Chinese cross-cultural programs taking shape on campus

BY LEANN JOHNSON  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Three new cross-cultural opportunities in China are currently in the works for Northwestern. These opportunities include having Chinese students come study at NW, sending students to China for a summer study abroad and sending NW graduates to China for a one-or two-year immersion program.

James Li, a 1994 NW graduate, is one of the main reasons these opportunities are available. As an international student in the United States, he had an enjoyable, rewarding and educational experience here. After returning to China, he wanted other Chinese students to have similar experiences, so he founded the Beijing Rehoboth International Cultural & Academic Development Inc. (BRIC). According to Carene Toh, vice president of BRIC, their mission is, “to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, cultivate relationships and develop skills for better, sustainable living in our culturally diverse world.”

Kevin McMahan, associate dean for intercultural affairs, sees these opportunities as mutually beneficial.

“I don’t think that there’s a more important cultural cooperation than between the U.S. and China,” McMahan said. “Americans need more information about Chinese. Chinese need more information about Americans.”

McMahan is coordinating the program’s first phase: the American College Preparation Program for Chinese students at NW. The first part of this program is a three-to-four week Summer Institute for studying the English language. If all goes as planned, 24 Chinese students will come to NW in July 2009 for short-term exposure to the college.

The second part of this program, which involves 12 Chinese students attending NW to obtain degrees might start as early as this fall. In order for this program to benefit both Chinese and American students, McMahan said the NW community must be welcoming to the Chinese students, whether that is through paid positions like ESL tutoring and living with an international student, or by simply befriending the international students.

“One person to people who seem interested in getting to know you,” said McMahan, who sees this as a great way for the NW community to help these students integrate into a new culture.

The second phase, a Chinese summer study abroad program for NW students, is headed by Doug Carlson, associate dean of off-campus programs. He hopes to write-up a proposal this summer that will allow NW students to travel to China to experience a 16-credit semester that would cover Chinese language, history and culture. Alternatively NW students could receive internship credit for teaching Chinese students about the English language and the American culture and educational system.

Carlson said in order for this program to happen, NW needs a minimum of six people to study abroad in China, and a NW college faculty member to accompany them.

“China is clearly the up-and-coming nation in the world,” said Carlson. He also said the Chinese government is sending students to the USA because it, “wants Chinese young people to learn American values in terms of personal responsibility and taking responsibility for the larger community.”

The third phase of BRIC’s program is a paid immersion program for college graduates. The graduates would go to China for either four-or eight-weeks and take part in immersion classes and cultural enrichment activities, as well as field trips and excursions.

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Varnum v. Brien: same-sex marriage allowed in Iowa

BY EMILY BREWER  STAFF WRITER

Starting on Monday, April 27, same-sex couples will be allowed to wed in Iowa, according to a ruling in the case of Varnum v. Brien. Iowa will become the third state in the nation, after Massachusetts and Connecticut, to allow same-sex marriage. California’s high court allowed gay marriage for six months last year before voters banned it in November.

This case started in the courts in 2005, when six same-sex couples sued Polk County Recorder and Registrar Timothy Brien when he refused to issue them marriage licenses. Lambda Legal, a New York-based gay rights organization, filed the lawsuit on behalf of the couples.

“In this case, we must decide if our state statute limiting civil marriage to a union between a man and a woman violates the Iowa Constitution, as the district court ruled,” the Supreme Court stated. “If gay and lesbian people must submit to different treatment without an exceedingly persuasive justification, they are deprived of the benefits of the principle of equal protection upon which the rule of law is founded.

Iowa Code section 595.2 denies gay and lesbian people the equal protection of the law promised by the Iowa Constitution.”

The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously rejected a state law that banned same-sex marriage on April 3rd. “The decision strikes the language from Iowa Code section 595.2 limiting civil marriage to a man and a woman. It further directs that the remaining statutory language be interpreted and applied in a manner allowing gay and lesbian people full access to the institution of civil marriage,” according to the court’s website.

There is a 21-day period between the date the judicial opinion is filed and the date the ruling becomes official in which a petition for rehearing can be filed. The 21-day period ended today, but the ruling isn’t official until April 27 since all court offices are closed due to budget cuts.

Since Polk County Attorney John Sarcone told the Associated Press that his office won’t be asking for a rehearing, the only recourse for opponents at this point is a constitutional amendment, which could take years to ratify.

In the meantime, opponents of same-sex marriage may try to enact residency requirements for marriage so that gays and lesbians could not travel to Iowa to wed. “You do not have to be an Iowaan to seek a license here,” said Lambda senior staff attorney Camilla Taylor, and Iowa should recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

“The Court has issued a clear and well-reasoned opinion,” stated Attorney General Tom Miller. “I believe that the Supreme Court’s decision is right, based on Iowa Constitutional law principles regarding equal protection. It is noteworthy that the decision was unanimous.”
A manifesto: salvation for all

BY BLAINE CRAWFORD


The topic of universalism has been hotly debated in the 2000 years of the Church and doesn’t seem to be disappearing anytime soon. Nor does it seem that this great mystery will be solved anytime soon. The renewed emphasis on everybody will be solved anytime soon. The does it seem that this great mystery be disappearing anytime soon. Nor been hotly debated in the 2000 years people. But everybody. Sinners. Not just church-goers. Not just good throne of God. Not just Christians. One day, every knee will bow at the throne of God. Not just say it: God will save all people.

If Christ did die for all people, then justification is extended to all people, not just the people who confess Jesus as Lord. A parent’s love for a child is not dependent upon that love being reciprocated. Love continues to love regardless of whether it is returned or not.

Jacques Ellul once wrote, “A theology of grace implies universal salvation. What could grace mean if it were granted only to some sinners and not to others according to an arbitrary decree that is totally contrary to the nature of God? If grace is granted according to the greater or lesser number of sins, it is no longer grace.”

The second idea is led astray by our medieval concept of hell. Our common image of hell is a place void of God and instead ruled over by Satan. Will God really allow Satan to continue with his evil ways for eternity? If God will one day truly conquer all evil and truly reign over everything, we would be foolish to believe that God would grant any sort of space in which Satan is able to exist. Then again, if God’s grace is as good as we make it to be, why wouldn’t Satan also be reconciled to God?

If we turn to the Bible, I find it hard to overlook the unceasing, unfailing, covenantal love of God. One theologian says the Bible contains divine thoughts about humans or a covenantal love towards them. We see this littered throughout the Bible. The psalmist writes that when he goes to the depths of Sheol, God is there to remind us that there is nowhere we can go to escape the love of God. Jesus tells the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep, stories of seeking the lost until all are back in the arms of God. Paul’s letters are inundated with this idea of God reconciling the entire world—all his creation—back to himself. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul speaks at length on the ministry of reconciliation as demonstrated by God through Christ. This is all pointing towards images of the new heavens and the new earth, the idea of the new heavens and the new earth being the consummation in the ongoing creation of God, and the culmination when all will once again be one or in union with God.

I trust concede that the Bible also speaks of judgment and hell. It’s hard to avoid these passages. N.T. Wright proposes a two-stage post-mortal existence that might be helpful. He sees heaven and hell existing as a state between our earthly death and the final resurrection or consummation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here, heaven and hell still exist, but eventually, God’s reign will permeate every corner of every space. There will be no room for hell anymore. Then again, even after writing all of this, maybe God’s grace is too good to be true. And maybe God’s love is too. Maybe God’s grace is not irresistible. Maybe God’s love does have boundaries. Maybe God’s love and grace only extend to those who reciprocate it. Maybe Christ did not really conquer death and evil on the cross. Maybe God will allow evil to exist in his coming reign. Maybe God will condemn people to hell. Maybe God isn’t what we make God out to be. Or maybe it’s just our theology that is distorted.

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Students that complete one of these programs would be then eligible to stay in China for a year-long immersion program or a two-year facilitating program in which the American students would teach at Chinese universities and elementary, middle and high schools.

Student response: “Take a stand”

BY JAMIE JELTEMA, JANESON GUTHMILLER, AARON OLSON AND CRAIG MENDEN

As the last Beacon was passed around our apartment, we began to discuss some of the issues that were put forth in its articles. One word that has been tossed around is the word “tolerance”—tolerance of people’s behaviors. It’s time for a stand.

First, we must say that we love Northwestern College, but over our four years the minority has spoken loudly through chapels, articles and throughout campus. It’s time for a different view.

Recently, Iowa became the 3rd state to allow same-sex marriage. This has coincided with a controversial display of art on campus. As Christians we are called to be set apart, and as a distinctly Christian institution, we believe that we are held to a higher standard than other universities. We chose to come to NW because of these strong values. Although state universities would have been much cheaper, we believed that the education and experience received at NW would be invaluable to our development as Christians.

We’ve seen a growing movement of “tolerance” at this college for views that we feel contradict Biblical values that we hoped this college would uphold. Yes, our college seeks to expose various views, but this doesn’t mean opposing biblical truths. If you don’t think the Bible contradicts homosexuality, check out Lev. 18:22 and 20:13, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Rom. 1:26-28, and 1 Tim. 1:9-10.

A recent Beacon article stated that we need to “Open our minds, share the love of Christ with your neighbors and don’t exile them for their differences.” Jesus associated with the social outcasts, the prostitutes, the prisoners and the tax collectors. We all agree that Jesus showed his love to them, but did he merely accept them for who they were and the sinful lives they were leading? No. He accepted them as God’s children, but despised the sinful lives they were living. Was he “tolerant” towards the merchants using the temple for monetary gain? NO. He overturned tables and was clearly angry. What about Zaccheus? He was a hated tax collector, but nonetheless, Jesus joined him for dinner. Did he say, “Zaccheus, I am a loving and tolerant man. I don’t agree with your practices, but go on and continue in your way”? NO. He confronted Zaccheus with his sin, and he repented!

As future alumni, we would love to send our children to a college that will stand by its Christian ideals. However, we feel that if this college continues down this slope of “tolerance,” it will soon resemble any other public university. If we don’t draw the line somewhere, this college will gradually lose its identity as a “distinctly Christian” college. Financial supporters may cease to support a college that refuses to uphold its biblical principles. Why must our college change its stance because it is afraid of offending a group of people? Somewhere, a line needs to be drawn and the college needs to take a stand.
90's songs to remember

BY AMANDA WRIGHT

Growing up, we may have wondered what kind of music our parents were listening to on their eight-track tapes and vinyl records. The songs they played on their extremely dated machines brought back memories of the 60s and 70s and reminded them of the days of making love, not war. It's funny to think that someday our kids will probably think the same thing about our music and ask themselves what in the world does "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" mean? The infamous words of Will Smith from back in 1998 still have a way of making us smile, and maybe making us want to dance a little. This chart topper, along with other hits of the 90s are what we grew up with, the songs we loved then and still do now. Here are a few songs to take you back to when you mastered the Macarena dance, Ricky Martin was livin' la vida loca, you were dressed as a Spice Girl and you badly wanted to be one of LFO's summer girls... it's OK boys, you can admit it.

1 – Before 1991 when they released their "Nevermind" album, Nirvana was too grunge to be mainstream. The breakthrough hit "Smells Like Teen Spirit" unexpectedly propelled them into stardom in 1992, and started to create a bigger fan base for alternative music.
2 – How can you go wrong making the first line of a rap song a verse from Psalm 23? As Coolio was walking through the valley of the shadow of death he came up with "Gangsta's Paradise," a catchy rap song with a religious chorus background and heartfelt lyrics. It was originally in the 1995 movie "Dangerous Minds," starring Michelle Pfeiffer, and was later released on the soundtrack for the film as well as on Coolio's "Gangsta's Paradise" album.
3 – Way before the Jonas Brothers there was a much better group of 3 siblings. The Hanson brothers Hanson were the way into every young girl's heart with one of the biggest debut singles of all time, "MMMBop." It was voted the best single of the year in 1997, and nominated for two Grammys. You loved it then and you love it now; it's totally OK to admit it.
4 – Because these songs both rock, they tie for the number two spot: Smashing Pumpkins' "1979" and Oasis' "Wonderwall." Having a different sound than their usual songs, the Smashing Pumpkins were surprised when "1979" from the " Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness" album was a huge hit. Popular with critics and fans, the song was even nominated for a Grammy. "Wonderwall" by Oasis was the biggest hit the band from the United Kingdom would see in the U.S. The band knew right away that it would be their biggest hit from the album ("What's the story) Morning Glory." The song has had much continued success, even becoming one of the most covered songs in recent history. A few covers worth listening to are recorded by Ryan Adams and Cartel.
5 – If summer of 1999 were to have an official song it would have to be Britney Spears, "Baby One More Time." It's only right that it won the Teen Choice award for single of the year; the song rocked. Britney may have her struggles now, but back when she and Justin were together it was nothing but the teen dream for Brit. For all of you who secretly still love her, everyone else does too, they just won't admit it.

A time to keep and a time to throw away

BY BRETTE MEYER

Each year, people across the world suddenly get the urge to get rid of everything they own. Countless unwanted items that have accumulated throughout the winter are thrown out and left on the side of the street for waste disposal services to eliminate. These discarded objects are victims of the tradition known as "spring cleaning." Northwestern Junior Rachel Fisher recalls how her mother would force her to participate in spring cleaning every year. "She would get the 'spring' look and say 'It's spring cleaning,' that meant your Saturday was shot," explained Fisher.

For many, spring cleaning is not merely a time for getting rid of useless junk. It is also a time that people use to completely rearrange their homes. People will often reorganize furniture so that the room has an entirely new setup. A guest might walk into somebody's house or apartment one week, and then return just a few days later to find that it has a whole new look. While some use this time to get rid of unwanted materials, others view it as a time to actually expand their inventory. Some items that are thrown out are still functional. You don't necessarily have to throw something away to get rid of it. Give the stuff you don't want to a charity or to a friend who might want it.

Spring cleaning can be a tiring and tedious job. It can also be very exciting. Having a clean room can give one a sense of accomplishment and relief. The process may be dull, but the results are well worth it.

"Hate the sinner, love the sin."
- Sophomore Curtis Ver Mulm misspeaking to sophomore Eduardo Rodriguez concerning issues in his life.

"This is way better than stuff that matters."
- Freshman Aaron Appel while making his armor for the West Hall Epic Battle.

"All of you who are business majors are basically majoring in hell."
- Professor of History Robert Winn on Thomas Aquinas' view of business being unjust and unlawful.

"Nations are like sports teams on a life-threatening scale."
- Senior John Calbeck while discussing the absurdity of the idea of nations.

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Graduating summa cum laude

BY KADY BRAM
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Members of this year’s senior class are no doubt experiencing a variety of emotions as graduation draws near — excitement in expectation of things to come, sadness, even relief. The excitement of graduation is even more meaningful to several students who have excelled well past graduation requirements.

Of this year’s 2,855 graduates, 92 are graduating with honors. However, only 22 will graduate summa cum laude — with the highest honors.

In order to graduate summa cum laude at Northwestern, students must graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher.

Some of the strategies these students claim as being integral to their academic success were fairly general: go to class, do all the assigned readings and manage time wisely.

Some students mentioned using a schedule or planner as a way to keep track of assignments and other obligations in an organized way.

These students also offered more specific information about certain things that have helped them in their studies.

Living on campus means all sorts of distractions. Yet, apparently not all noises are bad.

“Sometimes I study with music in the background,” philosophy major Brenna Lura said, “but I never choose anything that I know the lyrics to, because singing along becomes a distraction for me.”

Another common thread was their consciousness to doing homework during the day, leaving their nights free for relaxation and other activities.

“Yes, I have found that it’s very helpful to talk to students that have previously taken the courses on my schedule,” Haverly said. “Asking other students about professors you’ve never had before is also a good idea.”

Every senior graduating summa cum laude would likely agree with Brenna’s final advice to underclassmen, “You don’t have to be a total nerd to graduate with honors. I was able to have a life, build strong friendships and do well in my classes all through simple planning and wise time management.”

Taking classes with the right professors is also helpful for students striving to do their best.

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“I try to start studying for tests a week or at least a few days in advance,” religion major Josh Van Der Maaten said. “I also try to start writing papers a few days early, leaving time for editing and revision later.”

“Being proactive is also in students’ best interests,” religion major Jaime Haverly said. “I’m able to participate in other activities that hold meetings in the evenings, because I get a lot of my homework done during the day.”

Many of the students said that even though it’s sometimes easiest to study alone, studying in groups is a good way to be both productive and have some social interaction.

“Participating in study groups has been very helpful for me,” computer science major Ben Kester agreed. “I’m able to study with other students that help me to understand the material better.”

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Remembering Pavel

BY KADY BRAM
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As both a committed student and athlete, Pavel Rezabek touched many people’s lives during his time at Northwestern. At the chapel service dedicated to celebrating his life, NW was able to hear from several students and faculty members that were blessed to have known him well.

From his home in the Czech Republic, Pavel came to NW in 2005, becoming a member of the team in the fall of 2006. He traveled to the Czech Republic. Years later, he received his own Raiders football jersey when he became a member of the team in the fall of 2006.

Pavel will be greatly missed and remembered by his friends, professors and coaches at NW.

His life was an example of doing your best, enjoying your family and trusting in God for your purpose,” Minnick said.

Bringing the married students back into community

BY SARAH BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Rent, utilities, Internet, insurance.

For married students, the reality of these bills has set in.

Northwestern has decided to do something to help. Beginning this June, NW is opening Courtyard Village East and South for married students.

“I think it’s great for married students to be in community too,” Patrick Hummel, director of residence life, said.

Married students would be on a rent system, paying $425 for a regular plex and $500 for a basement plex, which is large enough to accommodate a child. Rent would include all utilities and Internet.

Students in married housing do not need to have a meal plan, but there will be the block 50 option available.

“If one spouse is a student and the other is not, we want them to be able to eat together,” Hummel said.

He thinks this is the perfect time to try married housing again.

“I think married housing is beneficial, because we have the facilities and we have the spots right now,” Hummel said. “It allows us to fully use our facilities.”

Students will have an RD and a plex manager. Seth Currier, current RD of West Hall and Courtyard Village, has been named the RD of marriage housing.

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How about some credits for my dancing?

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR
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At various times throughout the year, eight-counts are chanted as dances are learned for various events.

Recently, dance seems to be taking Northwestern’s campus by storm. With RUSH, RUSH Presents, musicals, dance team, dance classes and this year’s addition of Dancing with the Pros, students are taking an increasing interest in the art.

Yet, even with all the popularity, students still cannot major or minor in the field.

“We’re certainly not against it,” Bob Hubbard, associate professor of theatre and speech, said.

If dance were added to the college curricula, it would most likely be under the umbrella of the theatre department, according to registrar Charlie Couch.

Karen Barker, professor of theatre and speech, thinks dance would be a useful addition to the department.

“Actors need to be able to use their bodies well,” she said. “That’s their tool.”

Hubbard would also be glad if a dance program was instilled.

“Advocate for it,” he said. “We’d be thrilled if it happened.”

According to Hubbard, if NW added a dance program, we would be the only “expressly Christian college” to have one.

There are a few things holding the department back from entering a proposal for the additional major.

The main concern is the national economic crisis that has begun to seriously affect campus.

“The college is financially strapped,” Hubbard said.

Bringing in a new faculty member to teach dance could cost $60,000 to $70,000.

Even with all the potential difficulties, Barker and Hubbard would be very willing to advocate for a dance program.

“Never say never,” Hubbard said. “We’d all be excited about that possibility. If it was feasible, some of us would fight towards it.”

Though not all students involved in dance events would be a part of the program, some dance team members would love to major in dance.

“If there had been a minor in dance I would have been a part of the dance program,” senior Kristi Korver said. “I am interested in teaching dance part time in the evenings at a studio in Cedar Rapids next year to make some extra money. I am sure I would be more marketable with a dance minor.”

Sophomore dance team member Hannah Reinders would have loved the chance to major in dance instead of social work.

“I really wanted to major in dance, but since there wasn’t that option I had to change my plan,” she said. “I would have loved to be a dance major.”

Simple things to do to get this spring’s chic looks

BY BRITTANY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

“I’m excited for cute summer dresses and flip flops,” junior Stefany Foster said.

With the warm weather on its way, many college students, both guys and gals alike, will want to be seen in 2009’s latest spring fashions.

According to “Elle Magazine,” the trends that are hot this season for both men and women are, “Colors… lots of colors and accessories for the spring.”

Although most of us don’t have the money for such labels as Prada or Chanel, we can find some great bargains at local malls or online.

If you want color for your wardrobe, the best place to go to get what you are looking for without breaking the bank is Forever 21. They are affordable and have the most recent fashion to hit the stores for the younger crowd. However, they only carry clothes for women.

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If you aren’t willing to drive to Omaha for Forever 21, Southern Hill’s Mall in Sioux City, has popular stores such as American Eagle, Wet Seal and Pac Sun.

If you don’t have time to make a trip to go shopping, you can always make purchases online.

Here are some popular trends that will keep you looking stylish, but won’t make you go broke.

1. Chunky Jewelry
Bangles, big necklaces, big rings and earrings are in this spring season.

2. Metallics
Jewelry, bags and shoes in gold and silver hues are all the rave this season. Wet Seal carries lots of shiny bangles and bags that are very affordable.

3. Bright Colors
You can find these most anywhere you go, from Wal-Mart to the mall. Express has a great selection of colors for both men and women, but you may have to spend a little more money.

4. Floral and Animal Prints
Hands down, the best place to shop for floral and animal prints is Forever 21. You will want to pair these with a solid, bold color.

Don’t worry guys, you haven’t been forgotten.

Board shorts, moccasins and vintage tee’s are very popular this season for guys. If you are looking for a one-stop-shop, your best bet would be Target, Scheel’s or Pac Sun.

Finally, if you want to find the best deal, shopping online allows you to find and compare prices and brands to make sure you find the best deal. Most stores have websites that accept credit cards or debit cards on. Many offer discounts for purchasing online, such as free shipping or 15% off.

Whether you make a trip to the mall, or purchase from your computer, happy shopping!
NW women’s tennis loses close match to Midland Lutheran, 5-4

BY RENEE NYHOF
EDITOR

In a close match played in Orange City last Tuesday, the Northwestern women’s tennis team fell to Midland Lutheran, 5-4, in a conference match-up. The Red Raiders fall to a 3-5 record in the GPAC, 3-8 overall.

Three out of four winning NW matches were picked up in singles play. One came from Sophomore Nessa Summers, who has now won her fifth straight match with a 6-0, 6-1 win in her no. 6 singles match-up. She improved to 5-2 on the season.

“My biggest challenge versus Midland was trying to come out of a game with bad serves and double faults,” said Summers. “I feel my biggest strength was lobbing. The girl would come up to the net and a lob seemed to work.”

Senior Rachel Hermann also defeated her Midland opponent, 7-5, 6-2 in her no. 4 singles match-up to improve to 4-6 in the season. Freshman Jennifer Gieselman picked up her first win of the season with a come-from-behind victory in her no. 5 singles match-up, 5-7, 6-4.

The fourth win for NW came from doubles match-up, Jessica Pomerenke and Kate Mannenbach, who improved to 6-4 at no. 3 doubles with an 8-1 win over Fuert/Deanna Rezac. Yet, Rachel Hermann and Laura Starr lost the closest match of the day at no. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-4 in tie-break).

Last Saturday, NW’s women’s tennis team split a pair of GPAC tennis matches as they defeated Briar Cliff 5-0 but lost to Nebraska Wesleyan, 5-0. The Raiders also lost to USF in GPAC women’s tennis action last Friday night, 7-2.

“Well we only have two matches left,” said Summers, “so my goals for the rest of this season are to win both of those matches.”

The Raiders will play Concordia in Seward, Neb. on Saturday and close the season at Buena Vista on Monday, April 27.

Women’s golf improves two spots in the GPAC

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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The Northwestern women’s golf team competed in three meets last week, the GPAC Qualifier no. 3 on April 13, the Briar Cliff Invite on April 16 and the Dana College Open on April 18.

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NW White was led by junior Anne Ebefrine, who finished 11th with an 89, and senior Chelsea Harberts, who shot a 93 for 16th place. Senior Lisa Wiersma and sophomores Sara Horn both shot 94 to tie for 17th place, and freshman Kym Harrington tied for 34th with 105 to round out the scoring.

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After excellent play last week Monday in Fremont, Neb., the women’s golf team moved into third (370) at the eight-team meet.

Achterhof won the individual title for the second time, shooting an 86. Shiflett and Hinz both carded an 88 to tie for fourth, and Spree had an 89, good for seventh place. Pedersen finished out the NW scoring, tying for 16th with a 95.

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BY CAMERON CARLOW

Men’s golf hopes to improve in final round of the GPAC championships

The Northwestern men’s golf team has completed the third round of the GPAC Qualifier and will head into the final round on Tuesday, April 28.

The Raiders finished eighth out of the 11 teams in the third round. After shooting a 324 on the day, the Raiders stand in seventh overall in the GPAC Qualifier.

“We battled in difficult conditions,” head coach Mark Bloemendaal said, “but in the end we were disappointed in our scores.”

After a lack of outdoor practices, Bloemendaal thought “we did not perform as well as we had hoped.”

Senior Justin Pannkuk led the Raiders on the day, shooting a six-over 72 and finishing in 13th.

“He caught a couple of tough breaks or his score would have been even better,” Bloemendaal said.

Alongside Pannkuk, junior Luke Veermeir shot an 81 to tie for 25th place followed by freshman Ross Kiewiet with an 82. Junior Jon Roberts finished the day with an 83 and senior Jamie Jeltema rounded off the Raiders’ lineup with an 86.

Following the GPAC Qualifier, NW traveled to Storm Lake to take part in the Buena Vista Invitational.

Track teams find success at the Sioux City Relays

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The Northwestern track team turned an impressive 15 top ten performances at the competitive Sioux City Relays last weekend. The team saw some outstanding performances both in the ideal weather on Friday and the rainy conditions Saturday.

The Red Raider field events had a great meet, led by sophomore Logan Ogden, who placed second in the shot put with 50 feet, 7 inches, and second in the discus with 151-4. Fellow sophomore Paul Lundgren threw the shot 46-7 to take fourth and placed ninth in the discus with a 126-11.

Freshman Kiley Murray also finished in the top ten in the shot put, throwing 43-2 to place tenth. Senior Matt Roesser heaved the javelin 152-6 to take third, while freshman Mark Minnert scored 5-3-2 in the high jump to place sixth.

On the women’s side, freshman Danielle Fry threw 131-9 in the discus to place fifth. Freshman Elizabeth Stevens took ninth in the javelin with a toss of 89-6, and sophomore Angela Wiensma leapt 33-8 in the triple jump to place seventh.

The running events also had a strong showing, with junior Emily De Weerd running 15.66 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles to finish fourth. Junior Kyle Sauter took fifth in the 500-meter walk with a 1:00.3.

Junior Ingrid Carlson ran 1:59.40 in the 800-meter. Senior Jack Peterson ran the 3000-meter steeplechase in 10:08 to place tenth.

Three NW relay teams placed in the top five. The men’s 4x400-meter relay team placed third with a 3:24.2. Team members were Sauter, sophomore Kevin Krueger, and seniors Derrick Rensink and Ben Brown. Sophomore Jordan Langer, senior Jameson Guthmiller, freshman Parker Moore and junior Luke Faber combined to run the 4x100-meter race in 44.36 and place fourth. The women’s 4x400-meter relay team of De Weerd, junior Andrea Wedel, sophomore Stacey Dietrich and junior Delainey Hardersen placed fifth with a time of 3:46.14.

Tomorrow, the Raiders travel to the University of Sioux Falls for the last regular season meet, which starts at 1:00 p.m. The GPAC Championships will be held on May 2 at Mount Marty College in Yankton, S.D.

NW softball falls to Midland Luther in double header

BY RENEE NYHOF

SYMPTOMS

Playing a team with 11 wins in a row proved to be a challenge for Northwestern softball as they fell to Midland Luther in a double header last night. They lost 1-0 in the first game and 3-0 in the second game. In the GPAC, the Raiders are now 8-14 and they are 11-23 overall.

In the first game of the double header, the Warriors gained their run at the top of the 7th inning. NW totalled two hits, one by sophomore Rachel Harris and the other by freshman Kami Kuhlmann.

In the second game, the Warriors achieved one run at the top of the 6th inning and two runs at the top of the 7th inning.

Sophomore Stephanie Van Duyn had two singles. Harris, Kuhlmann, freshman Glorly Benson and second baseman Burrola each made a single.

In a double header last Tuesday, NW defeated Briar Cliff, 2-0, in the second behind the pitching of Kuhlmann.

In game one, BCU pitcher Camille Cruz out pitched Briar starter Burrola to earn the Chargers’ 2nd of 2 wins. Burrola gave up eight hits and three earned runs in 6 innings. She struck out seven and walked five. Briar Cliff scored one in the second, two in the third and added their final run in the fourth.

The Raiders scored one run in each of the second and third innings.

In the second game, Kuhlmann only had eight hits and four walks over seven innings, which earned her a fifth win and second shutout of the season. She struck out two.

NW totaled six hits and scored a run in both the fifth and sixth innings.

To begin the fifth inning, Freshman Ashely Evans led with a single. Pinch runner Hope Weiler, junior, advanced to third after a wild pitch. Then, with two outs for NW, Weiler scored the first run on an RBI single by Van Duyn.

The Raiders picked up a run in the sixth when Benson singled to left field. After advancing to second, Benson scored NW’s second run off a RBI single by Junior Chelsey Ulffers.

NW also split a double header against Dana last Friday. They won the first game, 7-5, and lost the second, 2-10.

“Right now we have to avoid the argument about not playing well because we still have a job to do,” said Dave Hulsart, head coach. “We still hope to end this season with a bang.”

Tonight, the Raiders will face another double header at home against Mount Marty. The games are set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
“The Foreigner” brings comedy to NW campus for the semester’s end

BY KRISTIN KOOIMA  
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Northwestern’s drama department is proud to present “The Foreigner,” by Larry Shue. This comedy will be at the England Theatre in the DeVit Theatre Arts Center on April 24 - 25, 29 - 30 and May 1 - 2 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Foreigner” is a play set in Georgia in the 1980’s. Charlie Baker, an Englishman and Froggy LeSueur, a British army officer, are on a trip to the United States before Froggy leaves for training. Charlie does not want anybody to speak to him and, instead, Froggy tells people he cannot understand or speak English.

Theatre professor, Jeff Taylor is directing along with senior Hannah Sauerwein, who is the assistant director and accent coach. The directors, cast and crew members have been working on this play for about a month and a half. Rehearsals run six days a week and can last up to three hours.

Senior Tucker Schneider plays the role of Charlie and freshman Daniel Sikkema plays Froggy. Schneider and Sikkema both said it was challenging to portray somebody very unlike themselves. Sikkema had the added challenge of speaking with a Cockney accent.

This will be Schneider’s last production at NW.

“It is sort of sad, but I feel like I am going out with a bang playing one of my favorite characters I have ever gotten to work on,” Schneider said.

Other cast members include seniors Kailen Fleck and Hannah McBride, junior Cody Raak, sophomores Sara Chipman and Kory Jensen, and freshmen Aaron Bauer and Joel Koster. Taylor is extremely excited about this play. He said he “truly got to work with a dream cast. Everybody was on the same page and everybody was creative. It is a director’s dream.”

Sikkema said, “It’s a great show that will provide relief from the stresses of the end-of-the-year rush. Laughter is one of the best remedies for stress, and this show will provide them with that.”

Taylor wants the audience to walk away from this play feeling encouraged. He wants them to laugh, but also think about who they are and what their friendships are about.

“Shue shows a good way to answer the hard questions in life, and its starts with having good friends,” said Taylor.

Tickets for “The Foreigner” are $5 and can be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office at 712-707-7098 or e-mailing boxoffice@nwciowa.edu.

NW volunteers services to Orange City community

BY TEDI SWANSON  
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This Saturday, April 25, marks the first Northwestern College Day of Service for the Orange City community. This event was inspired by a tradition at Texas A & M University that began in 1982 called The Big Event. The Big Event began when the vice president of the Student Government Association realized how much the community gave to the college and decided it was time that the college showed its appreciation for the community.

“The vision is for students, faculty and staff to unite in an effort to say thank-you to the Orange City community, who continually support NW college,” said Brittany Caffey, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinator at NW.

Caffey is a member of the Committee for Volunteer Awareness, and was responsible for planning the event. Other members of this committee include seniors Jenny Bagley, Libby Burkitt, Courtney Holm and Jamie Richards, junior Lindsey Peters and sophomore Lisa Thvedt. The group sent out invitations to churches and organizations asking for volunteer jobs. They then advertised to the campus to ask for volunteers for the service day and partnered the volunteers with the jobs they had available.

The 65 volunteers will work in two shifts from 10 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 2:45 p.m. in crews headed up by members of Committee for Volunteer Awareness.

“Two crews are helping out individuals on the Tulip Festival committees: one crew will be removing a wall from a shed where floats are prepared. Another will be painting, announcement stands,” said Caffey.

Other crews will be cleaning, organizing and doing yard work at the Family Crisis Center, scraping paint off of a wall at Church of the Savior, babysitting and organizing at The Bridge Transitional Housing, helping to divide plots for the community garden at the Community Garden, painting shelves and cleaning the basement at Hands Around the World and doing yard work for both Hope Haven and various members of the community.

“I’m excited to see how the first Day of Service turns out,” said Caffey. “I think it is a great opportunity for us to get involved in the community.”

Cambetas puts new angle on scholarship presentation

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The Northwestern College Undergraduate Scholarship Poster Session will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 in the RSC mall. Daniela Cambetas, professor of psychology and mastermind behind this event, has pulled together a strikingly different perspective on the beneficial opportunities made available through this event.

A member of the Faculty Development Committee, Cambetas came up with the idea of a student poster session through the committee’s annual presentations of their research.

“I thought this would be a really good, meaningful opportunity for students to present things they’ve been working on either collaboratively with faculty or under the supervision of faculty,” she said.

Presentations range from the fields of social work, nursing, psychology, biology, chemistry, physics and theater. Cambetas hopes that this event will show students that scholarship is not exclusively categorized as “boring” research. Both creative works as well as research projects will be displayed.

“It’s research but it can look different,” she said. “Scholarship looks different throughout any discipline.”

While planning this event, Cambetas focused not only on the sharing of student research, but the encouragement of fellow students through these presentations.

“I think that by giving students the opportunity to show others what they’re doing it will encourage students to say, ‘I can do this too’ and motivate them to work beyond just class work,” she said.

By presenting the projects students have been working on, either with faculty or under their direction, students can be encouraged to personally take advantage of the resources available within the faculty.

The poster session serves as an opportunity to share knowledge and research, motivate outside-of-the-classroom involvement, and encourage student/faculty relationships.

The students presenting will openly interact with observers as they make their way through the presentations. Students are highly encouraged to raise questions with the authors concerning their research as the session is specifically designed within a laid-back and interactive environment.

Posters will remain on display in the RSC for public viewing until May 1.

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