Barker named Iowa Professor of the Year

BY BETHANY KROEZE  
EDITOR

Professor of Theater and Speech

Jeff Barker has been named the 2006 Iowa Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Barker was shocked when he learned that he won the award. “I read the first sentence of the letter three times,” he said. “I’m especially glad that a theater prof can be the one recognized in the state of Iowa this year,” said Barker.

Barker began teaching at NW in 1988. In fact, the job he accepted was one he shared with Karen. After about ten years, he saw the department expand enough to give both of them full-time jobs. "There aren’t many professors that want you to use their first name," says Barker.

"Barker grew up enjoying music, theater, poetry, live audiences, prophetic fervor, history, philosophy and art. One day, I realized you can do all those things together if you’re a theater artist," said Barker. And he was hooked.

"Theater is an art form that makes people laugh and cry and get mad and be healed inside. It was Karen who taught me to laugh and cry. She took me out to eat and talked to me while I took notes on my place mat," said Barker.

In celebration of Barker’s accomplishments, members of the NW and Orange City communities are invited to a reception honoring Barker on Tuesday, Nov. 28, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the DeWitt Theater Arts Center lobby.

Tuition guarantee an attraction for new students

BY JAIME EVENHUIS  
STAFF WRITER

The cost of tuition is a major factor for families when it comes to choosing a college. According to statistics from the College Board, the cost of tuition nationwide has risen six percent in both private and public institutions. While the costs of tuition, room and board continue to rise, Northwestern has decided to implement a program which helps families plan better financially.

The new tuition guarantee program will be adopted in fall of 2007. Each year, NW will establish a price for tuition, room and board. The program promises that the costs will not rise while students complete their degree at NW. The new program will be available for up to five years, with an allowance of a break for two semesters. Up front, tuition will cost more for the first year; however, instead of rising every year, it will stay the same. The program will not affect current students on the original pricing structure.

"Northwestern has been exploring the needs of families," says President Bruce Murphy. Fifty families were interviewed and presented with the original tuition option and with the guaranteed tuition option. When asked which they would prefer, every family chose the guaranteed tuition program.

NW’s Tuition Guarantee Program will help families plan more effectively for long term expenses. The program also helps NW faculty and staff to better advise students and their families. The predictability of the program helps families plan for the future. Murphy says the program will ensure that “NW is taking on the planning risk parents had before.” The program will help allay the fears about the costs of college.

While only a handful of colleges are implementing tuition guarantee programs at this time, Murphy believes that in the future more institutions will adopt this type of program.
Jesus didn’t approve homosexuality

BY MIKE SCHOLTE

In my room, there are two things: a lamp and an outlet. In order to get the lamp to light up my room, I need to find the outlet and plug the lamp into the outlet. Once the power cord from the lamp is plugged into the outlet, the lamp has electricity and can fulfill its purpose of lighting the room.

We as human beings were given our purpose in Genesis 1:28: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

I find it hard to believe that one can exemplify Christ’s love while ignoring important things that Christ said.

God did not give Adam another man to fulfill his purpose. God gave Adam a woman named Eve, and together as man and woman, they fulfilled the purpose that God had given them.

In last week’s Beacon article by Michael Goll, “In sickness or health, till death do us part,” he writes about sharing Christ’s love in his defense of being homosexual. When I read the paper, the only articles I read were Goll’s and “Tobacco forum draws crowd,” so as I was reading, I started to wonder if this was the Christmas Ham, full of fake news and meant for laughs. But when I finished the article, I realized that this guy was not joking.

And after reading Goll’s article, neither was I, because I had a serious problem on my hands. Christ’s love was being used as a defense to being homosexual. The Bible is clearly against homosexual acts, not just in the Old Testament but in the New Testament as well. In the Old Testament, without doing much research at all, I thought of the story about Sodom in Genesis. One of the reasons that God destroyed that city was because of homosexual activity. And in Matthew 19:4-5, it says, “Haven’t you read,” Jesus replied, “that at the beginning the creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?”’ Jesus said it himself: male and female, not male and male.

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I find it hard to believe that one can exemplify Christ’s love while ignoring important things that Christ said in the first place. Male and female he created them. No exceptions.

“I will never understand those who proclaim love as the foundation of life, while denying so radically protection, understanding and affection to our neighbors, our friends, our relatives, our colleagues. What kind of love is this that excludes those who experience their sexuality in a different way?”

-José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, Spain’s Prime Minister

Northwestern alumnus speaks out on tobacco policy

BY LUKE VANDERZYDEN

As a Northwestern alumnus, I am surprised that while SGA is considering ways to improve campus health, they are focusing on the issue of tobacco instead of the greater all-encompassing problem of unhealthy eating habits and lack of exercise. Think about it: if tomorrow smoking was flat-out banned, how would that do anything to improve the health of anyone? Smokers would simply move their smoking to outside of Casey’s (where smoke would still drift toward the plebes), and non-smokers would still be able to enjoy breaks from hours in front of the television or days in the library by drinking soda at the cafeteria during breakfast and enjoying ice cream after every deep fried meal.

At NW you can graduate without doing any physical activity, aside from walking to class and the mile jog in Concepts of Physical Fitness. Meanwhile, at Dordt, students are required to complete three classes of physical activity, such as tennis, swimming, or soccer. Including physical activity into the educational requirements at NW would do a whole lot more to improve campus health than a change in smoking policy would, but SGA isn’t working toward that.

And why should they? The choice to be healthy falls upon the student. If a student was required to take active classes, they would be healthier for that semester but not next year unless they choose to be. Change in the tobacco policy wouldn’t do anything to achieve its goal: a healthier campus.

Learn to solve conflicts without resorting to legislation

BY STEVE MAHR

You foolish students! Who has bewitched you? It was your own ears that heard and believed that Jesus was crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing? Listen! I am telling you that if you let your lives be governed by rules, Christ will be of no benefit to you. For in Christ Jesus neither governed or non-governed by rules, Christ will be of no benefit to you. For in Christ Jesus neither governed or non-governed by rules counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love. For you were called to freedom, friends, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another (Paul’s Letter to Northwestern)

I feel like we are the Galatians that Paul wrote to so many years ago. We are so hung up on the law. A change in the tobacco policy won’t erase the problem. The problem lies in each of us. Did Christ not say to your fellow?”

You foolish students! Who has bewitched you?... Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard?

Smoking on campus prepares students for real world

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE

When I saw a message in my inbox that there was a tobacco forum meeting, I was confused as to what time was to discuss relating to the current smoking policy. I was curious as if this new proposition on the tobacco policy was a health issue. No one is dumb enough to argue that smoking does not have detrimental effects on health. However, I do not believe that is the issue. The issue is choice. When I say the issue is choice, I mean that SGA is choosing to make smoking an issue. When I say the issue is choice, I mean that SGA is choosing to make smoking an issue.

I want to learn from you is this: Was it a health issue. No one is dumb enough to argue that smoking does not have detrimental effects on health. However, I do not believe that is the issue. The issue is choice. When I say the issue is choice, I mean that SGA is choosing to make smoking an issue. When I say the issue is choice, I mean that SGA is choosing to make smoking an issue.

I think that NW would face danger in the banning or containment of smoking. If college is to prepare one for the “real world,” then part of the real world includes smoking. One out of five American adults smoke. That means that one out of five of your coworkers will smoke. One out of five of your family members and friends will smoke. If you don’t learn how to handle this in such an environment then NW, then how will you learn?

Another reason for the proposition to adapt the tobacco policy on campus might be a matter of principle. We go to a Christian college that highly values Christian morals. And yet we still allow questions such as “is a Christian to love, how can we love someone if we can’t look past their cigarette?” How can we learn if we are never exposed to the fact that good people smoke, that Christians are not called to be Mr. Rogers’ clones, being nice for the sake of duty, but we are called to radical love.
“I hang out with the philosophy people and they’re just not like normal people.”
- Professor Joanna Trapp, during a class discussion

“Let your wife put her cold feet on your back.”
- Professor Red Spiddal’s suggestion for making restitution after a conflict, as given at the Healthy Relationships Forum

“It wasn’t overflowing, was it?”
- Professor Joanna Trapp

“No, it was just kind of marinating.”
- David Bray, in response to the above quote, concerning the toilet in basement of Granberg

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Dr. Bast has returned

BY JAMES BIERLY
OPINION EDITOR
Dear Dr. Bast,
When Kevin Costner reads yet another script about a post-apocalyptic world and decides to act in the film, does he really want to patronize the movie theatres with a wolf or had sex with a woman. That was all done by stunt doubles. In fact, Costner doesn’t really exist. He’s just another example of Hollywood’s vile deception of the American public. It’s all special effects folks. So the next time you want to patronize the movie theatres that show Hollywood films, ask yourself “Would Jesus spend $5 to watch a bunch of liars parade on screen?” I think any reasonable person would know the answer to this question.

Are dragons real?

Of course! Ask my colleague, Aaron Thomas.

Will I ever find true love?

Do you really want to find true love? Every time I read a book about people who find true love, they either die in an impassioned suicide or live “happily ever after.” Now, no one wants to die, but a lot of people seem to think “happily ever after” is a preferable alternative. Happily ever after means no sequels. It means nothing interesting happens after the characters tie the knot. Which is pretty much like death. True love is overrated.

What are you thankful for this thanksgiving?

I’m thankful my brain is so mighty I could kill you with a strumming. When I hear percussion, my strumming pattern changes—it’s more exciting,” said Borchers.

Though this college sophomore is fairly new to large public performances, she hardly ever gets nervous in front of people. “Only when I’m singing my own songs,” she said, “or I’m being judged, because those are from my heart and if people don’t like them I feel hurt.”

Borchers writes and plays guitar largely for pure enjoyment—sometimes walking through the halls of her dorm to share an uplifting song with anyone who looks overwhelmed from the week’s expectations.

“I like entertaining people,”

Smells like dorm spirit

BY ANDREA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER
Brownies…coffee…candles…whatever’s for dinner in thecaf…“sexymen”…

All of these are smells you encounter when you enter various dorms around campus. Good, bad or…just neutral, they are there, whether you notice them or not. Some of the smells we take for granted are what make the dorms beautiful smell of manure, livestock and…well, how else do you describe it, except as “the smell of Iowa!”

Speaking of smells that may not be considered the most pleasant, Johnson, junior Hannah Dyvig (Fern), sophomore Elise Peterson (Fern) and freshman Donna Keith (Stege) all tactfully mentioned a distinct smell in Coly and Heemstra that is, in the words of Keith, “a result of those dorms being too close to each other.” The dorms smell nice, “especially when you plug from junior Molly Keese, who put in a little coffee shop.” Gens put in a plug from junior Molly Keese, who makes great smelling coffee.

Other smells include the air fresheners, candles and body sprays smelled in Fern, Hospers and Stege. Colenbrander junior Steven De Haan notices that the female dorms smell nice, “especially when a wing is about to go out with their brother wing and the perfumes are lingering throughout the halls.”

Freshman Brandon Archer from Heemstra said simply that they smell “like girl.” Keith admitted that the down fall of all those great girl smells, is that “they sometimes turn into one big bad smell.”

Regardless of your opinion of the smells, what’s probably more important is what Colenbrander RD Brandon Van Marel astutely said of Colenbrander: “Coly smells of men and women living together in community.” And if you think that’s too sappy, Moser said, “It smells like home. We all know what home smells like. It smells like... familiar.”
Word of the Week

wangle

(WANG-guhl) verb

Of uncertain origin, apparently a blend of wag and dangle.

To achieve something by scheming or manipulating.
To use indirect, tricky, or fraudulent methods.
To extricate oneself by subtle or indirect means, as from difficulty; wriggle.

“To acquire a cow dishonestly” - Cindy Sybesma
“A misbehaving character; a person of ill-repute.” - Amy Leigh Lightfoot

Spanish: menear, cazar
Russian: обманывая путь
Dutch: door handigheid of oneerlijkheid, knoeien met

Of uncertain origin, apparently a blend of wag and dangle.

Bacteria can grow and divide every 20 minutes. One single bacteria cell can become more than eight million cells in less than 24 hours” (Lysol.com).

Campus nurse Ev Otten explained that a quick rinse with a little soap and water is better than nothing, but we really need to scrub for at least fifteen seconds with soap and water, about the time it takes to sing the alphabet.

“Bacteria can grow and divide every 20 minutes. One single bacteria cell can become more than eight million cells in less than 24 hours.” - Lysol.com

Otten recalled one student who washed his hands after every class his sophomore year and got sick half as many times as he did freshman year. This illustration disputes one student’s concern that washing his hands too much would weaken his immune system, causing more sickness.

NW wants to lessen the spread of cold and flu germs. The college has provided some helpful and easy ways to encourage hand sanitation, like hand sanitizer dispensers outside of the cafeteria and in the weight room.

Otten hopes to soon have hand sanitizer in every classroom. A few students were concerned antibacterial gel would weaken students’ immune systems and create “super germs.”

One student explained, “The hand sanitizer kills most of the germs, but the ones that are resistant to it would multiply and be unstoppable.”

NW’s hand sanitizers are not antibacterial, but alcohol-based. Antibacterial hand soaps and sanitizers contain many more artificial substances than alcohol-based ones. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers have an alcohol content of at least 62%.

Everyone on campus is busy. Being able to do all the activities we’re involved in requires energy and health. Spend five minutes a day washing your hands, and you might just save yourself a week or more of suffering through a cold!

Hand washing 101: Learn it and do it

• It is well-documented that the most important measure for preventing the spread of pathogens is effective hand washing.
• Hand washing is defined as the vigorous, brief rubbing together of all surfaces of lathered hands, followed by rinsing under a stream of water.
• Hand washing suspends microorganisms and mechanically removes them by rinsing with water.
• The fundamental principle of hand washing is removal, not killing.
• Bacteria can grow and divide every 20 minutes. One single bacteria cell can become more than 8 million cells in less than 24 hours.
• Every time we touch something or someone, we can transfer germs to and from our hands.
• After that, it’s easy for germs to pass into our bodies when we touch our mouth, eyes or nose.
• Washing removes most germs from our hands.
• Regular soap and water does not actually kill microorganisms — they create a slippery surface that allows the organisms to “slide off.”
• Antibacterial soaps are typically considered to be “overkill” for most purposes.
**FEATURES**

**How healthy are your relationships?**

BY AMANDA KUEHN  
FEATURES EDITOR

The Healthy Relationships panel, initiated by sociology majors from Northwestern and Dordt Colleges, was designed to spread information to college students about healthy and unhealthy relationships. The panel, held in Christ Chapel Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 9 to 10 p.m., consisted of Chaplain Harlan Van Oort, Barb of the Family Crisis Center, Joan Andres, newlyweds Eric and Sarah Whigham, and Professor Rod and Alice Spidahl. All panelists contributed their own views on relationships.

The Whighams spoke on the topic of purity. Eric introduced his theory of purity as being “equalized in the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of the relationship.” Sarah recalled being aware of the dangers of spiritual intimacy when she and Eric were dating. Despite the pressure on campus, they refrained from doing devotions and praying together prior to marriage. It was something they wanted to share only with the one person with whom they would spend the rest of their lives.

Rod and Alice Spidahl discussed conflict. “We’ve addressed conflict in our marriage.” Rod said. “We fight. Usually you learn by doing it the wrong way first.” In a comical yet sincere way, he shared good and bad ways to handle conflict. A bad example being to hide something your spouse enjoys. “Sarcasm can also really get to someone,” said Rod.

Alice commented, “[Conflict] doesn’t mean the marriage is in trouble. Conflict causes growth.” Divorce has never been an option for the Spidahls. Alice stated, “Commitment has always been a big word for me in relationships. We’re both stubborn, and because we’re both stubborn, we’re committed to staying in this relationship.”

Alice advised, “Don’t argue after a certain time of night.” When both of you are tired and upset, it only makes the situation worse. Rod, who admitted a competitive tendency, emphasized the need to “agree to disagree. You can’t go in to win the fight.” When the relationship works, that is when you win.

Joan Andres spoke on the dangers of emotional dependency. Though affirmation and intimacy are necessary components of relationships, we need to watch for when these needs are being met dangerously. “Everyone has a tendency to fall into emotionally dependent relationships because we’re all created for intimacy.” Andress said. She advised that those who find themselves in emotionally dependent relationships recognize the signs and work to combat them by reaching out to others and seeking outside relationships.

In Barb’s opinion, healthy relationships are focused on equality. In unhealthy relationships, one person controls another, which may result in physical or emotional abuse in the form of threats, intimidation and isolation. She shared “The Relationship Bill of Rights,” which said that in a healthy relationship, each person should maintain his or her own emotions, spontaneity, private time, desires, etc.

Van Oort shared, “When we think of the word ‘relationship,’ we automatically think of a romantic relationship. We undervalue relationships with parents, professors, co-workers, etc.” Van Oort believes that our relationships with others show us how we will tend to act in romantic relationships. Roommates in college, for example, help us understand who we are and how we operate. They give us tremendous clues on how we would function in a marriage.

The Whighams shared that roommates allow you to learn how to study a person. “We’re learning to be experts on each other,” said Sarah, who has learned more than a few things about Eric in the past few months. Van Oort suggested that if our relationships with our parents and roommates relationships aren’t healthy, we should work on them before we move into a romantic relationship. The work we do there will translate into healthy relationships with a significant other.

It is important to watch for emotional dependency and other unhealthy relationships. Healthy relationships allow for freedom and individuality, while valuing another’s needs above your own. We naturally desire these components of relationships, we need to work on them before we move into a romantic relationship. Roommates allow you to learn how we will function in a marriage.

By Aleisa Schat

**Signs of Emotional Dependency:**
*Frequent jealousy  
*Preference to spend time alone with only this person  
* Irrationality when the other withdraws  
* Loss of interest in other relationships  
*Romantic/sexual fantasy of the other  
*Don’t see others’ faults realistically  
*Don’t make plans without consulting this person  
*Casual remarks made by this person  
*Significant effects on you

**Signs of a Healthy Relationship:**
*Free and generous  
*A desire to see growth in the other  
*Builds both persons up  
*Security to be the way you are in and out of the relationship

**While you weren’t sleeping—the consequences of sleep deprivation**

BY ALEISA SCHAT  
STAFF WRITER

“Sleep is as important as eating; it’s as important to the body as oxygen,” said Ralph Davis, associate professor of biology. While many students wish they could get more sleep, they often fail to appreciate the possible long-term consequences of chronic sleep deprivation. They assume they’ll simply bounce back once they get a chance to “catch up.”

These long-term consequences, many only now being discovered by researchers, include the possibility of memory loss later in life, stunted growth, and interference with the final stages of brain development. Some studies even suggest a possible linkage between chronic sleep deprivation and increased susceptibility to cancer, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Students may also be unaware of sleep’s important role in the learning process.

The fact that we spend roughly one-third of our lives sleeping has led researchers to speculate about why, exactly, we sleep. While there are many theories which attempt to explain the functions of sleep, Davis contended that “one of the hot new areas in brain research concerns the connection between sleep and memory consolidation.” Indeed, according to Elizabeth Truesdell, visiting instructor in biology, “Sleep helps consolidate your learning; it helps to form your memories. Those connections get better when you sleep.”

This memory consolidation, according to Davis, occurs during the last stage of the sleep cycle, Rapid Eye Movement, or REM sleep, when our brains are very active and dreams occur. Davis said research suggests that REM sleep may actually function in the learning process by getting rid of superfluous information and creating frameworks in which connections are made between the useful bits. “During the confused, erratic REM sleep, our brains may be emptying into our ‘delete box,’ the memories we don’t need to remember. It may be that REM sleep allows our brains to get rid of the garbage and consolidate the good stuff.” Therefore, said Davis, chronic sleep restriction may diminish our ability to remember what we’ve learned throughout the week and staying up late cramming the night before a test may ultimately work against us.

Throughout our lifespan, important developmental processes occur during sleep, from the regulation of human growth hormone to the formation of our visual “wires.” Sleep also allows us to process visual information properly. If the body does not get enough sleep during these crucial periods of development, problems may arise. However, researchers are beginning to find that human development doesn’t stop when adolescence but carries on into early adulthood, and sleep deprivation may have long-term effects on the development of our brains.

“A lot of people thought that all the important developmental stuff occurred before puberty, then after puberty everything was set in stone, and that’s not the case,” said Davis.

“Some of the hot new information in neuroscience suggests that the areas of the brain involved in making, complex informational processing, and problem solving are not fully developed until between 20 and 25 years of age.” According to Davis, it may be possible that effects on the wiring of a person’s brain circuitry caused by chronic sleep restriction—defined as 5 to 7 hours of sleep—could lead to memory problems or may even contribute to diseases like Alzheimer’s later in life. It is also believed that sleep deprivation may lead to cell death in the hippocampus—a part of the brain involved in memory consolidation—due to elevated levels of the hormone cortisol.

“Even slightly restricted sleep, slightly elevated levels of cortisol, may be having an effect on our brain,” said Davis, who pointed out that once brain cells are lost, they’re gone forever. “We just don’t know for sure what the effects might be; more research is needed.” Davis exhorted students to err on the side of caution, “Take care of your brain because you’re gonna need it for the rest of your life.”
Raider volleyball on the road in Region III

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Raider volleyball team overpowered Dordt College on Tuesday evening to advance in the Region III tournament. Northwestern won 30-27, 30-24, 35-33 in the two teams’ fourth meeting this season. For the Raiders, Tuesday’s win was payback after the Defenders defeated NW in last Saturday’s GPAC final. “There are not too many chances in sports when you get a second chance,” said Head Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch. “The girls came in with a chip on their shoulder.” Junior Karissa Davelaar agreed. “We were ready for revenge,” she said. “We couldn’t wait to play them again. Dordt is a great team, but we felt they took away something we wanted so bad, and we were ready to take it back.”

Van Den Bosch attributed the victory to a complete team effort. “Our three girls in the back (senior Alison Waggie, Davelaar, and freshman Janna Bloemendaal) had a fantastic defensive performance and serve reception,” said Van Den Bosch. “When we pass that well, Megan Meyer, Katie Schnoes, and Rachel Gosselin are so talented they are able to get the job done.” Van Den Bosch also noted the contributions of hitters Randa Hulstein and Kayla De Geest. “They did a great job of setting up blocks and getting some important kills for us.”

Davelaar also noted the importance of a balanced effort. “We have great team chemistry, and everyone puts 100% into whatever role they have been assigned, whether it’s playing all around, coming in to serve, or cheering so loud they lose their voice,” she said.

Senior Schnoes and junior Meyer led the women in kills with 16 each for the night. Davelaar and freshman Hulstein each added nine. Waggie also recorded five ace serves in the contest.

With the win, NW advances to the semi-finals of the Region III tournament.

Today the team makes the trip to Dickinson, N.D. to face National American University of Rapid City, S.D. National American is the number-one ranked team in the NAIA. “We’ve got nothing to lose,” Van Den Bosch said of the match-up. “Our girls are excited to play them.” Davelaar expressed similar enthusiasm. “It’s going to be fun to be matched up with great competition, not knowing what will be the outcome but knowing both teams will have to come to play because it will by no means be a cakewalk.” Hastings College and Dickinson State round out the Final Four of Region III.

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. MST and will be broadcast on the NW website at 9 p.m.

The Raiders are slated for another match tomorrow in the consolation match at noon if they lose tonight or in the championship match around 2 p.m. if they win. Both the champion and runner-up teams in Region III will automatically receive berths into the 2006 NAIA Volleyball Championship to be held Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, in Columbia, Mo.

Depending on the winners in the other regions, the third- and fourth-place teams may also qualify for the national tournament.

Janssen is GPAC Player-of-the-Year, 19 others earn honors

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior linebacker Austin Janssen was recognized as the GPAC Player-of-the-Year, topping a list of twenty Red Raiders who earned all-conference honors. Janssen led NW with 69.5 tackles in the season and recorded six sacks, the most in the conference. He also scored three of NW’s eight defensive touchdowns.

Also earning first team all-conference honors were senior running back Keith Sietstra, senior offensive lineman Phil Kooistra, senior defensive back Jordan Van Otterloo and sophomore defensive lineman Tim Martin.

Sietstra is second in NW’s record books in both total career rushing yards and touchdowns, tallying 4,271 yards and 50 TDs. Kooistra played a key role in the fifth best scoring offense in the nation. Van Otterloo led the Raiders in interceptions and pass break-ups, with seven of each, and Martin led the defense with six sacks and 15 tackles for loss.

Seven Red Raiders earned second team accolades, led by senior Blake Reinke who took the honor for both the tight end and punter positions. Junior quarterback Craig Hector, junior wide receiver Tyler Reichle, senior offensive lineman T.J. Speer, and linebackers Nathan Jansen, a sophomore, and Blake Wolfswinkel, a senior, were also awarded.

Eight Raiders earned honorable mentions, including seniors, wide receiver Zach Stuckey and offensive lineman Bruce Anliker. Five juniors were also awarded.

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**Raiders finish 10-1, host BHSU tomorrow**

BY LAURA JACOBSON

The Northwestern football team finished its regular season 10-1 on Saturday with a convincing victory over Midland Lutheran College. The Raiders defeated the Warriors 38-7. “The key to our win was the team’s focus on the game that was to be played rather than looking ahead to playoffs,” said junior Scott Stahl.

The Raider offense wasted no time getting started, scoring in three plays on the first drive. “We marched up the yardage well,” said Head Coach Orv Otten. “It was a good kickoff return to start with, and that got things started for us.” Junior quarterback Craig Hector completed a pass to sophomore Seth Moen to take the early advantage.

Senior Keith Sietsstra fronted the Raiders’ offensive effort with an impressive 180 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns. Hector threw for 33 yards and three touchdowns. The Raiders netted 353 total offensive yards in the conference contest.

Sophomore Cody Van Sloten also contributed to the defensive effort with two sacks.

Otten also noted the opportunity to throw several players on the bench. “We got a lot of guys in there,” he said. “We’re feeling good about doing a lot of things right.”

With the NAIA playoffs approaching, Otten expresses confidence in the status of his team. “We feel pretty good about where we are right now,” he said. “There’s certainly nothing broken that has to be fixed. We just need to continue to step it up a notch every week.”

Stahl agreed. “I feel our team has done a great job of preparing ourselves week in and week out to play the best possible game we can on Saturday,” he said. “Everyone on the team is focused on making a valuable effort.”

Finishing the season ranked sixth in NAIA polls, the Raiders have earned a play off berth for the first time since 2003. “The last couple years were missed,” said Otten. “The juniors and sophomores have at the almost-point, so the younger guys are really excited about their first opportunity to be involved.”

Stahl noted the magnitude of the post-season. “Our season has been a huge success thus far, but we realize the playoffs are the start of a new season,” he said. “We can’t be satisfied with only making the playoffs, yet on the other hand we need to take it one week at a time. We can’t forget about doing the little things right because the little things are what have gotten us to this point.”

The Raiders will host the first-round game against Black Hills State University tomorrow at noon on Korver Field. The Yellow Jackets, coming off an eight-game winning streak, finished the season ranked #12 in the NAIA poll and were the DAC conference champions.

BHSU leads the nation in sacks and boasts a defensive scoring average of 9.7, comparable to NW’s average of 9.5. “It will be two pretty good defenses going at each other,” said Otten. Otten again encourages a strong student turnout. “We really love to have students in the stands. It brings great enthusiasm and energy to the game,” he said.

If NW wins tomorrow, they will advance to the quarterfinals to be held Saturday, Nov. 25. The location for that game will be determined early next week.

**Wrestlers compete at DWU**

BY BETSY HEIBERGER

The Northwestern wrestlers were on the road again last Saturday traveling to Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, S. D. Fourteen teams and 208 individual wrestlers competed in the DWU Open.

Enoch Francois, wrestling at 174 pounds, once again showed strong leadership for the NW men by placing sixth overall in the tournament. He received an injury and was forced to default his last match, thus forcing him to withdraw. Francois, however, still earned his season with a 2-2 record. Coach John Pettry had these remarks regarding Francois: “Enock had another good tournament until his injury and should be okay after some rehab and rest. Enoch is providing this team with a tremendous amount of leadership with his performance on the mat.”

Freshmen DeAlonzio (DJ) Jackson, at 141 pounds, wrestled exceptionally, also ending the tournament with a 2-2 record. This was Jackson’s first tournament of the season at his appropriate weight class and also his first collegiate victory. Pettry was very pleased with how Jackson wrestled and commented, “DJ put together a great effort by working hard to make weight and wrestling very well. Expect to see him continue to improve and become a factor on a regional and national level.”

Also scoring his first victory of the season was sophomore Bill Fredrickson at 125 pounds. Frederickson is confident in the ability of the team overall and observed, “I think our team is going to continue to get better and start surprising other teams really soon. I’m looking forward to seeing how we perform in a dual with our team full strength.”

Winning wrestlers this tournament also included freshman Corby Pfeil at 149 pounds, sophomore Brian Heiberger at 157 pounds with a pin, freshman Lamar Reed, also at 157 pounds, and freshman Matt Leither at 184 pounds.

Pettry is pleased with the results thus far this season. He stated, “We are continuing to improve in ways that are not visible to the public and that is what is important to me at this point in the season: improvement and giving our best effort.”

Tomorrow the team will be in action in Omaha, Neb., in the UNO Open, one of the biggest tournaments in college wrestling.

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**BY DAN CLIFF**

Raiders sweep Pizza Ranch Classic

**VERSUS LINDEWOOD**

The Raiders followed their win Friday with another victory, this time over NAIA T18 Lindwood University. The Raiders enjoyed a double digit lead throughout most of the contest, leading by as many as 23 points. The Raiders held a significant edge in rebounding, 36-26, and also shot well from behind the arc, going 10-20.

Schilling led all scorers with 27 points, followed by Wiertzema with 18, Schuiteman with 12, and Karl Towns with 12. Schilling and Schuiteman were the team leaders in rebounds as well, with eight and seven, respectively.

Schuiteman, Brown and Andrew Stimson all shared the team high in assists with six. Stimson was the team leader in steals with three.

Because of their steady lead, 15 different Raider players saw playing time in the game.

The Red Raiders, ranked #11 in the NAIA’s preseason poll, will travel to Yankton, S.D., tomorrow for their first conference game versus Mount Marty College. They will follow that up with their much anticipated first meeting with Dordt College, at home on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

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**PHOTO BY BRETT BROWN**

Junior Curt Schilling puts up the lay-up amid a struggle under the basket.
SGA discusses food and smoking

BY ANDREW KLUMPP
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At approximately 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, in the conference room of the Center for Spiritual Formation and Development, President Ben Kappers called the meeting of the SGA to order. After some small talk, the meeting was underway.

The main event for the night was a question and answer session with the district manager of Sodexo. The SGA discussed topics such as alternative meal plans, extended snack bar hours, quality of food and dining preferences. The district manager was grateful for their input and shared that he was planning on interviewing different students and implementing some changes.

Following the meeting with the Sodexo manager, the SGA briefly touched on the Tobacco Forum that was held earlier this month. They viewed the forum as a success, but the issue of a smoking ban remains in committee and will require further surveys and research before a decision can be reached.

After discussing those two main topics, there was a motion to adjourn for the evening, and at approximately 6:53 p.m., the SGA dispersed until they meet again for more discussion and a possible rant from Jenna Boote about her love for Diet Green Tea.

$500 at stake in the NC/DC finals

BY JANICE SWIER
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At the NC/DC semi-finals on Saturday, Nov. 11, students from Northwestern and Dordt convened on Dordt’s campus to witness eight students perform. Each singer hoped to awe the audience to gather enough votes to be selected as one of the four finalists. The NC/DC final will be held at NW in the Bulman Center on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 10 p.m.

Last Saturday, the eight contestants each chose a song to perform. A video clip of each contestant’s performance can be viewed online at www.ncdcextreme.com.

The two Dordt students and two Northwestern students who will be competing in the finals will each be singing one song of their choice and another song that the judges picked out for them.

The voting for the finals is going to be done differently than it has been done in past years. Instead of having the judges determine who will win, each member of the audience is going to receive something when they walk in the door that will allow them to vote for who they want the winner to be. After all the contestants have performed, the votes will be taken and tallied. The winner will then be announced at the show and win $500.

Reinstatement policy is cleared up and written down

BY JANICE SWIER
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At the last meeting of the Admission, Retention, and Honors Committee, the committee decided to revise the reinstatement policy. Reinstatement is when students are suspended and then apply for re-admittance.

Two things precipitated the need for a new policy. First, although there was a loose procedure printed in the student handbook, the faculty handbook had no written procedure or policy on reinstatement. Secondly, there was ambiguous criteria; the student didn’t have a clear definition of what they needed to do in order to get reinstated or what was required of them if they did get reinstated.

In reference to the old policy, Associate Professor of Religion Michael Andres said, “In my opinion, we were much too liberal. The policy required the student to have a clear picture of what classes they were going to take that semester, must work and what is expected of them in order to be successful. This will help the student to have a clear picture of how hard they are going to work and what is expected of them if they choose to apply for reinstatement.”

The Reinstatement Subcommittee has dates set in place for application deadlines and meeting dates to discuss reinstatement applicants. The committee will review each student’s criteria before making their decision.

Once the decision is made, the student who applied for reinstatement will be promptly notified with both a phone call and a letter outlining the reasons they were accepted or denied.

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