New RSC welcomes back students

BY RENEE NYHOF
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

A pillared entrance welcomes students into a new addition to campus this semester. Through its doors eyes are met with light bouncing from skylights at the top of vaulted ceilings and some may ask themselves, “Is this really the RSC?”

The answer is, Absolutely. The Rowenhorst Student Center (RSC) is back after its face-lift, hoping students will swing by and not be too confused about its “airport” style.

“It may look like an airport to some,” said Dale Thompson, the assistant vice president for student development, “but we simply designed the new place to be the opposite of the old building, which was dark from its low ceilings and limited light. Plus, many students didn’t know what services were located there and we wanted to change that.”

Due to the addition of glass walls, all services available are now clearly visible for those who wander through the RSC.

Those services include the new Wellness Center and offices for Student Development, International and Intercultural Affairs, Student Government, Student Programs, Campus Safety and Security, NW bookstore, the mailroom, the Hub, plus a few classrooms and conference rooms. “It’s great, there’s light and I can see,” said Darla Hettinga, the secretary of student affairs. “I have windows now and can see the student activity. This place is such a friendly atmosphere and a great information hub for students.”

Although the major renovation is complete, Thompson said a few details have yet to be added. One of those details includes creating signs more permanent than paper. The art department has also been contacted about placing art around the inside. Another detail includes architectural glass to place in the dividers to create “sections” within the center of the building. “I hope those sections become a great place for student to either study individually or in groups or just to talk with friends,” said Thompson. “Some may say it seems you have to whisper in this place but that’s ok. It helps create a more reserved and quiet atmosphere for those sections to possibly be used more.”

For now, Thompson hopes for all of the NW community to visit the RSC and check out all that it contains. “For the upperclassmen,” said Thompson, “everything is out from behind the maze of block walls, and for all students it’s a new place to enter to celebrate student life.”

Northwestern once again ranked among the best colleges

BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA
STAFF-WRITER


“The greatest passion and purpose for us has been obedience to God’s call on our lives,” said Christy. “Michelle and I are honored to God’s call on our lives,” said Christy. “Michelle and I are honored by the prospect of providing leadership for a special community like Northwestern.”

Presidential candidate to visit NW

By Kim Eason

President-elect Christy, at Northwestern presidential candidate, will be visiting campus from Sept. 9 to 11.

The purpose of Christy’s visit is to meet the new faculty, and to get to know him better. While on campus, Christy will be meeting with various faculty, students, and community members, as well as the board of trustees, Bruce and Dr. Murphy. These meetings will provide a time for discussion with him.

After the visit there will be an opportunity for feedback online. The search committee values the input of the campus and will review the comments before making their referral to the board of trustees.

Christy served the past 12 years as the Vice President for Advancement at Dakota Wesleyan University. Christy has a master’s in physical education from Western Illinois University. Christy and his wife, Michelle, have three children: Ryan, Madalyn, and Kyle.

While there are concerns among faculty about Christy’s qualifications, the search committee agreed that he was the best person for the position. They emphasized his proven capabilities and his understanding of a college like NW and his strong desire to serve such a college.

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The front of the newly renovated RSC is more welcoming and inviting than the previous one.
OPINION

How long, O Lord?

BY CHRIS BARKER

“How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?” The Psalmist wrote that. Apparently even giants of the faith, be they pre-Christian or not, have to deal with spiritual aridity from time to time. At no point was this more reinforced to me than in reading an excerpt from a recent book about Mother Theresa.

It is hard for me to imagine a person who better incarnated the whole Christian ethic. And as someone who, apparently, was giving lepers on the streets of Calcutta a glimpse into the Kingdom of God, my assumption had always been that this kind woman had some sort of hotline to Jesus. Apparently not.

“If there be God—please forgive me. When I try to raise my thoughts to heaven, there is such convincing emptiness that those very thoughts return like sharp knives and hurt my very soul…How painful is this unknown pain— I have no Faith.”

Whooa.

Mother Theresa dealt with these feelings of doubt from as early as 1953 until her death. That’s 45 years for those of us who aren’t fans of math. I’m on year four.

In all honesty this actually gives me comfort. While it’d be nice if God would make himself a little more evident from time to time, and while I certainly don’t want to go through 45 years of silence, I figure that one person has already made it through, and she was pretty amazing. So often I feel as though my doubt is some sort of weakness, and that God’s silence is somehow my own fault. As though if I just jumped through some hoop that God hasn’t seen fit to tell me about that suddenly I’d have a roaring connection with God and know intuitively what He wanted at any given time.

That is a trap.

Eugene Peterson articulates the point well in the book “Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places,” saying, among other things, that “any understanding of God that doesn’t take into account God’s silence is a half-truth—in effect, a cruel distortion.”

Recall again that St. John of the Cross wrote “The Dark Night of the Soul” due to similar feelings of God’s absence.

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So no, spiritual aridity isn’t some disease that needs to be cleansed, and doubt surely isn’t some bogeyman that needs to be ignored. If someone has the courage to admit that they don’t hear God or can’t feel the Lord’s presence, listen to them. Of course, it is tempting to say, “Well have you tried this?” but most probably have and it didn’t work for them. Maybe God isn’t asking for more, but just asking for hope. So when doubt rears its head to say hello, don’t act like it isn’t there. Say hello back, embrace it, talk it out, and spread some love. Maybe God isn’t absent. Maybe he simply wants to reveal himself through friends who’ll care and are patient with us, even when we’ve got nothing in the tank.

Living with doubt, learning to love

BY KELSEY CARROLL

Doubt. For Christians this word can be the source of nightmares, waning confidence, judgment towards others, and homesickness for a place of security and peace. Doubt enters all of our lives, whether through a discussion with our roommate, a book we’re reading, or something our professor said in class. Doubt can leave us wrestling with some pretty tough issues, and come uncomfortably close to the core of who we are as Christians.

Doubt is an integral part of life. It is something I believe God not only allows, but intentionally created. Doubt keeps us in our place; it works to keep us humble in God’s service. And while this does not mean we should no longer seek knowledge, we are certainly not called to know everything. Yet this should never undermine our commitment to and our faith in a God who is infinitely bigger than our tiny, often too proud and too confident minds.

After sitting through a class discussion in theology or literature, I often stumbled across doubt. I realized that certainty is not a gift which ends in denial, or that which can be made to serve faith, rather than something to be crushed. I believe doubt also allows us to love others in the way Jesus hoped we would. When we stop trying to convince those around us of our theology, we are able to begin real conversations— conversations that will be flavored with love, honesty, and openness. Our interactions with others will stop exhausting us and start teaching us. Our open attitudes toward our own doubt and the doubt of others will bring us nearer to the Kingdom of God.

I am constantly reminding myself that my doubts do not make me less of a follower of Christ. Instead, they allow me to possess humility, an essential ingredient in my pursuit of loving others and becoming more Christ-like. We must remind ourselves that our attitudes toward doubt are more significant than our actual doubts! So next time you’re having a conversation, or a listening to a speaker during chapel or praise and worship, don’t stop listening because doubts begin to arise. Don’t judge the speaker, or ask, “Is this guy even a Christian?” Although you don’t have to agree with everything he or she says, you can glean from it—take what others tell you and use it as Christians, we do well to freely admit the possibility of being wrong. Don’t isolate yourself because of your doubts and disagreements. We must come alongside others, whether we agree or disagree with them, in love and fellowship—there may be periods in our doubt where the body must believe for us. Seek more fervently the shortcomings in your own view of things than in those around you, be humbled by your disagreements with others, be humbled by your doubts, and hold onto the promise of something bigger than it all. I think we will find that our faith in God is not merely a belief system to defend but a lifestyle to live on. God does not give us certainty in a system but a certainty in himself.

“I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)
I miss my “Friends:” TV’s new lineup for fall

BY AMANDA WRIGHT

Since “Friends” went off the air in 2004, finding a new must-see TV show has been an adventure. The appearance of top-rated comedy “Scrubs” has made us laugh while “Grey’s Anatomy” has captured our attention and made us wonder where Meredith and McDreamy will end up next. If you have been watching any television at all lately (after studying and doing homework, of course) you have seen advertisements for new shows like CBS’s “The Big Bang Theory” and “Kid Nation.”

“The Big Bang Theory” is a new comedy from the creator of “Two and a Half Men.” The idea for the show is two highly intelligent male scientists who are captivated by their new beautiful neighbor. The men find out quickly that by their new beautiful neighbor. The show is two highly intelligent and a Half Men.” The idea for CBS’s “The Big Bang Theory” lately (after studying and doing watching any television at all will end up next. If you have been where Meredith and McDreamy “Scrubs” has made us laugh while “Grey’s Anatomy” gets started at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27 because the fourth season of “Grey’s Anatomy” gets started at 8:00 p.m. And if seasons on DVD are your thing, don’t forget that the complete third season will be available on Sept. 11. I’m sure the upcoming season has lots of juicy gossip and drama ready for our enjoyment, but who doesn’t like to look back on the wonderful memories?

Still hoping for a “Friends” reunion? Who knows, maybe a couple of “science geeks” or a group of cavemen will become your new must-see.
Joy in development

Ann Minnick: Communicating with a smile
By Kiley Seligman

Loving her public relations job for Orange City Area Health System, Ann Minnick had no desire to teach. However, after teaching as an adjunct professor last year, she was persuaded to go for an interview at Northwestern College and felt God “slugging her in the arm to try something new and different” by teaching full-time.

Minnick is an Orange City “lifer,” first moving here when she was three years old. Now she, her husband (the director of NW’s Career Development Center) and their two boys have a ball living the small town life.

Presently, Minnick is teaching mass media and society, principles of public relations, and communications practicum. In the future, she will be teaching many other classes in the communications department.

She hopes to someday reach her goal of becoming accredited by the Public Relations Society of America, but right now she is putting all her effort into her students.

“My goal is to give our society well-rounded, well-educated Christian public relations practitioners who can make positive contributions in the world. Through them I’d have tremendous impact on my profession. Nothing would be more rewarding than to see them succeed!”

Minnick loves family, her students, news, history and her profession. Her enthusiasm is a great addition to NW’s growing communications department.

Physics professor plans to continue research
By Kevin Wallace

“Don’t obsess with grades and getting out. Getting out is important, but the things you learn here are going to be more important than your diploma,” says new physics professor, Thomas Bogue.

Bogue says he’s glad he came to Northwestern because it’s a “small school” and has a “friendly atmosphere.”

Bogue began his post-secondary education at the University of Connecticut where he earned his Bachelor of Physics. He then moved onto New Mexico State University where he earned his master’s and Ph.D. in physics.

Interestingly enough, his degree reads “Doctor of Philosophy” not “Doctor of Physics.” When questioned about it, Bogue replied that this is because physics and all sciences fall under the category of philosophy.

For the past year, Bogue has been at Seattle Pacific University where he completed some research and teaching for his post-doctorate. Bogue would like to continue in the same vein of research while at NW.

Van Wyhe: Nurse and teacher at heart
By Kiley Seligman

After graduating in May with a masters from SDSU, Michelle Van Wyhe was inspired to come to Northwestern because of her previous teacher, Ruth Daumer, professor of nursing. All three of the new nursing staff took classes under Daumer at Briar Cliff, and now they have been reunited with her as faculty in NW’s nursing program.

Van Wyhe is serving as student health services coordinator and as a nursing professor.

When Van Wyhe accepted the position, she, her husband and their two children were able to move to Ireton. They were thankful for the opportunity to be able to live closer to family.

While studying for her B.A. at Augustana College, she knew she wanted to obtain a master’s degree and become a family nurse practitioner. Now that she has reached her goal, Van Wyhe feels that teaching is the icing on the cake.

At NW, Van Wyhe is working to get the wellness center up and running for students and to create a successful nursing program.

Though she has only taught for a couple weeks, she is motivated by the energy her students bring to her nursing classes. In the future, Van Wyhe is looking forward to teaching a class in obstetrics, her favorite part about being a nurse.
Music doctor: Following his desires

BY KEVIN WALLACE

Professor Luke Dahn says he had “friends who graduated from Northwestern College and couldn’t speak highly enough” of it. Besides the obvious reason of a job opening, that’s why he applied to be the new music theory professor.

Although he wasn’t sure he met all the requirements NW held for the position, he nevertheless applied for the job he’s been working toward for the past decade.

Dahn first attended the Houston Baptist University with the intention of majoring in Christianity and minoring in music. However, thanks to the intervention of one of his professors, he changed his major to music composition and has stayed the course.

Dahn took a year off after graduating and then went to Western Michigan in Kalamazoo to obtain his master’s in music composition. It was during his time there and while being a teaching assistant that his desire to teach was confirmed.

He then moved on to the University of Iowa, where he earned his doctorate in music composition, met his wife and began to hear so much about NW from his friends.

Dahn concludes, “It’s satisfying to be able to help students.”

A lifetime in labs

BY KRISTI KORVER

Karissa Carlson is teaching college chemistry labs while she finishes graduate work at the University of Iowa. Next semester she will begin teaching chemistry and biochemistry courses, much to her excitement.

Carlson became passionate about science in high school, thanks to a science teacher who “challenged me to work hard and appreciate all forms of science.”

Indeed, she has worked hard. She roamed the halls of VPH with chemistry problems on the brain and graduated with the class of 2003.

Northwestern’s unique learning environment is attractive to Carlson. “I love that students get a chance to integrate art and faith,” Carlson says. “I like being able to make nursing a Christian profession.”

Sweet ride

BY KRISTI KORVER

Have you seen the yellow mustang convertible parked outside the nursing house? It belongs to Deb Bomgaars, the new nursing professor.

Bomgaars graduated with a B.S.N. from Briar Cliff University and the car is a graduation present from her husband Jerry.

They have two boys at home, Justin and James, while their third, Jon, lives with his wife Leaanna in Burnsville, Minn.

Bomgaars is familiar with health care in this area. She spent 17 years as a R.N. at Orange City Area Health System and five years as a community health nurse with Community Health Partners in Orange City.

Bomgaars never intended to teach. However, being a R.N. is about teaching patients and teaching other nurses, so it was natural step for her to teach students.

Twenty-five years ago NW wasn’t even considering a nursing program and now it is a reality. Professor Bomgaars finds that exciting, “I like being able to make nursing a Christian profession.”

Christ-like nurse

BY KEVIN WALLACE

At last, longtime resident Linda Ver Steeg is now Professor Linda Ver Steeg. This year she joins the nursing staff at Northwestern.

Located in a rather spacious office within Wiersma Cottage, Ver Steeg has a presence more commonly found with well-established professors. She quickly tones that assumption out the window as she jokes with a co-worker about how she’d been hoping she would be the only one of the three new nursing professors over-looked for an interview.

Ver Steeg had known very early during her childhood in New York that she wanted to be a nurse. She started working toward that goal as an undergraduate attending the Albany School of Nursing. She then moved to our own NW for her B.S.N.

Of course, only until recently have we had a full nursing program so she finished the degree at Briar Cliff. Wanting to be as good as she could be, Ver Steeg went on to earn her M.S.N. from Nebraska Methodist.

“I’ve always thought there’s a better way to educate nurses,” Ver Steeg says as she explains her desire to teach. “We need good nurses to care for people in a Christ-like manner.”

Carlson strives to integrate art and faith

BY KILEY SELIGMAN

Though he had never been on campus, Arnold Carlson, the new assistant professor of art, felt called to Northwestern to fulfill his “desire to see the artistic discipline dovetail with faith.”

After teaching at the Interlochen Center for the Arts in Michigan for eight years, he, his wife and their four children were happy to move to Orange City to be near family.

At NW, Carlson hopes to help the art department grow, as well as helping his students see art as a field for their lives and faith. He wants to inspire his students to understand the link between faith and art by getting involved in churches using their artistic talents.

Right now Carlson is teaching ceramics and introduction to studio. In the future, he will also teach art history and sculpture. In his classes Carlson enjoys taking one-on-one time with his students. “I like to discuss and analyze ideas so my students can see different ways of approaching and idea that they didn’t think of.”

Carlson is settling into life at NW and looking forward to once again teaching his favorite classes in sculpture, where he has the liberty to play with materials, tools, processes and approaches.
Raider defense brings down NWU

BY BETHANY KROEZE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern football team kicked off their season last Saturday, defeating Nebraska Wesleyan, 13-12.

After a scoreless first quarter, the seventh-ranked Red Raiders struck with a 13-play, 68-yard scoring drive. Sophomore Reed Van Hulzen grabbed a seven yard pass, over his shoulder as he was falling down, from senior quarterback Craig Hector for his first collegiate touchdown. Sophomore kicker Grant Mosier’s extra point was good, putting the Raiders on the scoreboard, 7-0.

The Prairie Wolves came out for only one play on their following drive. NWU quarterback Zac Rabe’s first down pass was picked off by senior safety Kadrian Hardersen, who returned the interception 54 yards for the touchdown. Mosier’s kick failed, leaving the Raiders with a 13-0 lead.

Head Coach Orv Otten said, “Hardersen’s interception was a definite highlight. A couple of great blocks by defensive linemen [sprung] Kadrian into the end zone.”

The Prairie Wolves answered on the next drive. NWU drove 67 yards in 13 plays, ending with a touchdown. A failed extra point decreased the Raiders’ lead to 13-6.

At the end of the half, NWU put their final points on the board, with a one-yard touchdown run with 36 seconds remaining. A failed two-point attempt left the Prairie Wolves with a one-point deficit going into the locker room.

Stopping the two-point conversion “ultimately was the difference in the game,” said Otten.

The Red Raider defense came out in full force during the second half, determined to keep the lead and keep NWU off the board. Forcing four three-and-outs, the defense had four sacks and two fourth-and-one stops during the second half.

“When our defense kept NWU off the scoreboard time and time again, I believe that NWU’s team lost some confidence,” said Otten.

Van Hulzen said, “Our defense bent but didn’t break, and they held us off when we were struggling at times during the game.”

Leading the defense were junior linebacker Nathan Jansen, with a game-high seven solo tackles plus two assists, Hardersen, with 9.5 total tackles and an interception, and junior linebacker Joel Dykstra, with 7.5 total tackles.

“We certainly found out that we can do some very special things when we need to,” said Otten. “Our fourth down defense was nearly flawless Saturday night.”

Offensively, the Raiders had 136 yards and 10 first downs on the night. Passing 13-23, Hector had one touchdown and two interceptions. Junior wide receiver Seth Moen caught a game-high six passes for 44 yards. Junior running back Kyle Ochsner led NW with 38 yards on seven carries. Freshman Tylor Malcomb contributed 27 yards on 12 carries.

Tomorrow, the Red Raiders host Dakota Wesleyan in their home opener. Last weekend, DWU defeated Midland Lutheran, 47-7.

“DWU has a very talented team with good team speed and most likely a lot of confidence right now,” said Otten.

Dykstra agreed, “They put up a lot of points on Midland and rushed for about 300 yards, so stopping the run game is key.”

Van Hulzen said, “Everyone has to step it up this week.”

Saturday’s kick-off is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Korver Field.

Women win first cross country meet of season, men take second

BY LAURA JACOBSON
EDITOR

The Red Raider women’s cross country team dominated its competition last Friday, Aug. 30, to win its first meet of the season. The women scored 27 points in the Dordt College Invitational, considerably defeating second place Morningside College, which tallied 64 points. Six teams competed in the meet.

Leading the Raiders were freshmen Olivia Johnson and Charity Miles, who finished first and second, respectively, in the field of 72 runners. Johnson completed the 4,000 meter course in 15:09, with Miles following at 15:21.

Johnson earned GPAC Runner-of-the-Week honors for her first-place performance.

The women’s effort was rounded out by the performance of an impressive pack. “We are starting to learn about the synergy of running with a pack and that is helping with the score,” said Head Coach Dale Thompson.

Freshmen Sarah Hess, Stephanie Powell, and Akacia Wentworth, sophomore Stephanie Korfe, and senior Lori Wolf finished within five seconds of each other to complete the women’s top seven. Hess ran the course in 16:25, Powell in 16:26, Wentworth in 16:27, Korfe in 16:29, and Wolf in 16:30.

The five women placed seventh, eighth, ninth, eleventh, and tenth, respectively.

The men’s team edged out Dakota Wesleyan to earn second place in the competition, scoring 61 to the Tigers’ 65. Morningside was the leading men’s team at the meet, with a team score of 29.

“We are starting to learn about the synergy of running with a pack and that is helping with the score.”

- Dale Thompson

The Raiders were fronted by senior Jon Woehl, who finished the four-mile course in 22:28 for sixth place. Woehl was followed by freshman Tyler Peckenschneider, who ran 22:48 for ninth place.

Sophomore Kyle Gerhard and freshman Danny Owens were 12th and 15th, respectively, with Gerhard running the race in 23:01 and Owens in 23:12. Junior Jack Peterson and sophomore Lee Stover and Andy Norris rounded out the men’s top seven, placing 20th, 21st, and 22nd, respectively. Peterson finished in 23:31, closely followed by Stover, in 23:32, and Norris in 23:33.

The Raider cross country teams are of record size this season, with 25 women and 14 men competing in the Dordt Invitational, and several others yet to compete.

“We are missing a few key runners on both teams that we are hoping will be able to join us soon and strengthen the pack,” said Thompson.

The teams’ next meet will be Saturday, Sept. 15, at the SDSU Invitational in Brookings, S.D. The women’s race begins at 9:20 a.m. with the men’s race to follow.

Hardersen is GPAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week

Senior safety Kadrian Hardersen was honored as the Great Plains Athletic Conference’s Defensive Player-of-the-Week for his performance in the Raiders’ 13-12 victory over Nebraska Wesleyan last Saturday.

Hardersen scored the Raiders’ first defensive touchdown of the season on a 54-yard interception during the second quarter. The senior also recorded seven solo tackles, with a total of 8.5 tackles and broke up a pass to shut down the Prairie Wolves’ offense in the second half.

Women’s soccer drops two in home tournament

The Northwestern women’s soccer team started their season hosting the Northwestern Bank Soccer Classic on August 24 and 25.

In their first game, the Raiders fell 3-1 to 14th ranked Trinity International (III). The Raiders took an early lead when junior forward Allise Vugteveen scored on an assist from senior midfielder Mary Klarenbeek. Sophomore goalkeeper Kelly Salem had ten saves in the loss.

In the second game, the Raiders were defeated by Jamestown College (N.D.). The Lady Jimmies scored three first half goals to take the win.

Junior defender Tara Blutt had three shots on goal for the Raiders. Senior forward Jamise Retzlaff and Rozeboom each had one shot. Salem recorded seven saves.

This weekend, the women travel to Spring Arbor, Mich., to play in the Spring Arbor Classic.
**SPORTS**

**Volleyball falls to Morningside in nail-biter**

**BY BETHANY KROEZE**

The Red Raider volleyball team fell to Morningside in a five-game thriller Wednesday night. Northwestern fell to 6-4 overall and 1-1 in the GPAC, while Morningside improved 10-0 overall and 2-0 in the conference.

The Mustangs came in and took the first game, 30-19. The Raiders answered back in the second game, taking the 30-26 win and firing up the home crowd.

“We started to play a little more confidently in the second game and were starting to feed off of our teammates,” said sophomore defensive specialist Janna Bloemendaal.

Sophomore setter Rachel Gosselink said, “We had a lot of enthusiasm and really wanted to take it to them in the third game. We knew if we played our hardest and played with as much intensity as we did in the second game, then they wouldn’t be able to stay with us.”

Unfortunately, the momentum dipped and the Mustangs took the third game, 30-22. Firing back again in the fourth game, the Raiders took their second win, 30-22. The 2-2 tie sent the match into a fifth game.

“We were all pretty pumped up and ready to fight for the win,” said Gosselink. “We knew it was a short journey and not a destination. We have to keep in mind that success is a journey and not a destination. We need to be aware of the abilities we have and play like we believe in ourselves and our teammates,” said Gosselink.

**Men’s soccer faces giants in California, falls to Midland**

**BY MARJI MULDER**

The men’s soccer team has faced some huge challenges of late, including a cross-country road trip to Southern California to play two high ranking schools in the Heritage Club Classic and returned to play a home game with only a day recovery.

Last Friday in Santa Barbara, Calif., the Raiders first took on Asuza Pacific University. APU was the proverbial giant, ranked in the top 10 the past three years by the NAIA coaches’ poll and advancing to the national playoffs the past two seasons.

Despite a valiant effort on the Raiders’ part, the much taller Cougars shut out the men with a final score of 6-0.

On the second day of the tournament, the Raiders faced the home team, Westmont College, another nationally ranked team.

The men didn't go down without inflicting some damage. Twenty-three minutes into the game, Aaron O'Brien scored off an assist from Bradlee White to put the Raiders in the lead, 1-0.

But Westmont answered back six seconds later with the first of two Warrior goals. After 90 minutes of tough play in the California heat, the Warriors took the victory, 2-1.

Head Coach T.J. Buchholz said, “The men weren’t used to the heat in California, its nothing like Iowa. Its hot and dry and some really struggled adjusting.”

The men returned late Monday, with one day to recover before their Wednesday night contest against Midland Lutheran.

The Raiders came out strong on their own turf and scored early. In the thirteenth minute, the Raiders took an early lead with a shot by junior, Andy Jansen.

The lead didn’t last long. Midland answered just under two minutes later with their first strike. The Raiders had an opportunity to tie the game with a penalty shot, but the Midland goalkeeper knocked the ball away.

When time ran out, Midland Lutheran walked away with a 2-1 win, improving their record to 3-0 and leaving the Raiders with a 2-3 record on the season.

The Raider men will be in action again this Saturday when they face the University of Sioux Falls at the Cougar’s home field. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.
"Stick 'em up" at the Northwestern Western

BY JANICE SWIER
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“Stick 'em up outlaw” may be heard frequently next week as Northwestern’s annual Western Week kicks off. The week’s events comprise the Wild West Shootout, country dance lessons and the Saturday night Northwestern Western festivities.

The Wild West Shootout is a week where students become better acquainted with the faces and names of fellow students as each student tries to track down their “outlaw” and catch them off guard.

“The great thing about the Wild West Shootout is it is a week that all the participants live in complete paranoia,” said senior Elayna Rice. The student who is able to eliminate the most “outlaws” during the course of the week will be rewarded with $50. Students who are interested in testing their cunning tracking and quick draw skills can fill out a contract and return it to the student activities drop box by 9 p.m. this evening.

During the week of the Western students are also encouraged to participate in free dance lessons; on Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. students can learn and practice the art of country swing. At the Northwestern Western, which is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. on the green, students will be able to demonstrate their new country swing and line dancing skills at the Western dance.

The country-style dance is not the only thing the Western has to offer, as many other activities will also be happening simultaneously. The Student Activities Council (SAC) will once again have a mechanical bull for students to attempt to ride. Also new this year, the Western will have the Rodeo Roper and the Tumbleweed. The Rodeo Roper will challenge students’ roping skills as they try to rope the mechanical cow that dashes out beside them, and the Tumbleweed is a self-propelled ride that will have students spinning all over the West.

While students are waiting for their chance to ride the bull, get caught in a tumbleweed, or rope a cow, they are able to enjoy free hay rides, they can pay a dollar to get a Western-style photo of themselves and their friends, or they can sit back with their glass of 1919 rootbeer.

“The Western is always one of my favorite SAC events because of the variety of things it offers,” said senior Emily Lichter.

Clash of the Classes

Students practice their line dancing skills in a practice held this week.

Senior art shows to begin at TePaske Gallery

BY SARA JANZEN
STAFF WRITER

As the semester begins, so do senior art shows. Three senior’s artwork will be showcased throughout the month of September in the TePaske Gallery.

Crystal Woodford’s artwork will be on display from Sept. 10 to 14. She will be holding an open house on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. for all who wish to hear her talk about her art. Woodford’s show, entitled “Aftermath” will include a wide variety of media such as sculpture, drawing, photography, ceramics, print making, and paintings. Most of the pieces are a reflection of what Woodford was going through at the time she created them.

“My work is based on what is going on inside me, around me.” Woodford said. “I try to capture issues that surround my life.” Her art is the “aftermath” of analyzing these issues.

“Organic Studies 628,” the title of Brienne Caldwell’s art show, runs from Sept. 17 to 21. The title “Organic Studies 628” has two-fold meaning. “Organic Studies” speaks to what the pieces are, studies and observations of plant life. “628” is taken from the verse Matthew 6:28, which says, “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.”

This represents what art means to Caldwell, a chance to escape from worry much like the lilies of the field. “Through doing my art,” Caldwell said, “I can hear God telling me ‘Don’t worry Bri, just don’t worry. Let me take care of it.’” She went on to say, “I don’t have any worries, I’m engulfed in it [my art].”

There will be acrylic and watercolor paintings among Caldwell’s pieces as well as some ceramic and sculpture pieces. Caldwell will be at the TePaske Gallery on the opening day of her show at 7 p.m. for a reception and to elaborate on her theme and answer questions.

Continuing in the natural theme, Carrie (Lokker) Mathison’s art show, entitled “Of Earth” will be showing from Sept. 23 to 28. Mathison’s show will feature pottery and ceramics as well as a few paintings.

The title, “Of Earth” expresses Mathison’s desire to reveal God in nature. “I want to be able to capture that,” Mathison said. “I’ve tried out a lot of different things, and I think it’s something I connect with.”

Mathison’s reception will be Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. in the TePaske Gallery during which time she will comment on her art.