Communications department introduces three new majors

BY KIM EASON
NEWS EDITOR

Starting in fall 2007, communications students will be able to choose from three different majors: public relations, journalism and cinema and digital video. In the past few weeks, faculty unanimously approved all three majors.

Professor of Communications Jamey Durham had been exploring different options in the video major prior to this year by comparing Northwestern to schools like Calvin, Biola, Azusa Pacific and some GPAC schools, but the options were limited. “The need is definitely there,” said Durham. “Quite a few students desire to study in this area.”

When Bala Musa left after the 2005-06 school year, it seemed like a good time to restructure the department.

“I felt like our department needed a focus,” said Durham.

“The communications major is very generic and almost easy-looking,” said Professor of English and Communications Studies Carl Vandermeulen.

The major was a mix of some mass communications courses with some leftover theatre and speech courses. Some of these courses weren’t relevant to students’ interests, but they were expected to take them anyway.

Most of the students in the communications program went on to careers in media, whether public relations, TV, video or journalism.

“By picking three majors, we can do fairly easily what our students prefer to do,” said Vandermeulen. One course has been added already this year, Media Writing, which is an introductory course that covers all genres of writing. Other courses will be added in the next few years.

The media writing course will become a prerequisite for courses like News Writing and Feature Writing, but also has the option of being bypassed for students with a good high school background in journalism.

Another factor that made the journalism major possible is the Summer Internship of Journalism in Washington D.C., which gives students the opportunity to see what it’s like to work in journalism in a big city. For those preferring to work in small town journalism, a community journalism course will also be available.

For students going into film studies, a liberal arts background provides a variety of disciplines and lets them choose which area they would like to pursue. The cinema and digital video major will consist of many new classes, including theatre and film courses, which will also create an opportunity for TV broadcasting. There is also a Los Angeles film studies internship available.

The department is currently looking for another faculty member with specialization in the area of public relations.

“Our main goal is to teach students to become storytellers,” said Durham. “Storytelling transcends all the different channels of mass media.” By adding the three new majors, they aim to do just that.

The Prairie Pirates’ features NW community

BY KIM EASON
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“The Prairie Pirates,” a movie written and directed by Professor of Communications Jamey Durham, will be opening on March 16 in the Holland Plaza Theatre in Orange City.

The movie is a warm-hearted comedy about some children who believe that pirates hid their treasure in the middle of Iowa, a place no one would think to look. They find a map with riddles and end up searching all over Orange City to solve the clues.

“It’s a good chance to see the acting talents of the NW community,” said Durham. The film features about a dozen Northwestern faculty, staff and students.

The movie was originally an example for Durham’s Film Aesthetics and Criticism class, where students were required to pitch a film idea to the class. Durham pitched his idea for “The Prairie Pirates,” and it resonated with them. So he started working on the script.

His original intent was a short film, but he was convinced by some of his friends to make it a full-length film.

With the help of the Lilly Grant and some other fundraising, he was able to raise enough money to support the endeavor. Durham flew in assistants from Los Angeles and Virginia to help him on the project, as well as paying a few student assistants.

The movie was filmed during the summer of 2006. Each day they were able to film about six minutes of the final film. During the fall, they were able to film additional pickups, as well as adding the music and editing the film. With approximately 16 hours of footage, the movie is 80 minutes long.

A professor at Houghton College in New York wrote all the original music.

“The music is amazingly well done for film like this one,” said Durham.

Over 100 people were involved in the process, whether they were baking cookies to eat or offering their grocery store as a set.

Several classes have seen the finished product already, and Durham has received great feedback from them.

“It’s a great opportunity,” said Durham. “I hope it plays outside of Orange City.”

After playing in Orange City from March 16 to 22, “The Prairie Pirates” will move over to the Sioux City Promenade Cinema 14 from March 23 to 29. After that, Durham hopes to enter it in film festivals.

Chicago is the new place to serve

BY JAIME EVENHUIS
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On March 2, Northwestern students will be released from their studies to enjoy 10 days of spring break. Over the break more than 200 students, faculty and staff will be traveling to several locations around the world to participate in Spring Service Projects (SSPs).

Twenty students will be traveling Chicago, Illinois, a new SSP site. The team will be serving a variety of Roseland Christian Ministries (RCM) projects.

The Roseland Christian Ministries has been established in Chicago for almost 25 years. They offer a variety of services to the needy in their area.

Chicago is the new place to serve a hot meal program and a food pantry program to local residents and they offer an overnight shelter during the winter months.

The RCM also operates a thrift store where residents can find everything from clothes, appliances, and furniture. RCM also organizes activities for residents such as a senior citizens club, which offers Bible study, skills and trips, and a drop-in center where people can come to watch TV and play games.

NW students will be helping RCM’s efforts to provide food service by preparing and serving food to people in the drop-in center. They will also help by working in RCM’s thrift store. Students will also be spending time with the women and children in the overnight shelter.

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I wasn’t sure if I agreed with my friend, but I could see where he was coming from. I want to disagree and say that Black History Month is a healthy thing, designed to celebrate and recognize the achievements of black people in our country’s history. But even that statement sounds patronizing to me. Intentionally pointing out a specific group’s significance to our country implies that that group’s significance needs to be underscored by its own merit.

We are all equal citizens of the same country and dividing our history into which group contributed what and when only serves to keep us thinking in terms of race, rather than in terms of the whole person.

The selfless advocate argues to impress

Embrace the power of submission and know that real positive change can only be brought about through a committed, loving exchange of ideas, not self-satisfying ranting.

The key is relationship, for it is in relationship that our notions of love are truly tested. For those of you who feel that Black History Month is a justified event, I will say this though: if you are in the right, you can win the argument. If you are wrong, you can only be proud when you win because you know you did it right.

They have no guarantee that I will ever return, no guarantee that they will ever make money off me.
Jesus’ top ten un-Lenten list

BY KATIE VAN ETten
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Want to get closer to God by giving up chocolate or caffeine for 40 days? I’ve heard a lot of talk lately from friends preparing to give up something they’re addicted to for Lent. Some are preparing to give up something that would be a challenge for them, some are going to make drastic measures to cut out things they know are bad for them, and some are going to take extra steps to be more devoted in these next 40 days.

Watching and listening to my friends talk about their ideas led me to think about what discipline or sacrifice I wanted to try this year. And, unfortunately, before any successful ideas came to mind, I first came up with a lot of bad ones. Most of them ultimately ended in either death, having no friends or experiencing a drastic change of lifestyle. Some would be entirely illegal to try, and some were just not good ideas in general.

So, I thought if you’re anything like me, you might find hearing ten rock-bottom ideas helpful in realizing that your idea is a good one.

1. Breathing. I heard one time that on average, a person can survive for about three weeks without food, three days without water and three minutes without air. This would be a very sacrificial Lent for you this season if you decided to give up breathing, but it would also go very quickly. And you would be dead. Which would be bad.

2. Sleeping. After about a day, the effects of this sacrifice will be felt. I’ve been told that not sleeping for 24 hours is like being extremely drunk. Some might think that feeling would be good, but multiply that by 40 and you’ll be experiencing something more like continual fanatical death. Plus, you’ll probably pass out eventually and then you would technically be sleeping.

3. Drinking water. You could certainly drink other things for the next 40 days, but those things ultimately include water. So, if you’re not cheating yourself and not drinking anything with water, then you wouldn’t be drinking anything. Then your pee would turn a very golden yellow, you would be extremely constipated and you would probably need to be submitted to the hospital. And that would be bad.

4. Wearing clothes. First of all, it’s still winter. You would be experiencing a very cold first part of all, it’s still winter. You would be very cold. Just glue yourself to the couch, stop going to classes and sleep all the time. After 40 days, you’ll be different.

7. Reading. This sacrifice might seem the most doable of the items on this list. “Not reading for classes?” — I’m sorry, Professor, I gave it up for Jesus.” But if you give up all reading, that includes e-mails, lunch menus, nametags, brands, receipts, clocks and road signs. A little more of a challenge than you originally thought, eh?

8. Showering. This sacrifice might also seem easy to give up. But by the end of Lent, you will have also given up your roommate and friends. You might think that it is insensitive to leave a friend solely because of your showering and consider the fact that all your friends are sensitive, caring people. But if you don’t shower for 40 days, yet continue to live in a community where it’s a social norm to shower regularly, even your professors will want to stay away from you.

9. Relationships. You could decide that you just want Jesus. So just do it. Give up your friends, family, significant other, children and all contact with humans and let your relationship with the Savior of the world really bud. After 40 days, you might have to undergo some very significant lifestyle changes, but it would be for Jesus, so that would be allowed.

10. Various religious activities. Anything from praying to reading the Bible to just practicing good morals. You can give up all these things, and after 40 days, I’m sure you’ll notice something different about yourself. Maybe your lack of friends and hope? And also the general despair constantly surrounding you?
Join a community of lifelong learners

BY ANDREA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Trips to visit graduate schools, spring and fall banquets and unique classes with professors and students committed to cultivating discussion-based learning are just a few things in which members of the Northwestern Honors Program can choose to participate. Students of all different majors, including biology, philosophy, Spanish, political science, business, religion and literature, are active members.

Although the Honors Program has been working to increase awareness on campus, offering programs such as the “Free Beer” lecture given last fall by Professor of History Mike Kugler, students both outside and within the Honors Program agree that it has very little presence on campus. Those not involved often see it as somewhat of a mystery.

Two of the main benefits of being in the Honors Program are the opportunity to participate in the Honors seminars offered each semester and assistance in exploring the prospect of graduate school.

This semester, Professor of Philosophy Don Wacome and Professor of History Mike Kugler co-lead an Honors seminar called “Darwin and Darwinism.” The main goals of this seminar include to “introduce ourselves to the most significant implications of evolutionary theory for our understanding of humans; and to reflect carefully on the implications of evolution for Christian theology.”

Kugler and Wacome, who have both been involved in teaching more than one Honors seminar, believe that these seminars are, in the words of Wacome “good experience for faculty members to teach with someone outside their own discipline.” Both men resonated with the value of interdisciplinary discussion. Senior philosophy major Ryan Pendell said he particularly appreciates the opportunity to “interact with students from other majors in a seminar setting.” Another significant benefit Pendell pointed out is the option of substituting two Honors seminars for a general education course of one’s own choosing.

You needn’t be planning on graduate school in order to join the program, but there is a focus on giving students more knowledge about finding and applying to grad schools. In addition to trips, the Honors Program assists students in paying for taking a graduate entrance exam or the fee for application to schools. Junior Janice Swier, a business administration and writing and Rhetoric double major, said, “I joined the Honors Program because I thought that it would provide me with opportunities to learn more about graduate schools if I chose to pursue that right after I completed my undergraduate degree.”

History major Gina Boyd likes that you “get to see what lies outside NW and where your learning and passions could take you if you’re willing to try for it.”

Senior psychology major Amy Vander Holt, who joined a number of other students for a two-day visit to the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis last semester, said that the grad school trips were her favorite part of being in the Honors Program. Psychology major senior Kristin Lorey agreed. “It’s a great time to meet new people, experience more parts of our culture/the arts, and explore your future options,” she said.

Codirectors of the Honors Program, Associate Professor of Psychology Laird Edman and Director of Music Ministries Heath C. Yoakum, are planning a graduate school trip to Omaha for March 24, which will probably include a play of some sort for entertainment. Josselyn-Cranson and Edman have high hopes for the future of the program.

Although GPA’s in the Honors Program are usually around 3.5 or above, Edman said, “It’s not about GPA as much as it is about motivated curiosity coupled with high ability. One of the main things that keeps students out is their decision not to apply.”

Senior psychology major Emily Meyerink, who is currently in the “Darwin and Darwinism” class, said she would “encourage others to join if they are serious about their education and want to be challenged. It can be kind of intimidating to apply for the ‘Honors Program,’ but the benefits are worth it in the end, and you get to meet new people who will push you to challenge yourself in your academics.” Junior Jessica Miller, who is undecided on her major, said, “You definitely don’t have to be a genius to [be] in the Honors Program; you just have to have a desire to learn.”

How to Apply

Applications for the Honors Program are due on Friday, March 2 to Laird Edman in VPH 310.

The application for membership in the Honors Program has four components:

Application. Download and fill out the form (PDF) http://www.nwciowa.edu/academics/honors

Essay. Write a short essay (PDF) describing your interest in the Honors Program.

Recommendation. Give this recommendation form (PDF) to a faculty member or adviser who can describe your interests and abilities as a student.

Interview. After the co-directors receive your application, essay and faculty recommendation, they will schedule a short interview to speak with you about your interest in the Honors Program.

For more information click on the “Honors Program” link on the CampusNet Homepage.

Six Great Reasons to Join the Honors Program

1. Honors seminars: Experience true graduate-school-style discussions of provocative topics with cross-disciplinary instruction and gifted peers.

2. Graduate school preparation: Graduate-style seminars, trips to graduate schools and panel discussions prepare you for applying to and surviving in graduate school.

3. Funding: The Honors Program will pay for you to take the GRE or apply to graduate schools—up to $120.

4. Social events: There are several opportunities to enjoy the company of other academically gifted peers.

5. Honors research: Investigate a subject of your choosing in collaboration with a faculty member.

6. Honors graduations: Complete the seminars and the research and become an honors graduate—a valuable addition to a resume or curriculum vitae.

Are You Eligible?

For Spring 2007, there are 42 students in the program.

For Spring 2007, there are an additional 239 students who are eligible to apply for the program.

Students, freshmen through juniors, may apply for membership after they have attended NW for at least one semester.

First-year students are encouraged to apply in their second semester for membership which would begin in their sophomore year.

The last opportunity to apply is in the spring of the junior year.

While grades are only one factor considered for membership, students admitted to the program generally have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Questions? Contact Laird Edman (ledman@nwciowa.edu)

Got Questions? Computing Services Ed.

BY TYLER NESPER

“Here we are again. Thank you for e-mailing me your questions. I would also like to thank the faculty members who have been so helpful in providing us with answers. This column can’t continue without students e-mailing me questions and faculty members willing to answer them.

This week, the answers come from Harlan Jorgensen, Director of Computing Services.

What’s up with the new Internet monitor thing? “I discussed the issue with the department and thought that it would be good to give the campus an idea of the use of bandwidth compared to the amount of bandwidth we have.”

How is it possible for the Internet usage to go well over 100 percent, increasing levels as high as 300 percent, as it was on February 20? “The problem with our reading is that the chart includes traffic between the switch we get our readings from and the campus fire wall (fire wall/router/IDS/IP). This traffic has little or no effect on the campus Internet. This device requires that we download and clear the web traffic logs (which log individual locations of users on the Internet) periodically, and yesterday [February 20] was a maintenance day for clearing those logs. The outside bandwidth was at its normal usage of 80 to 95 percent.”

How do they monitor it? “The traffic is monitored through the port on the switch that is connected to our outside service provider.”

If it’s so high all the time, should we be getting a new system or something? “There is really nothing new to get. It would be an increase in bandwidth [that] is needed and [a change in] the priority of academic traffic over non-academic traffic.

Download traffic, because it has a lower priority, has less of an effect on browsing traffic during those peak times. My question to the campus community would be, do all students want to be paying for the ability of 10 to 20 students to be able to download at a higher rate of speed?”

I have my own opinions about what the campus “should do” in order to solve some problems that are raised through this column. However, I will not vocalize them here. This column is here to take questions you have and get you answers, no more but certainly no less. I certainly encourage you have and get you answers, no more but certainly no less. I certainly encourage

Please continue to e-mail me any questions you have about the campus at Tnesper@nwciowa.edu
Behind the search for alternative fuels is a bigger issue: conservation of the fossil fuels that remain. Changing the way we use our non-renewable resources is a necessary step to slow global warming and reduce our impact on the environment. Even in the face of a potential global energy crisis, there is power in the cumulative effect of our individual choices. Several individuals at Northwestern are acting on their Christian convictions to take care of the earth.

The most obvious way of conserving fossil fuels is to use less of them. The first “R” in the now cliché “reduce, reuse, recycle” slogan is still applicable. Reducing the amount of fossil fuels we use is an important first step.

“I see petroleum as a tremendous gift that God has provided for us. And we have chosen to burn it up.”

—Sean Cordry

Assistant Professor of Physics Sean Cordry is convinced of the need to reduce fossil fuel use partly because of the high value of oil for other things besides fuel. He cites the pharmaceutical and plastics industries as examples of important products we get from fossil fuels. Currently, three percent of a barrel of oil goes to produce these non-energy products we get from fossil fuels. Currently, three percent of a barrel of oil goes to produce these non-energy products we get from fossil fuels.

Because of his convictions, Cordry and his family have made significant changes in their fossil fuel use. While the Environmental Protection Agency estimates that most Americans put an average of 12,000 miles a year on their cars, the Cordrys put about 5,000 miles on their family van. They shop locally, consolidate their trips out of town, and restrict their travel. They bike to work. They walk more. And not only have they saved money; they’ve reduced their environmental impact, cutting their carbon emissions from driving by nearly 5,000 pounds.

Professor of English and Communication Studies Carl Vandermeulen and his wife live in a passive solar house that he helped design. Their house—with its large south-facing windows, outdoor shutters, and thickly insulated walls and foundation—uses much less energy to heat and cool. Vandermeulen brings up an interesting point. It’s important to remember that the monetary price of something does not always indicate its environmental value. In other words, just because it is cheap for us to buy doesn’t mean that it came cheap for the environment. In Christian communities, the issue is further complicated by emphasis on good financial stewardship. Thriftiness is valued because it is one way to be a good steward of money. Yet as Assistant Professor of Biology Laurie Furlong suggested, we should think in terms of saving resources, not just in terms of saving money. “As Christians, connecting how we live with our faith is important,” Furlong said.

Senior Daryn Dockter spent a semester in Belize as a part of the Creation Care program. A biology major, he’s long been interested in studying how the earth works. In Belize, he discovered a spiritual aspect to being environmentally responsible. God reveals himself through his creation. As a part of the Belize program, participants live simply—hand-washing their clothes, composting their food waste, forgoing air conditioning and eating mostly fruits, vegetables, and grains. “I got to know who God is by living closer to the earth. Not just learning about the earth, but living from it,” he said. For him, the program was “a conviction of care,” showing him the importance of Christians taking seriously their mandate to take care of the earth and all of God’s creation.

Upon his return to the U.S., Dockter has changed his lifestyle to better care for creation. In an effort to use less energy, he doesn’t take hot showers. And while he’s soaking up, the water is off. He no longer eats meat because raising livestock requires a lot of food, food that could be used to feed people instead. Dockter also tries to practice the third “R” as much as possible. He recycles every piece of paper that comes through his hands and buys most of his clothing from thrift stores.

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—Daryn Dockter

Two other NW students, juniors Katie Van Etten and Katie Gosselink, recently hosted an environmental education night for their dorm. The event allowed Van Etten to share her passion for conservation. Her interest in conservation is a result of growing up in an environmentally-conscious family. “We have always recycled aluminum, plastic and paper; tried to conserve water and energy; and eat organic food if it’s possible,” she said. “God’s earth is so beautiful, and I want to do something to be enjoyed! But that means that we need to take part in preserving his earth and keeping it beautiful.”

Dockter agreed. “I just feel like this is the right way to do things,” he said. And while he’s not insistent about others making the same lifestyle changes he has made, he is willing to talk to anyone who asks him about it. “I don’t want to be a drag; I want to be a light,” he said. “What I try to tell people is understand your power.” He is convinced our individual choices matter on a global scale.

And for him, living responsibly involves coming to terms with the tension between the ideal of global change and the reality of what an individual can do. “You’re just one person; realistically, you can’t change the entire world,” he said. But on the other hand, “you are always going to be faced with choices. There’s the easy way out or there’s something harder but good.”

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—Laurie Furlong

Furlong encourages people to take small steps and begin by thinking about the three R’s from the perspective of how it benefits creation. “I once had a student ask me, ‘Do I have to think about everything I do?’ I told her, ‘Yes, you kind of do.’” But Furlong is confident that reflecting upon our actions—while it initially may seem like a chore—becomes a blessing in the long-run. “It enriches a lot of different aspects of my life,” she said.

Dockter has encountered people who are skeptical that their individual choices matter. “You know, you hear people say, ‘I’m not going to do that—what difference does it make?’” At the very least, Dockter is convinced that making environmentally responsible choices carries its own reward. “I will die happy because I lived right,” he explained. “I will have lived with a clear conscience; I will have lived feeling that I did something.” For Dockter, more important than the peace of mind that comes with living right, is the work of participating in the Kingdom of God. “You can be an influence wherever you are [if you are] seeking something better and doing it in a way that relieves suffering.”

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Men win GPAC outright, advance in tourney

Northwestern rolled over Midland Lutheran last night 87-61 in the second-round of the GPAC tournament. The Raiders, ranked number-one in the conference, received a first-round bye. NW jumped out to an early lead, having a 30-15 advantage less than halfway through the first half. The Warriors whittled NW’s lead down to only seven near halftime, but the teams headed to the break with NW up 45-34. Midland couldn’t respond, and the Raiders owned the second half.

NW sported a balanced offensive effort, as four Raiders scored in double-digits. Juniors Curt Schilling and Chad Schuiteman led with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Sophomore Kale Wiertzema recorded 13, and sophomore Josh Van Es had 10 points coming off the bench. The Raiders soundly dominated the boards, out-rebounding Midland by a whopping 54-23. The Warriors only managed to pull down three offensive rebounds to the Raiders’ 16. NW saw an even effort in this area as well. Schilling and Schuiteman had nine and eight rebounds, respectively, while senior Karl Towns and junior Mark DeYounge each grabbed seven. The remaining 25 rebounds were dispersed between seven players.

With the win, NW advances to the semi-finals of the tournament. The Raiders will host county rival Dordt at 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Bultman Center. It will be the third time the teams have faced off, with each having won one of the previous meetings.

Versus Hastings

BY MIKE VAN ENGEN

STAFF WRITER

Last Saturday, the Broncos snapped the Raiders 10-game win streak by defeating Northwestern 79-76. The Raiders ended the regular season with a loss; however, they still tied USF for GPAC conference champions with a record of 14-4. As the conference champion, NW is guaranteed a trip to the NAIA National Tournament, which begins March 7 in Point Lookout, Mo. The Raiders secured the tenth-spot in the final NAIA rankings.

After 10 lead changes and a high-scoring first half, the Raiders were down by four at halftime. The Raiders found themselves down by as many as 12 in the second half, but in the last minute pulled within one point of Hastings.

“Win your personal battle defensively and the team will win the battle,” Head Coach Kris Korver commented on the Raiders’ will to get back into the game. With a quick foul, NW forced Hastings to shoot free throws. Hastings made both shots to take the lead by three.

Sophomore Andrew Stimson got off a last-second three, which narrowly missed the target to end the game.

NW had four players in double figures. Sophomore Kale Wiertzema led the Raiders with 17 points. Schuiteman and Schilling each scored 13 while De Younge added 12.

Senior Eric Kruger grabbed a game high 10 rebounds in the loss.

The Raiders look to the post-season for motivation on their road to the national tournament. The team is reminded that going into the post-season with a loss is a reminder that “God is going to do it His way, not ours,” said Korver.

Wrestlers fourth in region, Francois takes first

BY BETSY HEIBERGER

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In the final tournament before nationals, the Raider wrestlers did not disappoint. Northwestern had nine individual place-winners and placed fourth overall as a team.

Head Coach John Petty commented, “This was a good tune-up before the national tournament. I feel that we made some improvements in effort and technique this week, which is great when we already have a team mindset geared towards hard work.

Most of the team is peaking at the right time in the season.”

Sophomore Enock Francois took first place in the 174lb weight class with a 4-0 record for the day. Petty stated, “I think he can become one of the first NW national champions if he stays aggressive and on the attack for seven minutes. I say ‘one of the first’ because I feel that we have the potential to crown multiple All-Americans and national champions.”

Also continuing to improve throughout the season is sophomore Brian Heiberger (157). Heiberger ended the day with a third-place win, beating the same opponent from last week’s quadruple overtime match with a four-point move in the last 10 seconds.

Petty is pleased with Heiberger’s improvements during the season, and said, “Heiberger has finished the season like a champion. This is one of the best improvements that I have personally witnessed in the sport of wrestling. He is consistently beating guys who were consistently beating him earlier in the year, and he had to do that to qualify. He wrestles for seven minutes, nothing fancy, just good, old-fashioned, in-your-face, tough wrestling, and I love it.”

Petty echoes his final statement about Heiberger in regards to fourth-place finisher freshman Sam Zylishra, “Although 100 pounds separates them, you would have to say they are equal in their efforts and style of in-your-opponent’s face for seven minutes. I have seen them both break the will of their opponents, due to their relentless and punishing styles.”

Senior Chris Keating (149) and sophomore Levi Price (141) ended the day with a 2-2 record as did freshman Lamar Reed (165). Sophomore Jordan Keckler (133) and senior Chris Ernster (149) were the final two NW men placing at the tournament and came in at sixth place.

Eight of the previously mentioned men (excluding Ernster) and senior Courtney Goodwin have all qualified for the NAIA National Tournament.

Petty is confident about the tournament and acknowledged, “If we want to perform up to our top 10 national ranking, then we will have to give similar efforts like these two young men [Heiberger and Zylishra] and perform at our next level in two weeks. We will need everyone scoring points at nationals, and I believe that we can get that done. It will be in our hands and I like it that way. I am hopeful that this team will see some fruits of their labor at our season finale.”

The Raider wrestlers have two weeks to prepare. The 50th Anniversary of the NAIA National Wrestling Championships will be held in Sioux City, Iowa, on March 2 and 3, 2007 with wrestling starting at 9 a.m.
NW to face Morningside in tourney

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwestern, seeded fourth in the GPAC tournament, faced off against fifth-seed Doane College last night in the Bul_hist Center to come out victorious. The Raiders took a decisive 83-61 win in the tournament’s second round, having received a first-round bye.

The game remained relatively close throughout most of the first half, but by halftime the women led 42-29. Doane could not recover in the second half and never came within less than 12 points of the Raiders.

Head Coach Earl Woudstra credits NW’s defensive effort with the win. “Coach Yaw did a great job of mixing things up, and Doane really struggled against our zone,” Woudstra said. “We forced Doane into several turnovers and difficult shots.”

Also factoring into the win was NW’s balanced offense. Five Raiders scored in the double figures. Juniors Deb Remmerde and Amy Larson netted 22 and 18 points, respectively, senior Joel Watters added 17, and senior Jaime Hoegh each contributing 12. “Crystal had a great game,” said Woudstra. “Deb and Amy did a great job hitting some big baskets and I was proud of Jaime, who played in spite of struggling with some illness this week.”

Woudstra again recognized NW’s less than satisfactory performance off the glass. “We need to keep working on our rebounding,” he said. “They had a big advantage there.” Doane out-rebounded NW 45-32.

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Senior Andrew Ortmeyer took second place in the shot put, with a national qualifying throw of 51-09.75. Junior Kyle Blankers also had a good day, placing fourth in the 60m dash and fifth in the long jump, with a time of 7.18 and a jump of 21-06.00, respectively.

Other top contenders on the men’s side included senior Robbie Cundy, freshman Kyle Sauter and sophomore Dan Walhof.

Cundy took second place in the 60m hurdles with a time of 8.66 seconds. Finishing right behind him was Sauter, taking third in 8.67 seconds.

Walhof claimed third in the 3,000m run with a time of 9:02.26. The men’s 4x400m relay team, consisting of seniors Dan Lichter and Cundy, junior Brock Jensen, and freshman Kyle Sauter, took second place in 3:31.05.

On the women’s side, junior Laura Jacobson and senior Kristen Becker took second and third, respectively, in the 800m run. Jacobson finished in 2:20.06 and Becker in 2:24.96.

The women’s 4x400m relay team, Jacobson, Becker, freshman Emily DeWeerd and sophomore Emily Gaalswyk, took first with a time of 4:14.21.

Next, the team looks forward to competing in the GPAC Indoor Championship. The meet will take place at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln tomorrow, beginning at 11 a.m.

Sophomore Sarah Storm, who took fifth in the 3000m run at USD, said that she needs to work on staying focused during the race. “My goal for the GPAC [Championship] is simply to run a personal best in the 5000,” she said. “[I] also [want] to place in the top ten.”

Senior Joel Watters said, “I am really looking forward to running in the GPAC meet. Everyone always ups there performance and brings their best to that meet. It should be a lot of fun.”

“I am hoping to place in the top eight in the 1000m and score some points for the team,” Watters continued. “If we can get healthy, I think our team has a good chance to place high in the meet.”

While many from the team are excited for indoor nationals, others are eagerly anticipating the start of the outdoor season, which is scheduled to begin on March 31, with the Morningside Open in Sioux City, Iowa.

“As we close indoor, I am looking more forward to outdoors because of the nice weather and chance to run outside more,” said Storm.

Sports

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Campus Ensembles to serve through sharing talent

BY ANDREW KLUMPP
STAFF WRITER

Spring break entails rest and relaxation for some and Service Projects for others. Northwestern’s Drama Ministries Ensemble (DME) and Symphonic Band will be spending their spring break serving others through their respective art forms.

The DME tour starts in Iowa but will take the group to California, venturing as far north as Modesto. The group will be performing “Sioux Center Sudan” and enacted prayer; both of these were presented in chapel earlier this year. In addition, the group will be performing “Ancient Plays of Israel” and presenting a drama and worship workshop.

This nine-member ensemble will be performing at several venues, including Christian high schools, churches and an assisted living home.

Professor of Theater and Speech Jeff Barker commented on the purpose of the group and stated, “We are attempting to help the church see how its true stories can and should be shared in the context of worship—the true stories of the Old Testament, the true stories of church members, the true stories in our prayer life.”

While the DME is touring Iowa and California, NW’s

Two senior art exhibits gives viewers a glimpse into artists’ personalities

BY RENEE NYHOF
STAFF WRITER

Two senior art majors will exhibit their works in the Te Paske Art Gallery during the weeks surrounding spring break. “Simple Complexity” by Alison Stutzman and “Caution Graphic Content” by Michael Goll are continuing their display Feb. 24 to March 2. It will feature Goll’s paintings and sculptures and will run March 14 to 20. Goll will also try to incorporate sculptures and will run March 14 to 20. Goll will also try to incorporate sculptures into his show. As a three-dimensional artist, Stutzman describes her style as shape-based, formalist, geometric, colorful and just fun.

“I want you to feel uncomfortable because the pieces are going to be in your space,” said Stutzman. Most of Stutzman’s works were completed in the past two years because she was a transfer student. However, some works from her years before NW will be on display as well.

“I want people to see where I’ve been and who I’ve transformed into,” said Stutzman.

Stutzman’s reception will be held tomorrow night from 7 to 9 p.m. Another exhibit will be on display after spring break.

“Caution Graphic Content” will feature Goll’s paintings and sculptures and will run March 14 to 20. Goll will also try to incorporate photography and printed graphic pieces into his show.

“Artisoneyoucancommunicate with the world around me,” said Goll. “If you look at me, I can get an intimate view into my mind. I realize that sounds a bit creepy, but I think area ‘art’ has the potential to bring people together for conversation and learning...which is a good thing.”

Goll’s art exhibition has been two years in the works because he transferred here his junior year, and Goll said he hasn’t had the luxury of gathering a four-year collection.

The reception for Goll’s exhibit will occur from 5 to 7 p.m. on March 15.

“I realize my show is at 5 p.m. but it’s that way for a reason,” said Goll. “Don’t worry about supper; come to my show, there will be some good food, and after my show there will be a panel on campus that I’d like all of my guests to attend.”

Students battle with pop culture knowledge

BY ALLISON ROORDA
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Tonight at 10 p.m., in Christ Chapel, opposing teams will come together to face off in Northwestern’s first World Series of Pop Culture. The World Series of Pop Culture, based on the TV game show of the same name on VH1, was conceived by the men of the SAC, particularly sophomore Darren Davis and junior Josh Van Der Maaten.

In the game, two teams are invited to stand in front of the audience. Each member of the team will get a chance to answer a question about pop culture. If the answer is correct, the host asks another question. If the answer is wrong, the opposing team has a chance to steal the question and, if they answer correctly, continue answering questions until they answer incorrectly and the first team takes over once again.

Earlier this week, teams were invited to sign up to participate in the World Series of Pop Culture via email or in the SAC office in the mini-gym. Associate Professor of Religion and Christian Education Mitch Kinsinger will be the host for the evening. The winning team will receive $75.

“We encourage people to come,” said senior Jenna Fox. “It’s free, so they’re welcome to come and watch the game.”

News

AROUND THE WORLD

In Sioux City, Iowa, three sex offenders were arrested on Thursday. Two were picked up for not complying with the city’s “2,000 foot rule,” which states that sex offenders cannot live within 2,000 feet of an elementary school or a child’s day care facility. The third sex offender was charged in violation of this rule, as well as failure to register his address with the Iowa Sex Offender Registry.

In Des Moines, Iowa, the Democratic legislation is meeting to discuss whether cigarette taxes will increase to $1 more per pack. The tax would go towards a variety of Iowa health care programs.

In Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., the guardian of Anna Nicole Smith’s daughter has decided that Smith will be buried in the Bahamas after falling to his death from his fifth floor apartment. He was found with his backpack and the linens he had used to climb from the window.

In Sioux City, Iowa, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama refused to apologize for remarks made by one of his supporters against the Clinton campaign.

In New York, N.Y., a twelve-year-old boy was found in a courtyard after falling from his fifth floor apartment. He was found with his backpack and the linens he had used to climb from the window.

In Des Moines, Iowa, Democratic presidential candidate Mitt Romney visited Orange Guy on Monday, Feb. 19. At a special meeting with approximately 40 NW students, the Governor of Massachusetts discussed his campaign for the presidential elections. He reminded students of Iowa’s importance in the election, encouraging students to be informed and vote at the Straw Poll in Ames this August.