



A celebration like this only comes every 125 years

Northwestern celebrates anniversary with a variety of events

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This year's Homecoming will feature special events for both current students and alumni as Northwestern celebrates its 125th anniversary.

The anniversary events will take

place throughout the weekend, and particular events are open to current NW students.

Dessert and Dialogue in the Dorms will occur from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday. This is an opportunity for current students to meet alumni who have lived in their dorms.

Coffee and cookies will be served in the dorm lobbies.

"It will be a great merging of alumni with students," said Alumni Director Rachel VanDenBroek, "just to hear peoples' stories."

Saturday's supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the four-court

area of the RSC. Blue Mountain, Pizza Hut, Quiznos, Szechuan Inn, Taco John's, Woudstra's Meat Market and de Koffiehoek will have stations providing specific meals for a price.

All students on a meal plan may bring their ID card to a booth by Sodexo and receive chicken tenders, corn, company potatoes, snicker salad and a cookie.

Also at this time, an All-School Reunion for alumni will be held in the Student Services Mall of the RSC. The reunion will group each decade of graduates together.

Following the meal, alumni can attend the 125th anniversary program in the Bultman Center gym from 7 to 7:45 p.m. Students saw the "sneak peak" of this program in last Friday's chapel. The program will also feature involvement from area alumni pastors and former NW President Friedhelm Radandt (1979-1985).

The Homecoming dance will follow from 8 p.m. to midnight. Students can join alumni for swing dancing to the Des Moines Big Band. Tables will also be set out for those who don't wish to dance.

"Even if you don't like to dance, come and enjoy the music," said Anita Cirulus, who serves on the 125th Anniversary planning committee.

In special honor of the anniversary, Friday night's Airband competition will be hosted by 88 Improv, a group of NW Black V alumni organized in Omaha, Neb.

"We hope it will encourage current students to recognize the fact that there have been 125 years of people who have come before them," said Van Den Broek concerning the weekend, "just to recognize they're a part of something bigger."

Additional events include Morning on the Green, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon, which feature fun activities to raise money for various NW student organizations and clubs. At 11 a.m. in the Te Paske Gallery there will be a reception for the opening of an alumni art exhibition. The exhibit will remain open during the weekend.

"It's rare that you can experience something like this," observed Cirulus. "It'll be another 25 years before we have a celebration like this, so it's really special to be at NW at this time."



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The 2007 Homecoming Court, with Homecoming King Kyle Blankers and Queen Jess Regan. For more about the Homecoming Court, see pages 4 and 5.

Children's show "The Impossible's" opens tonight

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This Friday and Saturday the theatre department will present the children's play "The Impossible's." There will be two performances held in the Allen Black Box this weekend, one on Friday at 7 p.m. and one on Saturday at 2 p.m. The show runs until November 8 with a show every Tuesday and Thursday for school groups.

"The Impossible's" is a collection of 14 children's stories and poems compiled by director Karen Bohm Barker. Barker's small cast moves in and out of characters and stories, acting more as narrators, as they retell the classic children's tales verbatim.

"It's a chance to get in touch with your youth," said junior actor Brady Huffman, "to remember what it's like to be a kid." Huffman also said that the stories

are ones that many students will have grown up listening to, like "Gerald McBoing Boing" by Dr. Seuss.

"Some stories are just for fun," said Barker. She went on to say that others dealt with more weighty topics, such as courage, belonging and important moments in history.

The show will retell the stories of historic figures who overcame "the impossible's," like Ruby Bridges and Diego Rivera and feature poetry from Maya Angelou, Robert Louis Stevenson and Shel Silverstein.

The show's title comes from a poem by Silverstein entitled "Listen to the Mustn'ts." The poem encourages children to remember that, as is said in the poem's final line, "anything can happen, child, anything can be."

Barker tries to promote the

imaginative spirit of the poem throughout the entire play by giving the audience ample opportunity to use their imaginations. The set is simple and minimal and the actors use small costume pieces and props to get into characters.

The cast is also minimal; the six-person ensemble is made up by seniors Lindsay Westerkamp and Brett Vander Berg, juniors Amanda Bracklein, Huffman and Tucker Schneider and sophomore Kelly Holtom.

Those wishing to reserve tickets should e-mail the theater box office at boxoffice@nwciova.edu, call x7098 or visit the box office Monday through Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. or Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY EMILY SWEET LANDEGENT

The actors in "The Impossible's" rehearsing for the show.

Three generational perspectives

An alumna and a mother

BY RUTH LANDEGENT '83

With tears in our eyes, my husband, Dale, and then high school daughter, Bethany and I drove Titus, the 18-year-old to college. Change. Independence. Out of the nest. On his own. It was painful, it was exciting, it was...well, it was 12 miles. OK, so it wasn't too far from home. Nonetheless, life was going to change.

Looking back to Titus' freshman year and now to his "second senior year," I can honestly say that all the things a parent hopes will come about during their child's college days have and are being realized. I desire for both Titus and Bethany to consider and appropriately incorporate all that college offers into who they are and who they want to become. College is the right environment to examine where we have been and what we believe. Built in to academic, extracurricular and social opportunities is the powerful potential for change. Change can sometimes be destructive. It does not have to be.

I am so grateful that Titus still loves Jesus. Not all students who enter college with a great love for God leave college still walking closely with Christ. Exposure to unique ideas, people unlike themselves and a broader world view are truly significant aspects of growing and maturing as a college student. It is, however, dismaying to see a student become cynical and critical or unmotivated and directionless as they move through the college experience. Dale and I are so blessed to see strong evidence that as Titus has changed, he continues to listen to God and take his life-cues from Scripture and godly mentors. This brings us

great joy. It's been reassuring to see that exposure to the "world" has propelled Ti to be involved in meaningful relationships and to live a life of authenticity and integrity. (Heemstra guys, I know a little about life in Heemstra. I don't need to know anymore! There are some things mothers should never hear about.)

Northwestern is a living organism. Dynamic. Flexible. Challenging. Changing. It's a community filled with diversity and opportunity. NW has some remarkable professors and staff. We are grateful for the many mentors and life-shapers employed at NW.

Students: consider this. Most likely, you've read and reflected on new information, and dialogued on subjects that were never spoken of in your earlier years. Be wise. Be careful. Be thoughtful. Are you going to incorporate truth—God's truth—into your life? Or are you merely acquiring something new, but not beneficial or authentic to who God wants you to be and how He wants you to impact His world?

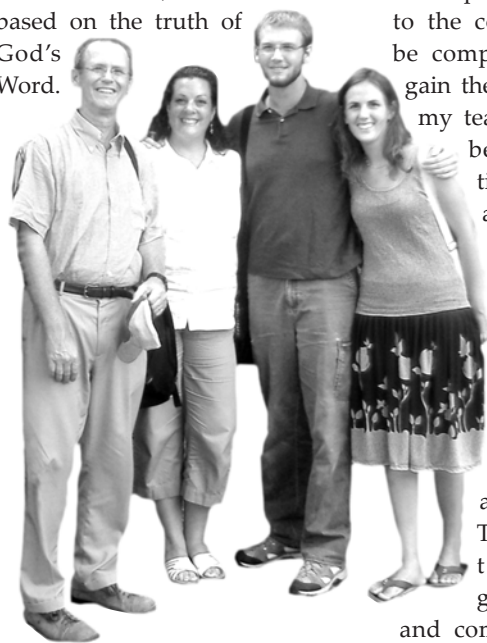
Dale has taught the college student Sunday school class at our church for 15 years. He asks the participants if what we are reading and incorporating into our lives is helpful, heretical or truthful. Currently, we're studying "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Mr. B has some amazing insights into life as a community of believers. Some ideas are controversial, some are refreshingly simple, some are inconvenient, even disagreeable.

But are Bonhoeffer's concepts and opinions based in and blessed by Scripture? This is an often-asked

question in our class.

Students, continue holding up the truth of God's Word as you study and eventually enter communities as young adults. Ask yourself the question: will this change in my thinking or behavior reflect what is true, what is of God, or is it merely new and different? Even after being out of college for over 25 years, Dale and I still ask these questions.

So much has changed since we were at NW. And much has been so good. With delight, I look to the graduation of Titus and of Bethany in the coming years and am excited to see how their time at NW has changed them and equipped them to live authentic, adventurous lives based on the truth of God's Word.



A student, professor, and basketball doctor

BY DR. SYL SCORZA

In the old gymnasium thirty or forty years ago, two eight-year-olds went past me in my wheelchair in the northwest corner near the stands. One of the boys explained to the other, "My mom told me he's a doctor, so he must be the doctor of the basketball team!"

There were lots of experiences at Northwestern, but a basketball doctor? President Preston Stegenga took a chance hiring a prof in a wheelchair in 1959; first, to double the earned doctorates on campus (he was the only one at the time), and secondly, to restore Greek to the curriculum. In my first year, I had the privilege of teaching religion courses in the college and academy, Greek in the college, and, since the freshman class was larger than expected, a section of English composition.

It was my own fault that it was philosophy two years later. I told the curriculum committee that no four-year college could be self-respecting without philosophy in its curriculum, and they answered,

A student and a son

BY TITUS LANDEGENT '08

Heemstra, squirrels, Tony Campolo, disc golf, Ballyhoo, Christian theology with Harlan Van Oort...there are way too many things I've loved at NWC. But in my five years, (yes, I've been around the block a few times) there has been one aspect that has stuck out: the mentoring professor.

These professors sacrificed their personal bubble, time for family, solitude, class preparation, sanity and their own money for *me*. My college experience would have been incomplete without you. In a world that says "stick to your own kind," you adhered to me—foolish, undisciplined and self-centered me.

As I pondered, "Why is this so important to me?" I came to the conclusion that it would be completely foolish of me to gain the academic wisdom from my teachers and want nothing beyond their 10:40-11:30 time slot in my life. Not all, but some professors actively participate in the non-classroom culture of their students. In love, they forsake a simple, distant lifestyle and instead partner with students as they enter adulthood, independence, and an unsteady future. They understand the value of multi-generational friendships and community. Without older

influences, we become a gelatinous blob, conforming to the whims of Generation Y—stuck in a narrow understanding of life.

Three men have forced me out of this model, and I owe them immeasurably more than the B minus I earned in their classes. They are: Dr. Marc Wooldridge, Dr. Ed Starkenburg and Professor Derek Brower. The first two are now serving elsewhere, and just today the third cheerfully spoke "grace and peace" to me in chapel. Without these men, I would not have a complete example of the Christian man, stories of their faith, conversations about my future, blessings prayed over me, nor the joy of sharing life with someone who has lived twice as much life as I.

Fellow students, consider your professors as more than paper graders, joke tellers, or someone to razz about their sports team. Consider them as a mentor—one who may be waiting to be a key component of your formative years as a young adult.

Professors, be that mentor. We need you, your experience and your wisdom. You hold the past that we need to understand and the capacity to shape us by your example. To my college mentors, may this encourage you to continue in your lifetime of ministry, and in the words of Paul, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

"No one would take it." Without the overload of academy courses, I offered to put their objection to the test, and over 20 students enrolled in each of the innovating courses. The president then hired a prof better qualified for philosophy.

Later, when we put effort into building a pre-med program, I asked if our would-be physicians should go to med school without a course which applied Christian ethics to their future career. Guess who taught the course that next year? However, I talked a biology prof into team-teaching it with me a few times after that.

The little boy was right about a great interest in sports. Being asked to become the faculty representative for Northwestern teams in the NAIA, I accepted. The coach also gave me a stint as scorekeeper earlier for basketball.

My wife and I have enjoyed hundreds of concerts, plays, lectures

and all sorts of other activities at the college. Since retirement in 1990, my academic tastes really broadened. They involved enrollment in courses all over the curriculum. Tim Lubben challenged me to try organic chemistry. It was even harder than Marc Wooldridge's music theory!

In 1959 only the first floor of Van Peurse was accessible to a wheelchair without assistance. Therefore I could get to my office, my classes and the Koffee Kletz, but chapel upstairs, the administrative offices in Zwemer and any indoor co-curricular events required extra effort. But they were worth the exertion!

The experience at Northwestern was probably much shorter for you. You have, however, the opportunity to find in that experience many joys and memories, some possibly like mine, but some that are distinctive for you alone. At the time of the 125th anniversary, deepen your love for Northwestern!



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Board of trustees offers presidential position to Christy

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Last Friday the board met and with a majority vote decided to offer Greg Christy the presidential position. The official offer was made to Christy on Monday, Oct. 1.

There is no specific date by which Christy needs to make a decision, but it is expected that he will make a decision before the beginning of next week. The board encouraged both Christy and his wife Michelle to take time to pray about the position before accepting or rejecting it.

When Christy was first presented as the final candidate for the presidential position, the announcement was met with some controversy. The main causes of controversy were Christy's lack of RCA background and the absence of a Ph.D. Board of trustees member and professor Jeff VanDerWerff said that he feels that the campus community was more prepared to accept an applicant who had no Ph.D., but

the combination of no Ph.D. and no RCA connection caused some people to be concerned about his fit at Northwestern.

When the board met they were ready to discuss some of these issues but started the meeting by re-examining the identity of NW and what its strengths and weaknesses currently are.

"It was a discussion we hadn't had for a while, and it was a really healthy thing for us to do," said board chairman Drew Vogel.

The board also looked at the list of things they had wanted in a president before the search was initiated. VanDerWerff stated that while the Ph.D. and the RCA history were missing from Christy's qualifications, Christy had most of the other qualifications and really fit with the direction and purpose of the college.

"Christy has a pretty impressive and stellar experience in small private liberal art colleges, and he is

very intentional of Christ-centered education," said VanDerWerff.

Christy's intentionality as well as his leadership abilities has earned him support in the NW community.

"He has a servant—leadership style—Christ is at the center of what he does and is. Christy is also a very relational person, and it has demonstrated his ability to lead and grow a team," said Vogel.

Senior Holli Wubben is excited that Christy was offered the position for this reason as well.

"When I went to the student forum I was impressed with how humble he was; he didn't try to make up answers to questions he was asked that he hadn't given a lot of thought to. I think that his personality will make him a very good leader for both the students and the college," said Wubben.

The difference of opinions in whether Christy is the right fit for NW has some concerned about the transitional period should Christy

choose to accept. VanDerWerff thinks that there are going to be a few small bumps regardless of what he decides because there are people on both sides of the issue. Vogel is not as worried about the transition.

"NW is a place where people's, both on and off campus, debates are driven by care, love and concern for the college; but once a decision is made the people who love the college will support the institution," said Vogel.

Freshman Sarah Lichter feels that students will accept the transition and the board's decision.

"I think most students are interested in the process and have opinions but ultimately trust that the college will make the right decision," Lichter said.

If Christy accepts the

offer he is expected to start as college president in mid-January. In the event that Christy declines the position the board will convene and look at alternatives.



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Greg Christy has been offered the position of NW's president, and while there is not a specific date for his answer, he will likely make his decision before next week.

News from way back when:

A look at the headlines throughout the Beacon's existence

BY KIM EASON
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Reflecting on Northwestern's 125th anniversary, it's interesting to see how the college has evolved throughout the years. While the stories and events have changed year by year, the method of getting news and information is still relatively the same: word of mouth, posters in the caf, and of course, the Beacon.

Back in 1922, when NW was only an academy, the Beacon was known as the Monitor. Those four pages were jammed full of short articles, quotes and jokes, as well as many ads and classifieds.

During these early years, the local YMCA and YWCA were very popular, and many headlines involved these organizations, like "Indian Missionary Speaks to Y.M.C.A."

The biggest news of 1923 was the building of Science Hall, one wing of what is now VPH. "New

building to be erected this spring" announced the news to the NW community, explaining that the board of trustees had determined there was enough money for the much-needed project. "The new building is to furnish classrooms, society rooms, laboratory, dining room, dormitory and gymnasium facilities," the article said.

Despite these drastic differences from today, life wasn't all that different. One headline read "Academy enrollment marks increase," while another said "Seniors win in annual class contest," which happened to be a fox and goose chase.

The Monitor changed to the Beacon in 1928, and by 1936, there were four staff members with



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1974's Mr. Irresistible, Doyle Johnson.

one adviser. Back then, the Beacon was "the official organ of the NW Junior College and Academy published bi-monthly during the school year."

These years began to report some sobering news: "NW student killed in auto accident" and "Academy student shoots self accidentally." The year 1937 also brought the headline "Zwemer Hall is beautified," when Zwemer was restored for the first time after its 1894 construction.

It wasn't until the 1940s that pictures first started appearing in the paper—mostly stoic photos of a mixed chorus group, the Homecoming court or new faculty members. By the late 1950s, the Beacon started featuring pictorial supplements, which were three to four pages of just pictures, whether highlights of the Homecoming week, the state basketball tournament or students hanging out on the green.

Similarities between today's news and the news from the past are illustrated in headlines from the next few decades. In 1957, a headline read, "Six countries represent as 116 freshmen register at NW," and explains how NW students are from around the globe. An opinion article

from the editor was entitled, "Should chapel be required?"

The Beacon continued to explain the stories of how new buildings came to be: the RSC, Christ Chapel, and the Bultman Center, to name a few. "Prexy: home sweet home" told the story of the Prexy House, which originally housed the president and other students, similar to the Mission House, until 1987, when the name was changed to Granberg Hall and made into the English building.

The Beacon also told the stories of those unheard of today. "ACE named 1974 Mr. Irresistible," the top of the seven "hunks chosen by

the NW student body as being the best representatives of an irresistible man."

"RSC music to be modified" explained how the music playing in the RSC was going to be changed from KG95 to KQNW, the college radio station, in 1986. And then in 1994, "Radio stations sold despite student protest," which gives the reality today: NW without a radio station.

Throughout the past 125 years, the Beacon has been here, reporting the news around campus, and as long as the news continues, the Beacon will too.



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Work on building Colenbrander Hall continues in 1960.

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From lackluster to sheer brilliance: Memorable student pranks across the years

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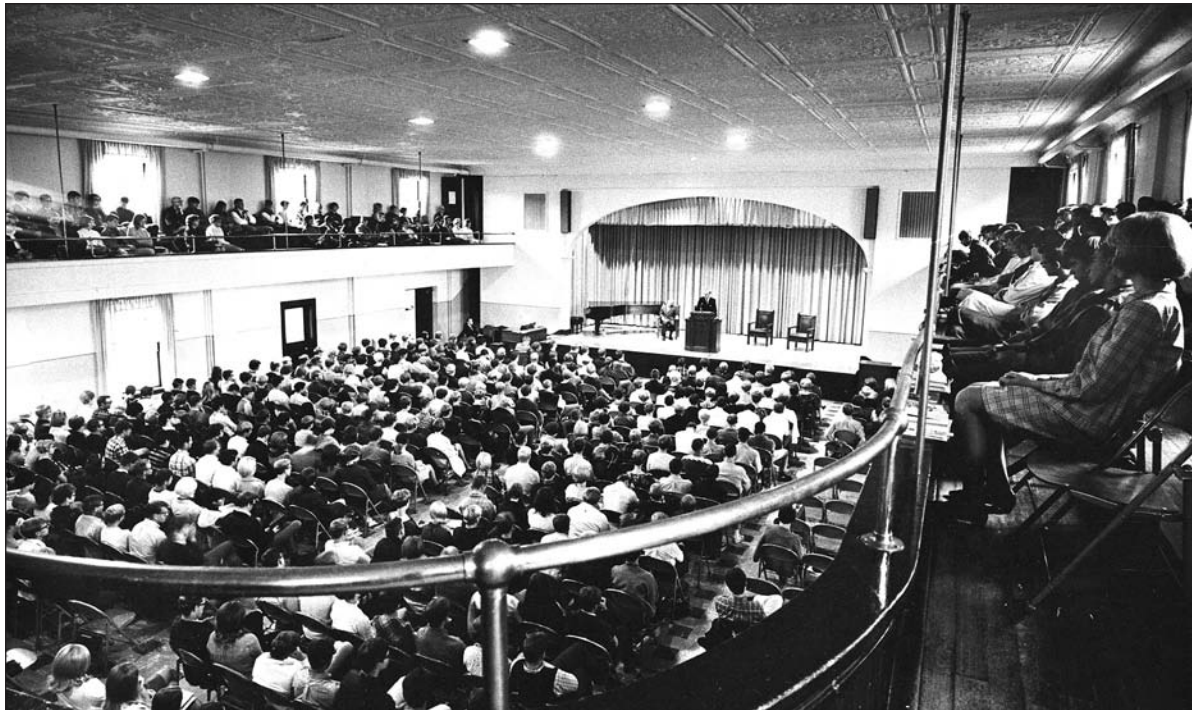
Successful practical jokes involve intricate planning and perfect timing. Chaplain Harlan VanOort, long time resident of the campus, has witnessed some such pranks as well as some not as smart. According to VanOort, chapel pranks fall under several levels of excellence.

Freshman ones have the lowest ranking and leave him unimpressed. A step up from lame are the sophomore attempts, but "have a long way to go" and are not indeed as "wise" as their class title's meaning suggests. One such prank failed about nine years ago. Eight or nine guys decided to unbolt the pew benches in the chapel and flip them around resulting in a large fine.

A week before, the West Hall resident director, Eric Anderson, went out to dinner with the guys. They told him some plans were in the making, and he promised to remain silent. The morning the deed was done, he had a note slipped underneath his door that read, "See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil, you promised." However, as men of integrity, they turned themselves in later and the joke became one of regret.

Anderson reminisces about the events that followed. "It was hilarious," he said. "I think the president of the college called them in and said, 'Nice job, very creative. Of course, you will have to pay for this, but I'm very proud of you.'"

A junior prank occurred four years ago, when 15 alarm clocks were dispersed throughout the chapel. One was duct-taped underneath a pew, one hidden behind the clock and another in the space beneath the pulpit. Each one went off consecutively, exactly a minute after the previous. VanOort says that this junior prank took much planning, but it ruined the entire service making it one step below



Chapel in Van Peursem Hall during the mid-1960s. Here, during the 1980s, the infamous gerbil paratroopers descended from above during a chapel service. The perpetrators of this prank received instant fame across campus.

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the senior level.

"Some students would say [the alarm clock prank] was the *crème de la crème*," VanOort said, "[But] it didn't require the real masterful kinds of creativity."

What did impress VanOort, however, was a senior prank pulled during the very first service in the current chapel. Several people lined the back pews and each had hundreds of marbles in hand. As things began, they released them and they rolled all the way to the front of the chapel. Even though he didn't witness this memorable moment, the collaborative effort "took some coordination, and it made a splash."

About 27 years ago, the ultimate prank was conducted in what is now the old chapel. In this gym-like building, two guys climbed into the attic and unscrewed the light fixture that shone a spotlight down onto the pulpit. As they looked through the hole, they waited until the speaker was almost done and released two or three gerbils. Strapped

into harnesses complete with parachutes, the gerbils plummeted down with their legs "going like crazy." After landing on the chancel, they scurried away.

As a student, VanOort attended chapel that day and recalls those last few minutes as "awesome." Later, the brains of the operation walked right into the president's office. They took the credit for their work and didn't receive any punishments.

"They were awarded some major kudos by every student on campus," said VanOort, "You can ask anybody from that era and they will remember the gerbils—it was brilliant."

About 10 years ago, a Heemstra and a West resident successfully executed another prank, this time outside the walls of the chapel. They stole 30 chickens from a local farm in the dark of night and delivered five to each wing of Stegenga. At 4:30 a.m., Anderson received a phone call from the resident director in deep distress not knowing what to do.

As girls took late night trips to the bathroom, they were taken aback by these squawking creatures. They were laying eggs throughout the hallway and "pooping everywhere." Screaming filled the halls as the chickens would attack anyone in their path. The maintenance crew came to help corral the chickens into the stairwell, but this resulted in a peck-fest. Three hens fought to the death, and the rest died during attempts to catch them.

"A few brave [women] stood

out and watched," he said. "One [woman] about stepped on an egg as she was walking out of her room. It was absolute mayhem."

Regional Advancement Director Jason Schrock recalls a frigid, snowy night his junior year when about 30 students met by the doors of VPH. With a hose, a key to turn the building's water on and some unused

cinder blocks from Zwemer Hall's renovation, they had a plan: postpone their anatomy and physiology test by one more day for study. With the cinder blocks packed against the doors and snow packed in between, the hose water sealed the deal.

"I had some knowledge of [this prank]," Schrock said. "I don't know if I would say that I actually touched the cinder blocks, but I was made aware of it."

Their wish came true. The first classes of the day were cancelled as maintenance staff brought

out Bunsen burners to thaw the doors.

Another prank that had a real impact on the college was seven years ago. All the trays from the cafeteria disappeared for a few days until the ransom's request was met; the perpetrators wanted a steak dinner. Anderson's amusement soon turned to annoyance as it "totally changed the life of every meal."

"Everyone had to scale back on the number of items they took from the serving line, or would have to go back a couple times," Anderson said. "I think we were all amazed at how we took those trays for granted . . . they are more useful than we imagined."

Although the quantity of practical jokes has decreased in recent years, Anderson doesn't discourage them as they are one of the best ways to build community. Finding his car in the lobby of West Hall and handing out 50 license plates after chapel are moments he will never forget. As long as there is no damage to either people or property and they don't cause undue time and maintenance, he's fine with pranks.

VanOort says students spend more leisure time with technology than he or his classmates did.

He remembers his years at NW sitting around in his dorm and "dreaming up goofy things to do." In fact, he admitted to participating in one prank where Dale Landegent's Volkswagen ended up in VPH. According to VanOort, college is a time to think. However, this thinking may lead to the inspiration to do some crazy activities. These

"by-products of creativity" are just really funny and VanOort looks back in appreciation and awe at the creative ones where no damage was done.

"If I had thought of the gerbil one, I would feel so good," he said, "I don't remember who they were, but they walked across campus like they were heroes. It was like they had won the national championship."



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Christ Chapel as we know it today. The chapel proves to be quite a popular venue for many a student prank.

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BY AMANDA WRIGHT
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Over the last 125 years, Northwestern has grown and changed with the coming and going of eager young students. What has changed right along with the college are the ways students entertain themselves in Siouxland. Twenty years ago the students' definition of fun was much different than ours today at NW.

What did you do over the weekend? A day trip to Sioux City? Maybe catch a new hit blockbuster or have dinner at a fun restaurant? Just think what students might have been doing 20, 50 or even 100 years ago. Let's take a look at what some alumni did.

An alum I'm sure we all know is NW's chaplain, Harlan VanOort. He finished NW in December 1981 and graduated in 1982. He said that during the decade change from the 70s to the 80s things were very different around NW. There were no cell phones or even phones in rooms. There were no video games, no personal computers and papers were typed on typewriters. If you wanted to talk to someone you had to roam around to find them, a task which takes much more time than a

quick phone call or text message, a luxury that we students now have.

Intramurals were a big part of campus life and drew great participation. VanOort said each wing had two or three teams. He participated in many himself including basketball, football, ping-pong, foosball, pool, volleyball, softball and racquetball.

"The only championship team I was on co-ed volleyball," he adds. "It was glorious."

Along with participating in intramurals, students also regularly attended sporting events.

"Basketball games and football games were huge," says VanOort, "The school spirit was rich and sometimes a bit raucous. The turnout was great for men's basketball and football. Women's basketball and volleyball didn't get the crowds they do now. That is much improved."

Movies were a popular break from studying as well. The closest movie theater at that time was in Le Mars, and at times there would be a movie showing on campus in the Bogaard Theatre in the old RSC. VanOort described these movie showings as "rare and wonderful." One specific film he remembers seeing is "The Deer Hunter."

A few years later in 1987, Scott Mulder, owner of Sinclair and Dutch Mart here in Orange City, was a senior at NW. He had some memories to share as well.

"A lot of people went to Sioux City on the weekends. There were a couple dance clubs that were cool to go to and a greyhound race track in South Sioux City, Neb. that was always a good time." Dance America and Atokad Park were popular places to hang out on the weekends, Mulder said, but during the week everyone went to the Firelight Lounge in Alton. They had burger baskets for \$2.50; it was a place to go hang out and take a break during the week.

Mulder shared more than just places off campus to find fun. "Back then everyone went to [sports] games, they dressed up and got wild; I think it was just a lot bigger deal," said Mulder. They hung out in the rec room, and since there were no video games and computers, they went out to have fun. However, while there was a lack of current technology, mischief was just as thick on the campus as ever.

"We actually pulled quite a few pranks," Mulder said with a smile.

"One night we locked ourselves in the chapel—back then the seats were all folding chairs, and we reversed the entire chapel, including putting the podium in the back."

The next day at chapel the speaker said that whoever pulled the prank spent a lot of time working on it and suggested that everyone

Rounds.

After that, Rounds and his friends would take carloads of NW students to the bridge around Halloween. Another scary place they went to was an abandoned farmhouse outside Alton. Rounds described it as "guaranteed to scare most folks."

to make their own fun around Orange City. Late-night trips to Perkins or walks across campus to The Hub have replaced mid-week meals at The Firelight Lounge. And trips to see the "wild dog of Hinton" have given current students as good of a spook as that old haunted bridge.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAPLAIN HARLAN VAN OORT

Chaplain Harlan VanOort remembers his "glorious" championship co-ed volleyball team (above) as a way students had fun. Intramurals were a big part of campus life and drew great participation while VanOort was a student.

in the chapel give them a standing ovation.

Another NW alum, BJ Rounds, a 2004 graduate, also remembers pulling a few pranks. He had a good one to share as well:

"Back in my freshman year, a couple friends and I slid the shortest guy in our group (a tiny little dude) through a window in the caf and had him run around to the door and let us all in. Once we made it in, we were all spooked by these things up along the wall. Today, I think they had to just be air fresheners, but at the time, being paranoid, we were convinced they were cameras. So we took off our shirts, snuck up underneath them and threw our shirts up and over the tops of the 'lenses.' After that, we raided the freezer area and made off with enough cake and frozen things to last us all a couple weeks."

Other fun things Rounds and his friends liked to do was give people a good spook by taking them to an old "haunted" bridge north of Sheldon.

"There's a legend of a ghost up there. Coach Elsberry took us football players [there] one year [and] spooked us all," said

"We definitely made most of our own fun up at NW, but that was the beauty of it. It's all about the memories," said Rounds.

Kids these days are still pulling pranks, and finding ways

However, even though we still find adventure and excitement these days at NW, it is still nice to look back and see the ways NW has been having fun throughout the years.

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"I love glucose as much as the next person, but every once in awhile you can't beat a good steak."

-Professor Byron Noordewier, on sources of cellular energy during microbiology

"Sterile high five!"

-Junior Tyler De Jong after using the hand sanitizer upon leaving microbiology lab

"You can call this [changing the pronouns] radical feminism if you like, but it's a hospitality issue—making everyone present at worship feel welcome."

-Professor Jeff Barker, explaining to Drama Ministries Ensemble why they are changing the phrase in Psalm 39 from "every man" to "everyone"

Send your Campus Quotes, with context, to beacon@nwciowa.edu.

Queen Jess Regan

Name: Jess Regan

Hometown: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Major: Public relations and missions

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Two to three times

What is the best paper you have ever written? A paper on "Women in Islam." I wrote it for Rod Spidahl in his topics of missionology class on Islam.

Favorite children's book? "Green Eggs and Ham"

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Serve in China and see the '08 Olympics, travel to Africa and live in the Philippines for a couple of years.

Favorite caf meal: I'm a big fan of their hot breakfast.

Funniest movie/TV quote: "Look at those fun bags on that horse-

hound."—"Dumb and Dumber"

Do you sing in the shower? Who doesn't?

Favorite book/movie: "Pretty Woman"

How often do you use your cell phone? Too often.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? My running shoes

Most embarrassing moment:

(This is a shout out to my track ladies...) Last year after practice one night, the girls were talking about an athlete that ran 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 days or something similar to that. One of my teammates said, "But why didn't he just do all 52 states?" Everyone laughed and then I spoke up and said, "Now that's my girl, I agree with her." Everyone burst out laughing even louder and neither of us could understand why,



but then I realized...I just made a big fool out of myself. Luckily, everyone doesn't hold it against me—they just bring it up every couple of months.

Mark DeYounge

Name: Mark DeYounge

Hometown: Mountain Lake, Minn.

Major: Business administration, mission service concentration

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Two times... if I drink coffee possibly three.

What is the best paper you have ever written? College writing class journal/paper about my real life "super-trooper" experience

Favorite children's book? A toss up between the Berenstain Bears and Curious George

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Mission work, start a non-profit organization, get married and start raising a family.

Favorite caf meal: Steak Night
Funniest movie/TV quote: First quote that comes to mind is, "Yeah I called her up, she gave me a bunch of crap

about me not listening to her, or something, I don't know, I wasn't really paying attention."—"Dumb and Dumber (Harry speaking to Lloyd)

Do you sing in the shower? Sure, as long as it's not too early in the morning.

Favorite book/movie: "Transforming Grace" by Jerry Bridges/"Shawshank Redemption"

How often do you use your cell phone? Depends who is on the other end

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Food, sweatpants

Most embarrassing moment: When I was in middle school, I was riding my bike back from little league baseball with a friend. My attention was drawn to the left by some activities that were taking place in our town's



park, not paying attention to what was in front of me. Suddenly, my bike was halted, and I flipped over my handle bars onto the back of a parked car along the street. The car was a cop car.

Elizabeth Becker

Name: Elizabeth Grace Becker

Hometown: Toddville, Iowa, which is like two seconds away from Cedar Rapids

Major: Elementary education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Roughly twice a day...some days it's just one...sorry people if that's disgusting to you

What is the best paper you have ever written? I can't recall any paper that I have written that would qualify as "the best." I don't really write papers these days; it's mostly lesson plans. So, what is the best lesson plan I have ever written? Well, I once wrote a lesson about weather words. It was pretty good.

Favorite children's book: I'm going to have to go a bit old school on this question and say "On the Banks of Plum Creek" by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? I would like to pay off my debt...but that won't happen

until at least my 20-year reunion...at least I hope. I also would like to learn how to cook. Not that I can't now, I just want to be really good at it.

Funniest movie/TV quote: Right now I think my favorite is, "I'm an early bird and a night owl. So I'm wise and I have worms."—Michael Scott, "The Office"

Do you sing in the shower? I usually do, especially if there is a sweet song on the radio.

How often do you use your cell phone? On a good day, three or four times. On one of those days... just once, my alarm.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Cheese. And Kelsey Carroll.

Most embarrassing moment: Last year some of my friends were driving around just after a lot of rain, and we took a wrong turn, so we decided to turn around on a dirt road really quickly. Well, the dirt had changed into some really intense



mud. The car got really stuck in the mud, and every effort we made just got the car more stuck. Long story short, some guys came to help us push and while I was trying to push I fell face first into the mud. I lay there for awhile laughing while everyone else laughed at me. As a result of all the laughter, I peed my pants.

King Kyle Blankers

Name: Kyle Blankers

Hometown: Sheldon, Iowa

Major: Business education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Once or twice... three times if you're lucky

What is the best paper you have ever written? A college writing paper about my high school long jump career

Favorite children's book: "The Boxcar Children"

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Go to graduate school at UNC, meet Michael Jordan, learn how to cook and do my own laundry...seriously

Favorite caf meal: Chicken parmesan

Funniest movie/TV quote: "What is this? A center for ants? How can we be expected to teach children to learn how to read if they can't even fit in the building?... The building has to be at least...three times bigger than this."—Ben Stiller as Derek Zoolander

Do you sing in the shower? Yes...I enjoy singing in the Coly showers, even duets occasionally.

Favorite book/movie: "How Full is Your Bucket" by Tom Rath/"Wooden on Leadership" by John Wooden

How often do you use your cell phone? More often than I would like.

What would be the hardest thing



for you to give up? My faith/my family

Most embarrassing moment: One day in middle school, as I was sitting in my first period health class, I suddenly had a tickle in my nose. I sneezed so hard that I threw my neck out of place to the point where I couldn't straighten my head anymore. I sat with my head tilted at an angle for the rest of the class period, and then had to leave school early to go to the chiropractor. My classmates had a good time making fun of me about sneezing my neck out of place.

Nate Summers

Name: Nate Summers

Hometown: Aplington, Iowa

Major: Finance

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Twice per day

What is the best paper you have ever written? The best paper I ever wrote was probably one of my philosophy papers. They were so good, I even confused myself most of the time. From what I understand, that's what makes a good philosophy paper.

Favorite children's book: "The Berenstain Bears: No Girls Allowed" always was my favorite book growing up.

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? I'd like to qualify for the U.S. Amateur Golf Championship.

Favorite caf meal: Saturday's noon meal in the fall

Funniest movie/TV quote: "I am not superstitious, but I'm a little stitious."—Michael Scott

Do you sing in the shower? All the time.



Favorite book/movie: Book: "The Pursuit of God" by A.W. Tozer; Movie: "The Greatest Game Ever Played"

How often do you use your cell phone? A few times a day.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Colenbrander

Most embarrassing moment: Never making it to the end of the hallway...

Danny Eshcol

Name: Daniel Abhishek Eshcol
Hometown: Iowa City, Iowa and/or Andhra Pradesh, India
Major: Psychology and youth ministry minor

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Twice
What is the best paper you have ever written? A response to Francis Fukuyama's essay "The End of History" in my Western civilization class.

Favorite children's book? "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins" by Dr. Seuss

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Travel to all the continents, except Antarctica. Indians aren't made for cold weather.

Favorite caf meal: Chicken curry, definitely NOT! Probably caesar chicken and wild rice. We Indians like our rice.

Funniest movie/TV quote: "Holy shinkes!"

Do you sing in the shower? When the radio is on, yes.

Favorite book/movie: Book: "Mere Christianity" and "The Screwtape Letters" by



C.S. Lewis...pretty much any C.S. Lewis book! Movie: I'd go with "Shawshank Redemption."

How often do you use your cell phone? Don't got one. I just use my roommate's after 9 p.m...thank God for free nights and weekends.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up: Indian food!!

Most embarrassing moment: Being in Airband and cross-dressing as a woman my sophomore year.

Kelsey Carroll

Name: Kelsey Carroll
Hometown: Maysville, Mo.
Major: English teaching

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Frequently, at least three.

What is the best paper you have ever written: Are you kidding me? Everything I write turns to gold. Kidding! I usually am happy with the pieces I write for my creative writing classes. They are more personal and allow me the chance to try out new writing styles.

Favorite children's book: "Where the Wild Things Are"

What do you want to do before you 10-year reunion? Have some children and go rock climbing (not necessarily in that order)

Funniest movie/TV quote: "Whenever I'm about to do something, I think, 'Would an idiot do that? And if they would, I do not do that thing.'"—Dwight K. Schrute, "The Office"

How often do you use your cell phone? I don't carry it with me during the day usually, but I use it every night at least once to call Brent. I still haven't figured out how everyone can text so fast.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Reading or cheese.



Most embarrassing moment: Sophomore year of college we were having a brother/sister wing event, one thing led to another and I peed my pants.

John Top

Name: John Travis Top
Hometown: Luverne, Minn.
Major: Business education

How many times a day do you brush your teeth: Randomly, whenever necessary. I have never had a cavity.

What is the best paper you have ever written? Probably something that I wrote in grade school. I'm pretty sure I haven't written any good ones

Jillian Groeneveld

Name: Jillian Eve Groeneveld
Hometown: Parkersburg, Iowa
Major: Psychology; Christian mission service concentration

How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Three
What is the best paper you have ever written? My senior thesis this semester, I hope.
Favorite children's book: "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein or "Alexander's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day"
What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Run hard after Jesus, wherever that takes me! (And pay off my school loans)

Katie Van Etten

Name: Katie Van Etten
Hometown: Parker, Colo.
Major: Literature, with minors in world history and cultural studies

Relationship status: Single
How many times a day do you brush your teeth? Once daily, and I try to floss regularly.

What is the best paper you have ever written? A paper I wrote for medieval literature class about Queen Elizabeth I (the first, not "I") was pretty classy.
Favorite children's book? Well, "The Babysitter's Club: Little Sister Series," by Ann Martin, was my favorite when I was younger.

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Getting a job would be nice.
Funniest movie/TV quote: "I enjoy having breakfast in bed. I like waking up to the smell of bacon—sue me. And since I don't have a butler I have to do it myself. So, most nights before I go to bed I will lay six strips of bacon out on my George Foreman grill. Then I go to sleep. When I wake up I plug in the grill. I go back to sleep again. Then I wake up to the smell of crackling bacon. It is delicious, it's good for me, it's the perfect way to start the day. Today I got up and I stepped on the grill and it clamped down

in college.

Favorite children's book: "Where the Red Fern Grows"

What do you want to do before your 10-year reunion? Do a fly-in fishing trip to Canada.

Favorite caf meal: Wraps and soft-shell tacos

Funniest movie/TV quote: "That's right, karate...made my whole body a weapon."—Don Knotts in "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken"

Do you sing in the shower?:

Favorite "caf" meal: Biscuits

and gravy, minus the gravy
Funniest movie/TV quote: "I get 70 miles to the gallon on this hog"—"Dumb and Dumber"

Do you sing in the shower? Yes. Yes, I do.

Favorite book/movie:book—"A Time to Kill;" movie—"A League of Their Own"

How often do you use your cell phone? I am one of the few people in the world who doesn't have a cell phone.... So, I'd have to say never.

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up? Well, not a cell phone I guess. So, showering. I would certainly hate to have to give that up.



Most embarrassing moment: Messing up singing the national anthem in high school.

on my foot. That's it. I don't see what's so hard to believe about that."—Michael from "The Office."

Favorite book/movie: This is a rather tough question, but this summer I read this book and saw this movie and really, really liked both of them. Book: "A Heretic's Guide to Eternity," by Spencer Burke. Movie: "The Fountain," dir. by Darren Aronofsky

How often do you use your cell phone? Rarely. I typically only use it to call home or to get a hold of people that are otherwise impossible to get a hold of. But usually I don't even keep it with me, so I guess that makes me impossible to get a hold of on it, which is kind of ironic.

Most embarrassing moment: Two summers ago I was in China on my SOS and hadn't quite adjusted to the food yet. I was reading a book in my hotel room and had been farting. But then the last fart delivered a little more than air. Once I realized what was happening I jumped up and ran into the bathroom. But one of my roommates had just finished washing her laundry in our bathroom—which meant our floor was covered in water. As soon as I reached the bathroom I



slipped and fell and slid across the floor. My knee and butt slammed into the toilet which moved a little. But I had to take care of urgent business so I popped up onto the toilet and did. Remember how the toilet moved a little? Well, I didn't think very much of it. So, after taking care of business I flushed the toilet and all my business spread across the bathroom floor. Hearing me yell, "This is bad!" my roommates ran into the bathroom to see me scooping buckets of water and poo back into the toilet. They just stood there and laughed at me. Eventually we told our team leaders, and they told the hotel manager who also just laughed at me, but then let us change rooms.

Absolutely.

Favorite book/movie: "White Fang"

How often do you use your cell phone? Don't have one!

What would be the hardest thing for you to give up: Fishing

Most embarrassing moment: Alton Pool



John Top was unable to attend last night's coronation.

Northwestern College history:

"The college has grown in leaps and bounds with technology, and people, and the caliber of faculty. I can't attest to the caliber of the faculty back then but the administration does its best to get the very best in here which in turn attracts the very best students." — Syl Scorza, former NW professor

"I think the name evolved from the school's motto deus ex lux..God is light, but I've always wondered how a college in the middle of the country decided to use a lighthouse. Perhaps a lightning bug or a prairie moon would have been better, but I guess that's just one of those matters of tradition that you don't mess with." —Carl Vandermeulen, Beacon adviser

"As far as I know, that has only happened a few times in dire circumstances. As far as I know in the past eight years we haven't had this problem." —Joanna Trapp, assistant professor of English

"We've got some great and fun traditions here. The Impossibles will be fun, the variety of the stories and poems is wonderful. We get to throw flower petals." — Karen Barker, professor of theatre and speech

"Wow! I can't believe that the graduating class used to be so small. I am so glad we are bigger now; there are more programs available and more interesting people to meet. It is amazing to see how God has helped NW grow." — Rachel Rager, freshman

NW Classical Academy is founded. Formal classes begin that fall with 12 students and three part-time teachers.

1882

The student newspaper, now known as the Beacon, begins monthly publications as the Classic.

1891

Faced with NW's dire financial predicament due to the Great Depression, faculty vote to give up 10 percent of their salaries.

1931

NW's children's theatre program has its start when academy seniors present their class play to local schoolchildren.

1950

NW becomes a four-year college when a fourth year of college course work is added. One year later the first baccalaureate degrees are awarded to a class of 29 students.

1960

1886

A former roller-skating rink in downtown OC is purchased, remodeled and named "Academy Hall." Referred to as "The Rink" and even "Noah's Ark," the building serves the academy for eight years until Zwemer Hall is built.

"Buildings now are much more user friendly and maintenance friendly- they are built to be taken care of... they expect them to last and are willing to put in the time and the money to make sure they do last. There are very few times when there are temporary projects like the rink was." — Arlo Van Beek, Supervisor of Housekeeping

1914

Dutch language courses are dropped from the curriculum.

"I've had a lot of people ask me if they teach Dutch here, and they're always surprised to know that it's not offered. It would be cool if they were still offered, but I don't think there is much of a student demand for a Dutch language program. I think it's crucial for every college or university to have a modern foreign language program, and I'm glad that NW's is growing." — Tessie Nelson, senior Spanish major

1934

Four students and a faculty member drown during an outing to Okoboji Lake.

"Going to NW is a dangerous endeavor. People get hit by cars, fall down flights of stairs and drown on field trips." — Sarah Seeger, sophomore

1950

Heemstra Hall is built as a residence for women.

"I think it was like the caf or something. All I know is Jacob lives in the dungeon." — Mark Alsum, junior

1968

The college's ban on dancing is lifted.

"I am surprised that dancing was banned that long. Dance is a great way to express happiness and joy. We dance to celebrate life, special occasions and love. I believe we should dance in God's presence every day." — Amy Vos, junior

Academy Hall, purchased in 1886 for Northwestern Academy.



A Northwestern student using a computer in the 1980s.



Members of a 1912 women's basketball team at Northwestern Academy.

Letting God's light shine for 125 years

"In many ways, NW's experience with computers mirrors the world at large. We started out with the mainframe, adopted personal computers, started networking them together, and then ventured into the Internet. Computers have steadily gotten smaller, faster and cheaper, even as their capabilities have grown exponentially."
— Paul Beltman, Academic Computing Manager

"It is refreshing to know that NW can recognize a distinguished public servant for his integrity and contributions to society rather than being concerned with achieving political correctness in order to maintain a sense of neutrality." — Ryan Crawford, senior, College Republicans

"I check my e-mail a ridiculous number of times, basically every time I walk into my room. It's significantly more than the average person. I don't even mind the all-campus e-mails, because I just like to get mail." — Elizabeth Becker, senior

"Our trip to Mexico last spring was clear proof that we're still staying true to the trip's original purpose. On the trip, we played five or six concerts and had two separate visits to orphanages. We were putting together programs for kids in some of the most poverty-stricken areas in Chihuahua; hanging out with them and buying fresh fruit and meat so they could have a meal. We were combining with existing work being done in Chihuahua; it wasn't us jumping in with our ideas of what people need." — Titus Landegent, senior

"Breaking the record wasn't something I focused on as the season went along. Every time I stepped up to the line, the only thing on my mind was making that free throw. Shooting free throws on the CBS "Early Show" was a unique experience. It was early in the morning, more than 600 people in the gym, cameras all around, an earpiece in my ear—and everyone's focus was on me, the ball and the hoop." — Deb Remmerde, senior

Vice President George Bush visits NW and is awarded an honorary doctorate.

NW implements its first Internet e-mail system.

NW purchases its first computer.

1976

1987

1992

1994

2006

Symphonic band travels to Ukraine during spring break on the first overseas trip that combines performances with service.

Deb Remmerde breaks all records at any level—high school, college or pro—by making 133 consecutive free throws, then is featured in a live appearance on CBS's "The Early Show," during which she makes 256 in a row.

1981

1990

1994

2002

2007

NW's Summer of Service program is established.

Smoking is banned from all college buildings.

NW's first full Internet connection for browsing the World Wide Web is implemented and NW develops its first Web site.

NW is awarded an initial \$2 million grant from the Lilly Endowment for initiatives to help students explore and discover God's call in their lives.

NW establishes its Tuition Guarantee program for new students.

"The goal is to expand the possibilities of students who go on SOS, with the hopes that they will learn more about God and what he is doing in the world...reconciling it to himself." — Steve De Haan, senior

"I think it shows a really big change in the times. It used to be completely normal to smoke in buildings. Now, with all the studies on the effects of smoking, it is known that smoking in an enclosed area and breathing second-hand smoke are detrimental to everyone's health." — Bethany Kroeze, senior

"The Web is a crucial tool for communicating with all of NW's different students, alumni, donors, pastors, parents and employees. We are fortunate to have a strong, up-to-date and constantly improving site that represents the college very well." — Duane Beeson, Director of Public Relations

"I think this grant has brought us a number of initiatives both curricular and co-curricular that have encouraged vocational discernment for current and future pursuit of vocation on our campus. Lilly has allowed us to start a conversation about vocation and God's call that is very healthy to have." — Dave Nonnemacher, Director of the Lilly Grant

"It's a good thing. I know most other colleges increase every three to five percent every year. So yeah I like it." — Brent Peebles, freshman

Men in the 1970s participating in tug of war.



The Homecoming queen and her attendants in 1958.

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Raider volleyball falls to Dordt

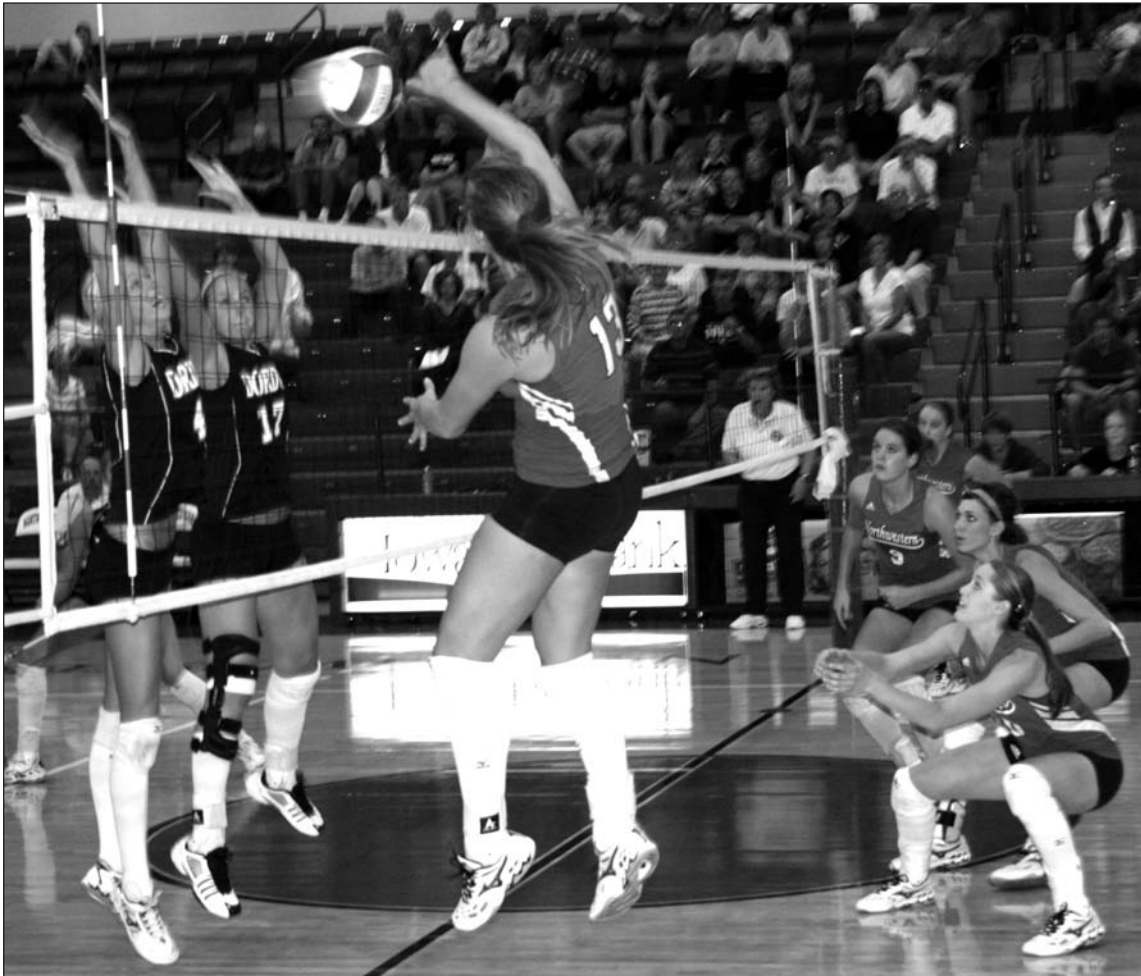


PHOTO BY BETHANY KROEZE

In a Sioux County battle, the Raiders hosted Dordt on Wednesday night, falling 3-0 to the Defenders. Freshman hitter Bobbie Jean Rich goes for a kill as her teammates anticipate the return. Rich had seven kills in the match. Northwestern was led offensively by freshman Hillary Hanno with 12 kills and sophomore setter Rachel Gosselink with 33 assists. Defensively, senior Megan Meyer had 16 digs and sophomore libero Janna Bloemendaal had 12. Gosselink and senior Karrisa Davelaar each had 10 digs. The Raiders fell to 3-3 in the GPAC and 15-7 overall while the Defenders crept closer to .500 in the GPAC, now 3-4, and advanced their overall record to 22-6.

Raiders rush to victory over Hastings



PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

Senior quarterback Craig Hector surveys his options with three runners in the backfield: Tim Naiman, Kyle Veldhorst and Kyle Ochsner.

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last Saturday, Sept. 29, the Red Raiders caught a victory on the road when they defeated Hastings College 31-7.

Hastings struck first, with a 20-yard touchdown pass less than four minutes into the game. After the Broncos took an early 7-0 lead, the Raiders took the reins and never looked back.

Halfway through the second quarter, senior quarterback Craig Hector found junior receiver DJ

Hansen on the first play of the drive. Hansen caught Hector's 65-yard pass for the Raiders' first touchdown.

With 1:52 remaining in the half, junior running back Kyle Ochsner crossed the goal line on a one-yard run. Sophomore kicker Grant Mosier's extra point was blocked, but the Raiders still held a 13-7 lead.

A mere 14 seconds before halftime, TJ Lensch grabbed an interception and took an 81-yard return run for the touchdown. Hector took the PAT into the end

zone for two.

In the second half, the Raiders added a Mosier field goal and a touchdown reception by junior Seth Moen. The Raiders took the victory, 31-7.

Ochsner led the ground game, rushing 58 yards on 12 carries. Through the air, Hector threw 13-24 for 245 yards and one interception. Moen had 63 yards on four catches.

The Raiders face Briar Cliff tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. on Korver Field for the Homecoming game.

Raiders' soccer splits with USF

BY BETH MOUW
STAFF WRITER

In a soccer double-header, the Raider women enjoyed a solid 3-1 win while the men suffered a frustrating 0-1 loss against the University of Sioux Falls Cougars on Wednesday afternoon.

NWC 3, USF 1

It was with confidence and good communication that the Raider women grabbed their fifth win of the season over the Cougars, putting them at 5-0 in the GPAC.

The game started off a bit shaky for the Raiders, allowing USF to score within the first ten minutes

with a well-placed floater. This wasn't enough to get the Raiders' spirits down, though.

"I wasn't really worried," admitted senior captain Macy Rozeboom. "We knew it would be a challenge, but we still felt we could win."

She was right.

The Raider women answered USF with a goal by sophomore Carrie Van Wyk just five minutes after the Cougars scored theirs.

Although things stayed relatively quiet for the rest of the half, the Raiders really came alive after halftime. A penalty kick by Rozeboom gave the Raiders a 2-1 lead early on in the second half, and it remained a mostly offensive game for the women as they continued to put pressure on the USF defense.

The pressure clearly paid off as Rozeboom took advantage of some disarray around the goal with 10 minutes left and scored her second goal of the afternoon. The game ended with the Raiders outshooting

the Cougars 13-4. Rozeboom lead the way with six, and senior captain Allise Vugteveen followed with three.

The Raiders traveled to Waverly, Iowa last night, falling to Wartburg, 0-3. Tomorrow the women travel to Crete, Neb., to take on Doane.

NWC 0, USF 1

It was a frustrating loss for the Raider men as they dropped their 11th game of the season to the USF Cougars, putting them at 3-2

"We knew it would be a challenge, but we still felt we could win."

-Macy Rozeboom

in the GPAC tournament and 6-5 overall.

It was an intense game right from the start with both teams getting shots off within the first three minutes. It was the Cougars' Bebe Jones, however, who would score the only goal of the game with 22:44 remaining in the first half.

The Raiders came out strong in the second half with junior Steven Grand and senior captain Blake Wieking putting pressure on the Cougars' goalie within the first minute.

Although none of the Raiders' shots would fall, it wasn't due to a lack of effort. The game seemed to be characterized by close calls for both teams as USF outshot the Raiders 17-11. Junior captain Andy Janssen led the way for the Raiders with four shots, followed by captain Blake Wieking with three, sophomore Aaron O'Brien with two and sophomore Bryant Wieking and Grand with one apiece.

The Raiders will next travel to Crete, Neb., to face off against Doane on Saturday, Oct. 6.

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NW Athletics:

Athletic accomplishment over the past 125 years and on into the future

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

As Northwestern kicks off its 125th anniversary celebration, students, alumni, faculty and staff look back and reflect on the history of the school they have all come to love and cherish so dearly.

Through the introduction of new programs, the celebration of undefeated seasons and winning several national championships, the athletic programs at NW have made vast improvements since their initial conception.

"The amount of support and work that goes into the athletic program here is incredible," said senior soccer captain Brian Springer.

The following article outlines some of the Red Raiders' most significant accomplishments throughout the 125-year history. Students and coaches reflect on their experiences with the various programs and the changes they have witnessed in their time at NW.

Senior baseball pitcher Joe Grady said, "I would say overall the athletics here at NW are Christ-centered with a bunch of terrific athletes that give the college a good name."

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1900

Northwestern Classical Academy students organized a football game against Le Mars High School on October 26. NCA lost, 17-0.

1920

NCA became Northwestern Junior College and played Sheldon Junior College, falling by a score of 122-6.

1929

NWJC adopted the Hawks as their mascot and team name.

1947

Then-basketball coach Ray Van Pelt came up with a new name for the NWJC mascot—the Red Raiders.

1957-58

NWJC started their men's basketball program under Coach Paul Colenbrander. The Raiders enjoyed a winning record of 18-3.

1960-61

Now officially Northwestern College, the Raiders went 13-7 in men's basketball.

1961

NWC joined the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The college also authorized athletic scholarships for the first time, offering 15 full-tuition scholarships to be divided between football, basketball and baseball.

1963

A crushed rock track was built around the football field. The original press box, which cost \$5,000, was also constructed and installed.

1969-70

Red Raider wrestling enjoyed their first season. Coach Russ King led his team to a 10-8 finish.

1970

Permanent bleachers were installed at the present site with a seating capacity of 1,500 for a total cost of \$10,000.

1970-71

Women's basketball recorded their first official season under Head Coach Jean Mast, finishing 8-4.

"I believe that our overall program performance is getting better. We are stronger on the field and on the court in virtually all our sports. I also see an increasingly strong commitment within the department to use the vehicle of sport as a training ground for the development of positive character traits."

—Barry Brandt, athletic director

"In the future of football at NW, I see a growth in the tradition that has already been established and a program that will continue to churn out young men with integrity and a desire to serve the Lord as husbands, fathers and community leaders."

—Scott Stahl, linebacker, football



Red Raider football action in the 1970s.

"We have coaches that sincerely care about their athletes, not just as athletes, but as people as well. They want us to improve academically, socially and spiritually. That stands out to me the most."

—Josh Earleywine, thrower, track and field

"I am really proud of the entire NW athletic community. People from different sports always ask how my team is doing and are very supportive of us. I feel like even though we are all in very different sports, we are all the Raiders and we all have a chance to excel in some sport that we are passionate about."

—Brittany Osborn, midfielder, women's soccer



A Red Raider volleyball team from the 1980s.

"It is amazing to me to be able to look back and see that we were able to have a significant level of success with very limited resources. It was also a significant change when the same person was not head coach of both women's volleyball and basketball during the same year."

—Earl Woudstra, women's basketball coach

1972-73

The Raiders' volleyball program started. Under Head Coach Jean Mast, who also coached women's basketball, the women finished their first season with a 5-8 record.

1973

The first Iowa team to win a national football title, the 12-0 Raiders won the NAIA football championship. Head Coach Larry Korver was named NAIA Coach-of-the-Year.

1982

An all-weather track, lighting and a sprinkler system were installed at De Valois Field, which was named in 1971 for NW trustee Rueben De Valois.

1983

For the second time, NW won the NAIA championship for football. The Raiders had a 14-0 record after defeating Pacific Lutheran in the championship game, 35-21.

1995

NW started a men's soccer program, with Neal Hines as the head coach. The team went 6-6 in their first season. The Bultman Center for Health, Physical Education and Intercollegiate Athletics opened featuring a wood-floored gymnasium which seats 2,200.

2000

NW joined the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC).

2001

Both the men's and women's basketball teams won the national championship under head coaches Kris Korver and Earl Woudstra. In indoor track, Jacob Koczman was the national champion in the 600m.

2003

The men's basketball team won their second national championship, defeating Bethany of Kansas, 77-57.

2004

The sod football field was replaced with FieldTurf and renamed Korver Field in honor of Larry and Betty Korver. The stadium was named De Valois Stadium.

2006

De Valois Stadium received its most recent upgrade with the installation of a new press box and bleachers.

Final farewell to Bruce and Di Murphy

BY NICK ROHLF AND KIM EASON
STAFF WRITER AND NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, Oct. 8, Northwestern College will be saying a final farewell to Bruce and Di Murphy.

The farewell celebration will take place at Christ Chapel, starting at 8 p.m. and will include a video presentation from senior filmmaker Vaughn Donahue and a skit written by Karen and Jeff Barker, as well as other activities. Staff and students have also been asked to send in memories they had with the Murphys, which will be included in the festivities.

"Our farewell event is to celebrate Bruce and Di's long-term commitment and contribution

to the mission of NW," said event coordinator John Greller, vice president of advancement. "I hope students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community will turn out to give them a warm send-off."

"It's the relationships, more than anything, that we will remember."

Bruce Murphy

Following the program, desserts will be served in the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center lobby.

Greller shared a few warm memories he had experienced with President Murphy and these memories, along with many others, will be shared during the farewell.

"It's the relationships, more than anything, that we will remember," said President Murphy.

During his time as NW's president, Murphy focused on "a new way to do college," emphasizing the need for higher education leading to wisdom and spiritual and intellectual learning.

"The greatest joy of this kind of job is to watch the students go through four years of education," said Murphy.

"The best leaders are the ones who lead from who they are," said Drew Vogel, chair of NW's board of trustees. "Bruce and Di are known for their deep connections on campus and in the community. Their heart for students and the whole-life development of young people is obvious."

The Murphys plan to leave Orange City for their home in Seattle sometime before the end of the year.



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RSC History

1980: original construction



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2007: renovation celebrated



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Dale Thompson, Bruce Murphy and Shirley Rowenhorst were joined by the Orange City Ambassadors during the ribbon cutting to dedicate the renovation of the RSC last Friday, Sept. 28.

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DODGEBALL: THE WAY IT'S PLAYED AT NW



PHOTO BY BETHANY KROEZE

Men in Tights team members Kadrian Hardersen, Keaton Hildreth, Reid Van Duyn, Grant Mosier, Caleb Blauwet, Andrew Lundgren, and Brock Jensen take first place in the men's dodgeball competition Thursday night. Ryan Mitchell and Tim Ranney were also members of the team.