or leave us no longer in control of our lives. God is too good for us not to accept all of Him. Knowing God is eternal life. Jesus prayed before He was crucified, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you have granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17)

Either accept every aspect of Jesus or live your life for yourself, but don't claim one thing and live another. I can assure you that giving your entire life to God is immeasurably more rewarding than any pleasure or any life you could lead on your own.

Lord, Creator, God, thank you for life. Thank you for loving me so much that you gave me pleasures in this world. Let me not get fixed on these pleasures, but fix my intentions and goals on you. For you are eternal life and I long to know you even more. Thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus, and thank you for the account of His life held within the Bible. Reveal yourself to me through your scriptures, through other Christian's lives and through Divine intervention. You are alive and at work and I give you thanks.



Environmental How to be an

Psalm 104

O Lord my God, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all. The earth is full of thy riches. So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that Leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee, that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created, and thou renewest the face of the earth. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet. I will be glad in the Lord, and I will sing praises unto his name: and let the wicked be no more. Praise ye the Lord.

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By Tiana Cutright This bit of spinning galactic rock that we call home is an amazing place to live. Many of us have at least one treasured memory of a personal encounter with our world's beauty. We remember standing in the shadow of the Sawtooths, breathing in pine and dark earth, or perhaps we have heard the unnerving stillness that surrounds fine desert sands at night. We remember the heavy green of a rain forest, or the rush of wide salt waters, or the fiery clouds at dawn. We recall the glory of a backyard garden, or the sweet sound of the wind in tall trees. We call this wide array of splendor "Nature" and write poems. A better name for this array is "Creation."

We hear so much about "the environment," or our "natural resources," that we get to thinking that we are somehow separate from our "habitat." Renaming this natural world "Creation" goes a long way toward directing our response as Christians to our planet, its beauty, and its needs. We too are God's Creation. We are not separate at all. On the contrary, we are God's appointed stewards over His Creation (see Genesis 1:28 for further insight). Furthermore, as Christians, our work is to participate with God in the redemption and re-creation of this sin-tainted world. In our efforts to bring people to Christ, we must not overlook the rest of God's creative masterpiece, which is in need of a lot of tender, loving care these days.

Yes, this is a call to be Eco-Christians. We simply cannot enjoy the pleasures of God's Creation while neglecting its well-being. This includes our use of those "natural resources" in the soda cans we go through, the paper we write on, the tires we put on our cars, the earth we dig up to accommodate our cities, the trees we take down in international forests, the oil we burn up daily, and the mountain trails we traverse while on vacation. The Master will require a reckoning of how His people have chosen to handle the riches He has left in our charge. When He does, will the accounts balance? Here are some thoughts about what it means to be an environmentally-concerned disciple of Christ. "Review, redeem, rejoice" are added to "reduce, reuse, recycle." Both kinds of action are important.

We must review the attention to both physics and God's perspectives. Jeremiah 12:4, apart from indictment, also sums up the condition: "How long shall the earth be consumed, and the herbs of every field be withered? and the beasts are consumed, and the fowls of the heaven are perished, because thou said, He shall not see me, for I will not be afflicted: for I will not think that God sees me, for I will not be afflicted. We need to look at our own lives. What do I do with my old newspaper? Can I do that empty Pepsi can and crank up the heat? What about manufacturing companies? Then we review local area reports on pollutant consumption. How do our lifestyles contribute to consumption. Ask what we can do to enrich our local area.

Take one reviewed copy to best redeem it. Come to my own, talk it over with friends, study group, or congregation. For example, I use paper far too carelessly. I use far too much paper trash anywhere that is convenient. I use my concern to God in prayer to help me consider how I can help this problem. Together we can come to the conclusion that I personally use, and print out, come across in my daily life. So I am redeeming my neighborhood by collecting any paper litter. This becomes a habit in my life. Something to redeem Christ.

As we see the effect of redemption, we can rejoice for the amazing natural world. We thank God for His creation and ecological injuries. We wonder for Creation, and to care for it. We do not use Christ's name as acts of

ewardship: Eco-Christian

situation through environmental facts given in the Bible. In Jeremiah's historical the earth's present all the land mourn, old wither, for the dwell therein? The birds; because they last end." We just do what we are doing. individual habits. What papers? Where does up? How high do I products do I buy—panies do I support? d cultural habits that t's condition. Look up entations. Examine ute to waste and over-our community is doing or to wreck it. ment and discuss how up with ideas on your ends, with God, with a tion. Then take some ave determined that I ly. I understand that is just getting dumped ent for the paper lks, city parks. I take ayer and ask Him to an do something about my Lord and I come ust recycle the paper k up the paper litter I excursions between ut this into practice, ood environment by t I see, and depositing o NNU collection bins. ny life. Anyone can do ation. of environmental ce. We praise God world—His Creation. rk through us to heal hare with others our our commitment ronmental good in vorship and love.

Then we go back to reviewing needs, and we move through this cycle again. It is vital that we recognize our responsibilities regarding environmental conservation, restoration, and renewal. It is more than working to preserve our homes and health. Being an Eco-Christian is part of our witness to the world.

Local Resources:

Here on campus, we are provided with a great resource for our eco-crusades. Circle K runs the NNU recycling program. "Recycling is probably the easiest way for college students to help with environmental issues," said Circle K vice president, Mary Osborne. There are item collection bins all over campus: in the dorms, the student center, Wiley, the library, the admin. building, admissions, Williams Hall. White paper, newspaper, aluminum soda pop cans are collected on campus and taken to Western Recycling for processing. This ministry club is sponsored by the local Nampa Kiwanis Club, and in addition to taking care of campus recycling interests, engages in community service projects. Projects include raking leaves at private residences, and collecting plush toys for distribution by fire departments. Open to all interested students, Circle K meets in the Brick House every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is October 8th. Upcoming club events include the Fall Trainer on October 25, and Random Raking on November 8 and 15. The Fall Trainer involves attending service conferences to learn how to serve the community better. Random Raking participants will meet in the student center between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m., then depart for two to three hours of leaf raking in yards around the community. Students are welcome to join in. Around the community, Pacific Recycling and Western Recycling are great places to take your recyclables. Pacific Recycling (at #9 9th Avenue North) accepts items like paper, cardboard, copper, brass, zinc, stainless steel, aluminum, and lead. Western Recycling (located at 2504 Sundance Road) accepts paper, lead, iron, steel, copper, brass, aluminum, glass, and alkaline batteries. Also, keep a look out for drop-off containers in parking lots around the community.

Basic Eco-Tips:

Pray. Ask God to "renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30). Plant a tree—or keep a nice potted plant in your dorm room. Turn off your lights and electric gizmos when you are not using them. Walk or bike rather than driving around your neighborhood. Purchase food from bulk bins at grocery stores to reduce packaging consumption.

Donate to and shop at thrift stores. RECYCLE. Fix dripping faucets. Turn off the water faucet when you are brushing your teeth or cooking. Take shorter showers. Use rechargeable alkaline batteries. Keep rooms cool by shutting window blinds, using ceiling fans, or opening windows. Keep rooms warm by letting the sun shine in and blocking up draft sources like door and window frames. Dress weather-appropriately and avoid cranking up either the heat or the AC. Dispose of hazardous materials from your home or car properly. Invest in fluorescent light bulbs rather than the old incandescents—they save energy and last longer. Share your Eco-Christian ideals through your words and lifestyle.

Recommended Internet Sites:

www.obviously.com/recycle offers a collection of recycling guides and links. www.earth911.org is a great place to access national and local environmental information. www.scorecard.org provides information about pollution and its environmental impacts. www.ecobeetle.com is a comprehensive, user-friendly site about environmental issues. www.creationcare.org is the Evangelical Environmental Network website.

grapes, blimps, and chorus girls: the weird world of matthew barney

By Christin Runkle Matthew Barney is a fascinating guy. He was raised in Boise, and played football for Capital High. He then attended Yale, where he majored in Pre-med. He earned money to support himself in college by working as a model for J. Crew and Ralph Lauren. He is married to odd Icelandic singer, Bjork. These days, he can often be seen dressed as a satyr or other strange creature. An eclectic resume, to be sure—so, who on earth is this man? Barney happens to be one of America's foremost (and one of the most controversial) contemporary performance artists. He is most famous for a series of five films collectively called *The Cremaster Cycle*. The first film of the series, *Cremaster 1*, is on display at the Boise Art Museum through October 19.

Cremaster 1 does not have a plot as such. Rather, it is a forty-minute choreographed, 1940's-style musical, sans singing and dialogue. The action takes place in Bronco Stadium at BSU and inside two Goodyear blimps. The film's platinum blonde heroine, aptly named Goodyear, inexplicably resides beneath grape-covered tables in both blimps at the same time (in addition to the grapes, Vaseline sculptures of ovaries also rest on both tables—it is amazing what some artists think to sculpt with). Four bored, chain-smoking flight attendants watch over each table. The only way the viewer can distinguish between the two blimps is by the color of the grapes, green in one blimp, red in the other. Under each table, Goodyear picks a hole in the tablecloth, through which she proceeds to pull some grapes. The grapes fall from a bowl on the bottom of her shoe and form a pattern on the floor which guides a chorus line of dancers on the football field into various configurations that are seen from above. Several of these formations look suspiciously similar to parts of a reproductive system. The finale comes when Goodyear, holding each blimp by a harness, walks onto the field and parts the sea of chorus girls. What does it all mean? Who knows. It could mean anything, or it could mean nothing, and most of us would not be able to tell the difference. It is fun to speculate, though, and that may very well be the point of this kind of work.

People either love Matthew Barney, or they hate him—there is not much middle ground. Much of his work is risqué or violent (though *Cremaster 1* is certainly one of his safer pieces), and it doesn't fit the conception most people have of what art should be. If you are more into Degas than Duchamp, Barney probably is not for you. But if you do not mind having your senses affronted with bizarre imagery, or if you enjoy searching for symbolism where there may, in actuality, be none, take a trip to the BAM and check out *Cremaster 1*.

(Admission to the Boise Art Museum is \$3 with student ID or \$5 for adults. *Cremaster 3* will play at the Flicks Movie Theater October 10—16, and Barney will be making a special appearance there on October 15 at 7:00 pm.)

what to do don't just think about it

By Erik Eilers

▶ Praire Dog Productions
"Idaho's Family Theatre"
3820 Cassia, Boise

Now Playing: *Dracula vs The Vampire*
Friday and Saturday Evenings thru October 25
Doors Open 6:45 PM
Performance at 7:15 PM
Tickets: \$10 (general) \$8 (student)

▶ The Music Theater of Idaho
Presenting: *Into The Woods*
October 16-18, 23-25
Thurs, Fri, Sat - 8:00 PM, Saturday Matinee 2:00 PM
Nampa Civic Center

▶ David Spade Live!
Thursday October 9 at 8:00 PM
The Pavilion
1910 University Drive, Boise
Tickets \$10 to \$29

▶ FFH "ready to fly tour"
with Big Daddy Weave and Warren Barfield
Monday November 10 at 7:00 PM
The Pavilion
Tickets: General Admission \$16 (All Select-A-Seat outlets)
Group Rate (15+) \$13 (call 208-426-1766)

▶ Starlight Mountain Theatre
Presents: *Always... Patsy Cline The "Girls" are Back!*
October 23, 24, 25 at 8:00 PM
Mardi Gras Ballroom, Boise (462-5523)
Tickets \$14

▶ BSU's Theater Arts Department
Presents: *Endgame*
October 8-12 at 7:30 PM
Morrison Center Stage II
Tickets \$9 general and \$7 for students at Select-a-Seat

▶ Orchestra Concert
BSU Music Department
Sunday October 19 at 7:30PM
Morrison Center
Tickets (at door): General \$5

▶ *Sound of Music*
Broadway in Boise
November 1 at 3:00 PM and 8:00 PM
November 2 at 2:00 PM
Morrison Center
Tickets \$25, \$38.50, and \$46

▶ Five Iron Frenzy
with Bleach
New Heights Christian Fellowship, Boise
November 7 at 7:00 PM
Tickets \$12 (in advance) \$15 (at the door)

▶ *Sleeping Beauty*
Ballet Idaho
November 8 at 8:00 PM
Morrison Center
Tickets \$17-\$39

a call to wits: help save the Top Ten

By Ali Brown and Erik Eilers

Where is the Top Ten? That is all we hear. Never mind the thought-provoking feature, informative articles or entertaining reviews, the readers want funny lists. The Top Ten has been a fixture in the Crusader for years. It is the thing people turn to first, and is the object of discussion and debate over the tables of Sodexo and in our classrooms. However, over the course of the past year, we have watched the slow demise of this pillar of humor.

It has been a constant source of debate and dilemma among our staff.

We do not know what has caused the lack of participation. There have

been a total of five submissions at the Brick House this year, and we have printed one. But in separating the "wheat from the chaff" we were left with a lot of chaff and nothing printable. Now, I do not want to offend any aspiring comedians, but while "The Top Ten Reasons to Date so and so" and "The Top Ten Reasons so and so is Hot" might be accurate compilations, they are not, well...funny. There I have said it, they just are not funny.

Perhaps there are aspiring comedians out there who would like to try their hand at one but just do not know how. Writing a list can be easy. Here we examine some basic rules.

Elements of a funny Top Ten:

There are some key elements that can add tremendously to the success of a Top Ten. To illustrate these points I have selected a prime example of student humor. This list was submitted and printed last year. Its timeless humor is effective, even now.

(FAMILIARITY:

students laugh at things they can relate to)

10. The Reg Hill Wacky Tie

9. The Ed Castledine Haircut

8. The Kevin Dennis casual May

7. The Wendell Bowes retro-look

6. The George Lyons "Tsunami"

(VISUAL IMAGERY: this allusion leaves the reader daydreaming about surfing on hair)

(IRONY: a classic comic device, this is funny because Gene is neither big, nor tall)

5. The Schandorff "Big and Tall"

(Although the use of a former professor might date the piece, many upper classmen find it humorous as well as evoking NOSTALGIA)

4. The Newell Morgan "Handlebar"

3. The Gaymon "Santa on vacation" Bennett

2. Sean Connery Ponsford "Medicine Man"

(THE ABSURD: one can not help but hear Mrs. Shaw saying "raise your arms honey")

1. The Steve "my-wife-dresses-me" Shaw

If you are a freshman and have yet to attempt this traditional feat, please give it a try. And if you are an upperclassman who has attempted to no avail, do not lose hope. And if you are one of those pesky people who always ask why there is no Top Ten but have yet to write one yourselves, perhaps this offer will entice you: the Brick House guys have offered free coffee to the best Top Ten submitted every week. But the sense of satisfaction in seeing your hard work in print, and the smiles and compliments of your peers, should be reward enough. Please, do not let the Top Ten slip quietly into the history books. Instead let us restore it and make it shine like a beacon to our dark world. May it be a symbol of hope, love, peace, but above all, humor.

classic movie review: citizen kane

By Erik Eilers

In 1941, Orson Wells released a movie about the life of an influential publishing tycoon. Little did Wells know at the time, that his movie was to become one of the greatest movies ever made. In 1998, the American Film Institute ranked *Citizen Kane* the number one movie of all time. Many other distinguished associations, critics, as well as common movie-goers agree that *Citizen Kane* is indeed the best. It is a commentary on what the "American Dream" really is, and is even more applicable today than when it was originally released. The cinematography is brilliant as well; the ongoing theme of light and dark is one element of the movie to pay close attention to.

The movie begins at its end, with the death of Charles Foster Kane, a multimillionaire and owner of dozens of newspapers and other forms of media. The last thing he says, before dying, is the word 'Rosebud.' No one knows what he means by it, but a reporter embarks on a mission to uncover its meaning. In his search he interviews Kane's closest friends and those that knew him the best. The viewer is taken on a voyage of Charles Foster Kane's life as he rose through the ranks of society and became the richest man in America. He came from a life with nothing and gained everything, but was never happy. In the last scene of the movie the viewer is shown what 'Rosebud' is, and once that revelation begins to sink in, so does the deep meaning behind it. You may not agree with the message the movie conveys, but it is something that we should all think about in this materialistic world in which we live. It is for that reason critics have proclaimed this movie the best ever, and is the reason it will remain the best for years to come.

In a day where the average movie goer is looking for a shallow romantic comedy, as many explosions as possible, and high body counts, a movie like *Citizen Kane* falls short of many peoples' expectations. It has a deeply moving plot, and an even deeper message that is timeless and universal. Because it is an older movie it does not have the fast pace that the attention deficit society we live in is used to. However, this movie is still powerful today and will be for many future generations.

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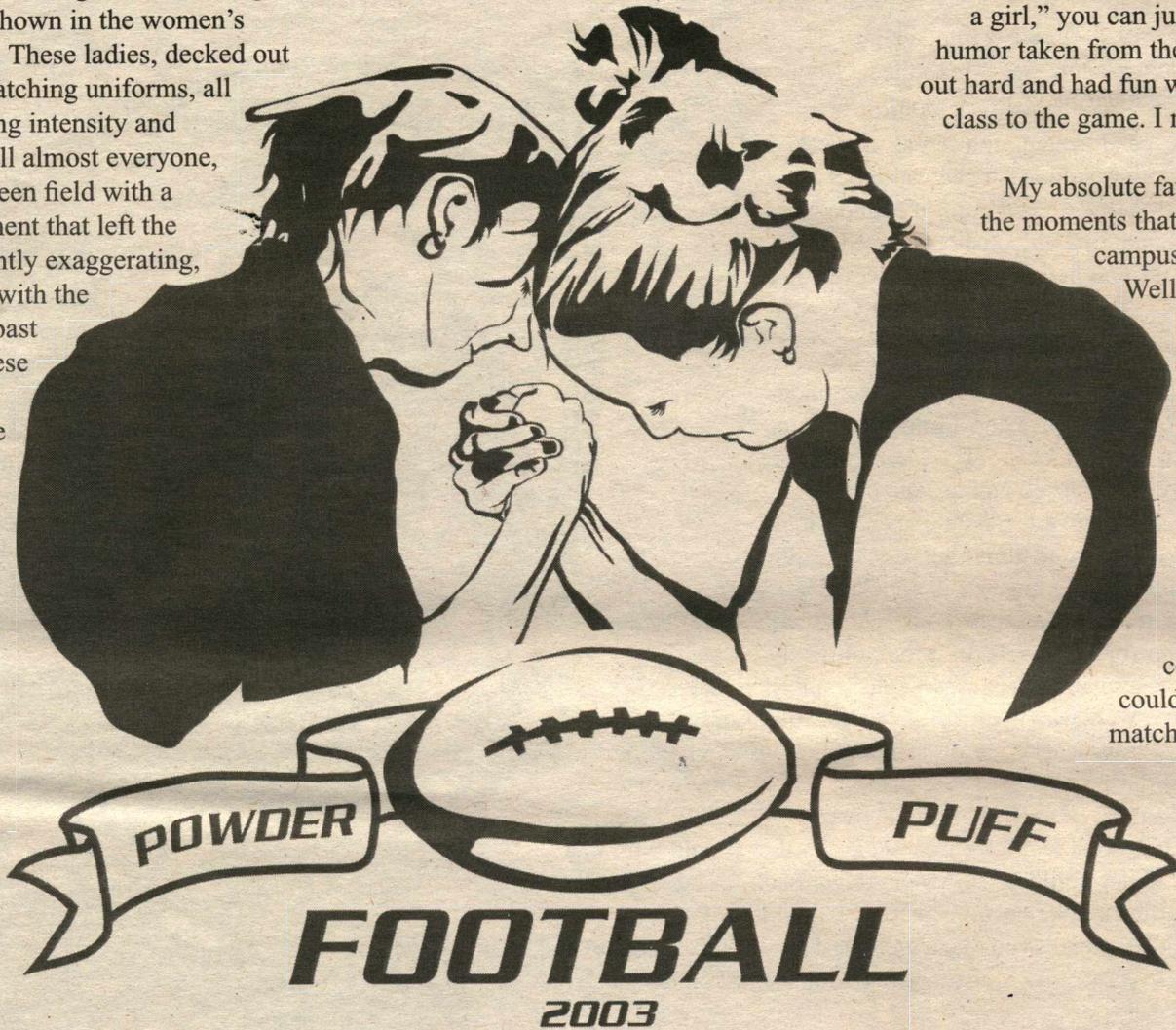
By Shelli Bunn-Petterson This fall Crusader athletics have taken on a whole new identity. I am referring to the amazing athleticism that has been shown in the women's intramural football games. These ladies, decked out in old sweats or snazzy matching uniforms, all showed up with a surprising intensity and enthusiasm. Everyone, well almost everyone, came out onto that lush green field with a determination and excitement that left the fans in awe. Ok, I am slightly exaggerating, but I was truly impressed with the games that I watched the past two Saturdays. I mean, these teams were not only star football players; they were their own cheerleaders as well. (A double whammy if you will.)

In truth, the games were filled with a fair amount of silly events, like a player on the field asking her teammates "Guys, who is on defense?" Hmm, I will leave that one alone.

Overall, however, I thought that the girls did a pretty terrific job. Ok, and for all you guys who just snidely thought, "Yeah, for a girl," you can just "bite me." (That was a little humor taken from the Cupcakes.) These girls came out hard and had fun while bringing a little feminine class to the game. I mean who else but girls would show up in matching pink?

My absolute favorite parts of the games were the moments that I got to see the nicest girls on campus turn into savage competitors.

Well-placed elbows and accidental tackles definitely added to the intensity. I mean, it was necessary to have some brutality when the Cupcakes showed up, frosted with matching t-shirts and topped with their pink bandana cherries. I for one, would like to see these little deserts pitted against the morbidly competitive Dark Daze. Things could really heat up in that ill-fated match up. Can anyone say cat fight?



upcoming events

For any and all students interested in getting involved in some fitness activities, I would suggest that you periodically check at the Nampa Rec. Center. They usually post most community events and have a place where you can sign up. Here are some upcoming classes for any students interested in getting up and doing some physical class work.

Life Guard Training Course

October 14 – November 13
 Time: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-9pm
 Cost: pass holder- \$163 non pass holder- \$195
 Call 468-5858 for more information.

Traditions Martial Arts Women's Self Defense Class

Two sessions: October 7 – November 11 or November 25 – January 13
 Time: Tuesdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm
 Location: Nampa Rec. Center, Studio 4
 Cost: pass holder- \$22 non pass holder- \$28
 Call 465-2215 for more information.

campus creatures and their tales

by Andy Kerr and Tyler Moyer
illustration by Andy Kerr

The animals around NNU are very busy creatures, so it was very difficult to get interviews with all of them. We did, however, find a few very interesting characters who found time in their busy day to chat.

We first approached a flock of seagulls in the middle of the soccer field. With Triscuit in-hand, I gave the gulls a peace offering but only two of them were bold enough to stay. I asked the one, who was obviously male, "What is your name sir?" He replied, "My name is Jake and this is my wife Jan, but her nickname is Squirts."

(He Chuckled.) Squirts proceeded to slap Jake across the beak, and she flew off. This made the interview somewhat awkward, but I had a very important question to ask. "Why are you guys in Nampa when you are called 'sea' gulls?" Jake was obviously disgusted with this question. He spat at me and flew off giving Tyler the bird.

Our first interview was somewhat a flop, so we decided that Tyler would do the talking for the next one. We proceeded to Elijah Creek to summon the ducks, but they were too timid and swam away when we got close. Tyler remembered an old Boy Scouts trick and he squatted down, thrust his chest outward and held his head up. He stuck his hands behind him to serve as tail feathers and began to waddle towards the ducks. They were much more receptive after that, so Tyler asked for the spokesperson (or spokes duck, to be politically correct.)

Toby Web was his name. Because of Tyler's uncanny likeness to ducks, Toby Web was open to answering questions. Tyler asked, "So Toby, now that we're on a first name basis, when you swim in the canal do the sea-weed-like plants tickle?" Toby's cheeks turned red and the corners of his beak turned upward (not unlike a smirk) as he shyly replied, "No comment." He then said, "I only have time for one more question." "OK," Tyler replied, "Do you ever get flack for being prettier than the girls?" Toby, startled at the question, peered at Tyler and skeptically said, "You're not a duck are you?" Tyler, having been an honest Boy Scout, stood up and replied, "No Toby, I am not." Toby quickly swam away with a smirk on his face.

Our next goal was to catch the Brick House Chicken before feeding time. We found her on the front step, sulking. "Why are you sad," I asked. "The Brick Boys are eating my cousin." "Oh no," I said, "Was your cousin from Kentucky?" "Are you just saying that because I'm black?" snapped the chicken. "No, no, no," I said in defense. "Its just that you have such fine legs, good looking wings and a perfect pair of"-----She interrupted, "Hey guys, my eyes are up here." Tyler and I got rather embarrassed and decided to leave.

We headed toward the trees to find a less moody animal and found a few squirrels. I introduced myself and Tyler to the largest of the squirrels. "Nice to meet you both. My name is Chip" squeaked the squirrel. "Well Chip, if that is your name, how do you like living at NNU?" Chip replied, "This side of campus is very nice except for the campus golfers. When they pass, they hit our nuts with their clubs and steal our acorns." "Oh dear," Tyler replied, "You said this side of campus is nice, what's wrong with the other side?"

A tear began welling up in Chip's eye and he choked up,

"We..ell, ssome of my friends that la ..la..la..live behind the Student Cen...Center have been...well, disappearing." Tyler began to cry as well so I tried to comfort them both, but it was to no avail.

If you have any knowledge as to the cause of the disappearing squirrels, please talk to Chip, he lives in the tree outside of Morrison. Thank you



Fyi:

Today is World Egg Day. What this means for all of you, is that you should eat eggs or not eat eggs, it is up to you.

Wednesday is National Grouch Day. If your roommate wakes up and complains about your alarm, do not fret, this is the one day for which you will actually be excused from normal civilized behavior.

Oh, and in case anyone saw students on campus carrying teddy bears around, Wednesday was National Bring Teddy Bear to Work and School Day. Students at Star Elementary even participated in this holiday.