Three band groups take the concert stage this weekend

BY JANICE SWIER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Northwestern Theatre Department will present Frank Galati’s adaptation of John Steinbeck’s “The Grapes of Wrath.” Opening night is Friday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., and there will be performances on the nights of the 10th and Nov. 14 to 17.

This portrayal follows the Joad family during the Great Depression. They are evicted from their Oklahoma farm and head to California with the promise of jobs and a better life that can save them from starvation. The Joad family, accompanied by disillusioned preacher Jim Casey, faces series of trials that test their family’s strength.

Director Bob Hubbard assures that Galati’s adaptation follows Steinbeck’s book closely, with no lines in the play not coming straight from the book. While some parts of the book were not included in the play, the adaptation still stayed faithful enough to the story to win Broadway’s Tony Award for Best Play in 1990.

Hubbard says that this production has been a huge undertaking. With 22 cast members playing 44 different characters it has been challenging to pull the whole thing together. Also, there were some technical difficulties that the crew and cast had to find creative solutions for.

“The Grapes of Wrath” is one of the first Broadway performances that Hubbard ever saw, and ever since he saw it he knew that he wanted to do something with it.

“It is challenging, but it is also a redemptive story that is affirming of the gospel,” said Hubbard.

One of the most important characters in this performance is Jim Casey, a preacher who exemplifies the Christian struggle in living out faith.

“Jim Casey understands the character of Jim Casey and what he’s all about,” said Tony Wilder, who plays Tom Joad, “I hope they think about how he constantly struggled to find a way to put his faith into action in a way that actually helps people. Hopefully the audience will really think about this dilemma and come up with answers for themselves.”

This performance deals with a lot of serious issues and has some adult content.

“The Grapes of Wrath” is a provocative show,” said Hannah McBride, who plays Ma Joad, “it is gritty, a little uncomfortable at times, and full of difficult life moments. Confronting life is healthy, that reason alone is enough to make me endorse this show.”

This play demonstrates the importance of the social responsibility of our faith. Hubbard said that our individualistic society often focuses on the gospel as only meaning a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and while that is very important, the Bible also calls us to live in community. Christians are supposed to serve the “least of these.”

“At its best,” said Hubbard, “The Grapes of Wrath’ reveals to us our corporal body and our social responsibility.”

Tickets for the production can be reserved by calling or e-mailing the DeWitt Theatre box office, or you can arrive early on the night of a performance.

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“The Jazz Band follows the goal of trying to play a number of different styles of jazz,” said McGarvey.

Among the songs being played are modern adaptations of the classic made famous by Duke Ellington, “Take the ‘A’ Train,” “I Get a Kick Out of You” by Cole Porter and “Caravan” by Duke Ellington and Juan Tizol. “I Get a Kick Out of You” will feature Senior Titus Landegent on drums.
A leader for reconciliation: Obama for President

BY CARL VANDERMEULEN

I tend to happily support any of the six leading Democratic candidates for the presidency, but after seven years of being mis-led in both senses of the word, I want to be sure we elect a Democratic president to Congress, so we can overcome the divisions and move ahead on serious problems, especially political unrest and global climate change. The current poll leader, Hillary Clinton, has so many opposed to her that she would have a hard time winning, and even if she won, she would have a difficult time bringing the nation and the parties together.

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Obama has somewhat fewer people supporting him, but he has only half as many already opposed to him. Moreover, he has earned a reputation for bringing people together. That is evident in his rallies: young and old, white and people of color and different classes respond to his candidacy. Further, his ethos, intelligence and rhetorical ability create the possibility of a president who can inspire and lead at a time when we need a leader. Add that although he was not brought up in the church, he has chosen to join, to be rooted in faith and to be part of the renewing and reconciling work of the church.

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Embracing a Global Community: Hillary for President

BY JEN SCHAFFER

In the past four years, I have left the United States twice. The first time, I went to the United Kingdom and France, and my group and I were advised to stay were Canadian if anyone asked where we were from. Riots against the United States and George Bush’s foreign policy happened all around us the entire time we were there. The second time, just this past summer, I was in Ghana, West Africa. Many Ghanaians are supremely interested in the upcoming election because it means a change in foreign policy, which directly affects them. We talked about Ghanaian politics and American politics. When I asked, many Ghanaians nationals told me they supported Hillary Clinton. When I asked why, they told me it was because she had been there; she had spoken to them. And they liked what she had to say.

Our foreign relations have been decimated in the last eight years. The alliances Bill Clinton made during his term have been severed and even our most dedicated allies have turned bitter and angry toward us. Hillary Clinton can help repair that. In our ever-globalizing world, we need to work cooperatively with every nation, not manipulate and steal from them. Hillary has a long-standing rapport with the countries we have been neglecting and can help repair our broken ties, which will strengthen the global community, not just our own.

But maybe you care very little about the global community and want to see what Hillary is doing domestically. As a senator, Hillary has been endeavoring to bring about reforms in college pricing. She has consistently fought to increase the Federal Pell Grant and has proposed tax credit for college tuition. Our college tuition increases five to seven percent every year. If this trend continues without more federal support, we will eliminate the hope of those who need it the most.

These issues are very important to me because they directly affect me. Obviously, everyone will have different reasons for voting for their own candidate, but these are mine. For those of you who are concerned that a woman cannot run our country, take note. Many of you will have daughters someday, daughters who will sit on your knee and listen closely when you tell them they can be whatever they want to be. Don’t lie to them. I remember being young and telling my mom I was going to be the first woman President of the United States. I’m willing to give that dream up if it means Hillary Clinton will be. This is why I will be voting for Hillary this spring.

Embodying the American Dream: Edwards for President

BY JAMES BIERY

Feeling disillusioned with Obama (who had been supporting from the beginning) in the wake of his reckless statements on Pakistan, and fairly unimpressed by Clinton, I went to see John Edwards speak at Windmill Park this summer. Where most other candidates case scenarios” of a U.S. withdrawal, and his plan for ending serious poverty by 2036 by “making work pay” and increasing opportunities for college and business training sounded both well thought out and perfectly achievable, Edwards also seemed to have an excellent knowledge of environmental issues and a concrete plan for how to deal with them while creating jobs and bolstering the economy. I was convinced by his no-nonsense approach to campaigning, fiery enthusiasm about the problems of our day and optimistic enthusiasm for the potential he sees in America. I was also impressed by his detailed knowledge of and plans to address global poverty and labor exploitation, which are issues that most other candidates pay lip service to but place nowhere near the top of their agenda.

Since then, I’ve been a fairly consistent Edwards supporter. Edwards embodies the American Dream, having worked his way up from being a worker in the textile mill his father worked 36 years in, to being a wealthy lawyer, senator and presidential candidate. He’s dedicated himself to fighting for the kinds of people he grew up with, and making the political system work for ordinary people. He also strikes me as one of the most honest politicians I’ve encountered. He readily admits mistakes he has made, and is transparent about his evolving thought process on most issues. This quality is balanced by a deep enthusiasm about the issues that matter to him. That’s why I will be voting for Edwards in November.

For more information on John Edwards, go to www.johnedwards.com, or watch his first campaign video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnNocjLswEsI.

Check next week for Republican candidate reviews.
**Murder! Mystery! Intrigue! Two minutes!**

**BY KATIE VAN ETten**

**CONTRIBUTING WRITER**

Another victim of a vicious crime, a man lies dead in a pool of his own blood. The clues surround him... Can they be trusted? Are the witnesses telling the truth? It’s up to YOU! Only YOU can solve the mystery and bring the murderer to justice!

" **Two-Minute Mysteries,**" written by Donald J. Sobol inspires an active reader to use his imagination. This collection of 79 short, mostly murder mysteries follow Dr. Haledjian, a renowned sleuth, as he makes his way around the fictional world globe solving crimes and discrediting wayward fortune hunters.

Each mystery, only about a page and a half long, has clues hidden within the text, ripe for the picking. If you want to find a copy of "Two Minute Mysteries" you can do so at a number of used book stores and online sites. At Amazon.com, you can even find a used one for $0.01.

As for acting, Susan Schoenrock and Nick Rolf are a hoot as Grandma and Grandpa. Renee Audubon impressed me as Ruthie, a young girl. It’s hard to play young without packing on the saccharine, but I believed her without a toothache. Eugene Huck also tackled the age gap as Uncle John, an older man. Kailen Fleck as Pa was a father, and a good one. Tony Wilder and Bee’s interactions as Tom Joad and Jim Casey, respectively, are classic—the two are wonderful onstage together. Dan Laird’s All was true to age. Tracey Pronk, as Rose of Sharon, had us on the hook; giving birth on stage. My mom, who usually scoffs at portrayals of labor, would be proud. It was beautiful. And, casting Hannah McBride as Ma was perfect.

The cast is large and there are many actors who played multiple roles. This writer begs forgiveness, but they know who they are. Each carried it off, each character was distinct. I tip my hat to each of them.

The narrators, each with a wonderful voice and presence, set the mood. Their pre-show and intermission bits are a delight and inform. Final say? American history and literature collide with a stellar ensemble of theater artists to bring some mighty fine storytelling to the stage. Ya’ll better go.

"Grapes of Wrath" performs November 9, 10, 14-17 at 7:30 p.m. in England Theatre. The box office can be reached at x7098 or boxoffice@nwciowa.edu. Tickets are free for NW students.

Note: arrive early for the pre-show.

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"Grapes of Wrath" wrenches with hope

American history and literature collide with a stellar ensemble

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**"Grapes of Wrath"**

**PHOTO BY KRISTIN LOREY**

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**Campus Quotes**

"I’d rather be naked, covered in jelly on top of an anthill.”

-Professor Bob Hubbard, in reference to seeing yet another Rodgers and Hammerstein production

"I just seem to be surrounded by dead babies.”

-Professor Bob Hubbard, in reference to the genre of plays he’s been directing and teaching lately

"This is a reminder to go to the tutoring center because I don’t like reading crap.”

-Professor Jackie Smallbones, during intro to biblical studies

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FEATURES

Chat online and make a difference with MSN Messenger’s i’m

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
STAFF WRITER

How would you like to donate money to charity, but have it be someone else’s money that is donated just by you talking to your friends online? Sound too good to be true? Well, it’s not! Now you can make a difference in the world without even leaving your desk chair.

Microsoft began a new initiative in March 2007, called i’m, with its MSN Messenger program. With this new program, Microsoft will give a donation to a charity every time you start up a conversation with someone online. It doesn’t cost any money on your part.

i’m is a program that anyone with Messenger can join, simply by going to Messenger’s options tab and putting a code after their display name. The code tells Microsoft which charity you want to help sponsor.

There are ten charities to choose from including: American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, ninemillion.org, Sierra Club, StopGlobalWarming.org, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, The Humane Society, The National AIDS Fund and UNICEF.

It can be hard to choose which organization to support, because each of these charities works with serious problems in the United States and all over the world.

Curious about what each charity supports? The American Red Cross works in disaster relief. Boys & Girls Clubs provide safe places for children to learn and grow. National Multiple Sclerosis Society funds MS research and helps people overcome the challenges of living with MS. Ninemillion.org has the goal to provide education to nine million refugee children by 2010. Sierra Club works to “explore, enjoy and protect the planet.” StopGlobalWarming.org is a group that wants to, obviously, stop the effects of global warming. Susan G. Komen for the Cure fights breast cancer. The National AIDS Fund works for effective community response to the AIDS epidemic. Finally, UNICEF helps children around the world in many different areas.

There is no limit to what Microsoft will give each of these charities. Since March 2007, they have raised $201,186.67. This number can only grow as more people find out about this opportunity.

Also, according to the i’m website, every i’m conversation in November and December will count as double to celebrate the release of the new Windows Live.

Once you join, you can help other people get involved as well by sending them to http://im.live.com/. At this site you can also learn how to put an MSN Messenger i’m button on your blog or website. The opportunity to e-mail your friends about this initiative is also given.

In 2001, according to the ClickZ Network, people spent 13.6 billion minutes instant messaging at work. Imagine how these numbers have grown since then. Imagine how many conversations are started during that time.

According to money.cnn.com, Microsoft made an annual operating revenue of $51,122 million last year. Put together this amount of money and the amount of minutes that are spent instant messaging and we could really make a difference if we all participate.

Join i’m and make Microsoft put their money where their mouth is…or where your text is.

Want to make a difference?

Put one of these codes next to your MSN screen name

To support one of these organizations

American Red Cross
Boys & Girls Clubs of America
Humane Society of the U.S.
National AIDS Fund
National MS Society
ninemillion.org
Sierra Club
StopGlobalWarming.org
Susan G. Komen for the Cure
U.S. Fund for UNICEF

Stress in college? It’s become a way of life

BY JAMES BIERLY
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There’s no doubt about it. Northwestern College students are stressed out. “Are you stressed?” is not a question that needs to be asked. Rather “What are you stressed out about now?” is a question that proves to be an instant conversation starter across campus.

Most students are stressed out about homework. One student was so intent on surfing the net to work on a paper that he couldn’t even take the time to be interviewed for this article. I asked a few students to tell me what they were stressed about and how they cope with it. Junior Shruby Babu explained that she handles the homework stress by sitting back and creating a list of the tasks she needs to perform. Then she prioritizes them, so she has a game plan for tackling her enormous workload. This organizational structure helps her be less stressed about homework, since she always knows what she needs to do next.

Senior Zulfiya Akbarova explained that some of her stress comes from “being homesick… my dreams lately all take place at home. I’m on a bus trying to show my friends my world, but I cannot stop the bus and get out.” Homesickness plagues many international students, freshmen, and even some upperclassmen who miss the friends and family they have at their place of origin. In the hectic college life, sometimes students just want a home cooked meal in a comfortable setting.

Akbaryana also highlighted a struggle many students, and especially seniors face: figuring out what to do with their lives. “You have it all in the back of your mind all the time: how to be marketable, how to be successful, knowing that thousands of other people want the kinds of jobs that you do.” She said that singing and dancing to “loud, crazy music” helps her to refocus her mind.

Junior Justin Pannkuk cited an overload of papers and exams in the space of one week as a cause of stress. He also cited great trauma because he was “still recovering from gourd week.” His fiancée, guitar and ability to buckle down and get work done help him keep his stress at bay.

Anne Mead, reference and government documents librarian, offered some thoughtful observations on the difference between college stress and “real world” stress. She faces stress in the form of more distant relationships with children now that they have left, health problems and worry for her aging parents. However, through friends, prayer, exercise and relaxing reading, she manages to cope with her struggles. The problems of faces are long-term and “slow burning,” but she explained that often in the case of college students “you guys have constant, ‘new-every-week’ pressure… maybe it comes a lot faster, and comes and goes more often.”

In this kind of environment, it’s important for students to make sure they find time to relax and to find time for prayer, meditation or some other focusing activity to help relieve stress and regain purpose.
Responsibility to care

BY KRISTI KORVER

One does not have to listen long on this campus to hear complaints like, “I live in a bubble” or “I have no idea what is going on in the world.” Class reading trumps Newsweek, “The Office” beats the nightly news, the Beacon wins out over The New York Times. Why should students at Northwestern care about politics?

There are many students at NW who care deeply about politics. The origins of their passion vary. Junior, Eli VanOort attributes much of her intrigue to her high school government teacher. After 9/11 senior James Bierly started to pay closer attention to the world. It is our job as citizens but also as a Christian, “As followers of Christ, we are asked to dig into government.”

This task is daunting; there are so many issues involved. But Hulstein reminds, “There is grace involved.” We do not and cannot know about everything. Everyone has different issues that they are passionate about. VanOort cares about women’s rights, the environment and education. Bierly believes that, as Christians, we should be concerned about the “least of these.” She believes that it is the “Church’s responsibility to care for the widows and the orphans.” Crawford believes that the fight against terrorism, immigration reform, border security and fiscal discipline are the most pressing issues facing our country today.

At NW we have the unique opportunity to be surrounded by people who care about the world and desire to be politically informed. It is our responsibility and privilege to involve ourselves in politics. But in the words of Hulstein, “We need to guard against mixing our selves up in politics and justice issues.” It is too easy to become prideful and find self-identity in politics. This is not something to check off the “good citizen” list. Rather, politics must be approached with humility and sincere concern.

The decisions that our government makes impact the lives of people around the world. It is our job as citizens and Christians to care.

Ten ways to get involved in politics

1. Subscribe to a magazine like Time, World, The Week or Newsweek
2. Make a news website like CNN or BBC your homepage
3. Watch or listen to the news online (msnbc.com has a four-minute clip each day)
4. Go to the library and pick a newspaper to read
5. Join Bread for the World, Amnesty International or World Vision for e-mail updates
6. Listen to political radio stations
7. Visit a presidential candidate’s official webpage
8. Subscribe to a club; they will inform you when a presidential candidate will be in your area
9. Go to the Iowa caucuses on January 3
10. Talk to people about politics on the way to class, during dinner or in the hallway.

Serving together

BY KEVIN WALLACE

Have you ever wanted to make a difference in the way that Northwestern is run? Look no further than serving on a faculty committee. There are many ways to get onto a faculty committee. For some students it is an elected position on the student government. Others are asked by their advisers to serve on the adviser’s committee. Still others aren’t quite sure how they ended up there.

Regardless of the way a student gets onto one, there are many good reasons to serve on a faculty committee. The number one reason, according to current Assessment Committee member, junior Sarah Breen, is “to see professors act like real people.”

Senior Nasiba Khalikova feels that it is “very interesting” as well as a “blessing” to be able to serve on the Academic Affairs Committee. She says, “We have serious discussions while making different decisions, but we also can’t have a meeting without laughter, especially when Dr. Monsma shares his comments.”

Also serving on the Academic Affairs Committee is senior Kurt Aksamit, who enjoys his position. He says he likes being able to “serve the needs of the student body and have a voice through a committee like the AAC.”

Khalikova, Breen and Aksamit all share excellent stories about their time on their respective faculty committees. The stories all center around being able to see their professors outside the classroom structure. Aksamit says, “Having a chance to serve as a student member on an important committee like the Academic Affairs Committee gives me the chance to see how carefully issues with academia are dealt with.”

Breen adds, “Sometimes we students think the NW faculty and staff are out to make our lives full of homework and stress, but they really do want NW to be a welcoming and nurturing place where we grow mentally, socially and spiritually. Even though they are here to primarily teach us their discipline, faculty and staff are also interested in making NW the best institution it can be.”
Women's basketball sweeps opening two games

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Women's cross country continues to dazzle

With a team score of 88, Northwestern's women's cross country team finished second at the NAIA Region III Championships last Saturday. Concordia took first place with 62 points.

“It was a fantastic day for our ladies’ team,” said freshman Charity Miles. “Everyone gave it their all.”

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Football falls to Morningside

The Red Raiders fell to Morningside 33-7 Saturday. Senior quarterback Craig Hector scored the lone touchdown on a one-yard run in the second quarter. Hector completed 17 of 32 passing attempts for 207 yards and threw five interceptions. Sophomore Taylor Mahn, pictured above, led the ground game, netting 44 yards on nine rushes. Senior Tyler Reiche led the receiving with six receptions for 50 yards. The Raiders close their regular season on Korver Field tomorrow, taking on Doane at 1 p.m. NW needs a win over the Tigers for a chance to qualify for the postseason.

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Sweet revenge

Raider men defeat USF, Hastings to earn first-ever nationals bid

BY BETH MOUW
STAFF-WRITER

For the first time ever in Northwestern College history, the men’s soccer team will be playing in the national tournament.

The second-seeded Raiders defeated sixth-seeded University of Sioux Falls 3-2 on Monday night and then top-ranked Hastings 1-0 on Tuesday to claim the NAIA Region III Championship and advance to nationals.

NW 3, USF 2

It was a roller coaster ride of a game on Monday, Nov. 5, as the Raiders grabbed an exciting 3-2 win over USF.

“We were pretty confident going into the game even though we typically struggle with USF,” senior Blake Wiekling admitted.

And the confidence paid off. Within the first three minutes of play, forward Brad White assisted fellow sophomore Aaron O’Brien to score the first goal of the game. USF then managed to tie the score at 1-1 with just two minutes left in the half.

After another goal by each team in the second half, it looked like the game would go into overtime. However, with just 1:30 remaining, junior Andy Janssen managed to put the winning goal in to ensure the Raider victory.

Janssen led the shooting for the Raiders on the night with six. White followed with three while Blake Wiekling and O’Brien took two shots each.

The win advanced NW to its second straight regional final.

NW 1, Hastings 0

According to Janssen, it was “a sweet revenge” when the Raider men shut out Hastings 1-0 Tuesday night to win the regional championship and earn a spot in the national tournament.

“It’s kind of a shocker,” admits the midfielder, “but the whole team knew we could do it. It was just a matter of proving it.”

After a scoreless yet intense first half, the second began much the same. Twelve minutes in, however, the whole tempo changed when Janssen headed in a floater from junior Steven Grand to score the only goal of the game.

With NW’s first ever national tournament looming ahead, Blake Wiekling claims, “We have nothing to lose. We’ll go out and have fun, play whoever they give us to play. But we definitely don’t want to just settle for making it there.”

The national tournament is November 14 to 20 in Olathe, Kansas.

Raider volleyball advances to GPAC final

BY BETHANY KROEZE
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Second-seed Northwestern defeated third-seed Hastings Wednesday night to advance to the GPAC postseason final. The Raiders swept the Broncos in three games, winning 30-21, 30-20, 30-27.

The Raiders started strong in game one, maintaining a comfortable lead throughout the game and winning by their widest margin of the night.

Senior Megan Meyer and sophomore Randa Hulstein led the offensive attack for the Raiders. Meyer totaled 12 kills with a .242 hitting percentage while Hulstein netted a .476 average and 11 attacks.

Sophomore setter Rachel Gosselink put up 38 assists and recorded two aces serve. Sophomores Delaiyne Hardersen and Kristin Koosma had two ace serves each.

Meyer led the Raiders defensively with 18 digs. Sophomore libero Janna Bloemendaal had 13 and senior defensive specialist Karissa Davelaar dug up 10. Gosselink added nine digs to the defensive effort.

The second-seed Northwestern College volleyball team will be playing in the national tournament. They are the first team to advance to the GPAC final game.

NW 3, Concordia 0

The Raiders defeated seventh-seeded Concordia in the opening round of the GPAC tournament Saturday night. In the three-game sweep, the Raiders won 30-20, 30-26, 30-21.

Freshman Bobbie Jean Rich led the net with 14 kills. Freshman Kaftlin Beaver had nine, and Meyer added eight to the team total 45 kills. Gosselink had 40 assists on the night.

The Raiders totaled five ace serves on the night, including three from Bloemendaal. Kooima and Beaver served up one ace apiece.

Defensively, Bloemedaal led with 11 digs. Meyer dug up seven while Rich and Davelaar each had six. The Raiders totaled 10.5 team blocks in the match.

The Raiders will face the top-seeded Morningside Mustangs, who defeated Dordt in three games Wednesday, in Sioux City tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of the GPAC Championship will receive an automatic berth to the NAIA Region III Championships on November 16 and 17 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Joining the GPAC winner will be the winner of the Dakota Athletic Conference and the four highest-ranked teams remaining in the region.

GPAC honors awarded

Several Raiders earned GPAC honors for their play throughout the season. Meyer was named GPAC Player-of-the-Year and is joined by Gosselink and Beaver on first-team all-conference. Hulstein and Hanno were named to the second team and Davelaar received honorable mention honors.

Head Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch earned GPAC Coach-of-the-Year honors. In his third season at NW, he led the Raiders to a 26-7 overall record.

Men’s basketball starts season 2-0

BY BETHANY KROEZE
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The Red Raiders opened their season winning two on the road in North Dakota last weekend, defeating Valley City State and Jamestown.

NW 73, Valley City State 60

On Friday night, the Raiders defeated the Vikings 73-60. Netting nine of 14 field goals and sinking three of four three-point shots, senior Curt Schilling led the scoring with 23 points. Schilling also added six rebounds and two assists.

Senior Chad Schuiteman led the defense with 10 defensive boards.

He added 14 points to the scoring effort as well. Senior Mark DeYounge netted 13 points including a pair of three-point shots and three from behind the charity stripe.

NW 89, Jamestown 82

The Raiders pulled ahead of Jamestown 89-82 in Saturday afternoon’s matchup.

Schilling and Schuiteman led the scoring with 19 points each. Schilling netted three three-point shots and six of seven free throw attempts while Schuiteman sunk eight of 12 from the floor and three of six behind the stripe.

Schuiteman also added eight rebounds in the game, including six on defense.

Freshman Michael Jiskoot and junior Kale Wiertzema had seven and six rebounds, respectively, while Schilling added five.

Wiertzema netted 14 points, including two three-point shots. Juniors Andrew Stimson and Josh Van Es added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Up next

The men play host this weekend in the Pizza Ranch Classic. They play St. Ambrose tonight at 8 p.m. and Avila tomorrow at 5 p.m.

They will travel to York, Neb., to play on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.
Poppen and Weger present diverse spectrum of vocal music

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Seniors Larissa (Harwood) Poppen and Aubrey Weger will perform a vocal music recital on Sunday, Nov. 11 beginning at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel. A reception will follow in the choir room.

“As a music major, [the recital] is like the culmination of all that you have done while studying music at college,” said Poppen. “It is a lot of hard work, but it is such a joy to be able to sing such wonderful music.”

A recital is a way to give back to the community, to the music department faculty and to their parents to show how they have grown during their time here and to thank them for the support they have given, according to Poppen.

For Weger, this recital also means fun because it is not required for her major.

“I am a violin major,” said Weger, “so I’m only required to give two violin recitals. I’m doing this recital because voice has been an important part of my life since I’ve been at college. More than that, I just love to sing and I love to see how music affects people.”

Both will perform six solo pieces and then join together to perform four duets. Although they didn’t get to choose their pieces, both vocalists enjoyed the challenges that the pieces presented.

“The most crucial thing to listen for in a performance is the message of the music and what it’s trying to communicate about life and emotion and the human experience,” said Weger. “Music is one of the most powerful ways to unify people, because I really believe that it puts into perspective the things that we all have in common, things like pain, joy and uncertainty.”

Three of the pieces Poppen will perform include Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s “Ach, ich fühl’s,” Igor Stravinsky’s “Anne’s Aria” and “Noël des enfants qui n’ont plus de maison” by Claude Debussy.

Weger’s solos will include a piece by Handel. The two will perform “Ah guarda sorella” by Mozart. They will also sing two pieces by Bernstein: “A Boy Like That/I Have a Love” from West Side Story and “Wrong Note Rag” from Wonderful Town.

“We’ve had such a great time putting this recital together, especially the duets,” said Weger. Both friends believe it is an honor to perform with each other, but the most important focus is not on the performer, but on the music.

“The pieces we’re performing represent a very diverse spectrum of vocal music,” said Weger. “Some are easier to perform than others, and some are easier to listen to than others. Each piece has its own purpose and message and represents a different part of the human experience, so everyone in the audience will be able to find something they can understand and relate to.”

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