Stimulus package grants funds for NW health care

BY LEANN JOHNSON  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A stimulus package signed by President Obama last week granted Northwestern College $423,720 for health care and other facilities.

Ruth Daumer, associate professor of nursing, worked with other NW nursing faculty and the administration to write the request for the appropriations grant about a year and a half ago.

“It’s a huge blessing to use federal money to help support and sustain the nursing department,” Daumer said. She believes the nursing department will see continued growth due to the national shortage of nurses. This spring NW will have its first class of nursing graduates, and next fall over 100 students will be involved in the nursing program.

One major improvement for the nursing department made possible with this grant will be the renovation of the downtown campus located at the old hospital. Plans include building a classroom equipped with laptops and adding a control booth with cameras that will allow students to review videos of themselves performing medical procedures.

The funds will also provide for new technology and equipment, including a pediatric human patient simulator. The nursing students will use the simulator to measure blood pressure and heart rate, insert IVs and perform other medical procedures.

Junior nursing student Sarah Weins believes this simulator will be “a great supplement to the clinical because you can’t see everything in a weekly eight-hour clinical.”

The stimulus package will also fund new equipment and renovations for the biology labs in VPH.

President Greg Christy is hopeful that the upgraded nursing and science facilities will help in the recruitment of students and benefit the current students, since renovations are set to begin in May and finish before fall 2009.

“This is a great opportunity, and it’s a blessing,” Christy said. “We can reap the rewards immediately after the semester ends and before the new one begins.”

Programming team competes in world finals

BY EMILY BREWER  STAFF WRITER

A cohort of three Northwestern College students has been chosen as one of 100 teams from six continents to compete in the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest’s World Finals, located in Stockholm, Sweden, April 18 to 22.

Members of the NW team include Ben Kester, a junior computer science major, double-major and John Calsbeek, a teaching and computer science double-major, Curt Van Wyk, a senior mathematics teaching and computer science double-major and John Calsbeek, a junior computer science major.

Michael Wallinga, NW instructor of computer science, stated that having an international organization recognize a school the size of NW as “one of the top 100 teams in the world out of more than 1,800 colleges and universities is a great honor and a validation of the team’s high level of performance.”

“John, Ben and Curt are all phenomenal students,” Wallinga said. “They put in a lot of time preparing for the contest and are smart in their approach.”

After their fourth-place finish in the North Central regional last November, the team knew they had a good chance of advancing, but it still came as a surprise.

“I knew there was a chance we would get to advance,” Calsbeek said, “but I didn’t really expect it and had no idea when we’d find out, so it caught me off guard.”

The competition challenges students to solve real-world problems using open technology and advanced computing methods under a five-hour deadline.

“Basically, you get a bunch of story problems and the team creates a computer program to solve that type of problem,” Calsbeek said. “The judges put in several dozen different sets of numbers to make sure that your program works in all sorts of different cases.”

The winning team is the one that solves the most problems in the fewest attempts within the least amount of time.

The team realizes that the competition at this level will be tough, but they are excited.

“I’m looking forward to the moment the contest starts, when 300 people tear open their problem packets and start madly shuffling to be the ones to solve the first problem,” said Calsbeek.

Van Wyk hopes to beat at least a few other teams.

“Our expectations and goals have already been met by advancing to the World Finals,” continued Kester. “As far as scoring, the top 50 teams are placed. We would be quite pleased to finish in the top half.”

The team appreciates how this experience will benefit them in the future. They realize that the experience of competing in the finals of such a large competition will be valuable.

“No doubt this will look good on our résumés” said Van Wyk. Kester adds that “the confidence gained from competing at such a high level will be a valuable asset.”

The team will compete with teams from MIT, Oxford, Stanford and the University of Warsaw, to name just a few. Iowa State University was the only other school from Iowa selected.

“The trip is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Wallinga said. “Our students will be standing alongside 300 of the best computer science students in the world, from dozens of different countries and diverse backgrounds. I’m very proud of our students, and also very grateful to NW for the support necessary to make this trip happen.”

Kester created a blog for those who wish to follow the team on their trip. Those interested can find the blog at http://swedishraiders.blogspot.com.

Music concert commemorates F.J. Haydn

BY KRISTIN KOOKA  STAFF WRITER

Saturday April 4 at 8 p.m. a free concert commemorating F.J. Haydn will be performed. The Symphonette, Women’s Chorus and Chamber Strings, with the help of faculty members, will perform a number of Haydn’s movements, each of which exhibit characteristics of his style.

Kimberly Ulke-Svanoe, associate professor of music, said that although it was difficult to get wind and percussion players together to practice due to busy schedules, all the hard work pays off when she can see, “the technical growth of the students and hear the music performance improve as well.”

Those performing in the concert have been practicing all of this semester and some part of last semester as well.

The Symphonette will perform movements from Haydn’s Symphonies No. 6, “The Morning,” and No. 45, “Farewell” and his “Toy Symphony.” Women’s Chorus will perform the “German Mangifcat” by Haydn’s brother, Michael Haydn. MaryLou Wielenga will accompany on the organ and Timothy McGary, professor of music, and senior Rachel Shultz on horn. Senior Eunice Paik and sophomore Morgan Weis will be playing cello.

The Women’s Choir will perform alongside the Symphonette in “Let’s Imitate Her Notes” from “Alexander’s Feast”, “Welcome Song” from “Jeptha” and “See the Conqu’ring Hero” from “Judas Maccabaus.” Professor Svanoe will be performing the “Allegro” from Haydn’s “Flauto Concerto C” with members of the Symphonette and added wind players.

The ChamberStrings will perform “Haydn’s Quartet in C Major, Op. 9, No. 1.” They will also play themes and variations from “The Kaiserhymne” Quartet. Members include seniors Carrie Manifold and Anna Christensen on violin, sophomore Alexandra Spreigal and junior Carrie Mullenburg on viola and sophomore Morgan Weis on cello.
The Real Northwestern

It’s not hard to think of Northwestern and picture a group of smart and talented Christian students, but there is more to each student than many choose to see or accept. Not all students are cast from the perfect NW mold. Who is NW, anyway? Despite the videos and interviews of NW students doing exactly what the college admires, we’re still not fooled into thinking that everyone here has a 3.5 GPA, a close relationship with God, rarely sins and is heterosexual.

The real NW is a place where I’m sometimes afraid to be myself for fear of “not being good enough” for everyone else here. It’s a shame that those who don’t fit the perfect mold and have the courage to be true to themselves are often punished for it. Shouldn’t we be encouraged to create works of art that have meaning to us and to others? To express our creativity and beliefs the way we see appropriate?

A recent senior art show was postponed because the statement it made didn’t correlate with the views of those in charge. Is the real NW about judging a student’s work based on preconceived notions about him? The statement he was making was a creative expression of himself as an artist; it was not trying to push his beliefs or convert those who saw his art show to homosexuality. I believe it was a harmless but thought-provoking display, one that would make a professor of art proud.

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While in class, a science professor made an obviously directed and insolent comment to the student about how it is okay to use a naked body in Biology, but apparently not art. I believe this crossed a line and was entirely egotistical and uncouth.

Open your minds, share the love of Christ with your neighbors and don’t exile them for their differences. The NW I would like to know would show compassion, kindness and understanding. It would support the creative ambitions of its students. If you are part of NW, the college which, “loves its students as much as they love,” then really love students no matter their race, ethnicity, sexual preference or how they express themselves.

I love the college, not for the rigorous academics and great education, but for the professors and fellow students who have taken the time to talk and to understand me. That’s the NW I’ve known, that is what I want to remember and that I hope to see again.

The power of listening

BY ANNE EBERLINE

I have had a love affair with words for as long as I can remember. I’m easily enthralled by poetically descriptive language, clever word plays or even a well-communicated idea. I tend to jump at the chance to interject my thoughts, and those close to me are often subjected to lengthy monologues when I find a topic that excites me. But as much as I enjoy using the English language, my time at Northwestern has been about teaching me the importance of shutting my mouth. “It’s a powerful thing to be listened to.”

Carl Vandermeulen’s words were in reference to interview techniques, but this thought has implications that reach far beyond journalism. Think about the last time you knew you had a captive audience. Did it give you confidence? A feeling of being valued? We are constantly bombarded with words: commercials shout, professors lecture, musicians set their words to a tune. As much as we hear during the day, I wonder how often we truly listen. James 1:20 says, “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.” While this is a popular verse, is it another one of these things we hear but don’t listen to?

Listening requires more than just hearing the words someone speaks. Listeners must give thought and engage with the speaker without constantly chiming in with their own opinions. I realize this is much easier said than done; this type of listening takes time and energy, two things most of us lack most days. But I challenge you to think about what it would look like if we all listened to one another.

Many disagreements are created by mistranslation. Miscommunication can occur when people assume they know what the other side is saying. If we take the time to truly listen to one another, a greater understanding can be reached.

During the last three years, I’ve found that the people of NW have a lot of worthwhile things to say, though some voices do not stick out of the crowd. In fact, it is the quiet voices that challenge me the most. One of my good friends is not the most vocal in our friend group, yet listening to her is always worth the time. Her words tend to act like a mirror to help me understand more about life and about myself.
Milk: A true story of courage

BY GREG WHITE
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"Milk" is a hopeful, thought-provoking, revolutionary film about an audacious gay politician. It's the true story of a man who is searching for acceptance and justice for his people and of love lost in the wake of that ambition. Sean Penn brilliantly portrays the charismatic Harvey Milk.

Harvey Milk reaches age 40 at the beginning of the film, and lets us know right away that he "won’t live past 50." At this point in his life he acquires a new young lover, Scott Smith, played by James Franco, who moves to San Francisco with Milk to find acceptance of their gay relationship. Upon arrival to the Castro, a predominantly gay neighborhood in San Francisco, they open up a camera shop, which becomes their political launch pad.

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Does Proposition 6 pass? Does Jack leave because Milk’s political ambition? Will the dogmatic WASPs suppress human rights? History knows and so can you. I suggest you see the film, if you are interested in exploring how evangelicals should address homosexuality, but I will provide some caution: the film contains explicit material.

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42nd annual Juried Art Show

BY BRETT MEYER
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This month, the Northwestern art department is providing an opportunity for students to present their artwork to the campus. The 42nd annual Juried Art Show is an event that allows students to submit up to four pieces of art to be judged. Pieces may include drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphic design, photographs and other types of art. All NW students are eligible to contribute artwork may be submitted to the TePaske gallery between April 6 and April 14. The pieces will be distributed among the prize winners.

Artwork may be submitted to the TePaske gallery between April 6 and April 14. The pieces will be judged on April 15th, and the opening reception of the exhibit will be April 16 at 7 p.m. The awards and the judge's reasoning and method of selection will be announced at the reception. From then until the last day of classes, the gallery will be open for viewing.

Vanderhill has some great expectations for the upcoming event.

"This is a chance for our students to experience an art department is providing an opportunity for students to have their work evaluated by a professional artist making an educated judgment. "The students will be able to say 'My work, as well as everybody else's, is being looked at by someone, and I'm going to learn something from that, what [the juror] does and doesn't pick,'" said Vanderhill.

The gallery will also give the community a unique opportunity to see the art of students across campus, according to Vanderhill.

"Students like to see student work. They are closer to the lives of their peers and they relate to their artwork," said Vanderhill.

The art show is going to be a great way for students to reveal their artwork, as well as have it reviewed by a judge. It will give us a chance to learn from ourselves and to bond together. Try submitting some of your own work. You never know what might come of it.

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"It’s my own phrase, but I don’t care. It’s exactly the way you must think.”
- Professor of English Joel Westerholm on Victorian Literature.

“Good grief, it’s twenty-five after and I haven’t sung or danced yet. We have a lot to get in.”
- Professor of English Ann Lundberg upon realizing that only 35 minutes remained in her literature class.

“Life is scary enough without adding to it.”
- Senior Anna Christensen discussing horror movies.

“A man doesn’t know what it’s like to have a baby. But he does know what it’s like to have a bad stomach ache.”
- Professor of philosophy Don Wacome explaining subjective reality.

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Features

Roommates through thick and thin

By Lee Stover

During housing time on campus many students find themselves filling out forms, scrambling to find roommates and stressing out about who they are going to live with next year. However, other students have lived with their roommates for years and don’t even have to think about who they will room with come fall.

Juniors Jessica Pomereneke and Becca Bruns have lived together since their freshman year.

“We both put random selection down,” Bruns said of their first housing forms. “I put Steggy down as my first choice and Jess put Fern down for her first choice. We both ended up being in Steggy 208.”

They never met before moving in together, outside of a few emails. The two hit it off and have never thought of not living together.

“We realized we were going to get along really well when we watched our first movie together, ‘Just Friends,’” said Pomereneke. “We both laughed the entire movie. ‘We resolved our biggest conflicts by continuing to live with each other.’

Living with a stranger can force people to grow and learn.

“I’ve learned that everyone is different, and it’s learning to live with those differences—trying to make compromises—that really makes a person grow,” Nyhof said. “We resolved our biggest conflicts by continuing to live with each other.”

Roommates through thick and thin

BY HILAIREE GRIESE

It’s time for the ultimate game

By Hilairee Griese

Hammers, hacks and hucks—it’s ultimate time.

The idea for the tournament began when a group club team that participated in tournaments around College in Rock Island, Ill., he joined an ultimate frisbee tournament.

“Hammertime! It’s a low contact sport that’s fun to play with your friends. This was the case for juniors Taylor Mugge and Andy Norris of West Hall.

“I had known Taylor for years after going to camp, Hidden Acres, in the summers,” Norris said. “But then I went to camp and everyone played ultimate there, so I guess that’s where I learned.”

In the fall of 2007, when Norris attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., he joined an ultimate frisbee club team that participated in tournaments around the area.

According to Norris, learning how to throw correctly is the first step for new players.

“Being a good ultimate player is not just about being quick, it’s about throwing,” Norris said.

After playing for nearly seven years and competing against a handful of opponents, Norris has gained plenty of experience.

“I think it takes a special kind of person to be good at ultimate. Anyone can run and jump, but a great player can focus and know how hard and how far to throw the disc,” Norris said.

On the other side of the spectrum, freshman Brittany Cline has only been playing ultimate frisbee for five months.

“I played with a bunch of random people during orientation weekend. I really enjoy it,” Cline said. “It’s not only fun, but its really good exercise.”

The director of the ultimate frisbee tournament is sophomore Alex Menning. Menning encourages students of all ultimate abilities to come out and play.

“It’s a low contact sport that’s fun to play with your friends and if you haven’t played much don’t worry about it.” Menning said. “Take your time and look for someone who knows how to throw, ultimately just have fun.”

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It’s time for the ultimate game

By Hilairee Griese

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Juniors Jared Schmidt and Josh Doorenbos have also lived together their entire time at Northwestern.

“We are both just really goofy and get along great,” Schmidt said.

“We have a similar sense of humor and that has been a big reason why we have continued to live together,” Doorenbos added.

There are other roommates that come in being best friends. This was the case for seniors Taylor Mugge and Andy Norris of West Hall.

“I had known Taylor for years after going to camp, Hidden Acres, in the summers,” Norris said. “We decided we wanted to live together at college. We drive each other crazy sometimes, but we’ve survived for three years.”

This roommate tandem will come to an end with the closing of this semester. Norris will be getting a new roommate this summer, his fiancée, junior Emily Mortenson.

“It’ll be sad to see Andy go,” Mugge said. “But we’ve had a good run and we’re still going to be good friends.”

Ultimate Terminology

Flying Disc: Many people call it a frisbee, in ultimate, it is referred to as a disc.

Backhand: To throw the disc from the opposite side of the body of the dominant hand.

Flow: A series of quick passes to well-timed cuts, resulting in an easy score.

Hammer: High overhead throws; the disc flies upside down in a parabolic-type path.

Swing: A lateral pass that does not result in any upfield movement, useful to gain a better position or not to reset the stall count.

Huck: A long and high pass, normally used when throwing to the end zone.

Courtesy of www.upa.org

Ultimate Quick-Play

Ultimate frisbee is played between two, seven-man teams. The object of the game is to score as many points as possible by catching passes in the opponent’s end zone. A player may not run with the disc in hand but can pivot and pass to any other teammate. Ultimate frisbee is a transition game in which teams move quickly from offense to defense from turnovers, which occur after dropped passes, interceptions or when a player is caught holding the disc for more than ten seconds.

Courtesy of www.upa.org
Hearing from God through it all

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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The doctor called them into the room on Jan. 5, 2009 and said six words that would change the new year for Michelle and Greg Christy.

“We're 90 percent sure it's malignant,” Michelle didn't hear the right words.

“When I heard her say 'We're 90 percent sure,' in my mind I heard 'It's benign,' you know, but that's not what she said,” Michelle remembered. “You just sit there stunned.”

At the age of 40, Michelle was diagnosed with stage 2A breast cancer.

Because of her age and other factors, nothing showed up in a mammogram conducted after Michelle found something in a self-exam. However, she later had an unusual ultrasound so she went in for a biopsy on Jan. 5—the day that changed the Christy’s lives.

What Now?

The following months have been filled with many hard decisions.

Michelle had to decide whether to do a lumpectomy or a mastectomy. With a tumor only 0.6 centimeters, she was a candidate for mastectomy. With a tumor only 0.6 centimeters, she was a candidate for mastectomy. With a tumor only 0.6 centimeters, she was a candidate for mastectomy. With a tumor only 0.6 centimeters, she was a candidate for mastectomy. With a tumor only 0.6 centimeters, she was a candidate for mastectomy.

“We obviously have not regretted doing all the time,” she said.

Now, the Christys are wrestling with the decision of whether to start chemotherapy or a hormonal treatment. They are deciding if chemotherapy is a necessity, because her affected areas were so small.

“I'm still wrestling with the chemotherapy thing,” Michelle said.

“The benefits versus the side effects of chemo is something that has been laying heavily on you the last couple of weeks especially,” Greg said to her.

Supporting Michelle

During the ordeal the Christys have seen God work through the body of Christ stepping up and caring for us,” as Michelle put it. Having lived in Orange City only 15 months, Michelle said God has provided for them through many people here.

They have received hundreds of cards in the mail, even some from people she doesn't know.

“At the grocery store the other day, I was talking to someone,” Michelle said. “Someone else came walking by and this person I was talking to said, 'Hey, do you know Michelle?' And he goes, 'Well, I've met her once, but I've been praying for her.'"

Northwestern has stepped up as a support network as well.

“Students, faculty, staff—it's just overwhelming how much support we've had,” Greg said.

Michelle said Greg has also been a support. He has been a presence waiting for her, helping her lift things, changing surgical dressings and even draining her drain tube.

He started the "Love Dare" from the movie "Fireproof" in early January and has continued it through the adversity.

“I think I'm on day 37. There are 40 days,” he said. “So I'm almost done.”

Running For Life

When Greg spoke about Michelle's cancer in chapel, he finished the service by playing a Melissa Etheridge song called, “I Run for Life.”

When the Christys lived in Mitchell, SD, Michelle ran with a group of ladies dubbed, “The Running Divas.”

One of the women made a CD for the group.

Recently, the woman told Michelle to get out her CD and listen to this song about the fight with breast cancer.

“When I started listening to the words of that, I mean yeah, it was like absolutely, I can totally identify with that,” she said.

In 2006, while Michelle was out running, another Bible verse popped into her head. She heard, “You have need of endurance,” which is from Hebrews 10:36. She didn't know what she needed endurance for at that moment.

As she sat there it started to snow. The snowflakes gathered on the black weatherstrip on the window.

“I started looking at each one, I mean so minute, but each one had its own design,” she said. “I felt like God was saying, 'This will not be more than you can handle. I promise not to overwhelm you ever again. I am here,'” she said.

“A little leaven leavens the whole’. “

Greg and Michelle Christy recount their challenging, faith-filled last few months as Michelle has fought breast cancer.

A sundog is a rainbow that appears around the sun as it reflects off of ice crystals in the air.

Michelle pulled off the road to sit and ponder God’s creation. She said it reminded her of God's promise to Noah.

“I felt like God was saying, 'This will not be more than you can handle. I promise not to overwhelm you ever again. I am here,'” she said.

She went on to say, “If he cares for the sparrows or he cares about the snowflakes that are falling and makes them as unique as he does, he can handle this cancer thing.”

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Men’s golf begins spring season

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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Hitting golf balls inside the Rowenhorst Student Center finally ended as the Northwestern men’s golf team moved into the spring season and competed in the USD Invitational on March 28.

The Raiders finished in seventh on the day, tying Sioux Falls and shooting 328.

“We have not had many opportunities to get outside for practice,” head coach Mark Bloemendaal said. “So it was good just to play in competition.”

Junior Luke Vermeer led NW with an individual score of 79 and finished 13th overall. Finishing 22nd for the Raiders was senior Jamie Jeltema, who carded an 81. Right behind Jeltema was freshman Aaron Rozeboom in 25th with a score of 82.

“The meet was primarily NCAA-DI schools, so there were good players in every group,” Bloemendaal said.

The University of Minnesota-Mankato and the University of South Dakota won the eight-team session of the GPAC qualifier. This is the first qualifier of the spring.

“We hope to improve our position in the conference standings,” Bloemendaal said. “We will need each player to compete since every stroke can make a difference in the team standings at the end. It is amazing how close the difference in the team standings since every stroke can make a difference in the team standings.”

The GPAC qualifier will take place on Monday, April 6.

Track teams open outdoor season at the Trojan Invitational

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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The Red Raider track team headed to Madison, S.D. last Saturday to begin their outdoor season.

The women turned in several top performances, including four first places. Junior Emily De Weerd captured first in the 100-meter hurdles in 16.15 seconds. She was also a member of the third place 4x100-meter relay team, who took third place with 51.66. Other team members were freshman Hannah Taylor, senior Sarah Bugler and freshman Elizabeth Stevens.

Sophomore Charity Miles won the 3000-meter run with a time of 10:26.78, setting a Northwestern school record. Junior Halee Wilken also won her event, clearing the bar at 2.86 meters in the pole vault. Freshman teammate Jackie Brooks also placed in the event, vaulting 2.71 meters to tie for second place with a Dordt competitor. The final first-place performance came from Bugler who ran 13.52 in the 100-meter hurdles. Stevens placed fifth in the event with a time of 13.79.

Freshman Danielle Fry placed in three events, throwing the shot-put 11.24 meters to place third and adding a fifth place in the discus (121 feet, 4 inches) and sixth in the javelin (88.3). Sophomores Angela Wiersema and Heidi Hildebrandt placed second and fourth in the triple jump, respectively. Wiersema jumped 10.26 meters, while Hildebrandt jumped 9.86 meters. Junior Delanye Harderson ran 1:04.17 in the 400-meter dash to finish fifth and was closely followed by sophomore teammate Corrie Faubusch, who took sixth with 1:04.20. Sophomore Kara Den Herder rounded out the top-six performances for the women, placing sixth in both the shot-put (9.7 meters) and the hammer throw (36.43 meters).

The men’s track team had a very successful day, with junior Kyle Sauter and sophomore Logan Ogden both earning two first places for NW. Sauter ran to first in the 110-meter hurdles with 15.43 and the 400-meter hurdles with 56.35. Senior Derrick Rensink added a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles. Ogden threw the shot-put 14.45 meters to win the event. Sophomore Paul Lundgren placed third in the event with 13.73 meters and sophomore Kiley Murza place fourth with 13.43 meters. Ogden also won the discus with a throw of 46.1 meters. Murza (41.83 meters) and Lundgren (38.63 meters) placed fourth and sixth, respectively. Senior Ben Brown added another first place in the 400-meter dash, running 51.50.

Sophomore Kevin Krueger finished third in the 400 with 52.30 followed by fellow sophomore Jeremy Sheppard, who ran 54.95. The final first place of the day came from the men’s 4x100-meter relay team of sophomore Jordan Langer, senior Jameson Guthmiller, freshman Parker Moore and junior Luke Hofmeyer. The team ran a time of 44.13.

Junior Kyle Gerhard placed second in the 5000-meter run with a time of 16:17.72.

This afternoon, the Raiders travel to Wayne, Neb. to compete at the Wildcat Classic.

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Sophomore Logan Ogden competes in the weight throw at an indoor meet earlier this year.

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Junior Halee Wilken competes in the pole vault at an earlier meet this season. Wilken placed first at the Trojan Invitational.

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Baseball loses two in Hastings double-header

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Northwestern baseball team finished a double-header at Hastings College, losing both games on Saturday. This was the third of five straight double-headers for the Raiders, who dropped the first game, 4-10, and the second, 7-12.

“We struggled a little,” senior second baseman Austin Malone said. “We hit the ball hard, but right at people.”

In game one the Raiders outhit Hastings 9-8, but three errors brought in eight unearned runs in the third inning. USF challenged the Raiders with three runs off the Northwestern starter senior Gabriella Shaw in the first and three more in the fourth inning, but NW scored the six runs in just two hits, but took advantage of four walks and a Cougar error.

Curry dealt the big blow with a two-run single, scoring Harris and sophomore Jessica Hooper. “It was exciting to win both games,” said Dave Hulsart, head softball coach. “While it’s been a long year, these games show that the whole team showed that they were ready to go.”

In game two, the Raiders broke the 3-3 tie with six runs in the fifth inning and went on to record the 13-7 win. The Raiders scored the six runs on just two hits, but took advantage of four walks and a Cougar error. Curry dealt the big blow with a two-run single, scoring Harris and sophomore Jessica Hooper.

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Softball achieves double victory over University of Sioux Falls

BY RENEE NYHOF
EDITOR

In GPAC softball, the Red Raiders seized both games against the University of Sioux Falls; they won 10-3 in game one and 13-7 in game two. The Raiders have now won three straight games and improve to 2-4 in the GPAC, 5-14 overall.

The Raiders opened up the first game with a 4-0 lead; they had one run in the first and three more in the third inning. USF challenged the Raiders with three runs off Northwestern starter senior Gabriella Shaw.

Burrola, who gave up six hits and three earned runs along with pitching two strikeouts. Jansen had a run and an RBI on the day, going 3-4. Senior Justin Lane had two hits, driving in two runs and scoring once himself.

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The 70 members of the A cappella Choir will end their season with a home concert on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

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As for the content of his artwork, Tucker said, “My artist’s statement pretty much explains my art, and if people want to know more they can talk to me about it. I would like that.”

A couple of powerful pieces are Rachmaninoff’s ‘Glory to God,’ sung in Russian, and the emotion-filled setting of ‘Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye,’ which spoke of the wrenching challenges that war injuries place on personal relationships,” said Holm.

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