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American troops: surge on to protect our freedom

At 8:46 a.m. EST on September 11, 2001, the entire world we live in was changed. American Flight 11 out of Boston was hijacked and crashed into the North Tower at the World Trade Center in New York City. Within the next two hours, three more flights would be hijacked and crash into the South Tower, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and a field near Shanksville, Penn.

Since that day, America has been at war with radical Muslim jihadists, fighting the terrorists who ravaged our country that day and still continue to threaten our freedom. And since the declaration of this war on terror, another war has been raging within our country. Daily arguments surface between Democrats and Republicans, pacifists and non-pacifists, and various lawmakers, presidential candidates and government officials.

All the while, our brave troops have been fighting to protect American freedom in a war many Americans don’t support.

This week, General David Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker brought their progress report to Congress. Crocker announced that a plan for rapid troop withdrawals in Iraq would signal the Iraqis to start “building the walls, stocking ammunition and getting ready for a big nasty street fight” rather than working toward reconciliation.

Petraeus recommended that troops remain at current levels until March of next year. According to a statement by a senior administration official, President Bush will follow Petraeus’s recommendations, calling for troop reductions to pre-surge levels by summer 2008.

While House spokesman Tony Snow said that the president believes that success in Iraq is vital to U.S. security.

Democratic lawmakers have tried to pass a law depicting a timetable for withdrawing troops from Iraq. Presidential candidates have gone back and forth on this issue in debates broadcast throughout the summer. Earlier this week, Republican presidential candidate and Arizona senator John McCain warned his congressional colleagues about the consequences of setting a timeline for withdrawal.

“We can be sure, however, that should the United States Congress succeed in legislating a date for withdrawal, and thus surrender, then we will fail for certain,” said McCain. “Make no mistake, the consequences of American defeat in Iraq will be terrible and long-lasting.”

Reports have told Americans that soldier morale is high. Our soldiers are fighting for a cause they believe in—American freedom. They were not drafted, they were not forced to go overseas and fight. No, they chose to fight back to protect her freedom. If we want to continue to enjoy our freedom in America, we need to continue to fight.

Greg Christy is godly and good, a leader and a team player, humble and virtuous, relational and missionial. On Monday morning, while munching on almond patties with ten other students, I asked Greg what God has been showing him recently. He told about an afternoon spent praying. He asked God to give him guidance—to show him what is right. He reminded us it is important to pray to give him guidance. And he also shared a little about the eyes he had that day. He explained that they were a card sitting on the pew. On it was Isaiah 6:8: “Here I am, send me.” Christy continued to share that God has given him and his family an opportunity to change more in each step of the process of application. He wants what God wants for his family and for Northwestern.

Greg the Lord and longs to bring God glory, but will he make an excellent president for Northwestern College? Christy isn’t coming with a four-step plan that outlines the way he wants to change Northwestern. He understands the integration of faith and learning, and he embraces the identity of this college. It is obvious from his work at Dakota Wesleyan that he is a strong leader with a phenomenon experience in advancement.

His job is to represent Northwestern well. Can he do that without a Ph.D.? I recognize the blood, sweat and tears that go into a Ph.D., and the weight it holds in academia. But Greg Christy shared that if he were to be president, he would maintain the strong emphasis that Northwestern College places on a Ph.D. behind his name. Do any of these things really hold weight? What are we concerned with here? Am I completely missing it? I could be. However, if I’m not, and then the man I heard speaking to students? Why, then what I saw was genuine. I saw a genuinely humble man excited to continue the good work began here and thus be a good new college with Northwestern.

The presidential position is an opportunity for someone to stop and guide us in the way we use our gift. Our gift is having an academic and Christian institution that can be shaken up and reminded that emphasis to be maintained.

However, it is important that the president be respected by faculty, staff and students. He should earn it, but we must graciously give it.

Every person comes with strengths and weaknesses. Christy recognizes his need to learn more about the Reformed faith; he knows to partner with Jasper LeSage to maintain academic excellence. If he becomes our next president, he will come to us with many needed strengths. Greg Christy is a godly and genuine leader who understands the mission of Northwestern and sees our potential to impact the world for Christ.

Remember the Eleventh of September

September 11 is a day that we should remember. On a day when we should have mourned the lost and celebrated our heritage, Northwestern College would have honored our fallen brethren through prayer and reflection. Let’s honor our country through the pledge of allegiance. Let’s honor our soldiers through taps and the display of the flag. On September 11, let’s come together, put the politics aside, and, as Americans, unite.

Northwestern College
A review of The Hub @ N-Dub...

Vandersnaaks at the airport

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What lies behind the glass doors upon entering the recently renovated RSC? A new hang out known as The Hub @ N-Dub where one can grab chicken fingers or enjoy a cup of coffee. Even if these options don’t sound appealing, many other options exist. One such item is the strawberry smoothie, which I purchased last week. As an unprofessional taste-tester, I concluded that its contents didn’t in fact glide down my throat. The smoothie seemed more like a snooze with ice and flavoring as I chomped on the pieces of ice. I rather enjoy snoo-cones, but that wasn’t what I anticipated, as smoothies usually contain yogurt and milk. This purchase didn’t dig deeply into my flex cash, and I found it to be quite satisfactory. However, after two weeks I’ve bought four items totaling about $17, leaving me with few purchases left despite starting with $75.

Cafeteria blues? Create!

BY AMANDA WRIGHT
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“What’s for dinner?” — an all too familiar question that can lead to disappointment or the occasional trip off-campus for the five o’clock meal. Ring any bells? It’s hard not to get bummed out on caf food. After all, we eat it anywhere from one to three times daily. Here are a few suggestions on how to relieve your cafeteria blues:

So you like chicken patties, right? Of course, we all do! But how many can you eat on a bun with mayonnaise before you get tired of it? Try it on a salad! Maybe you don’t like the selection of lettuce that day in the salad bar, the spinach or the iceberg with carrots and cabbage just isn’t cutting it. But, how about the salad bar which is nicely shredded, cabbage-free lettuce, perfectly chopped and ready for your salad enjoyment? From there, simply cut up the chicken, add the desired toppings to your masterpiece and dig in! My favorite toppings include hard-boiled eggs, peas, perhaps a little cheese and ranch dressing. Not a big salad fan? That’s OK, it’s not for everyone. But something sweet, now that’s a different story. Bagels are always good whether served plain, with cream cheese or as the bread for a sandwich. Ready for a change of pace? Try making a banana split! Simply take a bowl and a peeled, halved banana. From there, dispense the desired amount of ice cream on top of your banana. Then add the extra toppings of your choice. The toppings next to the ice cream machine are great for perfecting a delicious dessert. The ice cream has a buttery peanut-honey spread to relieve your cafeteria blues.

From the brick wall behind the kitchen with a rustic looking Raiders sign. I found the theater spotlights a subtle, yet clever touch accenting this area. Another part of the calming design is the hanging circle above the cash register with its dangling, dimmed red lights. Each wall has a different soothing color or texture to it, but all works in its favor. This new hangout atmosphere invites people to come in with its many elements. It’s contemporary, yet has a homely feeling about it. The food served there may be expensive, but for the most part it reaches my high standards. Spending time here may help you rid yourself of boredom and perhaps become your favorite studyng spot.

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New way to learn

BY KRISTI KORVER
STAFF WRITER

What does life look like after graduation from Northwestern? That is a question to lay awake at night and think about. For Bree Ann Brandhagen it looks like a summer full of weddings followed by another familiar road trip from Rapid City to Orange City.

Brandhagen is back at NW to learn, but not by taking notes and tests. Brandhagen graduated last spring with biology health professions and chemistry majors and she has now returned to campus as the new lab coordinator.

Her job entails teaching chemistry labs and proctoring exams.

Brandhagen loved the community she found at NW. She is thankful for the opportunity she had to build relationships with friends, faculty and staff. Now that she works alongside her professors, she is able to see education from a different perspective and learn from them.

This is ideal because one day Brandhagen hopes to be a college professor. Next year she plans to attend graduate school and study molecular biology or genetics. Those are the big dreams, but Brandhagen also aspires to build a bat cage to trap the creatures living in her house and she would like to learn to cook.

Life after graduation is joyful for Brandhagen. She is happy to live in a house with yellow walls, mix chemicals and see the school she loves from a new perspective.

Puebla to Orange City, missionary to mission director

BY KRISTI KORVER

After 17 years living as a missionary in Puebla, Mexico, the first place Tommy Moon wants to go when he comes back to the States is Taco Bell. "I love the plain crunchy tacos. I could probably eat 12 in one sitting."

Moon and his wife Sue left Puebla on Monday, Sept. 3. The trip was arduous; they spent six hours at the border in customs.

After having everything in their truck inspected, the officer said to Moon, “We have to keep America safe from your returning missionaries.”

Moon can laugh about it now but as they waited he could only think of his father’s words: “When you’re going through hell, don’t slow down.” After a stop in Dallas they arrived in Orange City on Sunday, Sept. 9.

The Moons may be tired, but they are excited to be home. Moon is eager to mobilize students for missions, and he is well prepared to do so. During his stay in Mexico, Moon was involved in church planting, youth ministry and leadership development. In 1998 he became the dean of students at Puebla Bible Seminary.

Moon has been on the receiving side of many missionary teams, so he can now bring that perspective to NW as we send students out through our SOS and SSP programs. The maturity of NW students has really impressed Moon. He wants to build relationships here and see students enthused about cross-cultural ministry. He welcomes visitors to his office in the Center for Spiritual Formation and Vocation and relishes any opportunity to speak Spanish.

Alum comes home

BY KEVIN WALLACE
STAFF WRITER

“I am so happy to be back at Northwestern; I love this place,” says the new director of campus safety and security, Perry Krosschell. Krosschell graduated from NW in 1987 with a degree in religion and then returned to work for the school after receiving his master’s. For three years he was the resident director of Colenbrander Hall. The last five of his eight years at NW he was working in the office of admissions.

Currently, Krosschell is responsible for making sure NW is in compliance with federal and state safety regulations. He also acts as a liaison between the college and the local law enforcement officials. Krosschell’s last job at NW is to oversee his staff of 25 workstudy students and make sure they complete their duties.

His position is actually a three-fourths time position so that he is still able to coach football at Unity Christian High School. Krosschell can usually be found in his RSC office and works from 8:30 to 2:30 – his door is always open when he’s in. He describes each visitor as a “blessing,” embracing the idea that every person is a brother or sister in Christ.

To keep the campus as safe as it is, Krosschell encourages, “Keep being a blessing to one another and watch out for one another – emphasis on the blessing.”
Donahue wins Toby Mac video contest with spontaneous “Boomin’” video

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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On May 31, Vaughn Donahue stumbled upon a site announcing a video contest for Toby Mac’s new CD, “Portable Sounds.” Donahue thought working on a video for the contest sounded like a good way to spend the boring summer months in Orange City. However, five minutes later, he saw the deadline: “All entries must be postmarked by June 4.” After an hour-long walk, Donahue decided to take the challenge of putting together a superior video in four days; he figured he had nothing to lose.

Donahue is a senior communications major with interests in film, graphic design and advertising. Throughout his years at Northwestern he has made various other videos, such as promos for RUSH and the identity theft commercials aired at NC/DC last year. He participated in the Toby Mac contest to see if he could put together a video in four days and if he could do it well enough to win.

The requirements of the contest were to take one of three choices of songs from Toby’s new album and make a video true to what the music is about. The video also had to be in Toby’s artistic style, usually rap and hip-hop with some urban rock thrown in. Donahue grew up loving DC Talk, the band Toby Mac started out in, so he was familiar with Toby’s style. He thinks this may have given him an edge over other contestants.

For two days, Donahue prepared by figuring out his concept and storyboarding each shot. He shot the video in eight hours and then edited it for the next thirty. On June 4, he delivered the video to the post office at 4:15—15 minutes before closing.

Not even knowing if his video made it on time, it came as a surprise that it made the top nine out of thousands of entries and was put online for public voting. After the online voting, the top four videos were reviewed by judges and Toby Mac. Later, Donahue received a call saying, “The moment we saw your video we knew it was the winner.”

His video was to the song “Boomin’,” about people coming together for one cause: their faith. Inspired by the words of the song, Donahue chose to portray a young guy (played by NW’s Scruff Eaddy) who walks around town getting a bunch of people together to start a party. After getting it started, he leaves to start another one. Donahue says that with only a 3.5 minute video, he didn’t want too complex of a story.

As the winner, Donahue received the chance of a lifetime. His video premiered at Creation Northwest in George, Wash., right before Toby’s show. He received a trip to the festival, as well as a backstage pass for the weekend. He ate with artists, hung out with bands and watched Toby’s show from backstage.

“I went there expecting nothing, but hoping for everything,” Donahue said when asked if he thought the win could help build his career. Backstage he met a lot of people and passed out a lot of his cards. He’s now waiting, hoping something good will come from it.

His favorite part about making the video was the spontaneity of the whole thing; it simply took over his life for four days. And then he experienced the thrill of a lifetime getting to see his creation play on the big screen in front an incredible audience. “It was an amazing experience.”

Want to see the video for yourself? Watch “Boomin’” at home.nwciowa.edu/vdonahue.
The seventh-ranked Northwestern Red Raiders took on Dakota Wesleyan in their home opener, defeating the Tigers, 44-30. NW improves to 2-0 while DWU falls to 1-1.

The Tigers started the night with the ball and a 65-yard scoring drive, ending with a one-yard touchdown run.

The Raiders answered on the following drive, running three plays in 42 seconds and driving 58 yards. Senior receiver Tyler Riechle caught a 32-yard pass from senior quarterback Craig Hector for the score. Sophomore kicker Grant Mosier’s extra point was blocked, leaving the Raiders trailing 7-6.

DWU increased their lead just under four minutes later, with a one-yard touchdown run, culminating a 71-yard drive. Another good extra point extended the Tigers’ lead to eight.

Hector said, “I think for the most part we were staying pretty confident offensively because we knew we could move the ball pretty effectively on them.”

The Raiders’ turnaround came with 2:09 remaining in the first quarter, when junior Seth Moen caught a one-yard touchdown pass from Hector. Mosier’s kick gave the Raiders a 23-14 lead.

The Raiders dominated the remainder of the game, shutting down the Tigers’ offense and adding another 14 points to the board with two Hector-to-Moen touchdowns. The first touchdown came with 3:10 remaining in the third quarter; then, just 16 seconds into the fourth quarter, Moen struck again on a 51-yard reception, completing an 80-yard drive in 1:29. The two touchdowns gave the Raiders a 14-point lead and the victory.

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Women’s golf team competes on the road

Despite the adverse conditions, the Raiders’ performance at the GPAC meet displayed their commitment and perseverance. Hoytzyer explained that the neat thing about this year’s team is that they want to get better, work on their weak areas and have a goal to be very competitive by the end of the fall schedule.

But he said that the players look beyond the golf scores and see the big picture—being good students, showing respect to each other and their opponents, valuing laughter and working hard to have balanced, disciplined lives. “As a coach,” he says, “that is as exciting as any conference victory.”

The women next compete at Briar Cliff in Sioux City on Thursday, Sept. 20.
Men’s soccer falls in double-OT defensive battle

The Raiders hosted the Nebraska Wesleyan Prairie Wolves Wednesday night in a double-overtime heartbreaker.

Northwestern fell to 3-4 overall and 0-1 in the GPAC while the Prairie Wolves captured their second GPAC win of the season.

In a lengthy defensive battle, the Prairie Wolves outshot the Raiders 23-12. Freshman goalkeeper Ben Schneider recorded ten saves on the night.

The Red Raider defense, sophomores Tyler Sytisma and Bryant Wieking and senior Brian Springer, played hard for nearly 110 straight minutes.

“Our defense really rose to the occasion... A tie would have been well-deserved for both teams”

- T.J. Buchholz

“Overall I was very pleased,” said Buchholz. “It was a great match; a tie would have been well-deserved for both teams.”

“I have a lot of faith in this team,” Buchholz continued.

The men will enjoy a week off before traveling to Mount Marty on Wednesday to take on the Lancers in a men’s and women’s doubleheader.

SPORTS SHORTS

Volleyball takes down Bellevue, 3-0

On Saturday, Sept. 8, the Northwestern volleyball team took on 22 Bellevue University in the Bultman Center. The Raiders won the match 3-0, with individual game scores of 30-24, 30-18 and 30-26. The Raiders improved to 7-4 overall.

Leading the Raiders were freshmen hitters Bobbie Jean Rich and Hillary Hanno, with 12 and 11 kills, respectively. Sophomore middle hitter Randa Hulstein had seven blocks and four kills, while sophomore setter Rachel Gosslin put up 36 assists plus 12 digs.

This weekend, the Raiders travel to Hastings, Neb., to play in the Hastings Tournament. The Raiders will return home to face College of Saint Mary on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Bultman Center.

Men golf at BVU, NWU

Last Thursday, the men’s golf team traveled to Storm Lake, Iowa, to make their season debut in the Buena Vista Invitational. Finishing in sixth place, the Raiders shot a team score of 320, two shots behind USF and Briar Cliff University.

Individually, sophomore Luke Vermeer led the team, tying for second place, with a one-over 73. Junior Justin Pannkuk tied for second place, with a one-over 73.

Kyle McGranahan tied for 27th place, with a 78, while sophomore Tyler Sytisma tied for 33rd place with a 79 and junior Gabe McCallum grabbed the goal, tying for 47th place with a 84.

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Women’s soccer defeats NWU in GPAC opener

The Northwestern women’s soccer team won their first game of the year, defeating Nebraska Wesleyan 1-0 Wednesday night in Korver Field.

The Raiders were outshot 19-5 in their GPAC opener, but sophomore goalkeeper Kelly Salem was able to keep the Prairie Wolves out of the goal, grabbing seven saves and her first career shutout.

The Raiders grabbed their goal 30 minutes into the game. Senior Brittany Osborn capitalized when the Prairie Wolves’ keeper misplayed senior Macy Ruzebosm’s throw-in.

The Raiders’ defense played strong for the next 60 minutes, holding the Prairie Wolves and keeping them out of the goal.

The Raiders had three shots-on-goal and five shots while the Prairie Wolves had 19 shots and five shots-on-goal.

The Raiders will host Bellevue tomorrow night at 6 p.m. on Korver Field.

“Bellevue is pretty solid on the women’s side,” said Head Coach T.J. Buchholz. “The game will be tough, but it will get them ready for more GPAC play.”

Next week Wednesday, the Raiders will travel to Mount Marty in Yankton, S.D., for a men’s and women’s doubleheader.
Student brings harp melodies to campus

BY JANICE SWIER
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Senior Aynsley Mihm will perform a student harp recital in Christ Chapel on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 3 p.m.

As a music major graduating in December, Mihm's recital will demonstrate her accomplishments and skills as a musician. The concert will be approximately half an hour in length and will begin with a piece that she arranged herself called “Stui A Run,” a traditional Irish ballad.

“Performing my own arrangements and compositions allows me to connect with my audience in an even greater way than if I play a piece by someone else,” said Mihm.

The show will also entail a collection of eight short pieces entitled “Epices” (French for spices) and will conclude with the harp and cello duet “Moonbeams.” Catherine McIntire, a cello instructor at the Forerunner Music Academy in Kansas City, Mo., will be accompanying Mihm in the duet.

Mihm's hope for the concert is that her audience will be able to feel the music that they are hearing.

“I hope to take my music to a different place. I hope that they might experience the different flavors of the spices, the lonely lament of a traditional Irish ballad and the sappy sweetness of a lush cello and harp duet,” said Mihm.

Though she has been preparing for this all summer, Mihm still has a few concerns; many of her pieces are difficult because they include several new and innovative techniques that transform the music into something truly unique for the harp world.

She hopes that through her practice she can bring every measure out so that the audience can appreciate each one.

Mihm's desire is that each of her audience members will be able to “leave themselves behind and just be caught up in the welling up of feeling that music can produce.”