Directing class one acts on stage next week

BY JANICE SWIER
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On Dec. 5 nine directing class students will each be presenting a short play.

The students chose their own play and made all the directing decisions, including selecting their own cast.

The first play of the evening, “A Good Night’s Sleep” by Jason Taylor, will begin at 6:00 and is directed by senior Carla Larson. “A Good Night’s Sleep” is a comedic courtroom drama where the juror is caught between competing bribes. Larson is excited about this performance because she believes it is coming together nicely and “while it is not the most thought-provoking, it definitely provides a lot of laughs.”

“Checkmate: The Demise of King Saul,” directed by senior Vaughn Donahue will begin at 6:17. This play is taken from 1 Samuel 28, and enacts the prediction of Saul’s death by the witch of Endor. This production is directed by senior Kiera Fredrickson. “Skjebne” by Jacob Kempter at 7:09. “Skjebne” brings to life the confusion of reality when three disoriented strangers meet and experience déjà vu. Fredrickson knows Kempter and will be the first person to ever direct one of his pieces.

Junior Jean Punt assures that miscommunication doesn’t get any funnier than in the play she has chosen to direct. “Sganarelle or The Imaginary Cuckold,” a classic written by Moliere and adapted by Tim Mooney is a comedic representation of the miscommunications and assumptions between husband and wife. The performance begins at 7:25.

“Dark Doings at the Crossroads or Who Stole the Salad Dressing” by Arthur Kaser will be directed by senior Eugene Huck. At 8 this comedic story of the family whose only opportunity to keep their land may be linked with a secret salad dressing recipe will entertain the audience. At 8:12 “Misalliance” by George Bernard Shaw and directed by senior Kailen Fleck will take the stage. The comedy tells the story of Johnny Tarleton and his sister’s pompous, spoiled fiancé. Directing a cutting from “The Heidi Chronicles” by Wendy Wasserstein, senior Sarah Dee Hollibaugh is excited to tell a story that she thinks needs to be heard by all. In this excerpt Peter is trying to deal with friends dying from AIDS as Heidi is also trying to deal with it while trying to remain happy. The play will start at 8:43.

The final performance of the evening is at 9 and will be directed by senior Hannah Sauerwien. Sauerwien has chosen to do a three scene cutting from Shakespeare’s “Hamlet.” The audience will be re-familiarized with Hamlet as his insanity grows and he pushes Ophelia away and fouls Polonius. The start times of each of the performances are approximations and may not be exact on the night of the performance. Audience members are encouraged to see as many performances as they can, but are permitted to come and go between performances as their schedules allow. No tickets are needed for any of the performances.

New president will arrive on campus in January

BY KIM EASON
NEWS EDITOR

As students come back next semester, there are sure to be new faces on campus. One new face in particular that everyone will soon know is our new president, Greg Christy.

Christy grew up in Ottumwa, Iowa, with his parents and younger brother, who still live in the area.

He went to college at Simpson College for his two main interests: business and athletics. His freshman year, Simpson opened a new business building as well as a new baseball field, which further cemented his decision to attend Simpson.

“It’s where I felt I would fit in the best and be the most comfortable,” said Christy.

He got his masters in sports management from Western Illinois University.

His main interest after college was coaching and athletic administration, and right after college he worked as an intern in the athletic department at Iowa State.

After that he worked full-time at SDSU, working as the tickets and promotions manager. His most recent job was the vice president for institutional advancement at Dakota Wesleyan University.

In order to get the job as president at Northwestern, he was first nominated by someone as an ideal candidate for the position.

“I still don’t know who nominated me,” said Christy. “But I’m extremely grateful.”

He was immediately intrigued by NW because he’d gotten to know the school through his job at DWU.

“I felt I needed to give it very serious consideration,” Christy said.

His first order of business?

“To get to know the people of NW, the history of the institution as well as the future,” said Christy.

Life Outside of NW

He met his wife Michelle at Simpson College in a calculus class, and they were married after she graduated in 1991. They have three children, Ryan, who is 13 and in 7th grade, Madalyn, who is nine and in 4th grade and Kyle, who is six and in kindergarten.

Christy enjoys playing sports, especially golf. He also enjoys playing baseball and basketball with his children and tries to go running around three to four times a week.

He and Michelle are both members of their church worship team, and they have a number of friends they enjoy spending time with.

On the chance that you ever visit Christy’s office, there’s one thing that might catch your eye. Hanging on his wall is a flag from the Masters Tournament that is signed by Jack Nicklaus, a friend gave him. It’s one thing that Christy plans on bringing with him when he comes to NW.

Christy will start his job as president in the middle of January, around the same time the students are coming back.

“I’ll only do what I can to advance the institution,” said Christy. “I’m so excited to meet the students.”

Upcoming Events at NW

Saturday, Dec. 1
7 p.m. Christmas Vespers — Christ Chapel
9:30 p.m. Winter Formal—RSC Mall

Sunday, Dec. 2
3 p.m. Christmas Vespers — Christ Chapel
Dec. 4-13
Dordt/NWC Juried Art Show — TGK
Dec. 5-6
10 a.m. Blood Bank — Bullman Center lobby
Friday, Dec. 7
7:30 p.m. Chamber ensembles concert — Christ Chapel
Saturday, Dec. 8
7:30 p.m. “Total Communication” — Proscenium Theatre
Sunday, Dec. 9
10-11:30 a.m. All-Campus Study Break
Dec. 10-13
Final exams
Northwestern, give us more opportunities

BY TESSIE NELSON

What keeps you from doing what you want to do? Is it time? Is it money?

With the traditional two-semester schedule that Northwestern currently has, many students cannot afford (in terms of both time and money) to do what they want to do.

Whether it be studying abroad, focusing in on one class, or doing research, a J-term is a terrific way to allow students to do more during their college years.

J-term is short for January term. Colleges and universities with J-term have two semesters divided by a three to four week term. During this term students may study abroad, take one class or do research.

By having a J-term, students are able to fit these experiences into their schedule without taking away from summer jobs.

Many of us already know of the benefits of having an academic calendar with a J-term simply by talking with friends who go to schools that use this system. For example, a friend of mine from Luther College used one of her J-terms to study abroad in Spain, and another friend of mine from Bethel University was able to do part of his student teaching in Mexico during J-term.

Most of all, I want to point out that we students pay tuition and it is our education. If there is a desire for a different academic calendar, it must be communicated by the students before any change will occur.

So please, Google “J-term,” talk to friends at other schools and see if it is something you would like to have here at Northwestern. If it is, please start saying, “Northwestern, give us more opportunities, give us J-term.”

Being children of the light

BY HANNAH WATTERS

One of my closest friends has rejected his Christian upbringing, considering Christians, including myself, hypocritical and condemning. For the past couple years, he lived in a house with several Christian college graduates who profess relationships with God. When the opportunity for him to live with these guys arose, I prayed that they would be a positive influence and encourage his faith in a way I was unable to. However, after too many debates about Christianity, urgings to go to church, and arguments about his lifestyle, he decided to move out. This distasteful experience once again solidified his hypocritical view of Christians. In Ephesians 5:18 and 20, Paul writes, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light... Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” Too often we expose the deeds of darkness by forcing our light on others. We rebuke those living in an “ungodly lifestyle,” only further pushing them away from the light. In our evangelical effort to draw more and more people into Christianity, our desire for conversion sometimes overpowers our expance of love.

As Christians, we should feel honored to continue God’s calling of making disciples. Yet, we shouldn’t push our faith and beliefs on others.

Our desire for conversion sometimes overpowers our expance of love.

Remember being a child, playing ghosts in the graveyard, stumbling around, unable to see in the dark of night? It was only when the flashlight or front porch light was switched on that your steps were made clear. Light makes everything visible. Things done in secret are often concealed in the dark. But, light will expose sin as sin. If we are children of light, we should be recognizing such. The lost will search for light to find their way, but a spotlight blaring in their eyes will only be rejected, as they shield themselves from the light forced upon them.

Thus, I wonder how my friend would have responded had I been a child of light to him, genuinely caring and being authentic about my own struggles and faults. Had the guys he lived with and I shown him unconditional love, perhaps this light of Christianity would be more appealing. And perhaps if our focus shifted from evangelism to altruistically loving others, this world might be transformed by children of light.

Singing through Dead Week

It’s that time of the semester. Starting Saturday, we can start singing “The Twelve Days before Christmas Break.”

We’ve got papers and quizzes, presentations and finals. We have professors that are convinced that the only homework you have is the stuff they’ve given you in one class (and they conveniently forget that if you have more than one class with them, you have double the homework).

Some students are finishing the most challenging four months of their lives and can’t wait to get back home, others are graduating and are dreading the real world.

And tucked among the late night test-cramming and merely spell-checked papers are thoughts of the long Christmas break, the homemade food and the wonderful feeling of having no homework.

You all know exactly what I’m talking about.

We’re coming on the week that’s affectionately known as “Dead Week.” For some, the title doesn’t make a difference, since the homework is still the same. Either way, the semester is almost over and all we just want it to be done.

Luckily for us, there are only 12 days left. So in the spirit of Christmas and of Dead Week, here’s a little song to keep us going ‘til the end.

On the 12th day before Christmas break, my college gave to me:
12 presents coming,
11 papers typing,
10 alarm clocks beeping,
9 professors prancing,
8 coffee rings,
7 trees a-trimming,
6 Bs (amazing!),
5 popped balloons,
4 more words,
3 friends are left,
2 more exams,
And a long week of no sleep!”

So here’s wishing luck to everyone on everything they need to do before they’re allowed to leave campus. Writing, studying, presenting, "till the end.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Northwestern College
The localized Dutch were in a tizzy last Tuesday over the opening of the Excommunicated Alumni Art Show in Te Paske Gallery. The show, which features excommunicated alumni from 1537 to 1982, included a black windmill. Not dyed, not painted, not burned, the fully constructed “molen” graced the front foyer, allowing all who ignored the “If you don’t wish to interact-with-the-art-please-try-the-side-door-you-haters-you” signs to nearly have their heads chopped off by the windmill’s whisking blades, which were each spray-painted with pop-art propaganda that suggested a resemblance between the current Dutch monarch, Queen Beatrix and Mother Teresa.

“It’s disgraceful,” commented a full-blooded localized Dutch citizen, “It tears at all we Dutch hold near and dear. How dare [the artist] compare our Queen Beatrix to Mother Teresa.”

According to one localized Dutch citizen the statement near the black windmill was more disturbing than the art itself.

The taboo words that caused the stir?

“Dutch are frugal, dangit.”

An unidentified onlooker

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An unidentified onlooker wearing wooden shoes said, “Yada, yada, freedom of speech—whatever. Not when it comes to bashing the Motherland!”

Another unidentified viewer said, “It makes me question my beliefs. That’s mean. Make it go away.”

Interestingly, not one word of protest was heard, not one picket line formed, not one eyebrow was raised over the black and white, pornographic painting of a localized Dutch male. (Hmm . . .)

The Excommunicated Alumni Art Show will run . . . uh, actually, it closed yesterday. While scheduled to run all of December, NW’s Big Brother Art Censors (BBAC) swept in and snatched the supposedly offensive piece, locking it away from the “delicate eyes and fragile minds of the college and surrounding community.” Thus, after being displayed for a mere four minutes, the BBAC silenced the artist, an excommunicated 1975 alumnus, who currently resides in the American Southwest (smart guy) and crafts sweet stained glass windows.

This marks a very special moment in NW’s history. The event is to commemorate the college as the second most Dutch in the world, following just behind its rival Dordt.

To celebrate this joyous occasion NW will be holding a week-long celebration filled with smiles, high fives and many Dutch traditions like clogging, rolling sushi and snake charming. The planning committee expects to welcome many alumni, families of current students and other random people who are only coming for free stuff.

One of the activities planned is the initiation of the new NW President Meg Misty. Misty will be initiated in true Red Raider style with some good, old-fashioned pies in his face and other forms of hazing. . . . that is, other forms of “fun activities.” In remembrance of President Blue Smurfy, Misty will also be receiving a tattoo of Smurfy’s face on his lower back. This popular tattoo location was chosen to help him relate to most of the 18-year-old girls on campus.

Since Misty’s lack of a beard has supposedly caused him to be looked upon as untrustworthy and too young to become NW’s next president, the college has been forced to take action and require that, before being installed, Misty must grow a full beard and bald slightly. In order to aid in the balding process a brand new bottle of Nair will be presented to Misty.

As a way to say thanks to the community, NW will be freeing the turkeys from the turkey trucks that drive through campus the week of the celebration. The cafeteria will also be participating in this “Free the Turkeys” movement and, as such, will only serve chicken patties during the celebration.

At the halftime show of the semisesquisquascentennial football game T-Willy will be performing a liturgical dance to “I’m All Out of Love” by Air Supply. T-Willy chose this special song because of his undying love for NW. He has been working on this dance for weeks and is very excited for the premier of the semisesquisquascentennial. This week simply sounds like heaven on earth. And when did heaven come to NW’s campus? During the semisesquisquascentennial, of course!

This chapel will feature a 25-minute puppet show reenacting the inauguration of NW’s first president. This will be a silent puppet show accompanied by the heavenly melody of the Great Pipe Organ. These are just a few of the wonderful activities taking place to celebrate the semisesquisquascentennial. This week simply sounds like heaven on earth. And when did heaven come to NW’s campus? During the semisesquisquascentennial, of course!

Send your Campus Quotes, with context, to beacon@nwciowa.edu.
Is your Internet down again? Do you miss reading all the important news, things to buy and jobs posted on the Informer? Well, don’t worry. We’ve sifted through NW’s Informer to bring you the best of those currently posted.

**Category: Lost**
**Posted by:** Er… I’m Amish Spiderman!
I was keeping Spiderman captive in my room, and he escaped! Has anyone seen him around? I feel unsafe sleeping knowing that Spiderman is not there to watch my back against the Green Goblin! So please, if you know where he is, let me know!

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**Category: Found**
**Posted by:** Mile-high Chairs
I found my pony!! Yeehaw!!
Just wanted to let those who were concerned to know that I found my white-and-brown-spotted-miniature-palomino-pony-with-a-braid-in-its-mane! She had been missing for over two months. I will definitely keep her locked in the Steggy basement from now on. Thanks for caring!

**Contact Information:** chair@nwciowa.edu

**Category: Lost**
**Posted by:** Raggedy Ann InclinedToBeSassy
Crissy and Emmy ESCAPED! Ferocious, black hyena with evil red eyes and grayish, dirty vulture. Hyena has a tooth collar around its neck and responds to Crissy. The grayish vulture responds to Emmy. For locating these terrifying animals, you will get an all-expense-paid trip to Jamaica, and I will make you a lobster dinner, followed by a rousing game of Run From Crissy and Emmy. Your effort to keep the campus safe from these horrifying animals is greatly appreciated!

**Contact Information:** raggedy@nwciowa.edu

**Category: Lost**
**Posted by:** Justin Cashin
Enormous Free Box
We have a huge, sturdy cardboard box that we need to get rid of. It would be perfect for shipping yourself home after finals to save on gas or for young engaged couples who want to play house. If you want it, just let me know soon.

**Contact Information:** JC@nwciowa.edu

**Category: General**
**Posted by:** A Racecar Driver
Laptop for the taking
I have a laptop I don’t want anymore, if anyone wants a laptop… feel free to come by Fern second floor and take it.

**Contact Information:** race@nwciowa.edu

**Category: General**
**Posted by:** A Man’s Genes
Ride for St. Patrick’s Day
Hello lads and lassies! I’m in need of a ride to the Emerald Isle of Ireland in the morning of March 17 and then back to campus the evening of March 17. I’m Irish, and it is very important that I get there. I am willing to help with gas. Please let me know if you can help. E-mail me.

**Contact Information:** gene@nwciowa.edu

**Category: General**
**Posted by:** A Man… duh.
For Sale!!!
Car for sale!!! It’s really big with a trunk that doesn’t quite close. I am asking five dollars for it because it’s pretty much a piece of crap and only works half the time, but I need to get rid of it. Just let me know if you are interested.

**Contact Information:** man@nwciowa.edu

**Category: Jobs**
**Posted by:** The Cool Man
Shave my legs
I am looking for someone to shave my legs so I can shave a few seconds off my running time. Come to the Coly community shower on third floor to assist me in this task. I will pay $5 to the willing individual. Swimsuit required.

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CHRISTMAS HAM

Girls! Compete “Bachelor”-style to marry Matt Wertz

BY BLONDE BOAT

Looking for a girls’ day out? How about competing with your roommates in charm, beauty and athleticism for a chance to compete in a “Bachelor”-style competition for this semester’s most eligible single: Matt Wertz. The event begins this Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and will be hosted by the Student Inactivity Council (SIC), which was recently renamed in hopes of coercing more student participation.

To begin the competition in true “Bachelor” style, 20 women will be chosen to compete for Wertz’s hand. Girls hoping to be in the top 20 will need to pass an IQ test and a physical fitness assessment, and write a 3,198 word essay on the topic of Christian marriage. Preference will be given to those pursuing an MRS degree.

The lucky 20 ladies will then move on to the main competition. Several challenges will be held. The first will be a three-legged race in which two women will be tied together with a garter. Next, using cafeteria staples such as chicken patties, beets, ham and potato soup and unripe bananas, the eligible ladies will attempt to please Wertz’s culinary desires. Women will also compete in a frost-your-own-wedding cake competition at the dessert bar.

The final challenge will be a “Don’t Forget the Hymn” competition. Wertz will judge the women based on vocal beauty and presumed amount of church attendance based on the women’s hymn recognition.

Women will be systematically eliminated throughout the day by a series of Red Raider rose ceremonies until only two women remain. The highlight of the day will come as Wertz parades from a plane, tightly wrapped in saran wrap and duct tape. The remaining two girls will race to unwrap him. Once unwrapped, Wertz will propose to the winner. An ambulance and EMT squad will be on the scene. “I can only hope a guy this cute ‘falls’ for me!” said Dot Punsums.

At the end of the competition, Wertz will spontaneously compose a love song for the winner. The counseling department will be open late following the event, to help the unluckier ladies effectively deal with their grief.

For the event, Northwestern women are encouraged to wear their class colors. Freshmen must don mauve, sophomores dress in taupe, juniors will wear vivid tangerine, and seniors will be displaying burnt sienna. SIC member Paytin Emoly explained, “We tried to pick colors that work well with all skin tones. I’m so excited to have a chance to wear my new tangerine lip gloss.”

This is a first of its kind event at NW, and SIC is excited about the new dimension it will bring to the campus. “I guess attractive men are the only way to bring back our school pride. The Informer is obviously ineffective,” said SIC director Tory Sofa.

For some reason you’ve missed the e-mails, posters, mailings and giant life-sized images of Wertz, don’t worry—they’ll keep coming! After all, Matt Wertz only happens once every 125 years. Sources say Wertz is excited about the event, knowing the quality, talent and general attractiveness of the women at NW. And for all you “Bachelor” fans, Wertz also assures NW students that he will actually choose a winner.

Some rather large bang theories

BY LADY BEEN EATEN

Our school administration has decided that within the next several years Heemstra Hall will be demolished and a new men’s dorm will be built. Here are some ideas to help the curious hall go out with a bang:

1. March huge herds of girls into the dorm until the residents are so weirded out that they beat the building into small keepsake morsels.

2. Pile all the leftover food from the cafeteria on top of the dorm to make it into a giant compost heap until the building naturally decomposes.

3. Ask Bradley McFellis and Line Usavon (which would be rather ironic because they currently reside there) to play soccer against the walls. Unlike the beastly walls of the library, Heemstra’s already unstable walls will crumble under the power behind Bradley’s and Line’s kicks.

4. Turn on all the computers in the building. Many of them are quite old, so with all the power they will be using simultaneously, they will overpower the power grid, and the building will explode.

5. Hire a wrecking ball. The residents will see the wrecking ball and chain themselves to the building (which will collapse under all the weight of the men and the chains); thus, the wrecking ball will not even be needed.

6. Ask Heath Salford to pick up the building and move it.

7. Bring back Saul Feursma and have him dye his hair blue. It will take so many different types of dye to get his hair to actually become blue (which it will never fully be anyway) that it will clog all the drains and the building pipes will burst.

8. Ask the Thunder Chiefs to practice inside the building. Their powerful fits of outrageous rock will bring the building to its knees.

9. Hang a black flag in the lobby. So many community members will come to see it that the building will buckle under the added weight of the extra people.

10. Unleash the dragon that lives in the creepy little room in the basement.

If one of these strikes your fancy as the perfect way to help Heemstra Hall go out with a bang, please send your vote to Ryan MoreArtPlease, Campus Box 143965.

Shooters trap the competition at regionals

By A. Bethlehem Cruise

At the regional trap shoot championship, Northwestern College, the Good Prairie Activity Club (GPAC) Champion, outshoot their competition, taking the championship victory with a team score of 3,598 points.

The six-person team, led by Head Coach Derick Danderson, nailed an incomprehensible 96 percent of their targets.

“These students shot extremely well,” said Danderson. “If they performed that well in the classroom…wow. Words cannot even describe this feeling.”

Senior Shaun Shansen led the Raiders, shooting 99 percent of the clay pigeons in the final round. Shansen, the GPAC Shooter-of-the-Year, recorded phenomenal statistics throughout the season, shattering every record in Red Raider trap shoot history.

The surprise of the competition, and really the entire season, was Rachel Reinklausser. The walk-on junior with no prior shooting experience placed in the top 10 at all 52 regular season meets. Reinklausser was the highest-finishing female at the GPAC championships, taking fourth place and shooting a remarkable 93 percent of her targets.

“I’m just so pleased that our team was able to accomplish such great things this season,” commented Reinklausser. “It’s such an honor to be shooting with the GPAC Shooter-of-the-Year. Seriously, it’s so fantastic.”

The Raiders’ phenomenal performance at the regional championships guaranteed them a spot in the National Trap Shoot Tournament, to be held in Billings, Mont., on Dec. 28 and 29.

“The kids shot so well. I knew when they defeated Dordt 2,978-13, that we would have a superb season,” said Danderson.

Sporting Activity Director Cary Grant encouraged the NW student body to support their Red Raiders at nationals. “Please take time over your Christmas vacation to travel to Billings and watch the competition,” said Grant. “Fan support is essential to the shooters. Come and cheer loudly as they focus on hitting all their targets.”

For those who cannot make the trip to Billings, the Red Raider Club will sponsor the online broadcast. Sporting Activity Informant Nat Moss and super senior Thom Peer will co-host the Internet broadcast. “We are so excited to go to Montana and cover this event!” said Moss.

A post-nationals celebration will be held in the cafeteria on New Year’s Eve. Ron Wraith, cafeteria bossman, will be serving steak and chicken strips in exchange for ticket stubs from the national championship.
Top-secret future student housing plans revealed

BY SUSIE KUMQUAT
PRIMARY THINKER

Top-secret future student housing plans revealed

This Saturday the first annual “Hubby at N-Dubby” fair will take place in the RSC, starting at 1 p.m. This fair is dedicated to helping students in every way to make the ring by spring possible.

“We know how important relationships are to the students at NW, so we’re doing as much as we can to make it a smoother process,” said SAC director Tory Sofa.

The fair will host a variety of booths for the different stages in a relationship.

Many local restaurants, including Quiznos, De Koffiehok, Pizza Ranch, Pizza Hut, Vanderlander’s and Blue Mountain will have drawings for gift certificates of different amounts, making it more feasible to pay for dates. These will only be available to men who offer an effective method of asking a potential woman on a date. A team of three people will evaluate the question based on a number of qualities, and those who are accepted will be given the chance to register for the gift certificates.

Another booth will be handing out directories for romantic spots around Northwestern Iowa. These directories will also offer directions to the ideal spots as well as weather conditions and constellations visible in the sky according to the time of year. “Some men are insecure when it comes to romance,” said Sofa. “We wanted to make sure men are prepared to be romantic when necessary.”

The CDC will have a booth with materials about finding the perfect mate, spouse outlook in each state and marriage shadowing days. They will also be holding 10-minute men/women management sessions to help ensure you don’t lose your potential treasure.

Local jewelry shops will have booths with a variety of engagement and wedding rings to look at. One grand prize of a free ring will go to the man with the most romantic and original proposal, to be judged by a group of SAC members and the jewelry store employees.

Throughout the entire fair, there will also be a silent auction. On opposite sides of the RSC, 15 single men and 15 single women will be auctioned off for a date to the highest bidder. The winners will be announced at 4:00 p.m.

“Sometimes the hardest part about a relationship is finding that perfect person,” said Sofa. “Hopefully the auction can alleviate some of that stress.”

Anyone looking for a relationship and anyone in a relationship are invited to come and join in the festivities.

“This could just be the breakthrough you’re looking for in the complex world of relationships,” said Sofa.
SPORTS

Johnson, Miles finish in top five at nationals

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, Nov. 17, the women’s cross country team finished 10th out of 29 teams at the national championship race in Kenosha, Wis.

Freshmen Olivia Johnson and Charity Miles took third and fifth places, respectively, and both earned All-American honors for their performances.

With 334 points as a team, the Raiders recorded their best ever finish at nationals. For the fifth consecutive year, Simon Fraser (British Columbia) won their 10th national championship with a score of 99. For the second straight year, Cedarville (Ohio) took runner-up honors with 145 points.

Individually, Johnson finished in 17:46 while Miles finished in 17:14. The individual champion was Jaime Canterbury from Azusa Pacific, who finished in 17:10. Her teammate, Jackie Kipkemboi, finished in 17:14 to take second.


Several Raiders earned honors for their performances this season. Wolf was awarded NAIA Champions of Character honors. Eight Raiders were named NAIA Scholar Athletes. Junior Ingrid Carlson, seniors Laura Jacobson and Sarah Korver, and Wolf received recognition on the women’s team.

On the men’s team, seniors Jon Voehl and Anthony Ebert and juniors Jack Peterson and Jon Kuik were honored as well.

Men’s bball drops two

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Raiders suffered their first two losses of the season, falling at Dordt and at home against top-ranked MidAmerican Nazarene.

NW 89, Dordt 104

In both teams’ GPAC opener on Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Defenders edged out the nationally-ranked Raiders 104-89.

Dordt opened with a 19-7 run in the first five minutes. But the Raider defense responded, holding off the Defenders while the Raider offense went to work, and junior guard Kale Wiertzema netted a 2-point jumper to tie the game at 24 with 9:36 remaining in the half.

Still trailing, the Raiders finally grabbed their first lead of the night when senior Curt Schilling netted a 3-point shot with 2:57 remaining in the half. Their 37-36 lead was short-lived and the Raiders went into halftime tied with the Defenders at 40.

Both teams saw leads in the second half, but the Defenders managed to capitalize on a few strong runs to take the 104-89 victory over the Raiders.

Wiertzema scored NW with 26 points while senior Chad Schuiteman had 17 rebounds, including 14 on defense, 13 points and a game-high eight assists.

NW 105, Grace 72

In the first game of the Taco John’s Subway Classic last weekend, the Raiders rolled over Grace University. (Neb.) 105-72.

NW opened the game with an 11-3 run. With 12:30 remaining, the Royals pulled within two after a Schilling turnover and a quick layup for the Royals. The score remained close, but a 3-point basket by sophomore Ben Brown with 7:09 remaining gave the Raiders a 10-point lead, 38-28. The Raiders outscored the Royals 24-7 in the remaining seven minutes of the half to take a halftime lead, 62-35.

The second half was much of the same for the Red Raiders, who hit the century mark with 3:27 remaining on a layup from junior Josh Van Es, extending their lead 100-67. The final points were netted by the Royals with 2:01 remaining, leaving the Raiders with a 105-72 win.

NW 75, MidAmerican 87

In their second game of the Classic, the Raiders fell to top-ranked MidAmerican Nazarene.

The Raiders sunk only 36 percent of their shots in the 87-75 loss. Wiertzema and Schuiteman led the scoring for the Raiders with 21 points apiece. Schuiteman added a game-high 13 rebounds for a double-double.

Schilling combined for 19 points and seven rebounds while Wiertzema had a team-high four assists.

Up next

The Raiders take on Midland Lutheran in the second half of a double-header at home tomorrow. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.
Reed leads Raiders at UNO Open
Raider wrestlers compete in first annual NWC Open tomorrow

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On Saturday November 17, the Raider wrestlers traveled to Omaha, Neb., for the prestigious UNO Open. The team was led by fifth-place winner Lamar Reed at 165 lbs.

This is the second year in a row that Reed placed in the top eight. His record for the day was 4-2, winning the fifth-place title with a 4-3 decision.

In regards to Reed’s win, Coach John Petty stated, “Lamar is a very athletically gifted young man who has yet not discovered his full potential. He placed in the top eight and was not wrestling at the highest level that he is capable of. When he does, watch out, nation.”

When speaking of the team’s performance at UNO, Reed stated, “We are better than we performed, but we showed hustle and a lot of potential that we need to turn into production.”

Although the team’s UNO performance wasn’t everything they had hoped, their spirits are still high. When asked about team unity, Reed said, “We have our ups and downs but always seem to work things out. Our bond is really strong.”

Petty stated, “We knew going in that this tournament would be a big challenge both mentally and physically for our squad. I hope we now know we can compete with anyone. I saw some of our guys at times either competing hard physically or some competing tough mentally, but we need to put the two together and push ourselves in order to push our opponents. Overall, it was a good experience and should help us as we prepare for the remainder of the season.”

The final wrestling tournament of the fall season will be held at Northwestern tomorrow. This will be the first annual NWC Open and wrestling will begin at 9 a.m.

“The team has worked very hard, and I believe they have wrestled smarter this season.”

- John Petty

According to Petty, an open tournament will give wrestlers another opportunity for competition before the end of the semester. It will also save money because the team won’t have to travel anywhere. These funds and should be used to support another trip — possibly a missions trip.

To support the Raider wrestlers one last time this semester join them in the Bultman Center at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at the first annual NWC Open.

Raider volleyball sails through pool play at nationals

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At the national volleyball tournament in Columbia, Mo., the 10th seed Red Raiders swept two games on the opening day of pool play and fell to top-seeded Fresno Pacific yesterday afternoon.

In their first match on Wednesday, the Raiders celebrated a come-from-behind victory over Westminster, defeating the Griffins three games to two.

The Raiders took the first game, 30-23, but the Griffins battled back to win games two and three, 30-28 and 30-23, respectively. After taking game four by a comfortable margin, 30-24, the Raiders won the final game, 15-13, and took the match.

Leading the Raiders defensively were sophomore libero Janna Bloemendaal with 28 digs and senior Megan Meyer with 20 digs. Meyer also led the offense with a game-high 25 kills. She was joined in the offensive production by freshmen Bobbie Jean Rich with 20 and Kaitlin Beaver with 18.

Sophomore setter Rachel Gosselink put up 59 assists. The Raiders totaled eight team blocks and 10 ace serves, including four from Beaver.

At 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, the Raiders rolled over SUNY Canton, 3-0. Individual game scores were 30-12, 30-12 and 30-7.

Senior Karissa Davelaar led defensively with a game-high 14 digs. Meyer and sophomore Randa Hulstein led the Raider offense with 11 kills apiece.

With a .460 hitting average, the team totaled 10 blocks and seven ace serves and secured a spot in the 10-team single elimination tournament, which begins today.

On Thursday afternoon, the Raiders faced top-ranked Fresno Pacific, falling in three games. Individual game scores were 30-23, 30-19 and 30-25.

“Again a team like this one, you have to go right at them,” said Head Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch.

Rich and Beaver led at the net, each recording 10 kills. “Bobbie Jean was awesome out there today,” said Van Den Bosch.

“You can hit right with them.”

Fresno Pacific recorded 33 kills with a .336 hitting percentage as a team while NW hit .158 with 37 total kills.

Bloemendaal had a team-high 13 digs, and Beaver recorded four ace serves.

“I was really proud of the girls’ performance,” said Van Den Bosch.

“They really battled hard in game three.”

Finishing 2-1 in pool play, the Raiders will move on to the 10-team single elimination tournament. NW will play in the play-in game to the quarterfinals, facing the runner-up in pool D, which will be either Campbellsville or Columbia, depending on the outcomes of their final pool play games. The Raiders are scheduled to play at 10:30 this morning.

If they are victorious in this game, NW will play tonight at 6 p.m.

Fans can listen to these games online by visiting the Red Raider homepage at www.nwcraiders.com. Additional information about the national tournament can be found by visiting the NAIA homepage at http://naia.csivt.com/.