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***Four students share  
their NNU experience***





# president's letter

## WORDS ON OUR WALL

Each time the NNU community gathers in chapel to worship God and hear God's Word proclaimed, in our peripheral vision are words on the wall. On the right-hand side of the Brandt Center's Swayne Auditorium are these words:

Unite the pair so long disjoined,  
Knowledge and vital piety.

—Charles Wesley

These words were penned by Charles Wesley as part of a hymn text that indicated he believed that these two realms belong together. The life of the mind and the life of faith are not to be separated; they are part of a greater whole. Thus, what occurs in the NNU Chapel is intimately linked with what occurs in the Riley Library and the classrooms of NNU.

For NNU, Charles Wesley's words imply a call to be like Christ, to live vital lives of faith, to utilize our capacity to reason and explore so that we might know Him more fully and serve Him more ably. The quote is a reminder to keep united that which is so easily separated by fallen man.

We want to be a people of wonder who delight in considering our God, His creation and our place in it. We want to be good stewards of the gift of reason via our pursuit of truth. We seek to live lives of reason and virtue. To, in effect, with God's grace and help, become virtuous people. We intend to be a community of faith and reason, pursuing the life designed by and for God. At our best, our faculty is seeking to live a life that is an example of life as it is to be lived. We have made commitments to exercise our minds for Christ and to have the mind of Christ.

In this issue of *The Messenger*, you may read a chronicle of a day in the life of several of our students. In each case, they are being encouraged to exercise both their faith and their reason and to apply each to their lessons and their chosen craft, to be a part of a place where "knowledge and vital piety" are joined together.

I pray NNU will always heed God's call to pursue Him with both our heart and our mind. I pray that by being immersed in the NNU experience, our students will come to understand His ways; to, in effect, "have the mind of Christ." Then, may each of us, professor, student and alumni, step forward and become salt and light and leaven in this world, a world pretending to be sufficiently in charge of itself; but in reality, a world desperately in need of a Savior—Jesus Christ our Lord, whose Kingdom and righteousness we seek!

David Alexander, NNU President



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**Cover:** Nipher Malika, Annie Larlie, Troy Watters and Cody Stauffer go about their busy day as students at NNU. Photography by Brad Elsberg.



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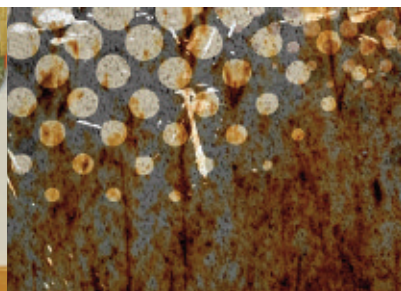
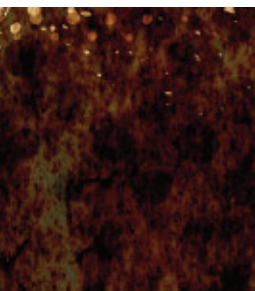
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How four NNU students live out the

NNU has taken a distinctly different approach to education ...  
The four University outcomes—social responsiveness, creative  
have become the pillars by which the University measures  
four students, each uniquely living out



Scene: 5:19 a.m.  
Annie Larlee  
Morning devotion

**Annie Larlee** peers over at the alarm clock buzzing next to her bed, wondering how it could already be time to wake up. The junior nursing major from Maupin, Ore., rolls out from under her warm blankets and tries to wake up from a short night of sleep. Before setting out, she takes time to pray, asking God for help as she prepares for another day of nursing clinicals, track practice and work at NNU's Riley Library. With such a busy schedule, the early morning is the only time she has to focus her mind on Christ, and she says it's the most important 30 minutes of her day. As she prepares to leave for Mercy Medical Center in Nampa, she braces herself against the cold of the winter morning and heads out, confident in the strength God alone provides.



Scene: 8:43 a.m.  
Nipher Malika  
Research lab

**Nipher Malika** pulls on her lab coat, preparing herself both mentally and physically for another day of research. A junior biology major who came to NNU from Kenya through Aurora, Colo., Nipher understands the value of hard work. The lab, located in NNU's new Thomas Family Health & Science Center, is run by Dr. Jamee Nixon and is focused on finding a cause, and thus a potential cure, for Crohn's disease. Crohn's disease, which affects the gastrointestinal tract, has been diagnosed in more than 1.4 million Americans. With no known causes, Nipher and her fellow researchers have been developing tests to determine if Crohn's could be due to genetic mutations. The process has been mostly trial and error, but any breakthrough could mean relief for the more than one million who live with the extremely painful disease, or are forced to watch loved ones fight through the pain.



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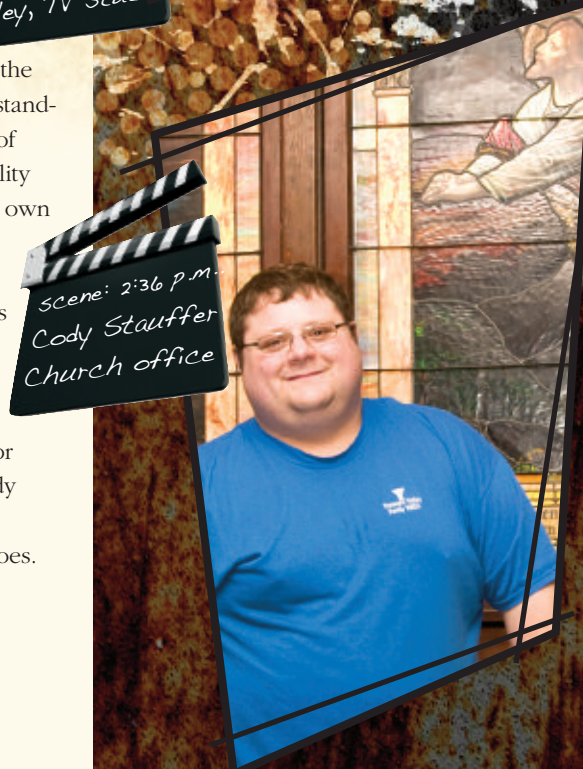
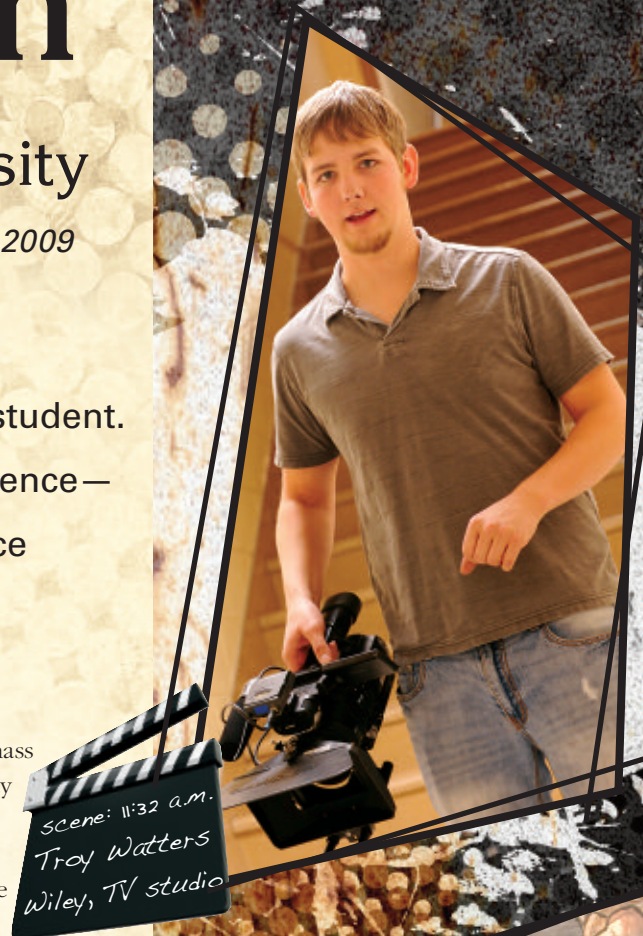
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*By Dax Wandling, Class of 2009*

one that attempts to instill a habit of mind into every student. engagement, Christlike character and academic excellence— success in our students. The following stories introduce the mission of NNU.

**Troy Watters** descends the stairs of NNU's Wiley Learning Center to the mass communication department's working TV studio after a quick stop at the University cafeteria for lunch. Having recently returned home from Memphis, Tenn. after shooting the pilot episode of a reality TV show, the junior mass communication major from Nampa is understandably tired, but with seniors beginning to complete their final projects before graduation, Troy has no time to worry about fatigue because he is involved in a number of their projects. Troy was also senior producer for the department's annual Idaho Family Christmas, and as such he was responsible for understanding every aspect of the equipment needed for the success of the show. His knowledge of television and film does not stop at the door, though; in addition to his work on the reality TV show, Troy has worked for ESPN and Country Music Television (CMT), and runs his own business in his "spare time."

**Cody Stauffer** pulls into the parking lot of Payette Christian Church, where he is senior pastor, to work his weekly shift at the church's food bank. Working toward his Master of Divinity through NNU's graduate theological online education has helped him to better lead his growing flock, as well as his community. While serving as the youth intern, his church experienced some hard times that resulted in many families leaving for different churches, and the resignation of the pastor. After only a few short months, Cody found himself shepherding this church on an interim basis. Now, three years later, he is beginning to think that his congregants have a different definition of 'interim' than he does.







**Nipher: "It's hard to keep doing the same tests over and over again in the lab, but the experience is worth it."**

**3:09 p.m.** Nipher stops to check her mail and meets some friends in the NNU Student Center before beginning her office routine upstairs as secretary of the student government association (SGA). Watching her interact with the people she meets, it is easy to see why so many are eager to count her as a friend.

"It's hard to keep doing the same tests over and over again in the lab, but the experience is worth it," she remarks. On the upside, though, she claims that she "never has nothing to do." And she's right.

When not working on finding a cause for Crohn's, Nipher will always be working on something. Whether it's the SGA, planning a new multicultural event for international students or tutoring, Nipher doesn't know how to give less than 100 percent. Even during vacations, one can find her studying for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) or the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) test.

"I love helping people, especially through tutoring. It's something I know and something I'm confident in." Both of these traits, the helping spirit and confidence, have translated to fantastic grades and unlimited potential for Nipher.

**Annie: "It's all about helping people."**

**3:52 p.m.** Annie runs so she's not late for track practice, which today consists of a combination

of sprints that the team unlovingly has dubbed "Gut Day." Acting on little sleep and with the daunting task of sprinting nearly two miles in the next two hours, her time spent with the patients today has invigorated her.

Annie's attitude is one that is more concerned with others than her own needs. Even the most menial tasks are done with a smile. The pills and injections she gives to her recovering patients are not the only medicine they receive from Annie; her infectious laugh and kindheartedness do as much to lift their spirit as the treatment she gives heals their body. "That's what it's all about," she notes while stretching for her workout. "It's all about helping people." This drive to help not only herself but society at large is evident in everything Annie does.

**5:54 p.m.** Cody finishes his shift at the food bank, where his church is able to feed more than 50 families every month. Now it's on to a city council meeting. He is not a member, but attends with hope that the community has a project he and his church can participate in. "I try to build relationships and in the process, I show the love of Jesus to the people in the city of Payette."



**"Unite the pair so long disjointed"**



After his church experienced its troubles three years ago, Cody brought the members together for a meeting. "I asked, 'If our church disappeared, would it make a difference?' It probably wouldn't, and we want to change that." Cody and Payette Christian Church are trying to push back the tide, and are succeeding. He notes that there is a prevalent attitude of failure throughout the community. But with the victory he knows comes from Jesus, that the church is changing lives.

Cody mentions that his decision to come to NNU was one of the best things he has done. With the flexibility that comes from online education, he is able to spend more time with his wife, Lisa, and his two-year-old daughter, Jessalyn. In addition to the familial benefits, Cody says the structure of the classes has been a great blessing.

**Cody: "I try to build relationships, and in the process, I show the love of Jesus."**

"We are put into cohorts, which allows me to meet the other people in my classes. Not only is this a great way to make contacts, but my classmates are infinitely helpful."

**7:03 p.m. Troy** finds time to run his own web-streaming and video editing business, Blink Media, despite the stress of assisting so many mass communication students. After working as a sort of jack-of-all-trades for a Boise TV station, Troy, with the help of NNU mass communication professor Arnie Ytreeide, felt he had the knowledge necessary to successfully run a business. He was right.

Since opening the business, Troy has worked with such stars as gold medalist Kristin Armstrong, the Boise resident who won a 2008 Olympic gold medal in cycling. In addition to his work with world-class athletes, Troy specializes in filming weddings during the summer and web-streaming conferences, such as NNU's annual Wesley Conference, throughout the year.

**Troy: "The expertise of my professors and having access to top-of-the-line equipment has prepared me for life."**

**12:46 a.m. Cody, Nipher, Troy and Annie**

fall asleep with another day done. They prepare for another day of not just being educated, but of living out their education. These lives are not the exception to NNU's goal of instilling a habit of mind, but that does not make these individuals any less exceptional. Each strives every day, in his or her unique fashion, to intertwine their faith and learning in every aspect of their lives. These students seek to live up to the University's goals of creating Christlike, socially responsible men and women who actively and creatively attempt to make the world around them better. They are succeeding.



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—knowledge and vital piety."  
—Charles Wesley



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# Caring for creation

## A student-led greening initiative is now reaching beyond campus and into the community.

With the help of the recently formed Creation Care Council, which combines the efforts of the administration, Student Government Association (SGA) and NNU Recycles club, February was named Creation Care Awareness Month on campus.

Campus wide initiatives were planned throughout the month to increase awareness of energy consumption, waste production and carbon footprints.

"We hope that the emphasis on creation care will broaden our understanding and deepen our personal participation in the renewal of God's earth, and through that, we will care more for each other here in the Treasure Valley and around the world," said Vice President for Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development Dr. Fred Fullerton. "I believe it is part of our calling to be active agents of Christ's love, hope and renewal in the present generation."

Students and staff have found creative ways to encourage emission-free transportation across campus. Five used bikes were purchased, repaired and distinctively painted to share. The bikes are left unlocked on campus bike racks for staff and students alike to use as needed. Project leaders hope



this will discourage driving between campus buildings throughout the day.

SGA sponsored a Sustainability Awareness Week that included everything from a viewing of the documentary "No Impact Man" to a carbon-neutral Valentine's Day Banquet. Efforts were also directed toward the neighboring residents of the University District who were invited to bring personal documents to campus and have them shredded on-site and recycled.

Learn more about NNU's creation care efforts online at [www.nnu.edu/creationcare](http://www.nnu.edu/creationcare).

## Calling all alumni and friends

### Reserve your spot on a fall foliage cruise

The Office of Alumni Relations invites all alumni and friends to a seven-day fall foliage cruise along the beautiful New England and Canada coastlines. Experience the stunning autumn scenery with old friends.

The Norwegian Dawn will sail up the coastline from New York City Oct. 3-10, 2010 with stops in Halifax, Saint John, Bar Harbor, Boston and Newport.

Customize your trip with a pre-cruise, two-night visit to Washington D.C. beginning Oct. 1. Connect by train to New York City.

For more information or to plan your trip, contact the NNU Alumni Office at 800-654-2411 or at [alumni@nnu.edu](mailto:alumni@nnu.edu), or Becky Brouger of Uniglobe VIP Travel at 208-463-0035.





## **NNU among Idaho universities to receive \$1,000,000 from Albertson Foundation**

NNU was one of 11 Idaho universities to receive a \$1,000,000 grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, to assist in their statewide "Go On" initiative. The intent of these funds is to help boost post-secondary success for Idaho students, and to increase higher education enrollment and a higher completion percentage.

"We are elated and very grateful to the Albertson Foundation to be a recipient of these funds," said President David Alexander. "The University is privileged to partner with them in immediately identifying, encouraging, awarding scholarships and educating Idaho's students to complete their higher education and reach their full potential on the way to becoming civic and community leaders."



### **1 Engineering among new majors for fall 2010**

The NNU Department of Physics and Engineering is pleased to announce a new engineering major with an emphasis in mechanical, electrical or computer engineering. The Bachelor of Science in engineering expands NNU's current engineering physics degree, which has allowed students to pursue careers in many fields.

The program boasts a Dimension SST 1200es 3D rapid prototyping printer, a learning resource available exclusively to engineering majors. See the printer in action online at [www.nnu.edu/engineering](http://www.nnu.edu/engineering).

The new major is positioned to apply for accreditation by ABET (formerly the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) when the first class of engineering majors graduates. Students interested in mission work may declare a major in engineering missions to fulfill their cross-cultural requirement by implementing their senior project.

Other new areas of study approved by the Board of Trustees for the 2010-2011 academic year include a bachelor's degree in biblical studies, Christian ministries (online), economics, global business, management, marketing, missions, neuroscience, special education and youth ministry. Communication science and communication & broadcast performance are areas of emphases under communications, and minors will be available in accounting and communications.



### **2 Philip Yancey headlines the 2010 Wesley Center Conference**

Wesley Center Conference keynote speaker Philip Yancey spoke on "99 Parts Perspiration: God and the Creative Process" in February on the NNU campus. Best-selling writer Philip Yancey is editor-at-large for

Christianity Today magazine and the author of "What's So Amazing About Grace?" (1998) and "The Jesus I Never Knew" (1996), both of which earned Book-of-the-Year awards by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association.

"NNU's Wesley Center Conference was honored to bring Philip Yancey to our campus," notes Dr. Jay Akkerman, conference director. "We want to offer handles for all who seek to follow Christ while engaging in the creative process."

See a video interview online from the conference at [www.nnu.edu/yancey](http://www.nnu.edu/yancey), and plan to attend the 2011 conference Feb. 10-12.

### **3 Inspirational antideath-penalty activist speaks at Beloved Community event**

Antideath-penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean presented a guest lecture, "Dead Man Walking - The Journey Continues," as part of January's annual Beloved Community Week at NNU. Author of "Dead Man Walking," now a major motion picture, Sister Prejean is known globally for her tireless work against the death penalty.

### **United Heritage Tip-Off moves on campus**

The NNU and College of Idaho men's basketball teams renewed the longest-running sports rivalry in the state of Idaho this season. Partnering with United Heritage Financial Group and Treasure Valley NBC affiliate KTVB, these teams gave fans two opportunities to watch the Crusaders and Coyotes in action on the hardwood.

Playing a single game at Nampa's Idaho Center the previous five years, the United Heritage Tip-Off moved on campus this year, with one game played at the College of Idaho's J.A. Albertson Activities Center and one later in the season at NNU's Johnson Sports Center. Both games were classic battles of the rivalry that dates back to the 1933-34 season. The Coyotes won this year's opener 79-72, with the Crusaders taking the 185th meeting, 114-108 in overtime.

"United Heritage is pleased to be committed to sponsor this outstanding and fun sports rivalry for another five years," commented Dennis Johnson, President and CEO of United Heritage Financial Group and class of 1976 alumnus. United Heritage has been the presenting sponsor of the Tip-Off since 2004 and has partnered with KTVB to televise the games live each year.



### **Teens encouraged to "BE" at Main Event**

Seven hundred junior high and high school students from throughout the Northwest are expected to arrive on campus for the Regional Main Event in April.





Students will participate in competitions and events while connecting with faculty and current students.

This year's Main Event theme is "BE."

Students will be encouraged through events and speakers to use the talents God has blessed them with, to be who He has created them to "BE," and to recognize that it is not one's job title that is important; rather, whether one is using the talents that they have been given.

## Students and staff attend missions conference

In late December, three NNU students and two staff members traveled to St. Louis to attend Urbana 09, the largest missions conference in America. Urbana, sponsored by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, has convened every three years since its inception in 1963, and is a valuable opportunity for students to connect with mission leaders and organizations.

The NNU students participated in five days filled with topical seminars, multicultural worship, Bible studies and services with special speakers. The students were also able to attend Global Connexions, a job fair showcasing international missions, as well as nonprofit and ministry organizations.

"Urbana 09 showed me how God is working absolutely everywhere," shared NNU senior and missions major Vanessa Evans. "My eyes were opened a little more to the ways God is moving on every continent."

## Alumni caught in Haiti disaster

Two known NNU alumni were serving in Haiti when the devastating earthquake struck in January.

Michele Deardorff -06, who was teaching third grade at an American school in Haiti, was unharmed. After the earthquake, she worked with the Red Cross and World Vision before returning home to Wash.

Katie Zook -09, had just begun a two-year mission with the Free Methodist Church when the earthquake hit Port-au-Prince. Concrete debris crushed her left side and caused extensive injuries including a collapsed lung, fractured ribs and vertebrae, and nerve damage to her left arm. Katie was taken to a U.N. hospital before eventually being hospitalized in Florida.

In response to the tragedy, the NNU community organized several prayer groups and collected over \$5,700 to send toward relief efforts. Funds were divided to support Friends of Haiti, Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, the Red Cross and Volunteers In Service Abroad (VISA).

Read more at [www.nnu.edu/haiti](http://www.nnu.edu/haiti) on Michele and Katie and NNU efforts to help.

## Alumni Sharing Knowledge

The Alumni Association invites you to join the Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK) network—an innovative undertaking designed to connect NNU alumni with current NNU students. To become involved, alumni need only to register on the online networking site LinkedIn(r).

Carrie Goldsmith (class of 2001) participated in the ASK program as a student and was partnered with an alumnus of the same major. "It was great being able to talk with her and learn from her experiences," said Carrie. "She helped encourage me and gave me advice for the future."



Create lasting relationships while giving back to the University. Detailed registration instructions and more information about ASK are available online at [www.nnu.edu/ask](http://www.nnu.edu/ask).

## Enrollment figures show strong numbers for spring

Spring enrollment indicated a record number of transfer students, an increase in graduate program students and a 97.22 percent retention rate from fall-to-spring semester.

"We seek to make an NNU education an attainable investment. In uncertain economic times, students continue to find value and pursue goals for the future," President Alexander commented. "I believe an NNU education is a value-rich experience that we work to make accessible to those who choose to invest in the development of the whole person—heart, soul, mind and strength."

Fall enrollment nearly matched that of the record-setting fall 2008. Official figures for the spring 2010 semester are 1,261 degree-seeking undergraduates and 588 graduate students. These figures, combined with 7,752 continuing education and concurrent credit students, give NNU a total spring semester enrollment of 9,601.

## Register online for summer school

Three sessions of summer school classes are available for students to get a head start to the academic year. Students can enjoy NNU summer course favorites like Birds of Prey, Amphibians of Idaho or Online Classic Cinema.

- Session One: May 11-June 4
- Session Two: June 7-July 2
- Session Three: July 5-July 30

Registration begins March 25. Secure your place by registering online at [www.nnu.edu/summerschool](http://www.nnu.edu/summerschool).







**"Celebrate!"** was the theme of Homecoming 2009, and we did just that! Alumni and friends celebrated with music, athletic events, tours of new buildings and recognized alumni who have made a difference around the globe.

Make plans now to be on campus Nov. 4-6 for Homecoming & Family Weekend 2010, to "Sing a New Song!" Reunion gatherings are planned for all Madrigal Singers and Northwesterners, as well as the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2005.

SING TO HIM  
*a New song!*  
HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND  
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# HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND 2009









The million-dollar bonus. For NNU graduate student Geno Bates, that's what being an educator is all about. Given the state education budget, this obviously isn't a cash reward. Rather, it's the educator's reward when a struggling student has an "Aha!" moment and his or her face lights up with a smile of accomplishment.

Geno has received several million-dollar bonuses in his 22 years as an educator. During the past 10 years, he has been a principal or assistant principal in both Idaho and Oregon

schools at all levels—elementary, middle and high school.

Currently the principal at Fruitland Middle School, in Fruitland, Idaho, Geno began classes this summer in one of NNU's first Education Specialist (Ed.S.) cohorts. He aspires to become a school superintendent—one of the Ed.S. emphasis areas.

"The relevance the NNU courses offer, and the fact that the information and ideas gained can be put into practice immediately, is invaluable," said Geno. For instance, Geno recently used communication techniques emphasized in the special education law class to resolve some parental concerns at the school for which he works.

The cohesiveness and networking found within Geno's cohort are invaluable as he pursues broader state issues likely to be faced as a future superintendent. "The entire program allows me to meet with people from throughout

## Education specialist student reaps million-dollar bonus

By Cindy Williams,  
Graduate Education Program Assistant

the state," says Geno. "We can discuss and compare issues."

Two of today's most pressing issues, according to Geno, are stable state funding for education and realistic testing goals that are consistent among states. He is especially acquainted with these because of his cross-state work, for which he feels NNU has given him excellent preparation. The law class he took at NNU made the Oregon principal certification law test much easier. (And now, NNU offers an Oregon law and finance class that makes getting certified across the state line even simpler.)

Qualifications and certifications aside, it is the students who make it all worth it. One of Geno's favorite stories involves a deaf student whose life was changed by medical technology, through cochlear implants. Geno shares, "Because of the implants, he was learning sounds and was able to sound out words. He came to my office and read a book aloud to me. This was such a sense of accomplishment for him." For Geno, that was a million-dollar bonus.

Geno is married to Laura, a K-1 teacher, and has three children: Jessica (16), Andrew (13) and John (12). Both of Geno's parents are retired school administrators.



### NNU Ed.S. program facts

- ➡ Unique to education, the Ed.S. degree is halfway between a master's and doctorate.
- ➡ NNU is proposing to have a fully accredited doctoral program in education by fall 2011.
- ➡ The first Ed.S. cohorts began summer 2009 in three emphases areas: superintendent, director of special education and related services, and building administrator.
- ➡ 24 students from Idaho and Oregon are enrolled.





KTVB's Larry Gebert interviews NNU athletic director Rich Sanders live and on the air, with members of the SAAC in the background.

# **NNU's SAAC ...** **Helping others through athletics**

*By Craig Stensgaard, Sports Information Director*

While a majority of what NNU's student-athletes accomplish takes place in front of an audience of fans and fellow students, these talented student athletes are working to make a difference in the community as members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

The nationwide NCAA-sanctioned organization exists to promote opportunities for student-athletes to become involved in campus and community events. This year, SAAC members devoted their time and energy to organizing several highly successful endeavors while giving back to those supporting them.

Last fall, the SAAC continued its tradition of helping those who needed assistance. Jaclyn Puga, a junior cross-country and track and field athlete from Meridian, Idaho, and president of the SAAC said, "Our group was able to help with raking leaves and general yard cleanup. It's something most people take for granted. But when you can't do it yourself, it can be very burdensome."

SAAC partnered with the Salvation Army by holding a Christmas toy drive in conjunction with the NNU vs. College of Idaho men's basketball game. The December game was televised live on the local NBC affiliate (KTVB), and the toy drive was promoted the same day while the morning weather was broadcast live from NNU's Johnson Sports Center.

"We challenged each NNU sports team to form groups of six athletes to work together and purchase a toy," Jaclyn commented. "Some of our teams are pretty large, so by creating smaller groups and competition, we had greater success."

That success continued into spring semester as the SAAC completed two major projects. In February they partnered with the American Red Cross and Alpha Epsilon Delta (NNU's pre-med honor society) to hold a blood drive. "We did this activity last

year, and the support was so great that we actually had to turn people away!" said Jaclyn. "This year we were prepared for the large turnout."

The final SAAC initiative took place at halftime during the men's basketball game on Feb. 27. "In 2009 the SAAC donated \$500 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho, and we increased that amount this year," Jaclyn stated. "The SAAC sponsors and organizes the annual student dodge ball tournament, with all proceeds going to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The championship game of the tournament was played at halftime during the basketball game, which added to the excitement and really made it fun."

NNU's SAAC chapter is made up of eleven members who represent the majority of Crusader teams. Their efforts to help others and organize projects make a difference on campus and in the community.

## **SAAC MEMBERS**

Jaclyn Puga, Track and Field, SAAC President  
 Leon Vasquez, Men's Golf, SAAC Publicist  
 Theron Fereday, Men's Soccer, SAAC Vice President  
 Joy Warrington, Track and Field, SAAC Secretary  
 Laura Pridgen, Brandon Humble, Track and Field  
 Zac Kinman, Derek Miller, Louie Beech, Men's Basketball  
 Liz Gross, McKenzie Bailey, Erika Kristensen, Women's Soccer  
 Joel Oliver, Jared Joffer, Baseball  
 Catherine Lowery, Haley Hevern, Softball  
 Eki Punimata, Volleyball  
 Julie Bazzi, Women's Basketball  
 Barb Robertson, NNU Assistant Athletic Director, SAAC Advisor



# decade news

## 1950s

**Joseph -51- and Delores (Mikkelberry) -50- Harper** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December at College Church of the Nazarene. Theirs was the first formal wedding at College Church in 1949. The Harpers have two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

## 1960s

**Terry Gilbert -69-** has been selected to serve as district governor for Rotary International District 5400 (Idaho, Oregon and Nevada), a position held in 1970/71 by NNC's Dr. Joseph Mayfield. Terry will take office in July 2010. He is a retired public school educator and director of organizational development for the Idaho Education Association, an organization he served for 24 of his 40 years in education. Terry is married to **Carolyn (Houts) -67-**.

## 1970s

**Gary Evans -71-** retired in August after 19 years of service as finance director for the city of Twin Falls. Gary and **Maxeen (Lane) -71-** plan to travel and spend time with their grandchildren.

**Karen (Bruner) Burnett -73-** serves as principal in Owings, Md., at Northern Middle School, one of six 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools in Maryland. The Blue Ribbon Schools program is a national program that recognizes and honors schools that exhibit high performance and/or significant improvement in reading and mathematics achievement.

**Dr. Michael N. Myers -73-** has been awarded two post-master's certificates from Capella University, one in college teaching and the other in teaching and learning. Michael is an online and on-campus instructor for the University of

Phoenix and head of the distance education and education departments for Shasta Bible College, in Redding, Calif. He and his wife, **Becky (Kugler) (75)**, reside in Merced, Calif., where Becky teaches first grade. Becky recently completed her master's in education. The Myerses are also founders of I AM Academy, an online Christian school for children in grades 4-12.

**Dr. Don Burchfield -74-** has opened his own counseling agency, Maricopa County Counseling Services in Glendale, Ariz.

## 1990s

**Keith Beshorse -92-** was promoted in October to the rank of Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army. He is presently stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., after returning from another tour in Iraq. Keith and **Dawn (Davis) -90-** live in Puyallup, Wash., with their son, Jorgan.

**Mark Vaughan, M.D. -92-** has a private medical practice, the Auburn Medical Group, in Auburn, Calif., which was started in 2005. He also hosts a radio talk show, Medically Speaking ([www.medicallyspeakingradio.com](http://www.medicallyspeakingradio.com)), that can be heard at [www.kahi.com](http://www.kahi.com) every Saturday at 10 a.m., Pacific Standard Time.

**Chad -97- and Amanda (Penfold) -99-Duerre** have accepted a 27-month assignment in Tacna, Peru, with Extreme Nazarene Ministries. They will leave in May to attend three months of intensive language training, and then head to Tacna where they will be part of a team of American and Peruvian missionaries that will plant churches and provide local compassionate ministries.

**Tracey (Bryan) Osso -97-** is working in Spokane as the drug-free communities coordinator at the Greater Spokane Substance Abuse Council's (GSSAC's) Prevention Center. She and her husband, Rick, have four sons.

## 2000s

**Abe Walton -01-** is now assistant professor at Purdue University's campus in Anderson, Ind., after completing a doctorate with a focus in Product Lifecycle Management from Purdue. In spring 2009, Abe received the highest teaching award a graduate student can achieve—one of four chosen from several thousand. Abe and his wife, Dustie, live in Indiana with their two little girls.

**Rich -02- and Jennifer (Luhn) -97- Vasquez** are living in Caldwell, Idaho, where they both serve on the pastoral staff at Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene, and they are both ordained elders. Rich is currently Northwest Region NYI President and completed a master's in church leadership from Southern Nazarene University.

**Dan -04- and Stephanie (Snyder) -05-Cole** are living in Korea where Captain Cole serves as commanding officer of the 520th Maintenance Division Company of the U.S. Army. Dan and Stephanie have two daughters.

**Jonathan -05- and Lindsey -05- Ralph** have moved to Homer, Alaska, where Jonathan has accepted his first pastorate at Homer Church of the Nazarene, after graduating from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

**Joshua Zickefoose -07-** has been promoted to assistant vice president and relationship manager at U.S. Bank in Boise. Josh has been with U.S. Bank since 2006. He also serves in the community as a loaned executive mentor for the United Way of America and as a budget counselor for Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC).

**Don Collins -MBA 08-** is relocating to accept the position of banking manager for South Central Washington Business in the Tri-Cities region.

**Magda Marshall -MBA 08-** is a business operations manager at HP (Hewlett-Packard Company) and was recently promoted to a position in Singapore.



# milestones

## births

Keanan on Jan. 26, 2009, to **Lindsay (Van De Hay) -08-** and **Dale Raybould -08-**

Briley on April 7, 2009, to Dustie and **Abe Walton -01-**, joining big sister Lorelie

Natalie Vatanatham on April 29, 2009, to Mink and **Barry Williams -94-**

Zachary Ryan on May 5, 2009, to **Debra (Bartlow) -99-** and **Ryan Brown -00-**

Maddox Tate on June 4, 2009, to **Sueanne (Mauler) -00-** and **Jimmy Skeen -00-**, joining big brother Jaxon Reid

Jack Grayson on June 16, 2009, to Tami and **Ian Miller -96-**, joining brother Camden Grant

MeiLan Marie on June 18, 2009, to **Heather (Staffenson) -00-** and Andy **Wang**, joining siblings Elina and Addison

Elle Makenzie on July 23, 2009, to **Nikki (Danielson) -01-** and Ted **Walker**

Isabel Faith on July 30, 2009, to **Kailee (Fjeld) -04-** and Jeremy **Evans**

Jonah Paul on Aug. 24, 2009, to **Debbie (Ellis) -96-** and Peter **Enbrecht**

Mason Fletcher on Sept. 9, 2009, to Catherine and **Preston Crow -01-**

Nyah Jazz on Sept. 10, 2009, to **Michelle (Gizinski) -08-** and **Ben Earwicker -01-**

Natalie Marie on Sept. 27, 2009, to Deissy and **Brian Repp -91-**, joining brother Andrew Dennis

Job, age 14, and Lucy, age 4, have been adopted by **Mandy (Boorman) -98-** and James **Moore**, joining siblings Alex, Chloe and Grant



Keanan Raybould



Lorelie and Briley Walton



Maddox Skeen



Jack Miller



MeiLan Wang and family



Elle Walker



Isabel Evans



Jonah Enbrecht



Nyah Earwicker



Natalie Repp



The Moore Family



Alyssa and Casey Wilkerson



Dan and Kristi Gile



Carly and Michael Bartlett



## marriages

**Casey Wilkerson -07-** and **Alyssa Wilson -07-** on Aug. 1, 2009, Meridian, Idaho

**Kristi Fenton -01-** and Daniel Gile on July 4, 2009, in Bremerton, Wash.

**Carly Peck -07-** and **Michael Bartlett -08-** on Nov. 14, 2009, Boise, Idaho

## deaths

**Wilford Vanderpool -35-** on Oct. 5, 2009, Bothell, Wash.

**Lois (Speer) Litsey (41)** on Jan. 4, 2010, Caldwell, Idaho

**Norene Zink (41)** on Dec. 2, 2009, Albuquerque, N.M.

**Ira True Jr. -42-** on Aug. 15, 2009, Santa Paula, Calif.

**Thelma (Crandell) Fleming -45-** on Nov. 1, 2009, Lenexa, Kan.

**Vernadean (Spurbeck) Harris -45-** on Dec. 21, 2009, Nampa, Idaho

**John Dick -46-** on Nov. 26, 2009, Chandler, Ariz.

**Rosalee (Lancaster) Allison -47-** on Dec. 4, 2009, Nampa, Idaho

**Wayne Slonaker -47-** on Sept. 3, 2009, Moscow, Idaho

**Lawrence Coleman -49-** on Sept. 29, 2009, Green Acres, Wash.

**Rosella Tombaugh -49-** on Jan. 7, 2010, Nampa, Idaho

**Ben Shaver -50-** on Sept. 17, 2009, Simi Valley, Calif.

**Merl Ernest Iles -52-** on Sept. 25, 2009, Nampa, Idaho

**Wayne Bauder -58-** on Oct. 26, 2009, Nampa, Idaho

**Marilyn (Franklin) Diamond -61-** on Nov. 14, 2009, Atlantic Beach, N.Y.

**Trueline (Latting) Taylor -64-** on Dec. 22, 2009, Richland, Wash.

**J. Charles Buechle -72-** on June 16, 2009, Milwaukie, Ore.

**Dennis Herring -72-** on Dec. 15, 2009, Spokane, Wash.

**Jeffrey Allan DiBene -80-** on Jan. 1, 2010, Middleton, Idaho

**Mark Devaney -09-** on Oct. 14, 2009, Nampa, Idaho

## Alumni Weekend



A Golden Reunion celebration is planned for May 7-8 as the class of 1960 is inducted to the rank of Golden Grads. Activities are planned for the 50-year-reunion class, as well as for all alumni from the years before 1960. There will be special recognition at an Alumni & Friends banquet on Friday, May 7, for those in the classes of 1960, 1955, 1950, 1945 and 1940. Participating members of the class of 1960 will march in commencement and be recognized during the ceremony.

Details and tickets may be found online at [www.nnu.edu/alumni events](http://www.nnu.edu/alumni events) or by phone at 800-654-2411.



# spring 2010 calendar



## admissions

Mar 5	Friday Escape
Mar 26	Friday Escape
Apr 9	Friday Escape
Apr 16-18	Regional Main Event
June 12	Jump Start (Nampa)
June 17	Jump Start (Richland)
June 18	Jump Start (Seattle)
June 19	Jump Start (Portland)

## alumni



Mar 12-13	Alumni Board Meeting
Mar 28	Arizona Chapter Gathering
Apr 25	Reunion Zero
May 8-9	Alumni Weekend
July 10	Southern California Alumni & Friends Event, Huntington Library (San Marino, Calif.)
Oct 2	Mid-Atlantic East Coast Alumni & Friends

Visit [www.nnu.edu/alumnierevents](http://www.nnu.edu/alumnierevents) for a complete list of reunion events and details.



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## athletics



Mar 6	Noon SB @ Western Oregon
Mar 6	5:15 pm WBB and 7:30 pm MBB @ UA Fairbanks
Mar 13	Noon BB @ Central Washington
Apr 3	Noon BB @ St. Martin's
Apr 10	Noon BB @ Western Oregon
Apr 10	Noon SB @ St. Martin's
Apr 24	Noon BB @ MSU Billings
Apr 24	Noon SB @ Western Washington
Apr 27	4 pm SB @ College of Idaho
May 1	1 pm SB @ MSU Billings

## on campus



Mar 4-6	7:30 pm Spring Musical "Oklahoma!" (SA)
Mar 5	"If Jesus Were a Parent" with Hal Perkins
Mar 10-12	Board of Trustees
Mar 12-13	Intermountain District Main Event
Mar 12	10:20 am Trustee Chapel (SA)
Mar 18	7:30 pm Music Dept. Concert (SA)
Mar 19	8 pm Boise Philharmonic (SA)
Apr 3	Community Garden Kickoff
Apr 6	7:30 pm Bella Voce Music Festival (SA)
Apr 8	7:30 pm Jazz Combo Concert (SLH)
Apr 12	7:30 pm Chamber Ensemble Concert (SA)
Apr 19	7 pm Theology Night (College Church)
Apr 20	7:30 pm Concert Band Concert (SA)
Apr 23	8 pm Boise Philharmonic (SA)
May 7	1 pm Nursing Pinning Ceremony (SA)
May 8	Baccalaureate and Commencement (Idaho Center)
May 14	8 pm Boise Philharmonic (SA)

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