Housing crunch time: Will there be room?

BY KIM EASON
NEWS EDITOR

As Northwestern continues to produce record-breaking numbers in enrollment, the space for housing students becomes more and more valuable.

“We’re very, very tight,” said Associate Dean of Residence Life Eric Anderson. This year NW had a record enrollment of 1,342, largely due to the record retention rates. Totals are expected to be high again in the 2007-08 school year.

As a result, there have been some changes in the housing process. All male RA’s will be required to have roommates next year. Many students studying abroad will also be gone during the fall semester, when housing is the tightest.

Admissions will have a good idea of the enrollment numbers after May 1, which is the deadline for housing refunds. This is also around the time many students have made their college decisions and applications slow down. Historically, there have been around 25-40 additional students that come in during the summer.

It’s really godly timing,” said Daumer. “We try to affirm the commitment to the public.” The Code of Christian Nursing Ethics, although based on a code of nursing ethics, is the first Christian nursing code written.

Deborah Daumer, professor of nursing and department head. “NW has waited a long time to have its own nursing program, and we’re happy to celebrate that.”

In previous times, nursing students at universities had a capping ceremony, which involved receiving a nurse’s cap and pin. The cap would also be decorated with a certain number of stripes to show what year of study the student was in. Because of the growth of nursing as a career, caps are no longer involved, however the ritual ceremony of dedication remains intact.

The sophomore nursing students will commit to Christ-centered nursing on Saturday, April 21.
“Christian love” should not have to be an oxymoron

BY NICK KOEHN

“Christian love.” Is this an oxymoron? I like to think not, although some would have me believe otherwise. James Birley’s latest article shocked me as I read that someone actually had the audacity to chastise him for his words in the Beacon. Everyone sees things differently, and in this day and age, we are going to hear statements far more left-wing than his. It amazes me how intolerant Christians are of new ideas. Did it ever occur to anyone that Christianity was, at one time, a new idea? Let’s look back into time for a little bit, shall we? Around the time that Christianity emerged, there was a great deal of inflighting amongst the Jews themselves - the accepted religion of that day in Israel. As Jews became increasingly intolerant of the outside world, or Gentiles, as they called everyone else, it became clear to God that the whole “spreading His Word via Israelites” plan wasn’t going to work out. So a man was born, and with him came new, foreign ideas, much like these new ideas we face today. Our Savior was killed by people who were unwilling to listen to someone with different beliefs. This man was tortured and killed. Why? Because of closed-mindedness and intolerance.

Two thousand years have passed, and where are we now? In the Crusades, countless Jews, Muslims and Byzantine Christians were killed because their beliefs were different. In the 1600’s, Christians emigrated from Europe so they could have freedom of religion. No, not freedom to practice different religions. Freedom to practice Christianity in their own way, separate from the accepted methods. One in America, the Puritan church was formed - a form of Christianity even more harsh and intolerant than the Anglican church from which these people fled. Throughout history, many Christians have made themselves intolerant to beliefs other than their own, even the beliefs of other Christians. What have followed are wars, massacres, ostracization and various other punishments to those unwilling to bend to our demands. Now we shudder at the thought of left-wing liberals who are trying to tear down Christianity. Do any of us ever stop to wonder why? Maybe they aren’t the problem. Maybe we are. Maybe we have been so harsh and intimidating that people fear us. These liberal movements aren’t being made to stamp out Christianity; they’re being made in order to keep us from harming more people!

Somewhere in the passage of time, Christian love has vanished and only the Christian law remains. If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all knowledge, and if I have a voice that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Without love, we are nothing but another cult in this world.

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The Orange City Area Fitness Center, located in MOC-FV high school, contains a wide variety of exercise equipment.

Fit for life, across Orange City

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
STAFF WRITER

Many fitness opportunities exist for Northwestern College students who are looking for a place around Orange City to stay in shape during the year.

Some of the most popular places include NW's RSC and weight room, MOC's OC Area Fitness Center and the OC Area Health System's aquatic center.

For students looking for free fitness opportunities, NW offers the RSC and Korver weight room. The RSC offers student-stationary bikes, ellipticals, racquetball, an indoor track, basketball and tennis courts.

The weight room has free weights, weight machines, medicine balls and exercise balls. The facilities are very relaxed with people able to do whatever activity they please. Staff are on hand to help with any questions.

The RSC and weight room hours vary throughout the week but are also available online at http://www.nwciowa.edu/hours.

For a price, MOC High School offers a new fitness center called OC Area Fitness. The center has treadmills, ellipticals, bikes, step machines, free weights and weight machines. Each treadmill, elliptical, and bike has its own television and there is a large television for the entire room. There are also nutritional analyzers, classes, trainers and fitness assessments available for additional fees.

OC Area Fitness is $5 a day for non-members or $25 for a one month membership, $23 a month for three months, or $16 a month for a year, for students up to 22 years old. The hours are Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. except for Fridays when it closes at 7 p.m.

For water-lovers, the new Orange City Area Health System's complex includes an up-to-date aquatic center with two pools which have adjustable currents to swim or walk against. These 3.5 foot, 84 degree pools are for both swimmers and non-swimmers to stretch and tone the entire body. The pools are secluded and open to only two to four people at a time. Each swimmer must have a buddy because there are no lifeguards on duty.

The brand-new facilities are well-kept and open to all ages, except children under 12. There are two locker rooms, both men's and women's with showers. A radio is also available for people who like something to listen to while they workout. The hours are Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday 6 a.m. to noon for members and Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. for non-members.

Prices are $5 a day for non-members, but memberships can be purchased for one month, three months or one year lengths at $10, $28 and $99 respectively for a single member. To receive a membership, one must complete a membership agreement, receive physician approval, pay the fee and participate in a 20-minute orientation. Members have extended swim times, can schedule an exercise time online and have a private entrance.

Many opportunities exist around Orange City for college students to stay in shape. Take advantage of some of the fitness complexes to lead a happier, healthier life!
Orange City Ink: Talk on Tattoos

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
STAFF WRITER

“Miami Ink’s” Kat Von D’s hand remains steady as she shifts the needle, trying to perfect another tattoo while surrounded by cameras. Her interest in a human canvas sparked at a young age. By age 16, she worked at her first tattoo shop, and when Darren Brass needed a temporary replacement on TLC’s “Miami Ink,” she landed the job. Since she strived to create exceptional artistry while on the show, she remains there as a regular artist.

The group she works with lives in South Beach, Fla., and doesn’t settle for mediocre. Instead of performing a five-minute cross or heart, they create tattoos that are unlike any other. They take the initiative to produce pieces that have depth and originality, which gives the client a signature look.

Miami Ink’s presence within the media reveals the increasing popularity of this art form. In the U.S., about 40 million adults reveal a facet of themselves through a tattoo–a term that comes from the Tahitian word “tatu,” meaning to mark something. Tattoos can symbolize a myriad of spiritual, social or cultural characteristics. The earliest known recipient of tattoos was discovered in 1991. Preserved in the Alps, “Iceman” dates back to 3300 B.C. The 50 tattoos covering his body, mostly around the joints, were intended to remedy arthritis pain.

Tattoos thought to guarantee the resurrection of their male counterparts have been found on female mummies in Egypt. For the Maori, a Polynesian tribe, tattoos ensured recognition and similar behaviors. While tattooing may have moral implications, it can have multiple meanings, but usually represent some ritual or tradition. Greek spies used tattoos to communicate secretly, while Romans marked slaves to represent their status and owner.

Samuel O’Reilly invented the first electronic tattoo machine, patented in 1891. Those who received tattoos during this era were stereotyped as sailors or drunkards and possibly criminals. Some time later Leo Zuelta combined Marquesian culture tattoos with recent trends and tattooed his LA rock star friends. This action had large effects, and tattoo shops in the western portion of the U.S. began to see many more clients requesting their own marks.

Tattoos: a moral dilemma?

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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Is injecting ink into your skin with rapidly-moving needles wrong? Christians have long debated if there is a Biblical answer to tattooing.

Associate Professor of Religion James Mead remarked, “I don’t think there is one well-defined perspective on this issue.” The question of tattooing is not inherently moral. “[It] is not first and foremost a moral issue but everything can have moral implications,” said Mead.

Leviticus 19:28 is often referenced as a biblical mandate against tattoos: “Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves.” Scholars are conflicted as to the verse’s exact meaning, averred Mead and Instructor in Religion John Vonder Bruegge.

“The verse probably refers to a pagan ritualistic practice performed to protect oneself from the spirit of the dead,” said Vonder Bruegge.

“I think using the English word “tattoo” in this context runs the risk of pouring too many contemporary connotations into an ancient practice,” maintained Mead.

Other verses in Leviticus 19 prohibit wearing clothing made of multiple fibers. Since Christians clearly do not follow such laws today, it is important to examine the historical and cultural context in which these laws were given.

The Levitical passage is “very culturally bound,” explained Vonder Bruegge. Because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, Christians living under grace are not bound by the same laws as the ancient Israelites. Although sects such as the Hasidic Jews still “take very seriously these injunctions,” freedom from the law characterizes the Christian tradition, said Vonder Bruegge.

Some Christians view tattooing as a slippery slope which inevitably leads to gang involvement and similar behaviors. While tattooing may have negative associations, such a sensualist view has no biblical footing.

“There is a great deal of freedom in the Reformed tradition with how each one expresses himself,” said Mead. However, he noted that “more bizarre, self-mutilating practices push the envelope” and have no biblical support.

Ultimately, tattoos are a matter of conscience and personal discretion. Mead noted the importance of “exercising common sense and wisdom with choices that relate to our bodies.”

The physical risks and potential consequences of tattoos are widely known, but when seeking a biblical perspective on the issue, the matter is more than skin-deep.

“Either we’re chasing after culture trying to be like it or trying to redeem it,” commented Associate Professor of Religion and Christian Education Mitch Kinsinger.

In 1 Corinthians 9:22, Paul says, “Have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some.” While one should be careful not to place his identity or confidence in a physical marking, certain individuals may find tattooing as part of becoming all things.

Some get tattoos of Bible verses or Christian symbols. In order to remind herself of who she is without Christ and of her responsibility to be a steward of the blessings God has given her, junior Katie Van Etten has a tattoo of the Greek word for “scum” on her forearm.

“I feel that my tattoos have actually helped me to be more approachable. I’ve had more talks with people about the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being a Christian than before I had the tattoos,” she said.

Though tattoos may be well-received by some, they can be highly offensive to others. “What could enhance one’s testimony in one culture could hinder it in another,” Vonder Bruegge said. As we seek to be representatives of Christ on earth, we are accountable to God for our personal choices.

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Tattoo of sophomore Brady Van Kley – “I wanted to get something that was meaningful and involved history. So I got a customized life compass and chose to put the words God, truth, faith and wisdom in Latin. They are things I think should be important to me throughout my entire life and will now be there whether I want them to be or not.”

Tattoo of sophomore Ashley Everhart – “The dove on my shoulder constantly reminds me of the Holy Spirit. After surviving a bad car accident without getting hurt, I thank God for my safety and how he sent is Holy Spirit to save me.”

Tattoo of junior Katie Van Etten – “The designs were very symbolic for how I think and what I believe. I just wanted to make a permanent statement to myself.”

Tattoo of senior Alson Stutzman – “I feel I can express how I feel through the emotions and colors represented on my body. I feel as if it makes me look on the outside how I feel on the inside.”

Tattoo of senior Stephanie Grienke – “My brother and I got tattoos for my 19th birthday – it was his present to me. We each got the “ICHTHUS” fish on our right foot to remind us of our faith and we did it together as a bonding experience.”

Tattoo of sophomore Derek Kusters – “I like tattoos and the religious implications.”

Tattoo of junior Cassie Kiltzke – “Random impulse.”

Tattoo of sophomore Emma Roetman

Tattoo of senior Matt Wenninger – “It is a neat representation of my faith; I wanted to have a symbol of it on my body.”

Tattoo of freshman Krystal Van Etten – “Continuing a family tradition on the 18th birthday.”

Tattoo of freshman Natalie Schneider – “My aunt gave it to me as a graduation present. It has the Trinity and a clover on it, which are both Irish symbols.”

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FEATURES
Marching on to the beat of a different drum

BY ANDREA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Coming to Northwestern College in 1992 immediately after completing his doctorate, Professor of Music Marc Wooldridge has spent the last 15 years contributing to the NW community. Wooldridge has accepted a position as Professor of Percussion at Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) beginning this fall.

Although he has been here for many years, Wooldridge has not settled into a routine. Instead he has continued to seek growth and embrace change. During the fall semester of 2004, while teaching Music Theory I, Wooldridge heard about “Strengths Quest,” an assessment that provides feedback about students’ top five themes of talent. Though half of the semester was gone, he was so excited by this potential impact on students’ lives that he changed his course plans for the remainder of the semester.

Wooldridge said. Wooldridge has experienced a lot of personal growth throughout the years, which he attributes to the opportunities NW has given him. All of this growth has served to prepare him for the position of Professor of Percussion at IWU.

Wooldridge, his wife Dori and his daughters Faith (8) and Miera (6) have appreciated the role that NW and Orange City have played in their lives. Highly involved in the community, his wife volunteers at Hands Around the World and as a board member of the Orange City Arts Council, and he himself served for four years as worship leader at Trinity Reformed Church.

Wooldridge said that it is hard to think about leaving but he is excited to share what he has experienced at NW with new colleagues and students at IWU.

Numerous students said that “Woolie,” as some of his students call him, has made Music Theory a class they have actually enjoyed. Freshman vocal music major Rachel Petry said: “I came in as a music major who was dreading taking theory… if I didn’t understand it after 12 years of piano lessons, I never would.” When theory gets tough, Wooldridge encourages his students by (jokingly) telling them that learning theory will help them “make lots of money.” But beyond the fun of taking “celebrations of learning” (known as tests in other classes), junior Aubrey Weger, majoring in music education and performance, appreciates the example Wooldridge has set. “I can see through his career both as a teacher and a performer how much he is in love with what he is doing, and how much he needs to do it. It’s not just a job, it’s something that he was made to do and he couldn’t be doing anything else.”

Wooldridge will continue to impact students who have been able to work and learn with him. Sophomore music education major Kathleen Kropp expressed what many students who have worked with Wooldridge do: “His unique perspective on music, faith and life has impacted my growth as a person in a way that I will benefit from even after he leaves.”

Marc Wooldridge, now teaching music theory and private lessons among other classes, will be leaving NW this summer.
BY BETHANY KROEZE

At the Red Raider Open track meet last Saturday, April 14, four Raiders qualified for the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Senior Andrew Ortmeyer qualified in three field events: shot put, discus and hammer throw. Ortmeyer’s first place discus toss of 166-02 qualified him for the national meet and his first place hammer throw of 171-03 set a new Northwestern record. Ortmeyer also threw 52-03.75 in the shot put.

Senior Nick Fynaardt qualified for nationals in shot put and discus, throwing 53-01.75 and 164-09, respectively. At the meet, he took first in both put and second in discus.

Taking first in the 400 meter hurdles, senior Robbie Cundy provisionally qualified for nationals with his time of 54.25. Cundy also won the 110 meter hurdles with 15.03. His freshman teammate Kyle Suter finished close behind in 15.58.

Senior Bryce Becker was also a champion in his event, finishing the 400 meter dash in 49.84.

Sophomore Dan Wallhofcplaced the distance men, finishing as runner-up in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:57.48.

Freshman Luke Hofmeyer, junior Kyle Blankens and sophomore Jameson Guenthner swept the 100 meter dash, taking the top three spots. Guthmiller also took first in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.14.

Head Coach Nate Wolf said, “The sweep of those two events was a lot of fun for the sprint group.”

The men’s 4x100 relay team took second with a time of 43.06. The women’s 4x100 relay team took third in 50.84. “Both 4x100s ran the fastest times they have in the last three years,” said Wolf.

Two more NW records were set by junior Rae Taylor with a 12th place hammer throw of 110-07 and by freshman Halee Wilken with a pole vault of 9-06. Wilken’s second place pole vault broke her own record, which she set earlier this year. Also qualifying provisionally was sophomore Amy Katsma, who took fourth in the shot put with her throw of 42-02.75.

Junior Laura Jacobson took first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:19.16. Wolf said, “Laura had a great race for her first 800 outdoors for the year.”

Senior Kristen Becker took second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:00.52. In the 200 meter dash, freshman Emily De Weerd took third with a time of 27.26. Junior Jessica Regan finished the 400 meter hurdles in 1:07.57 to take second.

Regan, Jacobson, Becker and senior Megan Harding took first place with a time of 4:02.94 in the 4x400 relay.

The Raiders will travel to Sioux City today and tomorrow to compete in the Sioux City Relays.

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BY MIKE VAN ENGEN

The Raider baseball team is third in GPAC standings this week with a 9-5 conference record after breaking the Raiders found themselves down 2-9 in the fourth inning. After just four innings the Raiders were down 2-9.

Offensively, NW had 10 hits, walking two, striking out nine, and yet we were still in it, we just couldn’t pull it off,” said Koebersman. Koebersman, who is 6-0 from the mound, received his first loss of the season. Lane was credited with the loss, falling to 0-1 on the year. Hall, who went 3-5, led the Raiders offensively. Malone and Gray also had two hits for the Raiders who had 12 hits in the game.

Trying to avenge the loss of the first game, the Raiders came out strong in the second, scoring two runs in the first inning. Jansen hit his fourth home run of the season and Janssen brought in the second run of the inning on a single.

NW would not get much further than that as Dana overcame the 2-7 deficit defeating the Raiders 7-2.

Joe Grady, who is 3-5 on the season, was credited with the loss in game two. The junior pitched six innings, giving up nine hits and seven runs, walking two, and striking out one. Jansen, Janssen and Heitritter each had hits for the Raiders. NW dropped to 22-10 and 7-5 in GPAC.

The Raiders will next travel to Yankton on Friday, April 20 for a 4:30 p.m. doubleheader vs. Mount Marty.
Men’s golf finishes sixth at home invitational

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern men's golf team finished in the middle of the pack at Wednesday's home meet, ending up sixth out of eleven teams. The Raiders' 306 collective strokes landed them only one point behind conference rivals Morningside and Sioux Falls, who tied for fourth with 305. Dordt took the team crown with a score of 297.

"I thought we were well-prepared going into the meet," said junior Nathan Summers. "We were expecting to place a lot higher than we did, but it was just one of those days where things weren't going our way."

Summers also noted that the home advantage may have worked against the Raiders. "I think we may have put too much pressure on ourselves," he said. "It was a home meet with ideal scoring conditions, so I think maybe we were just trying too hard, which isn't always a good thing in golf."

Senior Dan Laaveg and sophomore Justin Pannkuk led the team in golf.

"We know we've got the skills to compete at the highest level. We played well last week, so we know we've got what it takes to go low."

- Nathan Summers

Kyle McGarahan headed the Raiders with scores of 79, tying for 28th. Sophomore Jamie Jeltema shot an 85 to tie for 46th, senior Beau Ellis finished with an 88 for a 55th-place tie, and freshman Hans Vander Plaats shot 89 to tie for 57th.

NW traveled to Storm Lake last weekend, where they posted an impressive score at the Buena Vista Invitational. The Raiders finished fifth out of 24 schools over 36 holes, with a 597-stroke total.

"Sometimes I find myself singing in my head while golfing"

BY KAYLA MAXEDON
STAFF WRITER

Four-year varsity athlete, co-captain, all conference champion, scholar athlete, defending GPAC individual champion, and the first NW player to win the conference meet, Senior Dan Laaveg has built up quite a reputation while on Northwestern’s men’s golf team.

According to Head Coach Mark Blomendaal, “Dan is our team leader by virtue of his competitiveness and commitment to practicing diligently, despite his significant involvement in the music program at NW.”

Laaveg has had to learn the art of balancing these two extra-curricular activities. But his performance in each is never short of excellence. "Sometimes I find myself singing in my head while golfing," said Laaveg.

This passion and dedication is what has brought Laaveg to the number-one position on the team.

"Dan is a pure competitor. He judges his performance based on how he has performed and never blames the conditions, his opponents, or anyone else if he falls short," said Blomendaal.

"I just tell myself to hang in there. I overcome adversity and just keep fighting. I remember what my high school coach would tell me, ‘concentrate, concentrate, concentrate and “make every shot count”’,” Laaveg said.

His hobbies – golfing, playing the organ, singing and watching sporting events – take up a great portion of his time. Because of this he says it is hard to have a social life: "I wish there could be a few more hours in the day!"

If you’re able to take a few moments out of your’s, the team’s conference tournament will be on Monday and Tuesday in Sioux Falls. Laaveg and the other golfers would love your support. The first tee-off is at 9 a.m.

PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

Freshman Tina Jacobsma reaches out to make the play at third base.

Softball catches exciting wins

BY BETHANY KROEZE
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On Wednesday night, Northwestern swept Dakota Wesleyan in an exciting softball doubleheader. Down 6-1 going into the bottom of the seventh inning of game one, the Raiders rallied to score six runs and take the 7-6 win.

In game two, the Raiders grabbed the 9-1 win in six innings.

Of the first game, senior Brandi Redel said, “It was really exciting and really showed a lot about how much heart and determination our team has this year.”

The Raiders scored their first run of the night when senior Laura Bahke singled and then scored off an RBI single by junior Carley Christoffers.

The victory came in the seventh, when the Raiders scored six runs on seven hits. Redel had two hits in the inning, including a single which sent freshman Sara Curry to the plate for the win.

Senior Megan McHugh earned her ninth win of the season, pitching the complete game, giving up seven hits and one earned run, and striking 10 out. She said, “The girls all rallied together and were able to push six runs across to win the game. We were down but never out!”

Laura Calvert earned her ninth win of the season in game two. The sophomore allowed five hits and one run and struck out four in the six-inning victory.

The Raiders were led in hitting by junior Lizz Swanson, who went 3-3 with two runs scored and two RBIs. Also leading the Raiders, who totaled 11 hits as a team, were freshman Tina Jacobsma and sophomore Emily Boettcher, who both went 2-3.

In upcoming softball action, the Raiders take on York College tonight in a doubleheader, starting at 5 p.m. Tomorrow they take on Midland in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Next Tuesday, the Dordt Defenders will come to NW to play a doubleheader, starting at 5 p.m.
Three senior artists exhibit art in Te Paske Gallery

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The closing of the school year brings an end to many things, including the senior art exhibits in the Te Paske Gallery.

Jodi Folkerts: Right after Easter break, from April 10 to 14, Jodi Folkerts displayed her works of art.

Folkerts displayed works she created in art classes throughout her four years, which included ceramics, acrylic painting, intaglio prints and graphic design works in her art exhibit under the title “I’m the artist, I do the art.”

Originally, Folkerts created the title to be funny but realized how well it represented her because she does the art despite having an eye disease.

“As a freshman, I thought I would have to do realistic art,” said Folkerts. “which would have been challenging with my eyes, but I took more art classes and learned that art wasn’t just about being realistic. I grew to find my own style.”

By creating pieces of art based on lines, textures and bright colors, Folkerts doesn’t want to create art works with deep meaning.

“I hope that despite my eyesight, people can see that I’m still an artist,” said Folkerts, “and people could see more of who I am from the art.”

Joel Scholten: Joel Scholten has had his art works on display this week. His exhibit opened April 16 and ends tomorrow, April 21.


Before Scholten came to Northwestern, he always painted and did not work with other artistic mediums.

“Someone once told me that I painted like Bob Ross,” said Scholten, “meaning my art was pretty but had no content.”

Through trying various mediums, plaster especially, Scholten said he found liberation and meaning in his art.

“My art is now filled with passion,” said Scholten, “because it’s based on the amazing life stories and experiences of people I know and some from my own experiences.”

Scholten’s wishes were that people looking at his art could find ways to resonate with the experience represented and were able to see and celebrate God through the art.

Abigail Nedrud: A reception this Sunday opens the last of the senior art exhibits. The artist, Abigail Nedrud, will be present in the Te Paske Gallery from 4 to 6 p.m. to answer questions or make comments about her pieces.

Nedrud’s works will include raku ceramics, along with acrylic and oil paintings, chalk pastel drawings, sculpture and photography.

“I enjoy using my hands to take an active role in creating my artworks, and these mediums allow me to do this,” said Nedrud.

Nedrud has always enjoyed drawing and the process of bringing a piece of paper or canvas to life. From her college experiences, she has developed a passion for using art to express her creativity and feelings “through a channel that is usually discarded as frivolous,” she said.

“Art can be very powerful, transcending cultural and languages,” said Nedrud. “I hope to someday utilize that power among others to bring change in the world.”

NW to present Shakespeare play

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This weekend, Northwestern’s theatre department will be performing the Shakespearean play “Measure for Measure,” directed by Professor Karen Barker. The play will run April 20 to 21 and 25 to 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre.

“Measure for Measure” focuses on a deceptively simple scheme aimed at testing the leadership qualities of a young leader in the absence of the current community leader. This new leader imposes strict regulations on his subjects.

In time, the young leader begins to make concessions on the regulations in order to benefit himself. While this is occurring, the former leader, who had been pretending to be away, creates a scheme to catch the young leader in his lie. This scheme is eventually exposed, creating a comical situation.

Although this play presents a comical view on the events, it maintains a theme of justice and mercy amid the humor.

“Measure for Measure” includes a production crew of approximately fifty people with a cast of twenty.

When asked about working with the cast, Barker says, “The thing I get most jazzed up about is coaching the actors.” She also states that she enjoys the privilege of working with creative design teams throughout the production.

NW’s version of “Measure for Measure” is definitely a little bit out of the box. As Barker puts it, “This is not a men-in-tights production.”

NW students become displaced

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Juniors Amy Barr and Kristin Lorey have a heart for kids in Uganda. Though they may not have met them, these two girls are part of a campaign to help those children.

Barr and Lorey became involved in the Invisible Children campaign when Lorey heard about a movie that was supposed to be about Sudan. She had already worked with some information on that country, so she ordered the movie. When it arrived, she found it was about the children of Uganda.

These children are forced to migrate every night in order to avoid being kidnapped. Members of the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA) take the children and train them as fighters. The girls are often raped and forced into sexual roles.

Barr and Lorey are organizing a “Displace Me” event for Northwestern students in conjunction with the national Invisible Children campaign.

Displace Me will be Saturday, April 28. The purpose of the campaign is to give people the idea of what it is like to be a displaced person by having them travel to one of 15 U.S. cities and spend the night there. Students can sign up to participate in Displace Me in the cafeteria lobby until tonight, or e-mail Barr or Lorey before April 28.

Another way students can get involved is the Schools for Schools campaign. NW is paired up with the Gulu Senior Secondary School in Uganda. So far, NW students have raised enough money to give this school drinkable water. The next goal is teacher resources and then textbooks. A basketball tournament is being held on April 23 to raise money for this. Cost to watch the tournament will be $1. Teams are organized by class, and the winner of the class playoffs will play a team of faculty.

Another fund raiser for the Schools for Schools program is the Guitar Hero tournament that will be going on in each dorm. Sign ups for that are also being held in the cafeteria through tonight.

For more information and ways to get involved, contact Barr or Lorey, or visit www.invisiblechildren.com.

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