NW offering four online courses this summer

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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This summer Northwestern will be offering online courses as part of a pilot program to research the success of distance learning.

One reason NW is offering online courses is because so many students are taking classes from outside colleges and transferring them into NW. Last fall, 37 percent of the freshman class entered NW having already earned some amount of college credit.

In regards to a NW education, Adrienne Forgette, dean of faculty, said, “We believe in the value of what we offer and would much rather see a NW student take an online course with a NW faculty member than take the course somewhere else.”

Another benefit to online courses is that they will be set up so that students can do their homework and watch the lectures online when it is convenient for them. They will not have to watch the class online at the same time the professor is giving a lecture.

James “JT” Thomas is one student who plans to take advantage of NW’s online courses. He left NW this semester to serve in the Air Force in Afghanistan. Although he is unsure if he will be back in the United States or halfway around the world this summer, he knows he will have Internet access wherever he is located.

“I think this is a great thing for NW,” Thomas said. “It allows me to work around my schedule, continue to do my job and still fulfill the requirements of graduation.”

So far NW is offering eight-week online courses this summer. Michael Kensak, associate professor of English and modern foreign languages will be teaching College Writing and Introduction to Literary Studies, and assistant professor of education Lila Sybesma will be teaching Introduction to Early Childhood and Organization and Administration of Early Childhood Programs.

Kensak believes that online classes will benefit all types of students, from the introverted talker to the silent introvert, by giving them time to think about and plan their responses before submitting them online.

Since most other colleges offer at least some online courses, Kensak feels that NW should join in and offer courses “in NW’s way, with academic excellence and a spiritual approach.”

Kensak also sees distance learning as a form of recruiting tool that can be used as “a way to connect with high school students.”

The online courses will cost the same amount per credit as the on-campus summer courses, which cost less than credits taken during the school year.

Kensak hopes students will use these online courses to “save money and get a quality education with a spiritual emphasis and with the professors you know.”

FLAME presents free Christian hip-hop concert

BY KRISTIN KOOMA
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On Friday, Feb. 13, Christian hip-hop artist FLAME will be speaking in chapel. Then, at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel, he will perform a free concert sponsored by the Student Activities Council and the Office of International and Intercultural Affairs.

FLAME has a multitude of accomplishments under his belt for being one of the youngest members of the Cross Movement Records’ artists. He has been ministering for 10 years through his music and public speaking, and has released four albums since 2004.

Born Marcus Gray, FLAME, grew up in inner city St. Louis. After going through a near-death car accident and losing his grandmother at age 16, he accepted Christ into his life and has been ministering ever since.

FLAME did not realize that there were Christian Hip-hop artists out there until one day he was looking at music in a Christian Bookstore.

There he bought the Cross Movement’s album and loved the meaningful lyrics and song structure. At first, he just wrote raps for God as a journal, but after meeting with the Cross Movement, he wanted to dig deeper into what he could do for God. After creating a friendship with the Cross Movement, he went on tour and was then offered a deal with their record label.

His two recent albums are a two-part series. The first, “Our World Fallen,” tells the story of a non-believer befriended by FLAME that gets shown the way to the cross while seeing and thinking about the fallen world around him. His most recent album, “Our World Redeemed,” continues on with the story where the fictional character from the first album has a close relative pass away, which inspires him to continue on spreading the Gospel.

“Our World Redeemed” was nominated in December for a GRAMMY award in best Rock or Rap Gospel Album and has been nominated for the 2009 Stellar Gospel Music Award. It also debuted at No. 5 on the Billboard Top Gospel Chart, No. 1 on Soundscan’s Christian R&B/Hit-Hop Chart and No. 7 on iTunes’ mainstream Rap Chart. “Our World Fallen” climaxied at No. 7 on the Billboard Top Gospel Chart.

FLAME is currently enrolled in Boyce College in Louisville, KY studying biblical counseling. He lives there with his wife Crystal Gray.
Being global neighbors

BY CHELSEA HARBERTS

How are we called to love our neighbor? Christ states in Mark 12:30-31 that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves, but what does this mean? What does it look like? We are living in such a globalized world today that we can only begin to solve the dilemma by defining “neighbor.”

I am not positive, but I don’t think Christ meant we are to show love to those who live in the two dorm rooms next to us, nor just to our family and friends. I am sure we have all had arguments about how our neighbors are virtually all humans on the face of the earth. How does this look if we are to love them, and if they are Christians, to live in community with them? Are the Christians in South Africa, the congregation meeting in Bulgaria and the small groups meeting in Malaysia also our neighbors? If they are, as we have been told, how are our everyday choices affecting them?

Do we, as Christian Americans, ever realize how our lifestyles affect our brothers halfway around the world? Do we ever take into consideration that the average bite of food we as Americans eat has traveled 1500 miles before it reaches our lips? Talk about a carbon footprint! In the Sustainable Development class I took while I was in Romania I was told, “If every US citizen ate just one meal a week from locally and organically raised meats and produce, we could reduce our country’s oil consumption by over 1.1 million barrels of oil every week.”

Are we really loving our neighbors if we are using exponentially more natural resources than the rest of the world? Not many of us think about this commandment in such a way. But would we want others to be doing this to us: ruin the ozone layer, use up precious resources and pollute the air and water for our selfish indulgences?

We are dangerously close to violating human rights and capabilities by doing such things.

What are we to do in our materialist conundrum? How, in the agribusiness, individualist, capitalist world of an American can we go against the norm and reduce our constantly growing carbon footprint?

There are major ways, such as refraining from flying as much as possible, walking to the Koffie House rather than driving or eating locally. We can also do little things like recycling, unplugging our TVs, DVD players or stereos when not using them, changing the margins and font size of our papers, writing out papers to reduce the amount of paper used (if profs allow this) and pay for those bills we all have online in order to reduce the gas used to mail the letters as well as the paper wasted.

By doing these things we can increase the quality of life for many of our neighbors around the world and develop the kingdom community of which we are a part.

The summer prior to my freshman year, a dinner date with one of my relatives shook up my world. Nothing could have prepared me for the words I heard. I sat there in absolute shock upon hearing this confession: “I’m coming out of the closet. I’m gay.”

After letting that phrase soak in for a few months, I arrived on campus with a shaky foundation. Sure I went to classes, made friends and went to chapel. But I didn’t use the campus as a place to deal with that issue or evaluate how I felt.

My main goal had always been to get a degree and, as a result, I never called Northwestern my home. Going to chapel meant sitting in the front pew, listening to a speaker and being rewarded with a chapel credit. Not once did I mention in chapel impact me; I didn’t let it.

I still haven’t completely dealt with what happened a few summers ago, but I’m working on it. Lori Couch’s chapel speech four weeks ago helped tremendously.

Listening to her every word, I felt a connection with her. She too had to deal with an issue that people don’t understand. Her son has Down syndrome. She has never understood why God allowed this to happen, but she thanks him for his constant care in her life.

Just like at the restaurant, I had been changed forever, but this time was different. Everything became clear. The moment I walked out of chapel I told my roommate that I would never again use the term “short bus.” Once we arrived at the cafeteria, our conversation was filled with more declarations.

I had always made fun of people like her son and knew it was wrong, I just didn’t care to change my ways. I care now. I care deeply.

The fall semester was filled with more declarations.

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Some “catholic” (universal) understanding

BY SHAUNNA ELL

Something peculiar happens on Monday and Wednesday evenings: a small band of students enters the Frankenken Center’s prayer room. Once the matches have been found, the candle lit and wandering conversation concluded, the group kneels in a semi-circle and launches into an exotic ritual: praying the rosary.

Kneeling there, I feel how bizarre it is. Here, at a Protestant college, we’re huddled in a room performing the mother of all Catholic customs: speaking formally on a matter of faith (Protestants’ apocrypha) to the Pope, which is completed and made living by works of love (not the law, mind you). The Pope is not perfect—he sins like the rest of us and is only presumed without error when speaking formally on a matter of faith or morality in conjunction with the rest of the world’s bishops (in other words, very rarely).

Purgatory is not a second chance. It is a state in which a sin-stained person already deemed heaven-bound is cleansed before entering heaven. This is possible because of the Pope’s power to “pronounce” that one is already heaven-bound: a spiritual death sentence. It’s a disciplinary action meant to encourage someone to repent and believe someone to be heaven-bound.

Because of this, I propose that you counsel your friends and family about your faith, and I’ll explain why.

When I told an admissions counselor from (Catholic) Mount Mary College that I was thinking of attending NW, she exclaimed to me in a flabbergasted, condescending and nasal voice, “But you’re Catholic…” I hope to invalidate her cynicism and savoir the opportunity to remedy my friends’ and my own misunderstandings. With mutual understanding of each other’s faith, we can foster an environment of welcome and belonging, an environment which pushed me to come to Northwestern in the first place.
A song for you and your significant other

BY GREG WHITE
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If you like to spend Valentine’s Day canoodling with your Valentine, you want the environment to be perfect. Refined food, like homemade spaghetti and a five dollar bottle of sparkling grape juice, will elegantly whisk you and your loved one off to a picturesque seaside resort in southern Italy. The sweet careess of dim lighting may lull you and your valentine into a saccharine ambiance. Adding music helps to set a romantic and tender mood. But with oodles of love songs, choosing the proper melody for your relationship can be difficult. Here are five songs for five different types of relationships.

“Can’t Get Enough of Your Love Babe,” by Barry White, is suitable if you have troubles expressing that soaring love for your valentine. “How can I explain all these things I feel?” This is a low-spoken love poem that will make any girl feel appreciated with lyrics like, “Girl, your love for me is all I need and more than I can stand, oh well, babe.” “The echoing wishful guitar and the softly shuddering symbols set the little low-key atmosphere for your date with a valentine who you can’t get enough of.”

“Wonderful Tonight,” by Eric Clapton has a tingling magical intro and soft vocals that has become an icon of the love genre. But at a closer look, this song would be appropriate for the more insecure relationship.

“Do I Look Alright? And I say yes, you look wonderful tonight.” If she has to ask you to tell her she’s beautiful, then she’s not sure how you feel or she’s fishing for a compliment. The girl can tell that Clapton is nervous because she asks him, “Do you feel alright?” In the last verse, Clapton admits that he got a headache on the date. If you’re a love manic then “Every Breath You Take” by The Police is for you.

“Your Song” by Elton John is a sweet and humble piano melody. John expresses his love by talking the listener through metaphors and the reasons why it is their song. But in the end, he says, “Anyway, the thing is, what I really mean, yours are the sweetest eyes I’ve ever seen.” If you have to talk yourself through your feelings with your valentine, this could be your song.

If you haven’t found the right song for your relationship there’s always the classic, “My Girl,” by The Temptations. With its melt-your-heart vocals and staccato snaps, this song will put your valentine on cloud nine. If you want a girl to know she’s yours, play her the Temptations. Just remember not to be too tempting in your mood planning.

Paraskavedekatriaphobia

BY BRETT MEYER
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Paraskavedekatriaphobia. This rather obscure and unfamiliar word represents a concept that most people recognize: the fear of Friday the 13th. Friday the 13th is widely known as a day of bad luck. Most years we have the good fortune of that day only occurring once. This year however, we have three, with two of them in consecutive months. Though it may seem an antiquated thing to hold on to, many people still have superstitions about the supposedly unlucky day.

The superstition of Friday the 13th does not have a very clear background. The first records of it appeared in the 1800’s and most of the information about the date comes from folklore. However, there are several stories of how the superstition originated. Traditionally, both Friday and the number thirteen have been seen as “unlucky.” It is possible that the belief in Friday the 13th being unlucky is merely a combination of these two fallacies. Another theory is that the legend is somehow connected to the date of the arrest of the Knights Templar. This view received much popularity from the book “The Da Vinci Code.” Finally, Friday the 13th is thought by some to be the day on which Jesus was betrayed and crucified. The number thirteen is also thought to represent the thirteen people who were present at the Last Supper.

There are many people who still consider Friday the 13th a very serious matter. Among them is Nick Rohlf, a junior at Northwestern. “It is very real and should be taken with extreme seriousness,” Rohlf said.

Some people are so disturbed by the day that they even refuse to leave their home until Saturday. N1W senior, Rebekah Achenbach, spoke of how her grandmother handles the matter. “My grandmother is superstitious,” said Achenbach. She gets all of her errands done the day before. She gets so self conscious, because she can’t go get her hair done.” These are not rare cases; it is estimated that between 17 and 21 million Americans suffer from Paraskavedekatriaphobia. However, most people seem to be more skeptical on the matter.

Sophomore Matt Skelton said, “I think it’s funny to pretend to be paranoid, but I don’t think that it’s real.” This is a rather typical response to receive as the majority of people today don’t believe in the superstition, or at least admit to it.

Friday the 13th, whether you believe the hype or not, is most likely just another day on the calendar. Many, even though they feel it’s ridiculous to believe in, can’t help but feel a little leery about the date anyway.

Brogan’s response

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...with his description of the general attitudes and actions of Northwestern administration and staff towards students’ desires, Tyler has a right to his own interpretation and opinions.

In the spirit of “proactively engaging” students in conversation, I am requesting the SGA to set up meeting sometime in the next two weeks where students can meet with me to ask questions about how decisions are made on campus and to voice their desires concerning campus facilities. Hopefully, this will help correct several misperceptions and misinformation about campus decision-making. I also invite students to set up an appointment with me or any other member of the Student Development staff to talk about your concerns individually or in small groups.

My office has been and always will be open to talk with students. The one thing, I can fully affirm in Tyler’s editorial is his statement that “this administration wants to listen!”

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FEATURES

Graduating and jobless? Check out some hot tips for the job search

BY LEE STOVER
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As if senior year isn’t stressful enough with finishing classes, graduation, loans looming on the horizon and moving into “the real world,” there’s also worrying about finding a job.

Fortunately for Northwestern students, the Career Development Center has tools available to help students prepare for life after classes.

Bill Minnick, director of career development, has some tips for seniors on finding a job.

“Look everywhere. Throw out a ‘wide net.’ Start early and start broad,” he said. “Once you’ve done that, you can begin to narrow down to find what you’re looking for.”

The CDC website has a list of job-search sites which includes NWCCareerConnections, a career search database that matches job inquiries with industries, locations and keywords. An referral by Minnick is required to use this service.

Another method is to find a job in a specific location.

“If there is a place in the country you want to be, you can search the Internet for that city’s Chamber of Commerce,” Minnick said.

Some problems that developers address are issues in community development, which fights poverty at the community level. Poverty reaches many nations. Economic, political and social instability contribute to the stark oppression and can then lead to poor education systems, which devastate a nation’s hope for development.

One of the realizations that students took away from the weekend was God’s role in meeting such needs.

“Before this weekend, God wasn’t a huge part of my concept of community development,” junior Hannah Watters said. “I thought development mostly fulfilled physical needs. The African people are gaining a pride and self-worth deeply rooted in the love of Christ. Community development with God is so much more holistic.”

Holistic community development is important to NW, because fighting poverty is mandated by scripture. However, if we are to grasp our whole mission, we cannot ignore the spiritual needs. Matthew 28:19-20 says, “Go and make disciples of all nations… teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Sophomore Daniel Unekis shared his experience. “I learned a lot about a more healthy and beneficial approach to short-term mission trips,” he said.

He said that this lesson would be useful, because he would like to lead short-term mission trips someday.

The theme of the conference was partnerships.

“I attended a session on how an effective ministry has to work together with the domains of church, education, market and government,” junior Josh Roorda said. “This gave me greater insight into how ministries and developers have to work in conjunction with various organizations.”

Students discovered that partnerships are the best way to start a ministry.

Along with the organized sessions, the students had a lot of free time. Some students played broomball, explored the campus, took naps and enjoyed Calvin’s tasty cafeteria food.

Waters said, “My mouth got a little vacation when I ate fresh strawberries and pineapple every day.”
Contentedly single
BY KADY BRAM
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Sophomore Klarc Korver is a happy single—even at this time of year. 

“The mail room is flooding with miniature cards sporting cartoon characters and taped-on candies, tables set up outside the cafeteria offer love songs for a small fee and there is a dramatic increase of PDA on campus. As couples make Valentine’s Day plans and surprise each other with gifts, the single student population is left wondering where they fit into all the red and pink madness. Some choose to ignore the day and band together by joining Facebook groups like Love Hurts—Anti-Valentine’s Day Society. However, some single students on campus are able to reflect on this week in a more positive way.

Senior Emily Entsminger said she has found a freedom in her single status that people often overlook. "Right now I’m at a place in my life where I need to plan for the future, and I’m thankful that the only voice I have to discern is God’s," she said. "I don’t have to worry about factoring someone else into what I know God is calling me to do."

Many students that enter Northwestern as single freshmen find it difficult to maintain that status all the way to graduation. Yet, those who do stay single often benefit from stronger friendships, simply because they have more time to spend with others.

"It would be awfully nice to be able to be in a relationship," senior Tucker Schneider said, "but I am content for the time being. I get to focus on forming lasting friendships, school and my art."

Although being single allows individuals certain freedoms, it can also be frustrating. "One of the worst parts about being single for me has been being the maid of honor in four weddings while still waiting for my own, but that’s a wonderful thing too," Entsminger said.

Single students at NW shouldn’t be discouraged, although it’s easy to feel alone. Take heart, there are many people on campus in the same situation.

Busy engaged
BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Most girls spend hours dreaming about the moment their knight in shining armor will get down on one knee and profess his love. For many girls at Northwestern, this has already happened. Junior Emily Mortenson and senior Jenni Sybesma both have the diamonds to prove it.

Mortenson’s parents and I have always been close, but now we’re even closer as I look up to them for what their marriage stands for," Mortenson said. "They have been a huge blessing with wedding planning and life planning."

Sybesma is glad she can share her engagement with friends.

"It’s such a huge lifetime experience," she said. "I have all my friends around involved in decisions and in the excitement."

Mortenson said some people from Sioux Falls are surprised about her getting married so young.

"Out of 40 people who graduated from my class, I know one person who’s married," she said. "Most of them are quite surprised."

Mortenson also has two brothers who have to let their sister go. "It’s hard for my two older brothers to understand," she said, "to see their youngest, baby, little sister move to this level in a relationship. But they’re excited for me."

If there are any couples out there planning on getting engaged, Sybesma tells guys to approach the woman’s mom, she will always remember it and give you crap for it."

Mortenson said there is no right or wrong answer on whether to get engaged in college or to wait.

"It’s not better or worse. You have to look at your own relationship and figure out what’s best for you [as an individual] and you as a couple," she said. "Only you and your boyfriend or girlfriend and God are the ones who can really decide that."

Finding time to date
BY KADY BRAM
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Since Valentine’s Day is on a weekend this year, many students in dating relationships will get to experience something totally unique—actually getting to spend time together.

"Dating in college can be a challenge when you have a lot going on," junior Jeff Regan said. "You have to make it a priority to make time for the other person and to continue to invest in the relationship."

Homework and other obligations often mean that real dates for couples are few and far between.

Rogan’s girlfriend, junior Chelsea Stromley, commented on the necessity of collaborating during everyday events.

When you’re wed
BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

"There’s a girl in my class who’s our age. She’s married! Can you believe it?"

After marrying her high school sweetheart the summer before her sophomore year, Dari Van Dyke heard this exclamation and others like it.

Although only 7 percent of college students are married, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, it is not unusual at Northwestern.

Van Dyke and her husband, Jesse, have been married for a year and a half.

"It’s nice always having someone there to talk to,” she said. "To have his physical presence to listen to me complain about school."

Another married couple on campus are Josh and Jenna Van Es, who married in June 2008.

Both attend NW and being married is actually a financial advantage for them.

"There’s cheaper tuition and you get more grants," Josh Van Es said.

Being married while in college can present its challenges as well. Van Es said he and his wife are so busy that they hardly ever see each other.

Van Dyke feels like she has missed out on campus life.

"There’s a lack of feeling like I’m part of the college community," she said. "I go to school here, but it’s not home."

Marriage has made Van Es and Van Dyke grow up faster.

"My friends don’t feel like adults. I felt like an adult at 19, when I got married," Van Dyke said.

"Think it’s important to find something that works for you as a couple,” she said. "Maybe that is going to chapel, eating meals or studying together."

Many couples are aware of the notorious "ring by spring," attitude of fellow students. Dating is not considered a hobby here; instead, it’s often viewed as a prerequisite to marriage.

Despite this added pressure, many find Northwestern a great place to start a relationship.

"NW has a good atmosphere for couples," said senior Hannah McBride. "There are a lot of supportive people and fellow couples to hang out with; and since it’s a small school, it’s easy for couples to engage with each other’s friends."

Several NW students are involved in long-distance relationships. For these couples, it’s not the quantity of time spent apart, but the quality of time spent together that counts.

"The distance is just temporary and the best part is each time I get to see him again—It’s like butterflies every time."
Three more wrestlers qualify for nationals

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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With the regular season at an end, the Northwestern wrestling team qualified three more athletes for nationals at Briar Cliff, bringing the team total to seven. Qualifying were freshmen Matt Dowell, freshmen Nic Leither and junior Martin Beeler.

“It was one of my goals,” Dowell said. “It helps culminate a season and makes it feel a little more successful.”

Previously the Raiders had only qualified four graduating seniors, and now the team will have three returning national qualifiers next season, including two freshmen – Dowell and Leither.

“It was fun for both of us to qualify, especially at the same tournament,” Dowell said.

Briar Cliff Invitational

NW traveled to Briar Cliff on Saturday, Feb. 7 and returned with a combined record of 28-11. The Raiders won the title on the day and got a first place finish out of senior Levi Price.

Price finished the day 5-0 on his way to winning the 149-pound weight class. Along with Price, NW got second place finishes out of senior Cole Spree and Leither. Finishing in third place was Beeler in the 174-pound weight class. Dowell finished the day 4-2 with a fourth place finish. Roundout the top five was senior Claudel Noel, who finished 4-2 to place fifth in the 157-pound weight class.

“It went really well,” head wrestling coach Rik Dahl said. “They were aggressive and it showed in the results.”

NW 28, Dakota Wesleyan 25

The Raiders hosted Dakota Wesleyan on Wednesday, where they honored the Westwood High School wrestling team. Some of the proceeds of the meet went to the Blake Jorgensen fund to help pay for the hospital bills of the young athletes, who were involved in a serious car accident earlier in the season.

“The were with us in the pregame and prayed with us,” Dahl said. “They sat with us on the sideline and it was neat to get to know them.”

The Raiders won the meet 28-25 and got pins out of Price and Eaton. Spree was able to post a win in a 17-3 decision along with sophomore David Carter who won his match 7-6.

“It was a dual I felt we could and should win,” Dahl said. “We were not as focused as I could have hoped.”

This was the last home match for the seniors on the team. This, along with honoring the Westwood High School team, may have been a reason for the lack of focus, according to Dahl.

On Saturday the Raiders will compete in the GPAC conference meet.

Raider softball opens season with a pair of losses

BY RENEE NYHOF
EDITOR

The 2009 Red Raider softball team opened their season indoors with two losses to Grand View, 3-1 and 11-1, placing Northwestern at 0-2 overall.

In game one, Grand View scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning, NW then scored one run in the top of the second inning and threatened to tie the game, but the score remained 2-1 until the bottom of the fifth when the Vikings scored another run. In the seventh inning, NW threatened another tie but came up empty and walked away with a loss, 3-1.

Grand View began the second match up with a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Raiders took their only run in the second inning, while the Vikings added three runs in the third, one in the fifth and closed the game with three more runs in the sixth inning, ending the game 11-1.

While the first games of the season resulted in losses, the team remains is good spirits and knows they still have to lot to learn, according to the head softball coach Dave Hulsart.

“We have a lot of big softball players, meaning they played a lot in high school and, while they’re all young, it’s a good mixture and we’ve all got along very well,” said Burrola. “So far we’ve just been practicing in the gym and playing games indoors, so we haven’t had real room to show what we can do.”

Burrola is looking forward to spring training in which the team travels to Tucson, Arizona over spring break to play 8 to 10 games outdoors. Before then, the Raiders will play next in three weeks against Peru State (Neb.) on Feb. 28, weather permitting.

Northwestern competes in 25-team meet at USD

BY HEIDI HILDERBRANDT
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The Red Raider track team headed to the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, SD, to compete with 24 other teams at the Bill Hillenbrand Open.

Women’s track

Sophomore Charity Miles automatically qualified in her third event of the indoor season, placing third in the one mile with 5 minutes 13.16 seconds.

Sophomores Stephanie Powell and Jenna Sorensen both ran the 1000-meter run. Sorensen placed fifth with 3:11 and Powell finished tenth with 3:14. Junior Emily DeWeerd added an 11th place in the 60-meter hurdles with a 9.54. She also placed 14th in the 200-meter dash with 27.72 and 21st in the 60-meter dash with 8.51.

Men’s track

Sophomore Logan Ogden placed ninth in the shot put with 48-6.75 to lead the Northwestern men. Junior Lee Stover ran a 2:40.64 in the 1000-meter run, which was good for ninth place. Junior Kyle Sauter added a 10th place finish in the 60-meter hurdles with 8.6 seconds and sophomore Kevin Krueger ran a 1:26 in the 600-meter run for 12th place.

Sauter, who is a captain for the Northwestern, said that throughout the season, “It is great to see the team come together and motivate each other before, during and after every race, throw or jump.

“I also liked to see each athlete hold his or her head up high no matter what the outcome. The track team does not hold on to bad performances, but sees them as opportunities to better themselves.”

NW will close out its regular season at Doordt on Saturday. The GPAC conference meet will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 in Lincoln, Neb.
Men’s basketball defeats Concordia, loses close game to ninth-ranked DWU

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The top of the GPAC conference is tight in men’s basketball. The Red Raiders played two games this week in order to stay in contention for one of the higher seeds. They defeated Concordia, 79-68, before losing to Dakota Wesleyan, 68-70.

“There are five teams that all could be in first place at the end,” head basketball coach Kris Korver said. “We just have to control what we can control and finish strong.”

NW 79, Concordia 68

The Raiders opened the game against Concordia, jumping to a 14-2 lead after only five minutes of play. Junior Michael Jiskoot led the Raiders during the run with six points and three rebounds.

Concordia later posed a comeback, taking the lead in the second half, 51-50, before Northwestern made another run to finish the game 79-68, which improved its record to 16-8. On the day Jiskoot put up ten points and pulled in seven rebounds. He was one of five Raiders in double figures on the day, along with senior Andrew Stonson (15), senior Kale Wiertzema (15), freshmen Alex Huisken (10) and sophomore Brent Dunkelberger (14).

“You can’t ever control how many points you score,” said Korver. “We can only make things more difficult for Concordia and make things easier for ourselves.”

NW 68, Dakota Wesleyan 70

After the win, the Raiders traveled to the Corn Palace to take on Dakota Wesleyan. Going into the game, Dakota Wesleyan was ranked number nine in the nation and number one in the GPAC, and NW was ranked number two in the GPAC.

According to Korver, the Raiders had to “rise to the occasion” and “make things difficult for them.”

The Raiders did not have one dominant scorer for the second game in a row, posting four players in double figures. Jiskoot pulled off a double-double with 10 points and 19 rebounds in the loss.

With three games left of the regular season the Raiders will host Doane on Saturday, Feb. 14 and then Morningside on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Baseball opens season with two wins over Dordt in the Metrodome

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The Northwestern baseball team opened its season in Minneapolis, MN, last weekend where they took on Dordt in a doubleheader at the Metrodome.

NW 5, Dordt 3

Sophomore Clint Gingerich hit a two-run RBI in the second inning, scoring seniors Jake Jansen and Justin Lane to put the Red Raiders on the scoreboard.

Dordt responded with three runs of their own in the third inning, as starting pitcher, senior Trevor Kuiper allowed his only three hits of the game.

In the bottom of the third, Brad Payne hit a single and senior Grant Wall was hit by a pitch, and both stole bases to put the Raiders on second and third. Senior Austin Malone’s sacrifice fly scored Payne and tied the score at three.

Junior Curt Bomgaard, Gingerich and junior Matt Gray each singled in the bottom of the fourth and two scored on a sacrifice fly by Payne.

Kuiper allowed only three hits and three earned runs in six innings, with two walks and three strike-outs. Lane took over in the seventh inning and allowed one hit to earn the save.

NW 2, Dordt 1

The Raiders started out strong in the first inning with four hits. Payne hit a triple to lead off the inning and scored on Wall’s groundout.

Malone, Jansen, and sophomore Kent Drickey each had singles but NW was not able to convert and they were left on base. Dordt tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a solo homerun.

Neither team was able to score in the next six innings and the game went into extra innings.

In the top of the eighth, Wall belted a homerun to give the Raiders a 2-1 lead. Lane earned another save, pitching a perfect bottom of the eighth.

NW had 13 hits and scored seven runs in the two games. The defense made two errors and the pitchers allowed ten hits, striking out eight, walking five and allowing four runs.

The Raiders head to Hillsboro, Kan., next to take on Tabor College in four games on February 20 and 21.

Seven-game streak ends for Northwestern

BY RENEE NYHOF
EDITOR

Third-ranked women Raiders ended their seven-game winning streak after losing to Dakota Wesleyan, 73-66, Wednesday night. Northwestern drops to 13-3 in the GPAC, 19-6 overall.

“It was of course a disappointment to lose a game when you believe you are the better team,” said head coach Earl Woudstra, “but Dakota Wesleyan was a very motivated team and deserved to win more than we did.”

At the beginning of the game, the Raiders and the Tigers battled over the score board but the Tigers kept the lead at intermission.

NW began the second half on a 13-4 run but Dakota Wesleyan countered with a 23-8 run of their own to take the lead for good.

“It has been a strength of our team to build one another’s strengths and to cover each other’s weaknesses but it did not feel like we ever reached a point in the game where we were really communicating and playing together,” said Woudstra.

Wednesday’s evening game ended opposite of last Saturday’s game in which NW defeated Concordia, 78-66.

The first half was very tight leading into halftime. To start the second half, the Bulldogs took an early lead, but NW battled back to tie the game once again and then rushed ahead for good to earn their seventh straight win.

Even with their loss, Woudstra said the team will continue to focus on their fundamental principles that they have followed all year.

“It is not a time to panic – but it is a time to re-focus on what it takes for us to be successful,” said Woudstra.

“This team has accomplished great things this year and it will be important for us to finish the season with confidence and enthusiasm.”

Next up for the Raiders will be a game at home, as they host Doane on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 2:00 p.m.
Klumpp and Mangold to give student recital

BY SARA CURRBY
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Andrew Klumpp’s tenor voice and Daniel Mangold’s trumpet will be joining musical forces in a combined student recital on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel. The recital is open to the public with no admission fee.

Klumpp, a junior music and religion major, has possessed a deep desire to develop his musical gifts since his junior high years. A firm believer in the extraordinary, universal influence of music, he describes music as a mysterious medium of communication that has the power to bring people together.

“Music can speak so powerfully to people and in ways that words cannot,” Klumpp said. “It is also a strong sense of community that comes along with involvement in music.”

Concerning future plans, Klumpp plans to expand his horizons and attend graduate school. Though graduation will usher in a new and unchartered chapter of his life, he does not plan on leaving what he has gained from NW’s campus music program behind.

“I hope to live in a place that offers similar opportunities to be involved in community ensembles and continue making music,” Klumpp said.

Mangold, a junior instrumental education major, has been interested in music since his fingers first pressed piano keys in fourth grade. He received trumpet lessons a year later, and then became seriously interested in music as a career path in high school.

Mangold describes his passion for music as not simply a talent, but a spiritual gift from God. This extraordinary gift serves as the source of his enjoyment of music, as well as his desire to share music with others.

“I want to help others learn about music and develop in them an appreciation for music,” Mangold said, “starting them on their own musical journeys.”

After graduation, Mangold plans to teach instrumental music and direct bands within a high school setting. Personally, he plans to continue tofuel his passion for music by playing in local bands or orchestras.

Klumpp and Mangold have been working diligently for nine months on the compilation and presentation of this musical masterpiece. Though nervous about certain aspects of the recital, both are confident in their hard work and meticulous preparation.

“With all the time and energy that we have put into this day,” Klumpp said, “it is really important to me to do justice to friends, family and teachers who have done so much to make this day a success.”

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Day of Learning competition schedule

Short Shower Week ~ Feb. 16-20
Reduce your shower time from 10 to 5 minutes and save up to 4,200 gallons of water a year.

Power Down Week ~ Feb. 23-27
Turn off your computer at night and save up to 750 kilowatts of electricity a year.

Go Trayless Week ~ March 2-6, March 16-20, March 23-27
NW students waste 48,000 lbs. of food a year. Going trayless reduces our waste by 19%, saving almost 10,000 lbs. of food each year.

Check out this week’s theme, Too much PDA!, on the photo essay at: http://beacon.nwciowa.edu

Next Week’s Theme:
Professor’s Offices

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Scott explores her forte

BY TEDI SWANSON
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From Friday, Feb. 16 to 21, Senior Inisha Scott will present an art exhibit entitled “Exploring my Forte” in the Te Paske Gallery, located in the Korver Visual Arts Center.

“For me, it is about the different artworks that I have done over the last four years,” Scott said. Through my time here I have explored what different elements of art I notice more of and which ones are represented in the majority of my artwork, trying to find my forte, my niche in art.”

Scott’s exhibit will feature pieces from her entire career at Northwestern. These pieces will show the work she has done to explore lines, shadows and light, although a majority of the pieces will feature her exploration in line.

Scott has used her exploration with light to create a piece with hands and feet that has become one of her favorites.

“One another of my favorites would be my unbound piece. This one was inspired by a lot that happened to people I know and it was good to be able to express it through this 3-part drawing,” said Scott.

Scott has loved art ever since she can remember and chose to be an art major because of the passion she had for the subject. Art gives her a way to express herself. After all of the work that Scott put into the show, she is excited to be able to display her pieces for the public.

“I’m also nervous about having my art show because it is a big step to display my work,” said Scott.

Following the display, there will be a closing reception on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.