RSC renovations progress steadily: 
Still on schedule to be finished next summer

BY KIM EASON
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The first phase in the RSC renovation: demolition of the old.

The RSC was still a factory when Northwestern purchased it, so to accommodate the needs of a student center, walls were built inside the exterior walls. In the process of demolition, these interior walls were cleaned out, and the building is back to its original structure.

The front was also demolished in anticipation of a whole new entrance. “There will be more windows, so it was just easier to take it [the front] down,” said Dale Thompson, assistant vice president for student development.

One big change to the building is where things will be delivered. Mail, bookstore merchandise and snack bar food were previously delivered behind Fern. Next year things will be delivered from the west side. This change causes lots of demolition as well.

In the former building, the support beams were hidden by pillars, but after the demolition, they are open and visible. When the building is finished, they will once again be unnoticed.

The bathrooms are the only part of the RSC that will stay where they were previously.

The renovation is still scheduled to be finished next summer. Hoogendoorn Construction, the contracting company, is a company that has worked on campus before. “They understand our schedule. We have a good working relationship with them,” said Thompson.

The new student center will include the offices for student development, multicultural affairs, SGA, yearbook and security. It will also have the wellness area, which includes the nursing and counseling services.

The building will also have three classrooms inside to present somewhat of a balance between the academic and social aspects of campus.

The center aisle of the student center will have tables and couches. These will be easily moved to allow for functions like dances.

The snack bar will be located at the front of the building, with a patio right outside. “I want it to be a place, not a function,” said Thompson. “There will be lots of light and activity up front.”

For the time being, the services and offices are located in various places around campus. The bookstore is located in the Hospers lobby. The mail room is located in the box office in the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center, with the student mailboxes in the first floor VPH lobby.

The campus security office is located in the former nurse’s offices. The nurse is now located in Courtyard Village Plex 74. Student Development offices are located in Wiersma Cottage, right next to the Center for Spiritual Vocation and Formation. Student Counseling services are located behind the chapel parking lot.

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Northwestern ranked among “best in Midwest” by U. S.

News & World Report and the Princeton Review

BY JULIE JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Two national ranking boards have included Northwestern in their “top Midwest colleges” lists. The “U.S. News & World Report” has ranked NW in the top 20 Midwest colleges of 2007, and the “Princeton Review” has placed NW among the 163 institutions selected for the 2007 “Best in the Midwest” list.

The “U.S. News” rankings are based on academic reputation, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

NW was ranked seventh in the percentage of freshmen who were in the top quarter of the high school class and ranked 19th in the category of alumni giving.

President Bruce Murphy said of the “U.S. News” ranking, “The top 20 ranking is an affirmation of the work of many people in all areas of the campus. We are constantly working to improve the quality of Northwestern College, and it’s very good to see that’s being recognized by this national publication.”

For the “Princeton Review” ranking, students were surveyed and allowed to comment anonymously on programs and faculty at the college. Nearly all comments were very positive, especially in the area of faculty.

One student wrote, “Most of the professors make themselves available to students outside of class, even providing home phone numbers...there is not a single professor who will refuse a student help.”

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September 11, 2001: three reflections on what has happened since

JAMES BIERLY

I am of the opinion that prevailing Christian theology is one of the most deadly threats to humanity there is. Allow me to explain.

On September 11, 2001, 2,973 people died in New York City due to the direct action of terrorists. We swore to hunt down those responsible and make them pay, and joked about how the hijackers were roasting in hell. They had used their refusal to justify evil.

On September 11, 2001, 50,000 additional people died because of you and me. They didn’t die from old age or accidents. They died from extreme poverty, malnutrition, and AIDS. Over three billion more people could have considered the $10,000 to be the lucky ones that day. That’s your fault, and my fault. Why is the U.S. military not bombing our houses? What will be the fate of our eternal souls?

Where is the outcry for the other 2,973 people who died in New York City that day? We need to remember the great consequences of that day. I was deeply moved. Every day the world continues like page story every week crying out for the other victims? Why is there not a front page story every week crying out with shock and horror about the 50,000 dead on 6/15 or 7/10 or 9/19? Every day the world continues like this should be a “day that will live in infamy.”

Here in America, our generation is the first with the technology and resources to make these kinds of extreme poverty a thing of the past. We have the money and power necessary. If we are the body of Christ, and the goal of the body of Christ is to display his love to the world, then we have failed miserably. It’s easy for Americans to believe in a loving God who wants us to call him “Abba.” It’s a heck of a lot harder if you’re a five-year-old girl in India being raped for a living so you can afford enough bread to slowly starve to death.

Where is God in that mind-boggling suffering? Christ is supposed to be present in the Church. If God is going to show himself in these circumstances, it should naturally happen through us. Since we are called as Christians to imitate Christ, and if many sincere Christians are apathetic in the face of this crisis, it seems to me that there is something fundamentally wrong in the way we understand what Christ does. If the servants imitate the master, perhaps it would help to look at some of our common understandings of that master.

The Calvinists tell us that Christ intentionally saves some people and allows the others to perish. God’s work only matters in as much as it is an act of commission. God is not responsible for those who go to hell. It is their own sin, natural, that condemns them. Here we see the roots for a worldview that would naturally care far more about sins of commission than of omission. After all, God can’t be blamed for his omissions, so why should we?

Then there is the “free will” view which tells us that people are not saved because God chooses them and pursues them, but because they make a personal decision to follow everyone else gets to be tormented forever.

In the face of worldwide poverty, compassion Christians realize that evangelism must have the priority over caring for material needs. No matter how much someone is suffering in this life, it’s nothing compared to the suffering in store for them in the next. Hence, we fail to address larger issues of social justice, economics and cycles of poverty because we don’t see those things as helping with the evangelism thing. Getting people out of hell in the afterlife takes precedence over improving their world in the here and now. In short, the ends justify the means.

What if there’s another way to see this picture? What if Christ’s death accomplished salvation for everyone, so that one day everyone could naturally care far more about sins of commission than of omission. What if we answered Christ’s message is proclaimed and accepted throughout the world. Finally, I would like to ask our campus to be understanding and accepting of the way in which each of us individually remembers the events of that day. I was deeply upset by the way that some people reacted to other’s remembrances. On that day there were some on our campus who would scorn and attack the efforts and respects of many who choose to visibly and openly remember that day. I have no problem if you don’t see the big deal with Sept. 11, I don’t really care if you don’t like America, and I don’t really care if you would rather forget it all and go on with your life. If you choose those options it doesn’t upset me in the least, but don’t ever ridicule or mock one who would choose to openly remember the lives of the innocent people who died on that day.

BEN KAPPERS

Today, I would like to focus on prayer: prayers answered and prayers to be offered. We all can thank our God, the Savior and Protector of man. That there has not been another attack on American soil in the five years since Sept. 11. There have been attacks in England, Spain, and certainly a large number of other countries which we need to remember as well, but America

MATT HULSTINE

I will always remember that day in September as one of total fear and vulnerability. Our country felt the same, and, in the aftermath, handed emergency powers to our president, begging him to protect us at any cost. Now, five years later, we are beginning to see the horrendous consequences of that action.

Bush abused his new powers and established a system of illegal military tribunals to try terrorist suspects and authorized secret CIA detention facilities without the approval of congress or the supervision of the courts. All this was done in the name of national security, and for years, that excuse seemed enough until news of the grave injustices such as detainee abuse, suspended habeas corpus and even torture came to light.

There is a common misconception that since these detainees are not citizens, the U.S. is under no legal obligation to treat them fairly. Yet the Geneva Convention protects captured military combatants from degrading treatment, torture, and “the passing of sentences...without previous judgment pronounced by a regularly constituted court...” (Article III).” To defy the Geneva Convention is to commit a war crime. Therefore, military tribunals, that detainees are being tried in secret and don’t even have the right to see what evidence is brought against them. Finally, the Supreme Court stepped in and declared Bush’s military tribunals unconstitutional and in direct violation of the Geneva Convention. Though these tribunals have been condemned by the Supreme Court and human rights watch groups, President Bush is now pushing for their formal approval in Congress and even asking for pardons for those who committed war crimes under the illegal tribunal system.

Fortunately, there is a viable alternative to these tribunals. A strong movement is going through Congress to adapt our current military court martial process to fit the demands of the “war on terror.” The adapted system would be fast and effective yet still open and accountable to our courts. The Supreme Court has already ruled such a system as constitutional and inlines with the Geneva Convention. Although this measure is largely supported by Democrats, key Republican leaders such as John McCain, Lindsay Graham, and Colin Powell have also come along side. The blame falls directly on Bush. The blame falls directly on Bush.

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Getting food for that next special outing

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Three hundred thirty-seven steps away from my dorm room there exists a magical wonderland of delight in Orange City. Most people would not call it a gourmet restaurant or even a bistro, but on the corner of Highway 10 and Colorado Avenue, Casey’s General Store welcomes all patrons as long as they wear a shirt and shoes.

The store layout is very accessible. Many different brands and types of oil, washer fluid, other car liquids and necessary items needed for traveling by car conveniently line the aisle closest to the door. In the second aisle there are calling cards, candy, and a sweepstakes to win money. I highly recommend entering, your name in the sweepstakes—you could win big.

The next aisle over is filled with smaller versions of items you might find in a grocery store. You can buy an 8-pack of various medicines, a quart-sized bag of Tide, a quinat bag of dog bones and selected dog toys, and you can buy dry and canned goods. The last aisle is filled with the most “gas-station” type foods—bagged chips, COMBOS, soda, ice cream, frozen pizza, sandwiches and burritos.

During my visit, I decided to sample some of Casey’s original cuisines. I bought a sour cream old fashioned donut, a bag of sour neon gummy worms, and combined the French vanilla cappuccino and hot chocolate in one 12 ounce cup.

The sour cream donut was slightly fluffly and spongy. It was nicely glazed, and when dipped into my cappuccino, it softened up even more. And then it tasted a little like sweetened coffee on a bun.

The gummy worms were brightly colored and even a little enticing. Their expiration date was not up until July 15, 2007, but when I bit into them they were a little stale. And, unfortunately, they weren’t very sour, as advertised. It is possible that the other bagged candies are delicious, but in my experience, the Casey’s brand of sour neon gummies were not.

My cappuccino was wonderful! I pumped French vanilla flavor into the first half of my cup and then filled it with hot chocolate flavor.

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The mixture of the two was not too sweet and had just the right flavors. And after several hours had passed and my drink was cold, I heated it up in a microwave and it tasted almost exactly like it had tasted before.

The customer service at Casey’s was also high notch. I brought my items to the counter at the front of the store and right away the cashier, Ashley, asked me if I had found everything I needed. I replied positively, and she carried out her duties. Ashley then rang up my total and waited patiently for me to gather my change. I delivered my payment to her, and she promptly thanked me.

Overall, my experience at Casey’s General Store was very positive. They have a wide selection of food choices and other useful things, and they have delightful service. My experience with the bagged goodies was not entirely delightful, but I have confidence that they are capable of providing other quality foods.

Invisible Children supported

BY STEPHANIE HAGUE

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The music was pumping outside of the mini gym doors Saturday night. A few posters around campus marked the event of the evening, a Remedy Drive concert. This concert was free, and it was also a fundraiser for the Invisible Children. Though Remedy Drive is relatively unknown, they have amassed many loyal fans and are currently on tour to promote their new album “Rip Open the Skies.”

Remedy Drive’s four members, brothers Daniel, David, Philip, and Paul Zach, hail from Lincoln, Neb. Their rock worship music is influenced by such artists as U2, The Cure, Dave Matthews Band, Coldplay and Radiohead. Saturday night, Northwestern students, community members and loyal fans huddled in the mini-gym to form a modest crowd in front of the stage. A sea of bobbing heads moved to the beat of the music. This unashamed, amiable Christian band mentioned previous positive visits to Orange City. The guitar riff of one of their songs, “Statutes,” was written during a stay in a host home. Remedy Drive got the audience involved and put on a high energy show.

Though all this was fine and dandy, it wasn’t the point of Saturday’s concert. “Tonight is about social justice,” proclaimed the lead singer, David. The Invisible Children campaign was started by three college guys from California who went on a trip to Africa. There they learned about the kidnapping of children by a resistance army. These kidnapped children are then trained as soldiers, whereas before they would be forced into relations with the older men in the militant group.

Saturday’s concert, a fundraiser for the Invisible Children, had two purposes: to spread awareness about the Invisible Children and social injustice and to help those who are marginalized in the world through giving. The concert accomplished both of those goals. (continued on pg. 5)

Renovations to remember

BY JEAN PUNT

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While venturing downtown in O.C., it may not seem as though much has changed. However, if you were to come across the small Chinese restaurant, Szechwan Inn, it may look the same on the outside, but the entire inside has been remodeled. Over a period of six weeks, the Szechwan Inn has been getting somewhat of a facelift, and it has improved the atmosphere immensely. To add to the new atmosphere, the lighting was modified to give the place a warmer feel, and color was added through a variety of hand-crafted artwork from California. There is now a buffet with a variety of food to entice customers, in addition to new seating and the arrangement of the restaurant.

The service has also changed in a minor way. Customers are now waited on at the table by a variety of people, whereas before they would just order at the counter, be given their food, and left to enjoy their meal. “It’s a lot classier now,” said senior Elsie Punet in response to the new form of service. Even before these changes took place, it has been said by many people that the employees were very friendly.

One major thing that has remained in the Szechwan Inn throughout all of its changes is the food. “The food hasn’t changed at all, which is a good thing!” said Aaron Punt, a Northwestern graduate of 2006. With competitive prices and good food, it’s a great option that college students can afford. A full buffet with drink for a student is under $6!

While speaking with one of the managers of the Szechwan Inn, Mary Nhan, I inquired as to why the renovations took place. Nhan said, “The reason we redid the place is because we wanted to give back to the community by giving them a better place. They have given so much to us, and we wanted to do something for them. The customers enjoy it a lot more now.”

If the cafeteria just isn’t serving anything interesting over the weekend or you need to get away for a short time, drop by the Szechwan Inn and get a taste of good food and a beautiful atmosphere.
How do you take your coffee?

BY AMANDA KUEHN
FEATURES EDITOR

There are three things you are bound to find on any college campus: students, books and coffee. This "drink of the devil," as sophomore Brady Van Kley calls it, is a source of caffeine, warmth and social bonding for many of Northwestern’s students.

Sophomore Jenna Boote got hooked at a young age. "I wanted to be like my church Sunday school teachers who drank a styrofoam cup [of coffee] before each class week. I started with little glasses and by the time I was in junior high, I was a drinker."

Though some have been at it a long time, most did not become serious coffee drinkers until their college years. The reasons for drinking coffee vary from sophomore Laura Beth Vander Ploeg’s "it makes me feel sophisticated and college-y" to freshman Hannah Watters’s "because no one can survive on minimal sleep without caffeine unless they are superheros." Most students give caffeine content as at least one reason for consuming coffee. Sophomore Rachel Posthuma gave another. "I like something warm to drink in the morning," she remarked.

NW students have a variety of favorite coffee drinks. Sophomore Becky Swart chooses french vanilla cappucino, even when it comes from thecaf. Freshman Jenna Noble has a preference for gas station cappuccinos. Other favorites are double chocolate chip frappuccinos, flavored lattes, mocha caramel frappuccinos, cafe mochas, caramel macciatios and cafe Americano with vanilla. Though junior Katie Sells doesn’t like coffee, she does appreciate a white chocolate mocha. Freshman Kiley Seligman enjoys the same.

When drinking "the real thing," many students tame the taste with creamer and sugar. Others prefer to have their coffee over ice. There are also those who take it black. Sophomore and non-drinker Trevor Buipper commented, "I suppose I would take my coffee with as much sugar and cream as I could stand. It would probably end up tasting like sugared milk."

Those who stay away from coffee often do so because they find the taste too bitter. Junior Lindsey De Kruif commented, "I haven’t found any coffee that I like. It is not really that I am opposed to coffee. I have just found that I prefer tea."

Kriip stated, "The flavor, in my humble opinion, is quite foul and does not appeal to me." Sophmore Kristi Korver expressed, "I love the smell of it but I hate the aftertaste. It is awful and I don’t know how anyone can stand it. I think coffee breath is nast." Junior Alicia Whitmore attested, "My mom said it would stunt my growth and my dad said it would put hair on my chest!" Sophomores Josh Driver and Brett Van Kley both reason that they’d prefer not to stain their stunning smiles.

Sophomore Heidi Sandbulte avoids coffee due to bad experience. "I was taking a drink out of my dad’s cup because I thought it was water and it turned out to be nasty, disgusting, old coffee."

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— Jenna Boote

Despite these arguments against it coffee continues to permeate NW and college campuses everywhere. "Coffee just tastes good and makes my room smell delicious," said Watters. Sophomore Julia Glendenning said, "I drink coffee because, well...that’s just what you do." So go ahead, wake up with Folgers in your cup and see if Maxwell House really is good to the last drop.

Students show service in Sioux Center

BY JEAN PUNT
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

At Northwestern College, many of us are in a place quite different from what we are used to. New places and new faces can be intimidating, making it a challenge to serve in this new community.

How can we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, spread the love of Christ in the community in which we are currently living? As Christians we are called to serve one another. We can do this not only by serving individuals on campus, but also by venturing into the community.

Sometimes sacrifices must be made in order to serve others. One group of students on campus has done just that for a group of high school students.

For the past couple of years the Sioux Center high school drama department has been searching for an individual to lead the annual musical and spring play. Much to their dismay, they have been unable to find someone to fill this position. This year, however, Julie Huulstein, the middle school band director and member of the Sioux Center community has agreed to take on the task of directing the musical.

"She knew there wouldn’t be a production if someone didn’t step up," said her son Matthew Huulstein, a junior at NW. "She wanted the students to have the same opportunity that her kids had in high school." Julie’s sacrifice has given high school students the opportunity to be a part of a musical production once again.

Juliesoonrealized she would need others to assist her in this process. This is where the Northwestern Theater Department comes in. Matthew announced the plea for help to the students in the theater department. A number of students have responded by dedicating their time and efforts to help this show reach its potential.

In the past week, a production team has been formed, consisting of Mark Larson, lighting designer; Kahlen Fleck, set designer; Amy Leigh Lightfoot, stage managing mentor; Becky Donahue, choreographer; and Vaughn Donahue, publicity. The production will also be assisted by Jeff Barker’s directing class, which will provide more college students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience while serving others.

While speaking with Matthew about the production, he said, "It’s a great opportunity to live out the faith and learning being taught at NW."

The high school students are all very excited about having a musical again this year, and many of them are responding positively to the help being given by the NW students. The students participating in this high school production will be exposed to a variety of aspects that theater involves, as well as learn about how to create a production.

"It is a great opportunity for the students in Sioux Center to see professional theater. A lot of them haven’t been exposed to any of these things yet," said Matthew.

For the next month and a half, high school and college students alike will be working together, serving one another in a way that will bless many. Long hours and hard work will make this production a show worth seeing. Guys and Dolls will be performed on Nov. 10 and 11 at the TePaske Theater in the Sioux Center High School. Not only will it give you entertainment, but it will allow you to witness sacrificial service.
Dave Nonnemacher, the head of this program, believes that learning though experience is what creates good leaders. Sophomore Tyler De Jong expressed it this way: “Learning through experience is not always enjoyable, but it gets its point across every time.”

After the time in the Boundary Waters was complete, the students spent five days on campus in classroom-type training to prepare them for two weeks in Romania. “Any leadership program needs a cross cultural connection,” said Nonnemacher, “to focus on using experiential learning for development of social capital.” This group of students took the leadership skills they practiced in the comfortable (or at least more understood) setting of the Boundary Waters and used those skills in an unfamiliar setting.

Through this cultural immersion, students learned that having a heart of compassion has a great deal to do with leadership. Sophomore Matthew Stanislav said that working with orphans and playing games with them to try to instill in them a sense of hope and trust made him realize that being a leader was about seeing the progress in those around you.

“One other thing that was presented to me on this trip was the fact that each person can make a difference,” said De Jong.

Connecting their leadership training closer to home, the participants in TSI became leaders for Portage, which took place just before school began. “For those of us who had been [to the Boundary Waters] before, the focus was more on our leadership, but for the [freshmen transfers], it was more of a pre-orientation orientation to Northwestern,” said junior Kara McCrea.

Portage “helped with coming out of my shell [and] helped me to talk with people, great people, I didn’t know,” said freshman Raeann Thirlwall. She learned more from her peer leaders than how to read a map and compass.

Though passing onto others what you have learned can be difficult, those who took the challenge this summer found the rewards of this learning experience great. Their success has encouraged Nonnemacher to expand the Portage Program.

“They lived and learned,” Nonnemacher said. Or as they say in Romania, “Trieste Si Invata.”

Remedy Drive concert supports Invisible Children

Brothers Daniel, David, Philip and Paul Zach compose the band Remedy Drive.

Over $3,000 was raised during the concert, $350 of which was donated before the concert even started. Remedy Drive even donated all of their CD sales to Invisible Children.

The money that was raised will go towards educational programs started in Uganda, much like the education programs shown in the video that was played in the middle of the concert.

Senior Amy Barr and junior Kristin Lorey head up Invisible Children on campus. They are planning a screening of the Invisible Children movie to take place on campus hopefully within the next month.

“The concert exceeded expectations,” Barr said. “We can do something.”

Towards the end of the concert, David prayed an honest prayer over the crowd. He voiced not only his own personal frustrations but also frustrations felt by others. We don’t understand. We wrestle with “Why?” But we are called to become a people with open eyes. As bassist Philip realized, “Life isn’t about me. I exist to please the one who created me and his creations.”
Football team wins big in conference opener

BY LAURA JACOBSON
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The Red Raider football team defeated Morningside last Saturday in a decisive win over one of the top football programs in the GPAC. The 12th ranked Raiders upset a ninth ranked Morningside team 33-7 in the first conference game of the season. "The guys played with a tremendous amount of confidence," said head coach Orv Otten. Senior captain Keith Sietstra also commented on the win. "I think the biggest key to our victory was that it was a total team effort. The defense played well all night and really placed the offense in some good positions that we were able to take advantage of." The Raiders claimed six spots in the NAIA rankings after the win, now holding the #6 position.

Junior quarterback Craig Hector led the offensive effort, scoring five touchdowns for the second week in a row. The Raiders were the first to get on the scoreboard when Sietstra caught a five yard pass near the end of the first quarter. Morningside answered in the second quarter, taking back the lead for good. The remaining touchdowns were logged by Hector on a one-yard run in the third quarter, senior Zach Muckley with a three-yard pass reception in the fourth, and Reichele's five-yard catch to finish it off.

Of his team's offense, Otten said, "We were really able to control the ball and the clock." NW registered 188 rushing yards, Sietstra leading the team with 95 yards. Sophomore Tim Naiman and Hector also contributed, with 53 and 30 yards, respectively. The Raiders also netted 179 passing yards.

NW's defense limited Morningside to only 153 total defensive yards, allowing only six first downs. "Defensively, the guys did a great job of shutting down both the run and the pass," said Otten. "It was a stifling performance on their part."

Leading the Raider defense was senior linebacker Blake Wolfswinkel with 7.5 tackles. Senior Austin Janssen had 6.5, and sophomore Nathan Jansen added four. Senior Jordan Van Otterloo contributed one interception to the defensive effort, and junior Tony Otten recorded the only sack of the night.

Despite the win, Coach Otten noted needed improvements. "Number one we need to improve our score-kicking," he said. "That was definitely an area that we struggled in. Offensively we need to be more consistent. We are yet to get a running back with a rushing touchdown, which is odd for our team. Defensively, we're still missing assignments once in awhile." Sietstra mentioned the need to cut back on mental mistakes. "We need to make sure we take care of our individual responsibilities on every play," he said. Otten also expressed appreciation for the impressive student attendance in Saturday night's game. "It was great to have so many students at the game and to have the student involvement that we had," he said. "The crowd was really boisterous all night. That was awesome, great to have."

This Saturday, the Red Raiders face Doane. The Tigers currently have an 0-2 record. "The game this Saturday is very important for us," said Sietstra. "Last year they were the team that tripped us up and probably ended up costing us a spot in the playoffs. There is no easy week in the GPAC so we need to be prepared and give every team our best effort." Otten agreed. "They were 2-0 last year when we played them, too. We remember that game." Doane upset NW in last year's contest, defeating the Raiders 16-10 on Korver Field. Kick-off is at 7 p.m. Saturday in Crete, Neb.

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Women's golf finishes sixth in GPAC Preview

BY LAURA JACOBSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwestern's volleyball team defeated the University of Sioux Falls in three games Wednesday evening. The Red Raiders won 30-22, 30-18, and 30-16. "We came out and played well right from the beginning," junior captain Megan Meyer said of the match. "We really set a tone early," head coach Kyle Van Den Bosch said. "We had them back on their heels most of the night, and then we just kept the constant pressure on."

The women continued to utilize their versatility against the GPAC rival. Senior Katie Schnoes led the Raiders with twelve kills. Freshman Randa Hulstine and juniors Karrisa Davelaar and Meyer also contributed with ten, nine, and eight kills, respectively. Senior Allison Waggie paced the offense with 36 assists and two ace serves. Hulstine added twelve assists, and Schnoes recorded eleven. Davelaar provided ten assists and also led the team with ten digs.

The Raiders also put forth a solid defensive effort. "We blocked really well," said Van Den Bosch. Sophomore Kayla DeGeest had 4 block-assists, and Hulstine registered six blocks. Waggie and Meyer contributed six digs each.

Wednesday's victory puts NW's season record at 10-1. As the Raiders approach the remainder of the season, they continue to improve on the strengths that have earned them a positive record thus far. "We just work on staying sharp, trying to improve every day," said Van Den Bosch. "We're really focusing on passing and serving aggressively," added Meyer.

The women next face Midland Lutheran tomorrow in the first home game since the Red Raider Classic. "We're excited to finally have another home game and ready to be in the Bultman again," said Meyer. Midland comes into the match with an 0-3 conference record. Of the strategy for tonight's game, Van Den Bosch said, "We'll need to continue running a lot of tempo with our offense, especially with a team like Midland who has a lot of size but maybe aren't super quick."

Next Tuesday, the Raiders will host Sioux county rival Dordt College in the Bultman Center. Van Den Bosch looks forward to the contest. "In any rivalry game there is always that excitement in the air," he said. "There is that enthusiasm the crowd brings that makes it fun to be a part of."

Tonight's varsity game begins at 7:30 p.m.
Men’s soccer records back-to-back wins

BY DAN CLIFF

After opening up the season 0-4 the Northwestern men’s soccer team hosted the Warriors from Midland Lutheran College on Saturday, Sep. 9, with hopes of grabbing their first victory. NW scored early and led the whole game en route to their season’s first win by the score of 2-0.

“This was a great bounce-back effort after our tough loss against Dordt,” said head coach T.J. Buchholz. “It was a total team effort; we brought a lot of people off the bench and played hard for 90 minutes.”

The Raiders recorded their first goal ten minutes into the match when freshman midfielder Jordan Born slotted a ball to junior captain Blake Wieking on the inside. Wieking then cut the ball back inside and chipped a shot over the keeper into the net. Born earned an assist on the play.

The Raider men had several more opportunities in the first half, one involving a pair of young players. Midway through the first half, freshman forward Brad White crossed a ball that was just barely too high for freshman midfielder Steven Grand, who was wide open in front of the net, to head down into the goal. The second half produced the final goal for the Raiders. Approximately twenty minutes into the half freshman Aaron O’Brien beat the Warrior with a well-placed shot that snuck in the near post. It was O’Brien’s first goal of the year. “It was great to see Aaron get his first goal,” Coach Buchholz said.

With the win the Raiders moved to 1-1 on the season and keep the GPAC hopes alive. “We played okay,” Coach Tom Cliff said. “We just started slowly and never found a good rhythm to our play.”

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VERSUS BELLEVUE

The men’s soccer team faced a tough challenge in the form of the Bruins from Bellevue University on Tuesday, Sep. 12, at home on Korver Field. The teams both scored goals in the second half, forcing overtime, which led to a fantastic finish for the Raiders as they scored in the first overtime period, winning the game 2-1.

Despite the final outcome, the Raiders were playing with fire in the first half by allowing nine Bellevue corner kicks and relying on some big saves from senior goalkeepers Mike Ten Clay to keep the Bruins off the board. Ten Clay had six of his eight saves in the first half, while the Raider offense only managed a single shot.

“In the first half we didn’t play well. We struggled with Bellevue’s swarming defense and quick offside trap,” Buchholz said.

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New wrestling coach excited about NW experience

BY DAN CLIFF

At a wrestling tournament last winter, John Petty, Northwestern’s new wrestling coach, met a friend of his whom he found out was retiring at the end of the 2005-06 wrestling season. NW’s current wrestling coach at the time, Paul Bartlett, told Petty that he was retiring from coaching. Petty was curious about the opportunity and decided to pursue it further. “I talked to my wife about it, and after she looked at the website, she said I should give it a shot.”

Coach Petty has plenty of experience on the mats and giving instructions beside them. He was an All-American wrestler at Fresno City College where he received his associate of arts degree. He also wrestled collegiately at California State University before attending Fresno State University, where he got his Bachelors degree. He received his master’s degree in kinesiology at Fresno Pacific University and then coached at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for three years.

Petty took a chance on NW and ended up finding exactly what he was looking for as a coach, as a husband, and as the father of three girls. “I was so impressed I told my wife that even if I didn’t get the job here, I was going to send our daughters here to school.” He knew raising a family in the Orange City area would be a good thing.

When he found out that he had attained the job at NW, Petty eagerly encouraged his new coaching environment. He commented that “nothing is more exciting for your whole life,” is exactly what he wants his players to experience. He addressed the importance of academic and athletic goals being met, and tying both of these aspects of college life in with a strong Christian faith. Instead of not being able to address religion at all, as had been the case for him before, he is now encouraged to intertwine faith with his coaching duties.

The one word for his first impression of the NW community: “Overwhelming.” He feels extremely blessed about the possibilities his career here will give him and his family and the city of the surrounding Orange City community has towards the school and toward others in the community.
Wild West festivities begin next week

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
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Students practicing their swing dancing skills.

Student Activities Council is proud to present Wild West Week being held September 18 to 22. This coming week is full of a variety of western-like action.

The week will kick off with the Wild West shootout, which begins at 8 a.m. on Monday. At exactly this time, squirt guns are distributed to participants through campus mail with a piece of paper telling them who to hunt down. Once they find and eliminate their victim, the participant acquires that person’s target. At noon on Friday, the winner receives a cash prize.

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Line dancing lessons are being offered again this year, and replacing the square dancing lessons are country swing lessons. The SAC felt it was time to experience something different, adding to the fun of this unique event.

Two opportunities to learn the dances have already passed, but there are two more times available to sharpen one’s dancing skills. Line dancing lessons will be from 9:30 to 11 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, and from 9 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 in the RSC mini-gym.

Wild West Week will wrap up on Friday with the NW Western from 6 to 10 p.m. Dancing will take place on the green, which is the time to show off those moves learned in the lessons. There will be a mechanical bull to ride, lawn mower races, rodeo pictures and a hayride.

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Bruggé. There will also be praise and worship sessions and opportunities for personal quiet time. In addition, students will have time to either hike Mt. Baldy or go visit Mt. Rushmore, as well as spend time with old friends and make new ones. Participants should arrive home around 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

New bleachers and press box add finished look to De Valois stadium

BY ALLISON ROORDA
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Over the summer, De Valois Stadium was refitted with new bleachers and a brand new press box. The Board of Trustees approved the plans for the new changes to the stadium in February 2006, and work began that summer.

“I was very pleased that Dr. Murphy and the board thought this needed to be done,” said Barry Brandt, Northwestern’s athletic director.

NW hired S.A.A.F.E. of the Southern Bleacher Co. to remodel the bleachers. Southern Bleacher Co. is the largest in the U.S., working on stadiums such as Stanford University. The stadium now seats 3,150 people.

“There’s not a bad seat in those 3,150 seats,” said Brandt. The press box has nearly doubled in size, going from 540 square feet to the new one of more than 1150 square feet. The new press box was designed by NW and built by the local Bouma Construction. During the process, two 12’ by 48’ units were built on the parking lot behind Colderbrander Hall then hoisted onto the bleachers.

The changes to De Valois Stadium are the fourth phase in the plans for the stadium renovation and also necessary for safety reasons. The existing bleachers were deteriorating rapidly, and the press box “had seen its better days,” said Brandt.

There was also a practical reason for the new look. Since NW shares De Valois Stadium with local high schools, an upgrade was in order not only for practicality but also for a wow factor. NW, MOC-FV and Unity Christian High School are all on the field for various sporting events. MOC-FV will even be hosting a band competition later in October. So the new stadium is useful for competitions and, hopefully, recruiting more students to NW.

“The remodeling has really finished the stadium,” said Brandt. “Now it definitely has a college stadium feel.”

All campus retreat starts today

BY JULIE JOHNSON
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Students attending the all campus retreat near Keystone, S.D. leave today. Buses leave at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m.

Students will attend sessions led by Vice President for Student Development John Brogan and Instructor in Religion John Vonderlipp, and 6:00 p.m.

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RUSH dancers perform this weekend

BY JANICE SWIER
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Students practicing the Thursday night dress rehearsal for RUSH.

Over 100 Northwestern College students have put in the finishing touches on their RUSH performances.

Each performance will feature fourteen different dances that have been choreographed by five different individuals. These fourteen unique pieces are comprised of three hip hop numbers, a salsa/hip hop feature, two modern dances, a flamenco, three lyrical dances, a pop dance, a tap dance and a duet story dance.

RUSH is not like most performances you will go to, as producer Vaughn Donahue put it “The show is not a dance recital, and it is not theatre. It is a strange hybrid of the two.”

Another reason it is hard to compare RUSH to other performances is that the choreographers cast all their dancers and had them learn the dances in just three and a half weeks.

While many would see this as a negative thing, Artistic Director Amanda Maloney stated, “It has been through the ‘rush’ of RUSH this year that we have truly experienced God’s peace, his hand preparing all that is before us. We have been blessed with the opportunity to praise God for the great talents and joys he has instilled in each person involved.”

All five performances sold out in just a few days, but there may still be hope for those who did not get tickets. The box office will allow a waiting list; if you show up before the performance time, you can get your name placed on a list.

If people who reserved tickets don’t arrive to claim them, the box office will start at the top of the list and give out the tickets.

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AROUND THE WORLD

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OPEC has decided to keep oil output where it is—at nearly full capacity. There are questions as to whether they have enough supply for future needs.

Russia will cooperate with China on a moon mission. Federal Space Agency Chief Anatoly Perminov said that China is eager to know about Russia’s lunar experience. Perminov also said that China could possibly join Russia’s project to go to Mars’ moon Phobos to take soil in 2009.