Composers in community this weekend

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Starting today and continuing through the weekend, a festival of new music will be featured in Christ Chapel. Composers and professional musicians from around the U.S. and Korea will be coming to showcase their music. The conference is sponsored by the Iowa Composers Forum and the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers.

Throughout the festival, there will be four concerts, two paper sessions, a panel discussion and a worship service.

“All the composers of the pieces that will be performed will be in attendance,” said Marc Wooldridge, associate professor of music. “This festival is a rare opportunity for members of the Northwestern community to hear some of the best new music available and to interact personally with the participating composers and performers.”

The festivities begin tonight at 8 p.m. at De Koffieboek and Bistro with an opening social event. Conference registration will be Saturday from 8 to 10 a.m. in the lobby of Christ Chapel for the conference participants. Admission is free for NW faculty and students.

The first concert will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, featuring instrumental chamber works.

The first paper session will start at 11:45 a.m. Presentations will be made by Scott Robinson of Eastern University and William Campbell of St. Ambrose University. At 1:30 p.m., the second concert will begin. Wooldridge will be performing sacred percussion music, including five world-premiere commissioned pieces and his own composition, “South Dakota Rhythm.” Each of the composers from the percussion recital will be part of the panel discussion at 2:30 p.m. The discussion will be about the definition of sacred music.

The second paper session will be at 3:30 p.m. Presentations will be made by Joshua Reznicek of Linn-Mar High School and Brandon Kreutz of Covenant College. At 4:30 p.m., a third concert of numerous instrumental works will take place. It will feature groups from NW and the University of Iowa.

At 8 p.m., the final concert of the festival will be one of sacred vocal works. The concert will include performances from NW, Briar Cliff, Dordt and Morningside choirs.

There will be a piece written by Dr. Gerry Bouma, a NW alumnus. The piece will feature words of his classmate Leroy Netten, who died of cancer.

The festival will conclude on Sunday at 9 a.m. with a worship service. The service will focus on creativity, God’s creation and the work of the Holy Spirit.

“This festival will help us to realize that music is a living art form and that great music continues to be written even in our own times,” said Wooldridge.

Ready, aim, fire! Students celebrate Second Amendment

BY JULIE JOHNSON
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On Saturday, Sept. 23, the College Republicans (CR) and the 2nd Amendment Supporters Facebook group sponsored a target shoot. The shoot was the idea of junior Will Moul, who was also the creator of the Facebook group.

Moul said the idea started then and just stuck with him. This fall, he sent out a message to all the group members and received a response from sophomore Jenna Boote, who was elected the CR chair for the year.

Boote offered the support of the CR, and the idea grew into a reality.

CR’s involvement came from its commitment to uphold conservative values. The statement sent out in the e-mail announcing the day is what Boote believes said it best: “The 2nd Amendment 2006 range day is not only meant to celebrate the right to bear arms…but it is also meant to give people the motivation behind the project is because people need to realize “they[guns] are just objects and won’t hurt anyone unless someone does something stupid.”

Two groups of students went out to the range. Both began their time there with a gun safety class taught by Moul and senior Dustin Bonnema. Bonnema had taught gun safety before and had some guns available for the group to use. An avid hunter, this was only his second time on a range, whereas Moul has spent all of his shooting time on ranges, target shooting.

Guns being shot included a .22 rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun, and a 40 caliber pistol. Targets ranged from plastic bottles to clay pigeons.

Boote, Bonnema and Moul were both pleased with how the day turned out. Both guys and girls turned out for the shoot, with both groups appearing to enjoy themselves in spite of the drizzle that hit the range off and on.

All who were there were surprised at how well many of the first time shooters did. “There were several impressive shooters,” said Bonnema.

Sophomore Amanda Maloney, a first time shooter, went to support her first time she was there and hopes the tradition continues. “They should definitely do it again next year,” she asserted.

Boote, Bonnema and Moul were all optimistic about having another shoot in the future.
It's time for us to tie some knots.

I recently came across a quote from Franklin Delano Roosevelt: “When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on!”

Many of us have probably been close to that point in our lives where everything starts piling up and we hardly have the chance to breathe, much less do homework. You’re probably thinking, “Make knots? I don’t have time to make knots!”

I’m not going to force you to take knot-tying lessons though. One thing we can gather from FDR’s quote is that you really need a knot when you’re desperate. We’re at the end; we don’t have many options left. If you feel you have no choice, that’s a good time to consider those lessons.

A second thing we can get is that knot-making has to be intentional. You may be desperate for a solution to your problems, but if you don’t intentionally and purposefully say, “Yes, I’m going to make a knot,” you’re never going to be motivated to sign up for lessons. I can’t force you into those lessons if you’re first not even willing to take them.

The third thing we can get from this quote is that these knots have to be quality. I’m not talking the accidental knot in your shoelaces and not even Boy Scout quality knots. Some of us have schedules so jam-packed that a wimpy knot will never last us. We need something firm, tight, and stable.

The ultimate knot is Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we get so busy that we forget the spiritual part of our lives, but that’s where it should begin. Even if we’ve lost that focus, it’s not too late. If we make our knots in Jesus, we will have the support we need to get our balance and start climbing.

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Maybe you’ve heard of the phrase “tying the knot” in reference to marriage. Believe it or not, the two knot ideas are similar. Once again, we need to tie the knot with Jesus, because he is our bridegroom. A greater knot was never made.

So when we get to the end of our ropes, it’s time to slow down and put things back into perspective. Then let’s tie some knots! We’ll never fall if Christ is our foundation; we can only climb higher.
Acoustical aspirations of a student

BY AMANDA EIKE
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He plays an Ovation guitar. That signature headstock gives it away, along with that rounded black back and beautiful glossy finish shimmering over the guitar’s wooden body. The two-man room on the second floor of Heemstra Hall is hardly an arena to house any sort of standing ovation, but this six-stringed guitar is a symbol of some lofty hopes.

Sophomore John Novy—a.k.a “Little John”—is a resident singer/songwriter at Northwestern College. He has lived in Florida for the past eleven years, and was introduced to NW by one of his high school teachers. Novy began writing songs when he first learned to play guitar during his freshman year of high school. He kept his passion until he learned some praise and worship songs that he felt comfortable singing to himself, using his music as a way of releasing emotions, until he learned some praise songs that he felt comfortable playing for a crowd. While still in high school, he recorded two demos to share with those close to him. “Only one of which I own up to,” he said, but both of which were supported by his family. Thearmy-green bucket chair that Novy sits in proves unsatisfactory for comfortable guitar playing, so he switches to a desk chair and starts in on his next song.

This one is his current favorite, entitled “To Be Superman.” With two previous songs written to a Superman theme, he has decided to make his entire current year’s music content centered around that one passion. “Superman’s a metaphor...for feeling like myself again,” he said. This came from a realization that he did not need to be a Superman but could be himself—a “more liberated self.”

The first minute or so of Novy’s song comes across very mellow, being played with three simple chords. He has a raspy quality to his voice, reminding me of a sound reminiscent of the Goo Goo Dolls, though he said he had been inspired by artists such as James Taylor and the Counting Crows. As the song progresses, his eyebrows furrow a little more frequently, and his eyes close a little tighter with the more passionate vocals. He means what he sings, and he sings what he knows. By no means does his knowledge and skill limit what others can get out of his music. “Honestly, [what others get out of my songs] is not up to me to decide. I hope they enjoy it, but I don’t really have others in mind when I write.” Novy believes that each person can relate to his songs from different perspectives. What inspires him to write his songs may not be the same things that inspire his fans to keep listening to them. Novy does not limit his writing to just lyrics, though. He spends time with various other forms, such as journaling and poetry, believing “any type of writing should be true in form, and should be fearless, and honest and raw.”

Within this interpretation of the song, Novy hopes to someday gather an even larger fanbase by becoming an accomplished songwriter. He wants to get started in Iowa by first playing some small venues, eventually beginning with the local De Koffie Boon during the school year. But even if none of this plays out, Novy will not be disappointed; he’ll keep playing anyway. This is a comfort because, no matter what, Novy seeks to glorify God with his music. He does this by not being ashamed to let it reveal his faith. “It’s almost like I can’t help it,” he said. His faith is a large part of who he is, and he would not be being honest with himself if the one passion were not expressed through the other. If only everyone would own their passions as this particular student attempts to do on a daily basis.

Don’t you wish you were friends with Joel Scholten?

BY TONYA VANDER MOLEN
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If you don’t know Joel Scholten, you’d better hurry up and get to know him. Scholten is a fifth-year senior, so your time is limited. You can meet him at such places as chapel, volleyball games, Praise and Worship, the RSC, the art building or the library. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, with the body of a competitive weight lifter. He has brown hair and tan skin, which he inherited from his ancestors of the Spanish Inquisition. His blue eyes come from his Dutch grandparents. When you see him, don’t be intimidated by him; strike up a conversation.

“It’s a life-sized game of chess with a ball, a net and ponytails.” — Joel Scholten

Try asking him about himself because that’s what he loves talking about. He’s from Oostburg, Wis., so you could talk to him about the Wisconsin Dells or fine cheeses. Though he is a fifth-year senior, he likes to call himself a first-year non-trad. He lived in Heemstra for the first four years of college, and this year he is living off-campus in a tiny house known as the Ghost Fort. Ask him why it is called the Ghost Fort. Scholten has a “boy band” voice. He enjoys painting, drawing, sculpting and spray-painting. Scholten is an art education major, so you could ask him about his award-winning photography or his love of American modernist expressionism. After he graduates, he wants to teach high school art. He enjoys painting, drawing, sculpting and spray-painting the sides of trains and interstate overpasses. His tag is “Joleo,” but sometimes he just draws “h*” or one of those big yellow smiley faces.

When he is not in class, Scholten is usually hanging out with the volleyball team as the assistant junior varsity coach. If you were to ask him what he brings to the team, he would say, “Intensity. I work those girls to the bone. I spike the ball in their face, and I make sure they are ready for whatever comes their way—and on and off the court.” He says that mentally, he just “gets” the game. “It’s like a life-sized game of chess with a ball, a net and ponytails.”

It has been said by many that Scholten has a “boy band” voice. You can hear his honey-sweet voice at Praise and Worship every Sunday night, but you may have already heard it when he was busy winning Ballyhook the last two years. You might also catch a listen if you attend one of the five weddings Scholten will be singing in this year, one of which is his own. (Scholten is engaged to NW graduate Stacy Kokej). Scholten said he developed his singing style by listening to boy band legends *NSync and the Backstreet Boys. That is why Scholten usually takes a break in the middle of the song to talk to the song’s subject.

Scholten’s education at NW has been an active and enjoyable one. His advice to freshmen is this: “Steal all the food you want from the cat. It will all even out in the end. Also, the freshman 15 is for skinny people.” Don’t you wish you were friends with Joel Scholten?
Bird flu: It’s not a joke

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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The bird flu has not only become something of a household term; but it has also been set to song. For Honors’ Talent No Talent Show, sophomore Emily Boettcher and freshman Sara Curry parodied a popular song by Green Day: “It’s something unpredictable but in the end you’re dead. You should have listened to what those e-mails said.”

Most students are poorly informed or apathetic about the bird flu. Sophomore Stephanie Powell admitted, “I honestly don’t know had a plan of action but said they seem to be “jumping the gun” and “getting paranoid about it.”

Whether or not they’re jumping the gun, NW is being proactive. Thirteen faculty members formed the Pandemic Planning Committee over the summer in response to this pandemic threat. The committee met every other week for three hours to learn about the bird flu and to prepare a plan of action for NW in the event of an outbreak. Although many of the measures suggested by the committee have yet to be approved by the NW board, their suggestions validate the reality of the avian flu threat.

Campus nurse Ev Otten explained that in order to contract the pandemic virus, one must have the regular flu while being exposed to the avian flu. When these two viruses join, the virus becomes highly contagious, especially for 15 to 35 year olds. Consequently, college students and faculty are especially susceptible.

“So much fun is being poked at it that it’s hard to make an opinion.”

-Krystal Van Wyk

Ev Otten illustrated the potential reality of this virus on our campus. “For every 10 kids on campus, four would get sick, and two would die,” said Otten. In no uncertain terms, she maintained that if the virus reaches NW, people would be “dropping like flies.”

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Avian influenza, commonly known as the bird flu, is a “flu from viruses adapted to birds,” according to Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia.

The current concern is associated with the H5N1 strain (picture here) which is causing Asian birds to get sick. Health officials are concerned because the particular strain has caused illness and death in many birds and the virus has spread to a limited number of humans.

Word on the street: Is it all a bunch of hype?

Freshman Kelly Riesselman
“Honestly, I’m not that worried about it now, but in the event of a break out, I’d evacuate immediately.”

Sophomore Jenna Boote
“I think we shouldn’t take it as lightly as we do, but I honestly find it very amusing. I really appreciate the hand sanitizer. The benefits are excellent.”

Junior Carrie Vander Horst
“I think it’s a little over the edge, there’s a little too much concern about the whole thing.”

By Bethany Kroese
Editor

The bird flu is being called a pandemic because of the severity of the strain and the ease of its spread. According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, if the bird flu would ever spread easily from person to person, it could cause disease all over the world.

“Looking on the bright side, however, Otten remarked, “If you survive, you’re immune for life.”
The story of discipleship groups

BY AMANDA KUHN
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“If you think that someday in the next 20 years you just might be married, this is for you,” stated Chaplain Harlan Van Oort as he opened his marriage seminar Tuesday night in Christ Chapel. No chapel credit was given because, according to Van Oort, “some people don’t care about this topic and we like to provide equal opportunity.”

This didn’t seem to dissuade the larger number of students that filled the lower level of the chapel.

Junior Jessica Jenkins commented, “I think that it is important to have seminars like this on marriage, singleness, etc. Where better to learn about these things than at a Christian college?”

The seminar focused on relationships in college which “could be the bowl from which you fish for a spouse,” according to Van Oort. He sought to give students a basic understanding of marriage to help them discern if their present and future relationships are “the real deal” or if “they ought to try something else.”

Some of the main points Van Oort made were that marriage is NOT the goal, Christ-likeness in the kingdom of God is; marriage is not the reward, heaven is; and marriage is not the best, based on 1 Corinthians 7:1, 32-35, which speaks of the benefits of remaining single.

Junior Michael Goll responded, “Harlan’s seminar was awesome! It’s good to hear someone say that marriage isn’t the goal in life, in a place where the conservative voice says that I should get married.”

Van Oort went on to advise students as to how they should prepare for marriage and what their expectations should be. He shared the thought that “the only interesting.”

Van Oort engaged his audience, asking engaged junior Larissa Harwood, “Larissa, do you have any thoughts on this (referring to the act of ignoring the feelings of your partner)?” Harwood responded, “That it’s not a good idea.”

Van Oort emphasized the need for couples to submit to each other.

According to Goll, “Harlan kept things pretty straightforward, emphasizing that love isn’t enough for people to get married.” He gave a list of wrong reasons to get married, concluding that the only good reason to get married is if the couple has “made a decision to make a commitment to live together till death, with one other person that they like, with whom they are completely satisfied.”

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Marriage is not the goal of this seminar

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The story of discipleship groups

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If you were to walk around campus every Tuesday night at 10:15 p.m., you would find something unique occurring; students gathered together in small groups to talk about God. In discipleship groups, or “d-groups,” everyone is welcome, and most are willing to join. Many students find it amazing to have the opportunity to talk about God anywhere they want.

In Hesperian and Elm Smith Halls, girls commented that having wing-based groups allows their wings to get to know each other on a deeper level. Many students feel more comfortable opening up with those they came to know during their first week on campus.

Wing-based d-groups can also be found if you walk over to Colesbrander and Heemstra Halls. In Heemstra, d-groups have been replaced with “brotherhoods,” a term which fosters community and allows residents to “be different,” as they say.

If you proceed over to West or

Stegenga, you’ll find a new d-group format. In these halls, students signed up to be in d-groups and were then placed in groups with people from all over the dorm. “It’s a good way to get to know girls around the building, to learn and grow together,” said junior Gena Dubios.

Building community is a main reason for having d-groups, but why do students choose to join? Freshman Brittany Kiel said that it’s a good supplement for her church’s small group. Freshman Craig Hilbelink said, “It’s good to get to know different perspectives…free food, too.” However, many men and women chose not to join because they didn’t know if they could make the time commitment.

Students who joined d-groups this year are discussing the theme of “Story.” Sophomore d-group leader Alicia Whitmore described the focus as “how our story connects with God’s story.”

Since many students hope marriage is a part of their story, this past Tuesday, a marriage seminar was held during d-group time. Sophomore Meredith Kane was surprised at the angle. Instead of telling students why they should get married, Chaplain Harlan Van Oort gave the top worst reasons to get married, with the number one reason being “because you’re in love.” Freshman Esther Jackson said the seminar picked out “all the fluff stuff that people think is romantic.”

Students will continue to journey through the theme of “story” until mid-term break, at which point they, along with their d-group leader, will choose a new plan of action. Some groups may choose a book of the Bible, others a particular topic. Sophomore d-group leader CJ Wurpts has considered having guest speakers. Sophomore d-group leader Matthew Stanislaw is thinking of joining with another d-group once in a while. Regardless of how they choose to do it, all groups will continue “pursuing God in the company of friends.”

Harlan’s Top 12: Wrong Reasons to enter marriage

1. We love each other.
2. I found my soulmate.
3. I need to be complete.
5. She’s pregnant.
6. Once I leave college, I’ll never find anyone else.
7. It’s expected of me.
8. She’s rich.
9. He’s tall enough.
10. I need a ring by spring.
11. It’s cheaper: I want to live off campus.
12. He needs me.

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Red Raiders roll over Prairie Wolves

BY LAURA JACOBSON
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Northwestern’s defense shined last Saturday as the Red Raiders shut out nationally-ranked Nebraska Wesleyan. The Raiders defeated the Prairie Wolves 36-0. Coach Orv Otten credits the defensive effort for the victory.

“Defensively, we kept them out of the scoring zone all but one time,” Otten said. Nebraska Wesleyan’s closest chance to score came near the end of the first quarter in the form of a field goal attempt. Senior Austin Janssen blocked the kick, and the Prairie Wolves remained scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Defensive coordinator Keith Sietsstra said, “Defensively, we kept them out of the scoring zone all but one time,” Sietsstra said. “We had one each.”

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Men’s soccer shocked by DWU in final minute of overtime

BY DAN CLIFF  STAFF WRITER

The Dakota Wesleyan University Tigers scored a goal with just seconds remaining in the last period of overtime to beat the Northwestern College Red Raiders 2-1 in soccer action on Tuesday, Sept. 26, in a match-up of conference foes. DWU’s Juan Baltazar beat a diving Mike Ten Clay, the NW keeper, with a low shot to the corner to give the Tigers the win.

“We played well the whole game; Dakota Wesleyan is ranked third in our region so we knew it would be a tough test,” said Coach TJ Buchholz.

The game started well for the Raiders, as they barreled the Tiger goal with shots, totaling six in the opening half and 19 overall. Aaron O’Brien, Blake Wicking, and Andy Janssen each ripped three shots for the Raiders.

The Raider defense played well for most of the half, limiting the Tigers to five shots in the half and 11 overall, but a late goal was conceded off the foot of Tigers’ striker Baltazar, who also scored the game winner. Buchholz called the kick a “perfectly hit free kick” from just outside the penalty box. The goal was scored a few minutes before halftime and the Tigers held the lead halftime 1-0.

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At the end of the second half, with the game tied at 1-1, the goal was sent into two 10 minute overtime periods. The first overtime didn’t produce many quality scoring chances for either team and NW had the only shot of the period. The second overtime period was a different story as both teams had good chances at goal. Janssen, senior Jim Ellis and White all had shots in the second overtime that missed the Tiger goal. It wasn’t until the final five seconds of the game that Baltazar scored his game winner, just after the Raiders had pressed for a goal themselves.

Buchholz had this to say of his team’s performance: “We kept knocking on the door the whole game, and the effort was there, we were just on the unlucky side and not able to finish any of our chances. If we play every game this way, I like our chances.”

The Raiders travel to Kirksville, Mo., for a weekend match-up with Truman State University, a NCAA Division II school, on Saturday, Sept. 30. With Tuesday’s loss they are now 2-3 in the Great Plains Athletic Conference and 3-6 overall.

By LAURA JACOBSON  SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raider volleyball team continued its winning streak Tuesday night with a 3-0 win against Dakota Wesleyan. “It was an absolutely fantastic match for the girls,” said Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch.

The women were led by junior Megan Meyer, this week’s GPAC player-of-the-week. Meyer recorded six aces, six kills, and 14 kills in the home match and also led the team with thirteen digs. Also contributing to the offensive attack were senior Katie Schnoes with nine kills, and junior Karissa Davelaar and freshman Randi Hulstein, notching eight each. Hulstein also put up four solo blocks.

“It was a good team effort all the way around,” said Van Den Bosch. “Especially coming off the high of the weekend, to get geared up again is not always easy.”

NW took the Dordt Tournament decisively last Friday and Saturday, defeating all four of their opponents. The Raiders won each match of the tournament in only three games.

“The key to our wins so far this season has been our tempo,” said senior captain Alison Waggie. “By running a quick offense we put constant pressure on our opponents and sooner or later it gets to them. We try to keep pressure on our opponents from the serving box to our attacking.”

That approach has earned the women a 17-1 record and the 22nd position in the NAIA rankings. “We are off to a really good start,” said Waggie, “and I like the fact that we keep improving every match. We are really starting to gel as a team, which is why we have been so successful.”

This weekend, the Raiders will take their near-perfect record into a pair of GPAC match-ups. On Friday, the women travel to Lincoln, Neb., to take on Nebraska Wesleyan in a 7:30 p.m. match. Saturday, the Raiders face nationally-ranked Doane in the Bullman Center at 7:30 p.m.

“They are a really good, disciplined team,” Waggie said of Doane, “and I am excited to see how we play against some good competition. It is games like Doane that will make us better as a team because they are going to push us.”

Waggie also expressed excitement for the remainder of the season. “I don’t think we’ve played our best game yet,” she said, “and I’m excited to see how good we can be.”

NW volleyball is 17-1, nationally-ranked

Men’s golf places second, third in Sioux City meets

By Bethany Kroeze  Editor

The men’s golf team spent Monday and Tuesday in Sioux City, taking second and third at the Morningside Invitational and Briar Cliff Invitational, respectively.

On Monday, Sept. 25, they took second place, shooting 307 as a team. Dakota Wesleyan won the meet with a 302.

Coach Mark Bloemendaal said, “The team has had consistency from top to bottom, which is a key in high team finishes.”

Individually, freshman Luke Vermeer led the Raiders, shooting a 74, which landed him in a fourth place tie. Seniors TJ Korver and David Klyn also landed in the top ten, with scores of 76 and 77, respectively.

Bloemendaal said, “We have had a number of different players contribute, which is an indication of the depth of our team.”

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, the men traveled back to Sioux City for the Briar Cliff Invitational. Shooting 308 as a team, the Raiders placed third out of 11 teams.

“We’ve shown that we can compete with the best in the GPAC,” said junior Nathan Summers. “I think the team is on the right track, and we’ve had a few really low numbers.”

Morningside won the meet, with a team score of 294. The University of Sioux Falls shot 300 to take second. Once again, Vermeer led the Raiders, shooting a 40 on the front nine and 35 on the back, finishing in a tie for eighth. Klyn shot a 76 on the day, tying for 10th place. Sophomore Justin Pannkuk shot a 77 and senior Dan Laaveg shot a 78, coming in tied for 15th and 22nd places, respectively.

Two weeks ago, the Raiders took first place at the Wayne Invitational, in Wayne, Neb., shooting 292 as a team. Korver earned medalist honors, shooting a two-under 70. Pannkuk and Laaveg took second (72) and third (73), respectively.

Bloemendaal said, “We believe we can play even better and the guys are working to lower our team scoring average.”

The Raiders travel to Okoboji today to play in the Iowa Lakes CC Invite at the Brooks Golf Course.
This coming Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 2 and 3, Brenda Salter McNeil will be speaking in chapel. Her speeches will include topics like dealing with spiritual callings, specifically racial and ethnic reconciliation.

In addition to McNeil’s speeches in chapel, she will be speaking for a variety of Northwestern affiliates. These selected groups include small groups of students, faculty, staff and administrators.

McNeil’s connection to NW began when the Lilly Grant was established in 1999. At that time, she became the consultant for a program based upon the mission to further intercultural proficiency.

As a consultant, McNeil has been giving this message in chapel for the past three years, but her duties will be complete after this visit.

“This is Brenda’s last contracted visit as part of her consulting position, but hopefully there will be other ways to bring Brenda back to NW in the future,” said Diane Murphy.

Her contract required her to speak twice a year in chapel and initiate opportunities for diversity training. Another way she has contributed to the development of diversity understanding at NW is by leading MERT, which stands for Multi-Ethnic Resource Team.

Salter McNeil Associates, her company, is based in Chicago. However, she travels to churches and colleges throughout the country to spread her message.

She is the co-author of “The Heart of Racial Justice: How Soul Change Leads to Social Change” and has also created many tapes.

She and her husband, Dr. J. Derek McNeil, a professor at Wheaton College, have two children.

“As an African-American woman and an ordained minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, she has been blessed with excellent gifts of preaching and group facilitation,” said Murphy.

“It is exciting to see how her ministry has been blessed and to be among those who have benefited from her commitment to the cause of racial reconciliation.”

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
STAFF WRITER

Business department receives accreditation

BY JANICE SWIER
STAFF WRITER

Northwestern College’s business department was recently accredited from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

According to Associate Professor of Business and Economics Vonda Post, IACBE is an accreditation service that gives schools a “credibility or stamp of approval for recognition.”

IACBE decides to give this accreditation to schools who meet a certain criteria. This criteria includes:

- The institution the department belongs to must be accredited by one of the six regional accrediting bodies.
- It must have a departmental mission statement that aligns with the overall purpose of the institution it belongs to.
- It has a realistic strategic plan, assuring its students develop into well-educated, ethical, competent business professionals.
- It has a mix of academic and professional credentials that makes them worthy of respect.

In order to receive this accreditation, the business department had to complete a comprehensive self-evaluation, a process they started four years ago.

They also had to have an on-site visit by the IACBE. During the on-site visit that took place last March, evaluators from fellow Christian colleges in Oregon and Nebraska noticed that “on several occasions, students commented on the faculty’s concern for their well-being and noted the considerable time spent mentoring them.”

The evaluators also wrote “the faculty show considerable interest in having students achieve excellence in their business education.”

The business department is pleased to receive this recognition, and as Post said, this “accreditation helps verify the credibility of our department for prospective students and prospective employers.” This is also good news for the 18.5% of the student body that is majoring in business.

Art gallery to host Ireland inspired works

BY JANICE SWIER
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From Oct. 5 to 27, Northwestern’s Te Paske Art Gallery will be hosting the works of Joel Elgin.

Elgin’s exhibit features works inspired by the myths and legends of Ireland.

“Each moment I devote to researching saints, mythology, icons or wandering Irish ruins strengthens my deep respect and homage for my ancestry,” Elgin said of his four trips to Ireland and exploration of its history. “The prints I create are a reflection of this respect.”

Earning his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa, Elgin is currently a printmaking professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Elgin has also served as a lecturer or as a visiting artist at institutions such as Yale and Auburn.

Elgin’s art has been exhibited greater than 70 times and has recently been obtained for permanent collections by numerous museums, colleges and universities in the U.S. and Ireland.

Elgin is scheduled to be in the Te Paske Gallery for his exhibit’s opening reception at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Homecoming activities are next week

BY ALLISON ROORDA
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At a meeting on Monday, Pope Benedict XVI issued a formal apology because he insulted Muslims in his Sept. 12 speech by quoting Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologu. The pope said he has a “total and profound respect for all Muslims” to the Muslim nations and other Islamic leaders.

On Sunday, Sept. 24, leaders of neutral Switzerland restricted chances for asylum-seekers to gain entry into the country. Seventy percent of voters agreed with the decision, and the right-wing Justice Minister Christoph Blocher argued that they need passports. Besides the passport requirement, financial assistance to asylum-seekers will be able to watch or participate in the Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Throughout the week, students will be able to watch or participate in two different competitions. There are 30 girls’ teams and 14 guys’ teams signed up for the dodgeball tournament, which will begin on Monday, Oct. 2, at 8 p.m.

There are even five or six teams with faculty members as teammates.

The dodgeball tournament will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 8 to 10 p.m. and then from 11 p.m. to midnight. Finals will take place on Friday, Oct. 4 at 10 p.m. The campus community is invited to cheer on their favorite teams.

Another competition students can put their minds to will be the medallion hunt. The NW medallion, a small medallion with the NW seal on it, will be hidden in a gender neutral location on campus.

The medallion hunt starts on Monday, Oct. 2, with a clue posted outside the cafeteria. Each day of the week will bring another clue, gradually getting easier throughout the week until the medallion is found.

The person who finds the medallion can bring it to the Student Activities Council office in the RSC to collect their prize of $50.

Other activities over Homecoming Week include the coronation on Thursday, Oct. 5 at 9 p.m. in Christ Chapel and a crowd favorite, Airband, on Friday, Oct. 6 at 9 p.m. in the Bultman Center.

Airband is a free show with different acts all performing differently to their choice of music.

“Some people lip-sync to one song, and some choose lots of songs to fit a skit they perform,” said Amanda Gilliam, interim director of student activities.

The weekend will continue on with more activities such as the Morning on the Green, the Homecoming football game against the University of Sioux Falls and the Homecoming dance.