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Christmas comes to campus:
Students celebrate the season

BY JENNA BOOTE
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Carols and unique Christian rap music float through the bitterly cold air as Christmas comes to Northwestern’s campus. Accompanying the season are several age-old traditions, including the Christmas Caroling chapel, the winter formal and the all-campus Study Break.

Christmas Caroling on the final chapel of the semester allows the campus community to celebrate an early Christmas. During chapel, students are asked to select their favorite carol and explain why it has significant meaning. Chapel-goers then sing the carol together. Chaplain Harlan Van Oort added, “There may be some surprising selections, which is fitting. In the Incarnation, God surprised the world with exceedingly great joy by entering human history as a baby, as Emmanuel, for God is with us in Jesus.” Students may be interested to know that this year the last chapel credit is no longer free.

Holiday sounds: two Christmas concerts

BY JENNA BOOTE
NEWS EDITOR

Those who enjoy the sounds of Christmas will have two opportunities to hear it this season. Northwestern College’s string and brass chamber ensembles will present a concert on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

The Brass Quintet, directed by Timothy McGarvey, professor of music, will perform eight pieces. In addition to four-year-round classics, the concert will feature a variety of Christmas carols including “I Wonder as I Wander,” “I Saw the Lord,” “I Wonder as I Wander,” “We Three Kings of Orient Are,” “Joy to the World,” and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.”

The String Quartet, under the direction of Kimberly Utke Svaneoe, associate professor of music, will perform three pieces, including “Pastorale” from Arcangelo Corelli’s “Christmas Concerto” and “Canzon and Allegro” from Henry Purcell’s “Golden Sonata.” The ensemble’s final piece will be Sir Peter Maxwell Davies’ “Start Point.”

Members of the ensemble include senior Carrie Manifold and junior Anna Christensen on violin; sophomore Alexandra Spreigl on viola; and Morgan Weis on cello. Svaneoe will join the quartet on harpsichord.

This year’s “Vespers” theme is “Carols From Around the World: The Nations Celebrate the Savior’s Birth.” The A Cappella Choir will perform 11 pieces, including “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” and “El Desembo.” The origins of the compositions include countries such as Spain, France, Haiti, and Poland. “Alegria,” a Puerto Rican piece, features tenor soloists junior Nick Crippin and senior Abbi Dutt. An early American tune, “The Hills are Bare,” will include a solo by junior Erin Brogan. A bell choir under the direction of Dr. Heather Josselyn-Cranson, director of music ministry, will perform the Ukrainian “Carol of the Bells.”

“We have chosen carols and other Christmas selections from 18 different countries or regions. The music styles will range from German motet to Haitian calypso,” says Thomas Holm, associate professor of music and director of Northwestern’s A Cappella Choir. “We will also have several Christmas readings, first recited in one of four non-English languages, then recited in English. In addition, the program will involve several carols for audience participation.”

The Brass Quintet will open the concert with “Alleluia” by Jacobus Gallus. The Symphonette will play Bach’s “Sheep May Safely Graze” and perform “Deutches Magnificat” with Women’s Choir. The Women’s Choir will perform “Norwegian Carol,” “O’Come to Bethlehem” and “He Came Down.”

West Hall residents enjoy spending time in the “family room,” a Christmas tradition.

World News: Missing Somalis in Minneapolis area tied jihadist activity

BY JENNA BOOTE
NEWS EDITOR

Missing Somali men in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area have U.S. intelligence officials worried that these “lost boys” have returned to Somalia to join jihadist groups.

In late October, the intelligence sources learned that Shiwra Ahmed, a naturalized U.S. citizen, died in a suicide bombing in Somalia. Ahmed grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from Minneapolis’s Roosevelt High School in 1999.

The number of missing young Somali men ranges from six to 40 to train or participate in jihad against the country’s secular transitional federal government (TFG). Omar Jamal, executive director of the Minneapolis-based Somali Justice Advocacy Center, explained, “I’ve come across 10 to 15 mothers crying because their sons are missing.” The number of missing may be even higher, as not all families will report a missing son.

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Because young Somalis have often been drawn into gangs and drugs, parents often hope to have their child spend time in mosques. “The youths are susceptible to ‘brainwashing,’” said Abdiweli Ali, former adviser to the TFG. “They are very young, susceptible.”

Word on the street:

Kristi Korver
I’m a professional singer-soloist. There’s something about wearing a stunning evening gown through the freezing cold, then warming up with a few hot dance moves.

Andrew Klumpp
Carolinglest is my favorite Christmas tradition. I love walking to class when there is Christmas music blaring from Zwemer. It makes me want to sing and dance!

Amanda Gramstad
I choose to sing Christmas music because it is a really good way to get some nourishment before a strenuous week of finals.

Tyler Nesper
I like Fridays during the Christmas season when Zwemer’s music plays so Zwemer’s turns off.

What do you love about Christmas at NW?
Directing class presents one-acts on Dec. 10

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
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Northwestern College directing students will present 14 short plays Wednesday, Dec. 10, beginning at 6 p.m., in the England Theatre of the DeVitt Theatre Arts Center.

The plays are produced as the student-directors’ final exams with minimal staging and peers as actors. The plays range from 20 to 40 minutes with most casts ranging from two to five actors and one play containing 35 roles.

Jeff Barker, NW professor of theatre and speech, has been the instructor of this course for 20 years. Barker doesn’t get involved with the productions at all; the first time he sees them performed is when the entire campus does.

“This is one of my favorite nights of seeing theatre,” Barker said. “I get to see a huge variety of types of plays in a single night (over six hours).”

Senior Anna Korver, one of the directors, has dedicated her time to a play entitled Yesterday. Korver used her skills to depict the unfolding of a relationship between an elderly gentleman and woman after they meet at a ball in the 1920s.

“When I read the script for the first time, I was simply delighted the entire time as I read about these two characters,” said Korver. “It’s a delightful show that portrays joy through these two unlikely characters.”

Korver said that both actors and the stage manager have made everything worthwhile so far. Their willingness to try anything at least once makes for a much smoother ride. She said that all of her hard work will be worth it and that she can’t wait to sit back and enjoy the show.

“I’ll probably be worried about something going wrong,” she said. “But it’ll be a good lesson in letting go and trusting other people. Besides, my job is done then; the performance is my cast’s time to be loved.”

The artwork exhibited at the Dordt Juried Art Show coming Dec. 5 to Jan. 13

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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Northwestern student artwork will be on display at the annual NW/Dordt Student Art Show. Exhibit hosted at Dordt this year from Dec. 5 through Jan. 13. The public is invited to attended to a free opening exhibition and reception on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Campus Center Art Gallery on Dordt’s campus.

The artwork exhibited at the show can come from any student at NW or Dordt, even if they are not art majors, as long as the entries include any form of art, including drawings, prints, sculpture, ceramics and photographs, as well as mixed media and graphic design projects.

This year six students will serve as jurors to decide which entries are exhibited. Three students from NW will choose the artwork that Dordt displays, and three students from Dordt will decide the exhibits that NW displays.

At the reception on Dec. 5, the student jurors will discuss their selections, compare works from both institutions in a dialogue and exchange opinions about what constitutes good art.

Michelle McCullough, a NW junior art major, had two ink design projects.

“In regards to the art show, McCullough feels that “it’s always nice to have people talk about your work.” She appreciates the high quality of work exhibited by both NW and Dordt students and finds the art inspiring. “Looking at anyone else’s work always gives me ideas and new techniques to try.”

One-acts schedule

6:00 p.m.: “The Hill-Wife,” a compilation of Robert Frost poems, directed by senior Hannah McBride.
7:12: “Booth and Darcy” by Northwestern alumnus Matt Foss, directed by junior Jon Manchester.
8:09: “The Game,” by Louise Bryant, directed by senior Rebekah Achenbach.
8:30: “In a New York Minute,” by Michele Palermo, directed by junior Baylie Heim.
10:35: “Here We Are,” by Dorothy Parker, directed by junior Marit Langley.
10:56: “Monica,” by Pauline Macaulay, directed by junior Josh Doorenbos.
11:56: “Jonah,” adapted from The Old Testament, directed by junior Brady Greer Huffman.

During this scene in “The Devil and Daniel Webster,” directed by senior Kelly Holtman (bottom left), the Devil (sophomore Greta Flodin) arrives unexpectedly at the wedding of Mary (sophomore Greta Hayes) and Jabez (freshman Andem Starn) while the couple’s good friend (sophomore Cody Raak) looks on.
Plateless: the next step to solving world hunger

BY PEACHY KEEN
AWLLESS WANDERER

The Governing Body of Students (GBS) recently extended the previously-implemented Trayless Tuesdays to a full Trayless Week. Though some students rebelled against the trayless movement and began using textbooks and binders as replacements, others were inspired by GBS’s decision. Visionaries considered the cornucopia of food that could be saved and shipped to third-world countries, tailing to account for its perishable nature. “I really feel like what I’m doing makes a difference” said freshman Connie Vineable. “On the days when I wish I could take my silverware, sandwich, plate of salad and bowl of soup all at once I just look at the signs that have been posted in the caf and remember how lucky I am.”

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-Carsrun Formee

Theater students imagined themselves to be tribal members in remote parts of Africa as they were forced to walk from table to fountain in back to table carrying their drinks. Some even went so far as to balance cups on their heads. “Having to make a separate trip in order to get my diet soda really helped me relate to those who haul their drinking water every day,” remarked sophomore Sheila Van Winkerhalen.

Artistic students saw untrayed tables as fresh canvases awaiting landscapes of mashed potato mountains and grape juice rivers. Over-involved students, already too busy to sit down for a meal, loaded their plates with food and ate on their way to the conveyor belt.

GBS was so impressed by the results of trayless week that they have decided to take it a step further. “If hundreds of gallons of water can be saved by not using trays, just think of what would happen if we stopped using plates,” said GBS president Carsrun Formee.

Other members of GBS were excited by the idea. “It is a well-known fact that your stomach is roughly the size of your fist,” reasoned sophomore GBS representative Sara De Watzi. “Why would you need to eat more than you can fit in your hands?”

A trial week of platelessness will begin on January’s return from Christmas break. “The American population is overfed as it is,” said Formee. “What can it hurt to make eating a little more challenging for the student population?”

“We got a great response to going trayless,” Formee added. “I am certain we will hear even more from students once plateless week begins.”

Fake. Northwestern:

BY CRYSTAL LIGHT
PROFESSIONAL NINJAHUNTER

Northwestern’s new admissions video, Real. Northwestern, has caused many students to debate how inaccurately it portrays NW’s campus. In an effort to reclaim the integrity of promotional videos, four of those students decided to take matters into their own hands and create a separate video to show what the campus is really like. They entitled it Fake. Northwestern.

The small team of students identified which part of NW most bothered them and began working on the new documentary. Footage of students having difficulty parking and dealing with hyperactive RAs unveils the campus’s true colors.

College students in the video are constantly looking for things to do, places to go and food to eat. One scene shows students hungry late at night and hoping to buy some food. Not in Orange City! Everything in the town closes by late at night and hoping to buy some food, Not in Orange City! Everything in the town closes by late at night and hoping to buy some food.

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In the past month the intricate inner-workings of Northwestern Alert have proven their usefulness to the college community. In light of this, the administration has decided to expand the alert system. Not only does the upgraded system allow NW faculty and staff students to keep tabs on the level of hazardous material on campus, but further informs them of updates in the lives of members of the NW community.

Similar to the “dialler feed” on facebook, a continual reel of recent updates now scrolls across the bottom of NW computer screens. Updates regarding the relationship status of members of the new touch-screen singles’ directory are displayed in red and all caps.

“I think the upgrades will really help students and staff connect,” said communications professor Kernal Vander Van. Sophomore Farley De Gloppenstoffer agreed. “I felt a deep bond with Professor Lose when I discovered we had both gotten sick from eating the Greek-style fried cod at lunch this afternoon,” he said.

Chaplain Orland Van Hoot believes the alert system will foster deep discussion among students. “I was so stoked when NW Alert told me that Gerta Fields had found her vocare,” Von Hoot said. “I can only imagine how excited she was when her friends all asked for details.”

Though some students may see the updated alert system as infringing on their privacy, Vander Van believes they will come around. “It’s only a matter of time,” he said. “Before you know it, the system will just be another part of their holistic education.”
NW to try to quell passion in students

BY ELLA STEGOSAURUS
OPINIONATED

Despite the cell phone blocker incident in October, NW is once again trying its hand at preventative measures affecting student behavior. The new “passion blocker” will be installed at various locations around campus in an effort to encourage students to be more prudent in their relationships.

While some may be outraged or irritated at seemingly meddlesome blocker that tampers with their private lives, Chaplain Orland Van Hoot and Residence Life staff approve of the measure:

“The first thing we did when we heard of the passion blocker was to verify that it was legal,” said Van Hoot. “Really, it seems too good to be true; it’s almost too easy.”

It may seem too good to be true for those in charge of keeping students accountable, but many students have already spoken out against this new form of accountability. Others have admitted that it is probably a wise move, especially during the fall semesters now that the October Rule has been dissolved.

The blocker, approximately the size of a small dictionary, is black with a porcupine-like array of antennas to match different types of passion ataction. Without going into the biological detail of the mechanism’s construction, it interferes with hormone levels and also perceives adrenaline rushes. Students in passion-blocked areas may notice, if previously impassioned, a sudden listlessness or apathy. Those who enter the area without a previous hint of passion will not notice the blocker’s influence. Getting out of the range of a blocker will not automatically restore previous passion.

The blocker does have some cons, Van Hoot admits. “Unfortunately, the blocker cannot distinguish between passion and an acceptable adrenaline rush. For example, a student could have an adrenaline rush from the happiness of having received acceptance to a grad school, but if they walk through a blocker’s area, they will experience a loss of excitement. It’s not a perfect system, and what we’re hoping to see in the trial run is whether or not it’s worth it to keep the blockers running.”

Blockers will be installed in the Stegenga Lobby, RSC mall area, Hospers Lounge, obscure corners of the library, Heemstra suite 009 and various rooms throughout Colenbrander and Stegenga according to the advice and discretion of Residence Life staff.

The trial will last about a month.

NW announces new study abroad program in exotic Sioux Center

BY ELLA STEGOSAURUS
OPINIONATED

Northwestern will launch its third semester-long study abroad trip in the Spring of 2010.

In addition to the Romania and Oman semesters, NW students will now have the option to study in Sioux Center, Iowa for a semester in order to fulfill cross-cultural credit and gain new experiences.

According to Semester Study Abroad Coordinator Carl Dougson, the Sioux Center program has been in the works for several years.

“We’re so excited to finally be establishing a program there,” Dougson noted. “We believe that it will be an excellent opportunity for students to expand their worldviews and be challenged.”

The Sioux Center Semester is a 15 credit program that involves intensive cultural study. Students will spend part of their time studying in classrooms at Dordt College, a Christian Reformed college approximately the size of NW.

“Because Dordt is similar in size to NW,” commented Summer Study Abroad Coordinator Carry Chrome, “our students should feel a little more comfortable there from the start. It will also give them the opportunity to get to know both the native students and also students from other programs who are studying there.”

In addition to classes, students will have the opportunity to visit local coffee hotspots like Butler’s, to interact with natives and get a taste of the culture. From the pre-curser faculty trip, Chrome noted how amazing it can be to engage the “cultural other.”

“It’s incredible to actually be there and make the cultural comparison for yourself,” she said. “It’s not like De Koffee Hoek. The joy of noting the cultural similarities in addition to the valuable difference is something that you can’t really understand until you’ve experienced it.”

Students will also have the opportunity to explore a variety of religious experiences. Sioux Center offers not only a wide variety of Reformed and Christian Reformed churches, but also an Evangelical Free church, two Lutheran churches and a Hispanic church.

Worship attendance is one of the program features that will help students immerse themselves in the culture rather than simply observing a different location.

“My hope is that students will really dive into the worship experience,” Dougson explains. “I think they’ll be amazed to see what the Reformed denomination can look like in the context of another culture.”

Both Dougson and Chrome expressed their excitement about the program, as it will present opportunities not readily available in Orange City, and have been pleased with student interest so far.

“We think that the Sioux Center program will be a perfect companion to the Romania and Oman semesters,” Chrome added.

“We all three are unique, fascinating locations that many people just won’t get the opportunity to see. Each program will challenge the student’s worldview and self-view. We’re confident that the Sioux Center Semester will be an enriching experience.”

Word on the streak:

Students share their opinions about feeling the Iowa wind in their hair…and everywhere:

Junior H. Starr

“I hate streaking. I can never find a place for my cell phone.”

Ima Fernlady

“Precious moments are spent streaking. Sometimes when I’m running, I feel like I have wings.”

God

“Jesus loves you naked.”

Fame E. Boarchores

“I’m a big fan of integration. Integrating streaking and sports, that is.”
The brotherhood of the traveling Spongebob boxers

BY ROACH REEES & REINY KNIGHT
Love-Loving Roommates

Four years ago, a pair of bright yellow boxers hung from a rack in one of Minneapolis' finest Wal-Marts. Strolling past the nearly empty rack, current NW senior Drew Mound couldn't help but notice his hero, Spongebob Square Pants, featured on the one-size-fits-all boxers.

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For the facial hair challenged

BY LOUIE OEVES
TELEMARKING MECHANIC

“No-Shave November” or “Beard Month” have come and gone. Many men on Northwestern’s campus use the month of November to see how many of a beard they can muster.

There is, however, another side to “No-Shave November”—the side of the facial-hair challenged. These individuals will have to wait another year before they can once again don their patchy faces.

The story of the facial-hair challenged is one of pain, embarrassment and in some sad cases, ridicule. However, during the month of November these individuals come together and sport their patches proudly for all to see.

The Underground Society of the Facial Hair Challenges meets weekly during the rest of the year in an undisclosed location. At these secret meetings, members share their struggles as well as rejoice in each other’s triumphs.

“People don’t realize what it can do to a man when he can’t grow sufficient facial hair,” said the president of the NW chapter of the society, who wishes to remain anonymous.

“Many men eventually grow out of this lack-of-hair phase, but sadly others are doomed to remain patchy and in the worst cases, peach-fuzzy.”

That is why the society exists, to be there for these brave individuals. Not only are there meetings, but there are also events held all over the entire country.

NW society spokesperson Kent Van Grouweno said, “We go all over for society events. We’ve had them in Sioux Falls, Omaha, St. Louis and Nashville, just to name a few. They are awesome. There are bands, celebrity spokespersons and seminars on new products in the hair-growth industry.”

While the society travels to these different locations, they also do their part on campus. Besides their weekly meetings, the NW chapter has forums, Q&A sessions and parties that any student body is welcome to attend.

“One of our goals is to make outsiders understand that we are still people, regardless of how much facial hair we can grow,” said Van Grownwo. “We hold these gatherings on campus, open to everyone so we can show that just because we can’t grow full beards or goatees, doesn’t mean we don’t like to have fun with other people.”

Also, the Society wishes to stress that they are a facial hair oriented organization. They are not associated with the BMA, Bald Men of America. While they recognize that they share some of the same struggles and frustrations, they are different establishments.

Cheering for the opposite team can break down mental barriers against the other school.

Gifts of the opposite school’s regalia can guilt the other person into even more support for the other school. Buy a NW sweatshirt for your Dordt boyfriend or a Dordt t-shirt for your NW girlfriend. Helping them show support for your school can strengthen your bond and decrease the strain in the rivalry.

Tension can also be strong among friends when one is in a mixed relationship. It is important to be open and honest about this.

“I don’t know what she’s thinking, definitely not of me,” said Western’s roommate Fern Smith.

But long distance relationships are hard. They take openness, honesty and commitment.

“Students have to remember though, God put them in a specific place,” said Western. “If he wanted a NW student to be with a Dordt student, why didn’t he give the Dordt student enough intelligence to come to NW in the first place?”
Miles overcomes injury, runs to 31st at nationals

Sophomore Charity Miles from Thedford, Neb. finished her season at the NAIA Women’s Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Kenosha, Wisc.

Miles ran a season-best 5K time of 18:08, finishing in 31st place, only one spot away from repeating her season at the NAIA Women’s Cross Country Championships earlier this season.

Sophomore Charity Miles sprints to the finish line at the USD meet earlier this season.

BY BETH MOUW
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Men’s Basketball scores high in USF Classic, falls to Dordt, SMSU

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The Red Raider men’s basketball team won two high-scoring games in the USF Classic, then fell to Dordt last week and SMSU this week. Northwestern dropped to a 4-5 overall record, 0-1 in the GPAC.

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On Saturday, NW faced St. Ambrose in a rematch after they lost 67-81 to the Fighting Bees on Nov. 15. The Raiders fared better this time, winning 112-108.

Wiertzema scored 32 points and added four assists to lead the Raiders, who shot 63 percent from the field and 47 percent behind the three-point line. Senior Andrew Stimson added 19 points, and Brown and Jiskoot scored 18 and 13 points, respectively.

NW will play their second conference game of the season tomorrow against Midland Lutheran at 4 p.m.

Wrestlers go 9-12 against D-I and D-II competition

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With tough competition and many injuries, the Northwestern wrestling team started the week by going to the University of Nebraska Omaha and competing in the Kaufman Brand Open. The Raiders ended the day going 9-12 overall while competing against Division I and Division II competition.

Some of the other schools appearing in the meet were Nebraska, Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois and Minnesota. Sophomore Clay Wakefield finished 2-2 after pinning his first two opponents. Wakefield competed in the Freshmen/Sophomore Amateur division. Junior Martin Beeler also competed in the Amateur division and finished the day 0-2.

Competing in the Junior/Senior Elite division were seniors Levi Price, Sam Minor, Tom Eaton and Cole Spree. Price finished 1-2 on the tournament after losing to wrestlers from Northern Iowa and Minnesota. Going 0-2 on the day was Minor, who competed in the 157 weight class. Spree and Eaton both wrestled in the 184 weight class. Spree finished 2-2 on the tournament, defeating last year’s NAIA National Champion. Eaton was the only Raider to place in the tournament and came out with the fifth place medal, finishing 3-2 on the day.

The Raiders then took off to Des Moines to take on Grand View College in their first dual of the year.

NW was forced to forfeit three matches in a row as freshman Matt Dowell, in the 141 weight class, was injured and they had no wrestlers in the 125 or 133 weight classes.

“We had to forfeit three matches right off the bat which really dropped the score down,” said Dowell.

The overall score on the day was 12-30 in favor of Grand View. The Raiders were 3-4 in the matches with actual wrestlers, but were 3-7 counting the forfeits.

Eaton, in the 174 weight class, came out on top with a score of 11-4. Beeler also defeated his opponent, this time by a score of 6-1. The third victory for the Raiders came from Spree, who pinned the opposition in 3:38.

The next opportunity for the Raiders to add to their record will be at home tomorrow in the NWC Open at 10 a.m.