Football, music, games and dance highlight homecoming weekend

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Nursing program has big plans for the future

BY ALLISON ROORDA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In its second year at Northwestern, the nursing program is still planning for the future.

“It’s very exciting to build a Christian nursing program from the ground up,” said Ruth Daumer, professor of nursing. “This is still a planning-intensive year.”

While the nursing program itself is in its second year, this is the first year that nursing classes will be offered. The college has hired two additional part-time faculty members to start next semester and will hire more full-time members for next year.

The new hospital in Orange City has come at a perfect time for the NW nursing program.

“We now have a nursing site lab in the downtown hospital,” explained Daumer.

The Orange City hospital donated their old equipment to the NW nursing program when the hospital moved to their new location last May. Now the downtown hospital location is fitted with a nursing lab in the old O.B. section, complete with a whirlpool in each room.

The Orange City hospital will also aid the nursing program via clinical shadowing. Students will be able to perform health assessments for children and adults, as well as oral medical histories at the clinic at the new hospital.

On Jan. 12, 2007, NW will host an open house as well as a blessing ceremony for the new nursing lab downtown.

The nursing program still attracts a majority of female students. Nationwide, males make up 5-10 percent of nursing staff. At NW, there are seven sophomore nursing students and 24 freshmen, four male and 27 female.

The nursing program is still growing. NW has set up nursing mini-camps, primarily as a service to prospective students. The mini-camps bring students to NW for a day, giving them general information on the program, as well as a chance for clinical shadowing at the hospital.

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“It’s a chance to talk about what’s involved in a nursing program and at our college,” said Daumer.

The nursing mini-camps also feature information about financial aid specifically for the nursing program and the benefits of a Christian nursing program.

NW also uniquely guarantees a seat in the nursing program, as opposed to schools that let students in as pre-nursing without the certainty of an available spot in the nursing program.

The nursing program is still in its beginning stages and is one of the smaller majors on campus, but Daumer said, “NW is really poised to take on the challenge.”

“Nursing really takes on the NW mission of integrating faith and learning,” said Daumer.
We must change ourselves if we want to change the world.

BY BRETT GRAY

Recently, I was at a discussion with a group of young men about global warming spurred by the movie An Inconvenient Truth. These guys gave me a pretty good grasp on the current state and endangerment of our planet. Such an issue in and of itself is reality an infinite number of sub-issues. Well, maybe in infinite is a slight exaggeration but think about it. In general, how many issues are there in the world that address the oppression of entire peoples, the destruction of our planet, and so on? Just think for a second and I’m sure numerous injustices come to mind. But how can we resolve such troubling issues? The trap I fall into is I allow it all to seem so overwhelming. I take on every issue all at once and think to myself, “What am I supposed to do with this mess?”

I see all of these problems in the world, and I wonder, “Where does one even begin?” I let this question get the best of me and decide to just do nothing. As I commit these words to paper, I can’t believe how dismissive I can be. It is a shameful truth, but one I have recognized and can therefore fix. Maybe you can look back on instances you felt the same way.

“Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.”

Where does one even begin? Is there a more fitting place to begin than with that question alone? If you ask yourself where to begin, give yourself a pat on the back. Don’t make it too overwhelming, though, because the follow up question is the big one: “What do you do?” Does own the question? Do you accept all of the responsibilities and responsibilities, hours of research to learn what you can do to make a difference in Orange City? In Sioux County? In the United States? In the world? Or do you, like so many other poor souls, just forget you even asked yourself where to begin? “It’s overwhelming,” you say. “What can one person do?”

One of the greatest films ever made, Schindler’s List, contains a scene where it is stated, “Whoever saves one life saves the world entire.” I would make it even simpler and more applicable to your daily life and say, “Whoever changes one life, changes the world entire.” If you dedicate yourself to a cause, can you change the life of just one other person, you will change the entire world as they see it. As Marianne Williamson states in her famous work “Our Deepest Fear”, “as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.”

United States government slides further toward tyranny

BY STEVE MAHR

“Today, we take an essential step in defeating terrorism, while protecting the constitutional rights of all Americans.”

- President George W. Bush after signing the Patriot Act

In that speech, President Bush went on to describe the United States by saying that we recognize no barrier of morality, we have no conscience, and we cannot be reasoned with. Oh, wait, that was Bush’s definition of terrorism. My bad. It’s easy to think otherwise, in the light of recent events.

Here is an excerpt straight from the Military Commissions Act of 2006 that was just passed through the House and the Senate and will soon be signed by the President. “To facilitate bringing to justice terrorists and other unlawful enemy combatants through full and fair trials by military commissions, and for other purposes.”

Who are these terrorists? They are spoken of in this Act as “unlawful enemy combatants”. How do you become an unlawful enemy combatant here? There is a direct quote (Military Commissions Act of 2006, Section 4, pg. 12): “The term ‘unlawful enemy combatant’ means an individual determined by or under the authority of the President or the Secretary of Defense, in whole or in part, as a part of or affiliated with a force or organization engaged in hostilities against the United States...”

It goes on to give the President more power and authority over who and why certain people are labeled as enemy combatants of the United States. So now that we have that concise and fair definition of what a terrorist or “unlawful enemy combatant” looks like, let us explore this idea of “full and fair trials”. The Act precludes its description for military commissions of trials (Chapter 47) by adding that “no construction or application of chapter 47 of this title shall be binding in the construction or application of this chapter.”

Sweet. A prisoner must sign a statement swearing that the charges brought forth are true to the best of their knowledge if they ever want a trial to begin. Then, after they have signed this, they are informed of the charges brought against them... “as soon as practicable.” Brings a whole new meaning to ASAP.

Once the trial proceeds, the accused gets the very gracious right of having a defense lawyer who has access to documents that are edited, substituted, or basically not accessible except for an unclassified statement stating that the classified document does exist.

A detainee can be named unprivileged on the President, sent to trial without knowing charges or seeing certain evidence brought against him, and if the detainee feels his trial was not legal he does not have the right to appeal. The bill strips the federal responsibilities and responsibilities, hours of research to learn what you can do to make a difference in Orange City? In Sioux County? In the United States? In the world? Or do you, like so many other poor souls, just forget you even asked yourself where to begin? “It’s overwhelming,” you say. “What can one person do?”

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“"When you meet someone better than yourself, turn your thoughts to becoming his equal. When you meet someone not as good as you are, look within and examine yourself."

-Confucius
“Caribou coffee and learning, I want to make that integration.”
- Professor Scott Monsma, while talking about faith and learning

“I don’t actually use the library, I just work here.”
- Sophomore Kara Johnson, while trying to find a book in the library

“I don’t like the term ‘quiz.’ I prefer ‘celebration of learning,’ but yes, your celebration will be graded.”
- Professor Marc Woolridge, attempting to make light of an impending quiz (celebration of learning)

“I suggest you burn your Life Application Bibles.”
- Professor Jackie Smallbones, referring to Bible translations

“I have nothing in my head.”
- Professor Jackie Smallbones, reassuring her class that she is not looking for any specific answer

“I don’t think you guys want me to be on your dodgeball team. I’m not a very good kicker.”
- Freshman Casie Miller, while debating participation in the dodgeball tournament

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A true experience

BY KATIE VAN ETten
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True Colors, a board game released by Milton Bradley in 1990, asks “Do you see yourself as others see you?” Played with up to six other people, True Colors is for a more intimate group of people willing to have a little fun and find out more about themselves.

Each person receives a color for the night, and a clip to wear in order to remind the others players which color they are. Also each get a voting box and, for each round, choose a question to place in the box’s front slot. Players take turns secretly answering the questions on each box, deciding which players are best described by the questions.

The questions range from the silly, “Whether laughes makes you laugh even more?” to the serious “Who never surely in love?” No one gets the answers right, but they enjoy trying.

Olive has won a chance to compete in the “Little Miss Sunshine” pageant in California. The entire family piles into an old van and heads out, carrying their various and sundry deep emotional wounds and eccentric personalities with them. Hilarity ensues as one problem after another seems to come in the way of their journey, leading to the family breaking multiple laws in a madcap rush to make it to registration on time. As the mother and father fight constantly, with the father hoping the Little Miss Sunshine competition can justify his “10-step program,” through her daughter, it seems that the only one who really understands and takes the time to be with Olive is her grandfather. As character of “proud audacity and foul temperament, but he’s seen enough of life to know what’s really important. One of my favorite moments in the film comes when Olive and her grandfather alone the night before the beauty pageant. “Grandpa,” Olive, who had been berated earlier by her father for eating “fattening” ice cream, asks “Am I pretty?” “You are the most beautiful girl in the world,” he answered. “You’re just saying that.” “No! I’m madly in love with you and it isn’t because of your brains or your personality.”

Grandpa, in his own bizarre way, knows exactly what Olive needs to hear. This is where the soul of the film is found. At the beginning, we are confronted with a family composed of individuals entire involved in their own little worlds. The other family members seem to exist mainly as means to their own ends. By the end of the film, they have finally begun to take steps toward understanding and caring for one another the way their grandfather understands Olive. Their problems are hardly solved.

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In a lot of ways, I think that’s what family is all about. Loving each other enough that you don’t care if being with the people you love makes you look foolish, or even is foolish. Love is completely unreasonable and irrational, and that’s what’s beautiful about it.

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BY JAMES BIERLY
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“Little Miss Sunshine” is a strange little film about a strange little family. It’s a screwball comedy that doubles as a haunting look at the pressures and pains of modern middle-class families. One scene will feature the goofy image of the family pushing their dilapidated car as fast as they can in an attempt to thwart their broken gear shift, the next a bitter and loud marital dispute over finances, and the next a touching moment between a brother and a sister. It’s “National Lampoon’s Summer Vacation” with the feel of “American Beauty,” but it possesses more heart than either of its comedies.

The story revolves around a dysfunctional family composed of a father, who is so caught up in trying to launch his currently non-existent self-help empire he can scarcely talk about anything but his “10-step program,” a diligent mother trying to support the entire family by herself; an formerly suicidal uncle, who refers to himself as the “foremost Proust scholar in the world;” a son in love with Nietzsche, who has taken a vow of silence; a crack-snorting perverted grandpa, with “Nazi bullets” in his butt; and loveable little Olive.

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Word of the Week

INGLENOOK

A chimney corner

A bench, especially either of two facing benches, placed in a nook or corner beside a fireplace.

This word evokes quiet contemplation in a comfortable seat by a warm fire after a hard day, in the company of friends.

Here’s Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in “The Valley of Fear,” evoking a typical scene: “Finally he lit his pipe, and sitting in the inglenook of the old village inn he talked slowly and at random about his case, rather as one who thinks aloud than as one who makes a considered statement.”

Freshman Alexi McKercher says the word reminds her of Cinderella.

Prosasically, an inglenook is just a seat in the nook, or corner, near the fire, or ingle. The most common explanation is that it comes either from the Scots Gaelic or Irish aingeal; in the former, it means a light or fire; in the latter, a live ember.

If you have a word of the week, e-mail it to beacon@nwcio.ewa.edu

Kaitlyn Bowie

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE

STAFF WRITER

Kaitlyn Bowie is an elementary education major from North-central Illinois. Last year, she was a Resident Assistant in Hospers Hall, and this year she is the Assistant Resident Director.

She has also been involved in campus ministries through a Spring Service Project to Oklahoma, a Summer of Service to Brazil and serving as the Discipleship Intern in Hospers. Next semester, she will be student teaching in Chicago through the Chicago Semester program.

Kaitlyn loves to go on late night walks and appreciates the friendships she has fostered at Northwestern.

Her advice for underclassmen is “Embrace your time here. Take risks, and try things out of your comfort zone.”

Robyn McKercher

BY BETHANY KROEZE

EDITOR

“My favorite part of Homecoming has to be Airband,” said senior Robyn McKercher.

Robyn, an elementary education major from Sioux Falls, S.D., is honored to be a part of the 2006 Northwestern Homecoming court.

At NW, Robyn has enjoyed being involved in a number of activities, including the education club and O-Staff. As the president of the education club, she loves organizing various events and communicating with fellow education students. Robyn also had the privilege of being the co-leader for Orientation Staff this year. “I had a lot of fun working with the other O-Staff leaders and meeting the new students!” she said.

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Robbie Cundy

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EDITOR

Once upon a time, he wanted to be a professional basketball player. Now he wants to teach high school math and coach track and field. Senior Robbie Cundy credits the change in plans to his high school basketball career.

“I can’t say that I have a lot of career goals at this time,” said Robbie, “but one life goal that I have is to be constantly growing in my walk with the Lord.”

Robbie is a secondary mathematics education major from Madison, S.D.

Robbie says that he is “Northwestern” because he has “tried to embrace all the different activities on campus throughout the years.” He runs sprints and hurdles in track and field as well being involved with discipleship groups. “The thing I enjoy most about my involvement in both of these things is the fact that I am able to build relationships with all the people involved,” he said.

“The activities themselves are good, but having people along side you to do them with makes the experience great!” said Robbie.

Emily Fischer

BY ANDREA DAVIS

STAFF WRITER

Emily Fischer loves reading and people—but she said when she has to choose between the two, she prefers people. She is a Christian education major with a youth ministry concentration and psychology minor, giving her a solid foundation for the things for which she has the most passion.

Her passion is for “ministry—in a general sense.” She has worked with kids of all ages, but lately she has been most involved as a junior high ministry intern at American Reformed Church. She goes home to her roommates after youth group and will just “rave about the kids.”

Throughout her time at Northwestern, Emily has had the opportunity to do some traveling to Brazil with the volleyball team, on an SSP to Ireland and most recently, she spent last semester studying in Oxford, England. After graduating, Emily plans to serve a year with Americorps.

If you ever get the chance, be sure to ask Emily about her dancing—especially her impression of Tony Wilder.

The Northwestern 2006 Homecoming Court poses with their symbolically crowned queen, Rebecca James.
Peter Kolb

BY ANDREA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A few of Peter Kolb’s claims to fame include being the 2004 intramural bumper pool champion and earning second place in the first ever Northwestern “Distraction” competition. Peter is also proud to report that last year he wore the same pair of jeans every day from September through March and only washed them twice during that time span.

On a more serious note, the math teaching major has been involved on campus on a New Orleans service project, as an RA and a math tutor and in many other capacities. After graduating, Peter is interested in teaching in an urban setting, “being a male role model for kids who have a tough time finding someone who cares about them.”

Derrica Dunn

BY RENEE NYHOF
STAFF WRITER

Derrica Dunn is an elementary education major with reading and early childhood endorsements. She says she chose these fields because “I knew some amazing teachers growing up . . . It’s the prayer of my heart to be a teacher who helps children find joy in learning while loving on them with Christ’s love.”

One phrase Derrica always keeps in mind is Gandhi’s “You must be the change you want to see in the world.”

In response to this challenge, Derrica has been involved in numerous activities including cheerleading, being a student ambassador, dancing and choreographing for RUSH, Spring Service Projects to Jonesboro and New Orleans, tea time, Orientation Staff and being an RA in Fern.

Paul Weersma

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE
STAFF WRITER

Paul Weersma transferred to Northwestern his freshman year, and he has embraced the community of the campus and of Heemstra Hall, where he currently resides. He is involved in a Heemstra brotherhood, is a philosophy tutor, was in SAC’s Distraction last year, and went on an SSP to Amsterdam. Paul also has a following on the facebook group Paul Weersma For Homecoming King 2006.

Some of Paul’s hobbies include ultimate frisbee, collecting postcards, and playing racquetball. His fellow schoolmates describe him as “honest, trustworthy, and an all-around good guy.”

Bryce Becker

BY RENEE NYHOF
STAFF WRITER

Bryce Becker trapped gophers as a boy, but is now a business-marketing major with a minor in corporate communications. Bryce said, “I can see myself in health-related sales, working with people and trying to better their lives.”

“I’m not that interesting of a person. I’m just a nice guy that likes to have fun,” he commented.

On campus, Bryce has been known to launch several hundred water-balloons out of his apartment window. He can also be found with his fiancee, Kristen Maakestad, in the weight room, on the track team, producing an Orange City Spiderman movie with his friends or cycling in preparation to compete with Lance Armstrong in next year’s Ragbrai.

Rebecca James

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A sociology major from Rapid City, S.D., Rebecca James calls herself “the type of person that likes to live day by day.” The ARD of Stegenga Hall, James explained, “I am passionate about the idea of community building with homeless women or children and/or something with student development at the college level.”

While those close to her describe her personality as “shining, spontaneous and gentle,” Rebecca loves spending time in nature, creating music and playing the cello. She also enjoys reading on rainy days and having conversations with people over a good cup of coffee.

Though mentioning her SOS to Romania and other experiences at NW, James said that a backpacking trip in New Mexico with three friends over spring break has probably been the most memorable experience of college thus far. “It was an amazing opportunity to be in creation and bond with my fellow sisters. I loved every moment of it,” she said.

David Bray

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Coming to Northwestern from the far reaches of Colorado Springs, Colo., David Bray is a double major in writing and rhetoric and English teaching who aspires to drive around the country, sleep in his car and find day-labor jobs.

Describing his personality with the words “really sharp teeth,” David reflected on the dreams of his childhood: “Growing up, I wasn’t like every other kid who wanted to be an astronaut. I was more concerned with what bark was made out of on trees.”

A wrestler at Northwestern, David also mentioned his admiration for Sting: “The music he’s made for all these years — I don’t really listen to it, but he’s making it and I respect that.”

Rebecca James’ corona in her seat. Rebecca missed coroniation due to a leadership conference in Atlanta
Raider volleyball rolls over Mount Marty

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Raider volleyball team rolled over Mount Marty College on Wednesday night, winning their seventeenth consecutive match. The women defeated MMC in three games. "The girls did a nice job of concentrating to start the match," said head coach Kyle Van Den Bosch. "We controlled the first two games with our serves." Senior Katie Schnoes agreed. "Our aggressive serving got them out of system, and our fast tempo gave them trouble," she said. Freshman Delanye Hardersen recorded three ace serves for the Raiders, and Schnoes served up two.

Van Den Bosch also said Northwestern’s blocking was key to the victory. The Raiders once again relied on their signature balanced offense, led by junior Megan Meyer with 15 kills and Schnoes with 13. Freshman Randi Hulstein and sophomore Kaysa DeGeest added seven and five kills, respectively. Van Den Bosch added the importance of the back row’s contribution. "Alison Waggie did a nice job in the back row with serve receive," said Van Den Bosch.

The Raiders, who currently maintain a 20-1 record, made it through September without dropping a single match. "It’s pretty exciting to know that all of our hard work in practice is paying off," Schnoes said of the team’s consistent success. "It has taken a lot of hard work in practice and determination. We have a lot of fun playing together and that makes us even stronger."

The women also own the 17th spot in the NAIA ranking. NW moved up from the 22nd position after last Saturday’s win against a ranked Doane team. The Raiders defeated the Tigers in four games in that home match. Meyer and Schnoes also paced the Raiders in that match, tallying 18 and 17 kills, respectively. Freshman Rachel Gosselink contributed three ace serves, and Hulstein supplied two solo blocks and ten block assists.

"When you’re in the season, you keep looking to the next match and trying to improve each day," Van Den Bosch said of his team’s current impressive standing. "Everybody wants to be gunning for us; everyone is going to try to bring their best game."

NW remains at the top of the GPAC ranking, sharing the number one spot with both Hastings College and Briar Cliff. All three teams are still undefeated in loop play. "This weekend we want to position ourselves to stay up there in the conference," said Van Den Bosch.

Schnoes speaks with optimism for the remainder of the season. "As the season progresses, the competition will be getting better and better," she said. "I think our team plays with a lot of heart, and we’re ready to take on whatever comes our way."

The Raiders will spend the weekend on the road, facing Dana College at Blair, Neb., tonight and Midland Lutheran in Fremont, Neb., Saturday night. "They are both very good teams," said Van Den Bosch.

Men’s soccer suffers tough loss to USF

BY DAN CLIFF
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the Northwestern College men’s soccer team built a two goal lead, which they held as late as the second half, but surrendered three late goals, and lost at the University of Sioux Falls, 3-2. It was the fourth straight loss for the Raiders, and their sixth loss by a one goal margin. They are 3-8 on the season.

The first half started with a bang for the Raiders when, just three minutes into the game, sophomore midfielder Jon Kuik headed home a goal, his first of the year, to give the Raiders a 1-0 lead. The Raider men fired four shots in the half and 12 overall in the game. The remaining time of the first half was goalless putting the halftime score at 1-0.

The second half started the same as the first, with another Raider goal. This time it was Blake Wieling, scoring his fourth goal of the season off an assist from Brian Springer two minutes into the second half. Springer played a free kick from near the half line that Wieling redirected into the net. The goal gave the Raiders a 2-0 lead, but it wouldn’t last.

USF struck back just four minutes after the NW goal, at the 51 minute mark, off a throw-in the Raiders were not able to clear away from the goal. After being deflected, the ball was put home by USF’s Leonardo Dias. The game remained 2-1 in NW’s favor for twenty minutes until USF struck again, this time off of a corner kick. Again, the ball was not cleared well by the Raider defense, and a USF player won the ball and hit a second cross in after the initial corner kick. The cross was buried at the far post by Bebe Jones, a USF striker. Six minutes later USF struck again off of a corner to take the lead, 3-2, and went on to win the match.

"To walk away after losing 3-2 is tough, we just did not step up well on set pieces," head coach T.J. Buchholz said. "To give up three goals in the second half was disappointing and frustrating."

The loss drops the Raiders to 2-4 in the GPAC race with seven games remaining on their schedule, six of which are GPAC match-ups. The Raiders host Doane College tomorrow in their Homecoming match at Korver Field. Game time is set for 8 p.m.
Raiders remain perfect after win over DWU

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern football team continued its perfect season last Saturday with a 49-10 win on the road over Dakota Wesleyan University. The day again belonged to NW’s dominant defense. “Defensively, we really got the game going,” said Otten. The defense first got NW on the scoreboard, scoring a team safety late in the first quarter. The Raiders forced four turnovers and also scored twice on back-to-back offensive plays by DWU. With 18 seconds left in the first half, senior Tony Otten scored on a 47-yard fumble recovery. On DWU’s first offensive play of the third quarter, sophomore Nate Jansen intercepted the pass and ran it back 20 yards for his second touchdown of the season. “That opened the floodgates right there,” said Otten. Other key contributors to the defensive effort were junior Scott Stahl and senior Austin Jansen, netting 7.5 and tackles, respectively. Sophomore Tim Martin recorded two sacks for a total loss of 19 yards. That defensive effort was a necessity Saturday as the Raider offense had difficulties starting up. “We struggled a little bit early on in the game on offense,” said Otten. Senior captain Blake Reinke agreed, saying, “Football is a team game, and the defense carried us this Saturday. I think that we support each other well. When the offense is not having a good game, the defense backs up and vice versa.”

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Senior Keith Sietstra once again led NW’s offense in rushing, gaining 136 yards and one touchdown. Sophomore Kyle Ochsner also scored a rushing touchdown for the Raiders. Sietstra and Ochsner rushed for 136 and 63 total yards, respectively, contributing to the offense’s 223 total rushing yards. “We had a very good day rushing the ball,” said Otten. “The offensive line as a whole did a nice job opening holes for our running backs.”

Otten also credited punter Reinke’s performance. “Blake had a nice day pinning Dakota Wesleyan down deep with his punting,” said Otten. Reinke averaged 34 yards in four punts, placing two within DWU’s 20 yard line. The Raiders look ahead to the remainder of the season with improvement in mind. “I think that offensively we need to get better at sustaining long drives and helping out our defense,” said Reinking. “If the offense can take some pressure off the defense, then that will allow the defense to play more recklessly.”

Otten cited kick off coverage as one area for the Raiders to work on. “We are still working on being a little more physical with our tackling,” Otten also noted.

Tomorrow the Raiders face undefeated University of Sioux Falls. The game is a significant showdown in both the GPAC and the NAIA, as both USF and NW are rated in the national top five, holding the third and fifth positions, respectively. “It’s certainly going to be an entertaining game,” said Otten. “It will most likely go down to the last few seconds to determine a winner.” In USF’s last six meetings with NW, the Cougars have prevailed, winning last year’s contest 19-14. “This Saturday is a big game for us,” said Reinking, “but we are treating it like any other week. We need to prepare like we always do, come out ready to play our game and let everything else take care of itself.”

Saturday’s game is the highlight of this week’s Homecoming festivities. “Having a good student section will be very important for the team,” said Otten.

Kick off is at 1:30 p.m. on Korver Field.

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Red Raider individual leaders


Late comeback earns Raiders their fourth conference win

BY DAN CLIFF
STAFF-WRITER

After being held scoreless for 80 minutes, down one goal with less than ten minutes to go and physically exhausted, the situation looked bleak for the Northwestern College women’s soccer team. In a match at the University of Sioux Falls on Tuesday Oct. 3, on a surprisingly hot day, the relentless Raiders were able to strike twice in the final 10 minutes on goals by Ashley Sales and junior Macy Mosier.

Both teams were ranked in the top five in the NAIA Region III going into the competition, NW holding the fourth spot and USF the fifth. The first half was a battle for both teams as nine shots were fired and no goals given up. NW had the edge in shots, five compared to four for USF, and each team took one corner kick. Chelsea Coulet, a junior forward, had the best chance in the first half for the Raiders but shot the ball slightly over the USF goal.

After slugging it out in the first half to no avail, the first goal of the match was surrendered by NW twenty minutes into the second half. Amy Svoboda, a senior forward for USF, took a shot at the Raider goal that was deflected but bounced USF forward Jamie Andersen who finished it off.

The USF Cougars would hold a slim 1-0 lead for nearly 20 minutes until Sales, a sophomore striker for NW, struck pay dirt. Sales was set up by sophomore defender Tara Blutt who recorded both assists in the game for the Raiders. Blutt sliced through the right side of the Cougar defense and fed Sales a pass into the Cougar penalty box. Sales tucked a precise shot just inside the back post for her fifth goal of the season.

With the goal, the Raiders had a big swing of momentum in their favor. “I knew we were going to win after we scored that first goal,” NW junior defender Carrie VanderHorst said.

With the score now knotted at 1-1, the NW squad struck again just four minutes later off the foot of Rozeboom, a junior midfielder. Rozeboom finished off another Blutt pass, this time with a shot into the upper corner of the goal from 18 yards out, to give the Raiders a 2-1 lead with under five minutes left in the game. Despite some attempted late heroics by USF, the Raiders held on for the victory.

“Tara provided us some great chances to score in the second half, she really continued to elevate her play late in the game,” Coach Tom Cliff said. “This was a really good win for us, and I think it bodes well for the rest of our season.”

The Raiders’ next match up is their Homecoming game tomorrow on Korver Field, at 6 p.m. against Doane College.

Men’s golf takes fourth at USF

BY BETHANY KROEZE
EDITOR

The Northwestern men’s golf team finished in fourth place Wednesday at the USF Invitational in Sioux Falls, S.D. Dakota Wesleyan took first place with a score of 289. Tying for second with a score of 292 were Dordt and Morningside. Bauna Vista and USF both shot a 302 for a third place tie. NW shot a 308 to put them in fourth.

Taking the lead for NW were sophomore Justin Pannkuk and freshman Luke Vermeer, who both tied for 15th with a score of 76. Right behind them was senior David Klyn, shooting a 77 and finishing in a tie for 19th place. Dakota Wesleyan’s Tom Hoek took first place at the meet with a score of 69.

Last week Friday, Sept. 29, the Raiders traveled to Okoboji, Iowa, to play in the Iowa Lakes CC meet. With a score of 313, they took second place. Iowa Lakes CC took first with a score of 309. Vermeer and senior TJ. Koner led the team, tying for third place with a score of 77. Junior Nate Summers tied for fifth with a score of 79 and Pannkuk tied for eighth with a score of 80.

Next Thursday, Oct. 12, the Raiders will host the Red Raider Invitational at 1 p.m. at Landsmeer Golf Club.

Lisa Muilenberg goes to bat for NW last Saturday. The Raiders played Dordt College in a fall season game.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA MUILENBERG
Distinguished alumni honored during Homecoming

BY JANICE SWIER
STAFF WRITER

During Northwestern College’s homecoming celebration on Friday, Oct. 6, four alumni—Ellen Errington, Rev. Paul Colenbrander, and Merlyn and Dr. Bev De Vries—will be honored for their humanitarian, Northwestern Service, or professional achievements. They will be recognized at the Distinguished Alumni Dinner tonight.

Errington was receiving the Distinguished Service to Humankind Award. She is a 1971 alumna who is currently a multilingual education consultant for SIL International. Errington served for 34 years with her husband in the southern Philippines working for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Errington earned her master’s degree in adult education from the University of Toronto and has taught linguistics at Trinity Western University.

Colenbrander will be honored with the Distinguished Service to NW Award. A 1943 alumnus, he coached both football and basketball for Northwestern in the 1950s and 60s. During his 12 years of coaching basketball the team achieved over 200 victories, three state titles, and an advance to the semifinals nearly every year. After leaving, Colenbrander graduated from Western Theological Seminary and served as a pastor for 14 years and on NW’s Board of Trustees for 10 years.

The De Vries’ will be recognized with the Distinguished Professional Achievement Award. Bev graduated from NW in 1968, and after serving as a school teacher for 13 years she acquired a master’s degree in education from Western Michigan University and her doctorate from Oklahoma State University. Bev is currently a professor of education at Southern Nazarene University. Merlyn attended NW from 1965-66, after which he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration at the University of South Dakota. He became a C.P.A. after he served in the army for two years. In 1981, he became the vice president of finance for the Five Corporation; he was promoted and now serves as the chief financial officer at Fife’s parent company, Maxcess International.

During the halftime of the football game on Saturday, John and Ann DenHartog will be honored in recognition of their donation for the new press box constructed as part of the bleacher replacement project this summer. John is a longtime member of NW’s Board of Trustees. They are also supporters of many community projects in Northwest Iowa.

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Campaign bus visits Northwestern

JULIE JOHNSON
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On Monday night, a bus of a different sort pulled into the parking lot adjacent to the cafeteria. This was a bus that runs on biodiesel made in its back half.

The bus belongs to Denise O’Brien, the democratic candidate for Secretary of Agriculture. The bus is currently being driven around Northwest Iowa by her daughter and son-in-law, Briana and Kevin Harris Mayle. Kevin manufactures the fuel for the bus.

According to Kevin, the fuel is neither expensive nor difficult to make. He uses cooking oil recycled from restaurants at the towns they stop in, potassium and methanol.

The cost ends up being around 80 cents per gallon, including a road tax of 22 cents. The bus averages around 10-12 miles per gallon.

The siblings agree that the bus is profitable for the campaign. Not only does it draw people to their events, it also is a campaign issue for O’Brien, who is running on a platform based on renewable energy, supporting local farmers and food systems and local control of feedlot placement.

O’Brien envisions an Iowa with clean water, local markets and family farms producing a wide variety of crops and livestock. She is an advocate of the local market due to the boost it will give the local economy, plus the health advantage of fresher foods.

O’Brien is currently the executive director of the Women, Food and Agriculture network, a nonprofit organization she founded in 1996.

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Urban Plunge takes off next Friday

By JULIE JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

On Friday, Oct. 13, 10 Northwestern students and one staff member will be leaving for a short term mission trip that will last Friday night through Monday night. The group, lead by theatre staff member Kelly Van Marel, will be traveling to Minneapolis, Minn., to join forces with the ministry Urban Ventures. They will be staying in the ministry’s facilities during the trip.

According to Van Marel, “The purpose of the trip it to become educated on urban issues, gain awareness of how we can help and to serve alongside the ministries already in place.”

The group is not entirely certain of all their duties on the trip but do know that on Saturday they will be working with a ministry called Hope for the City, giving away bicycles to people who cannot afford to buy them.

There is still room on the trip for anyone who would like to go. Applications close today at 5 p.m. and can be filled out the Center for Spiritual Formation and Development. The cost for the trip is $35.