SGA discusses lack of exercise equipment

**BY LEANN JOHNSON**  
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Northwestern’s Student Government Association met on Friday, Jan. 30 to address additions to NW’s campus that would benefit students.

Funding for new exercise equipment was discussed, as the lack of exercise equipment was one of the top four complaints NW received from its 2008 graduates in their exit surveys.

In regards to exercise equipment, President and senior Carson Norine said, “We are at the bottom of the totem pole in comparison to other GPAC schools.”

Since previous attempts were not bringing in sufficient funds for the equipment, the SGA decided to stop calling alumni.

The SGA is instead asking for money through a capital funding request sent to the administrative council. Typically, only NW departments make requests for this fund.

“Since student groups haven’t ever requested capital funding, this is a unique case,” Norine said. “It’ll be interesting to see the precedent set here.”

The NW administration previously asked the SGA for its opinion on the best location to place a donated large screen television in the Rovenhorst Student Center. In response, the SGA suggested turning conference room RSC 149, located in the southwest corner of the RSC, into a television lounge. The SGA offered its office as a replacement for the lost conference room.

The SGA’s second choice is the southwest corner of the RSC between RSC 149 and the office of Dale Thompson, director of the RSC. The SGA feels that a corner stand placed there would “give students a lounge feeling that is not obtained with the current placement of the RSC’s TVs” and would be “more ideal for viewers so they are not distracted by walk-by traffic.”

The SGA also voted on a student representative for the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), which specializes in planning, budgeting and program development activities. Senior Tyler Nesper was selected as the representative.

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**International Writing Centers week celebration at NW**

**By SARA CURRY**  
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On Wednesday, Feb. 11 the Writing Center will be hosting a party in celebration of International Writing Centers Week.

Introduced in 2006, International Writing Centers Week serves as an opportunity to celebrate writing and raise awareness of the influential role of campus and community writing centers. An international celebration that officially runs from Feb. 8-14, Writing Centers Week has been celebrated around the world and has now made its way to Northwestern’s campus.

Tom Truesdell, NW director of academic support, is very excited for Writing Centers Week and has high hopes for its benefit to campus.

Not only does he want to recognize and celebrate the important and influential work of the Writing Center and writing tutors through this celebration, but also the role of writing as a whole.

“We want the NW community to celebrate writing and recognize the important role it plays in all of our lives, both personally and professionally,” Truesdell said.

Food, games and prizes will be provided in the Writing Center throughout that day. As it is a celebration that honors writing, games like Boggle and Speed Scrabble will be available for students to challenge each other’s language skills. Running high scores will be kept throughout the day, with prizes given to the highest scorers.

Even if students are not able to come up with fancy words and triple word scores, there’s still hope to win a prize. Mad Libs, which doesn’t require fancy adjectives or high-scoring letters to be successful, will also be available for party-goers. A prize will be given to the best Mad Lib at the end of the day, as determined by the writing tutors.

Along with these festivities, essays from each of the tutors about why they enjoy tutoring will be available for students to read. There will also be short essays from the Writing Center faculty and staff about the role of writing in their lives.

Writing is important and should be celebrated, according to Truesdell, but is not the sole factor behind this Writing Center celebration.

"Perhaps most importantly," Truesdell said, “we were just looking for an excuse to throw a party.”
Leadership is a very demanding job and should never be taken lightly. When looking into being a leader in any situation, you need to know what you will be dealing with and how to properly handle it.

When you are in a leadership role, especially in the context of a larger group, you will be dealing with at least one person who doesn’t like you. These situations need to be handled properly, with maturity and without emotions. It is possible that having some people dislike you indicates that you are doing your job correctly, depending on the situation. Either way, if you need to make a decision, make it upon facts and or qualifications as opposed to feelings.

There are different leadership styles: laissez faire, team leadership, authoritarian, transformative and servant leadership.

Laissez faire is when you are like a dog in the back of a car window that nods his head with the movement of the car; you say yes to everything and show that you really don’t care. As a team leader, you seek input from others and make decisions for the common good based on that input.

Authoritarian leadership is when the leader makes all decisions, whatever the consequences may be. Workers are considered subservient to the leader and have little say in the decisions made.

In a Christian institution, the type of leadership style that aligns the most with Christianity is transformative leadership or servant leadership. Just as Jesus transformed us, leaders need to transform others in a positive manner. Similarly, just as Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, leaders need to serve those whom they guide. This kind of positive interaction cannot exploit others and will not cause judgmental or inferior feelings.

A vital leadership character trait is the ability to realize when you are in the wrong and need to apologize for the situation. Workers resonate with a leader who is caring, empathetic and works hard to be fair. Much more can be accomplished in an organization that has an effective leader who shows that kind of character.

I believe these qualities are the most important if a leader is to maintain good relationships. Leaders who show compassion and are flexible and organized have been the most effective in every situation in which I have been involved.
February: not just for valentines anymore

BY GREG WHITE AND BRETTE MEYER
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FEATURES

Need a haircut? Hair today, gone tomorrow

BY LEE STOVER
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The life of a college student is a life of trying to save money. We buy books online, go out only on special occasions and look for deals on, well, everything.

The list of “things to find for cheap” might also include a good haircut.

Fortunately for Northwestern students, pocketbook relief of the haircut variety can be found on campus.

Resident Directors, Brandon Van Marel of Coly, Brian Moriarty of Heemstra and Lisa Barber of Fern offer students a chance to lose a few inches without losing so much green in the process.

Van Marel has been cutting hair since his first year as Resident Director of Coly.

“Andrew Stimson and Dave Klein wanted hair cuts before an SSP,” Van Marel said. “We got some clippers, all buzzed each other’s hair, and I’ve just got some clippers, all buzzed an SSP,” Van Marel said. “We wanted hair cuts before Director of Coly.

Fern offer students a chance to lose a few inches without losing so much green in the process.

Van Marel has been cutting hair ever since. He said, “I think it would be a good trade to know, it could always be something to fall back on.”

Barber cuts hair in her apartment kitchen in Fern for the enjoyment of it.

“It started a few years ago when people always asked me if I could cut hair,” Barber said. “I did it for favors, but then it turned into a lot of fun and now I really enjoy it.”

Three to five haircuts per week keep her busy and even sparked the thought of hair school in the future.

“I would love to know more about styling and other things,” she said. “It would be a good trade to know, it could always be something to fall back on.”

Barber charges $5 per cut for people who live outside of Fern, $2 for bangs and will cut guys’ or girls’ hair.

For residents of Fern, her services are free.

To set-up an appointment, just e-mail Barber at lbarber@nwciowa.edu.

Moriarty has been cutting hair since his freshman year of college.

“My friends and I were cheap, so two of us or so started cutting each other’s hair,” Moriarty said.

“We started out just using clippers and giving buzz cuts, but I’ve just gotten better since I’ve been doing it.”

Moriarty can cut any length hair and is willing to try any style. He has only cut guys’ hair before but wouldn’t be opposed to trying his skills on something more challenging.

“I’ve never given a haircut to a girl, but if anyone is willing to take a risk and let me try, I would,” he said.

There is no charge for a Moriarty cut and appointments are usually made in the dorm with a simple, “Hey when you’re not busy, come find me. I need a haircut.”

Moriarty cuts with clippers and scissors, though he prefers to work with scissors.

Last year he even put on a “Barber Shop Day” in Heemstra in which he cut hair and gave shaves with a straight blade razor at the end of November.

Working on your fitness

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
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You want to stay in shape, but running when it’s 20 below zero just doesn’t seem worth it. Fortunately, the Orange City area offers several indoor opportunities to stay fit this winter.

Closest to home, the RSC provides free and easy fitness opportunities. With just a student ID, you gain access to an indoor track, racquetball courts, basketball hoops, exercise bikes, ellipticals and the nearby weight room filled with both free and machine weights.

“It’s nice to have a place close-by that offers variety, but it is still free for me to use,” freshman Matt Bodensteiner said.

The RSC is open during various hours each day. Hours can be found on Northwestern’s website.

Another fitness option in town is O.C. Area Fitness, located in the front of MOC-Floyd Valley’s gymnasium, across from Fareway on Highway 10.

It offers treadmills, elliptical machines, Nikes, steppers, free weights, weight machines and televisions with each piece of equipment, as well as services like body testing and nutrition analysis.

They have a one-year student membership for $192 or a daily pass for $5. Body tests and services cost extra.

“It is wonderful for a small town to have such a great variety and large quantity of equipment as we do at O.C. Area Fitness,” director Mitch Aalbers said.

O.C. Area Fitness is open from 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Fridays are the same except that the center closes at 7 p.m. Saturdays it is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To find out more, contact O.C. Area Fitness at 712-707-9494.

Just down Highway 10, the Orange City Area Health System has an indoor aquatic center that is available year-round. It has two lap pools, full showers and waiting rooms.

“The pool offers countless different exercises, such as water aerobics and lap swimming,” said Jill Miller, marketing manager of the center. “These exercises are less stressful and are good for rehabilitation.”

The pool features six lanes, a diving section, two water slides, a zero entry area, lily pads and a spa.

Open hours for the pool vary for public swim, lap swim and aerobic classes. Open swim costs $5.

The ice arena is available for public skating and public stick & helmet skating, as well as hosting skating classes and hockey games. Skates are available to rent for $3 and free skate admission is $4.

The All Seasons Center is located on the north side of Seventh Street, across from Dordt College’s sports complex. With ever-changing hours, visit www.alseasonscenter.org or call 712-722-4FUN to find out more.
NW theatre terrifies ACTF audiences

FEATURES

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

“Good evening fellow travelers...”

Four simple words start off possibly the most creative and gruesome Biblical musical a theatre has presented.

Terror Texts, written and directed by professor of theatre and speech Jeff Barker, began performances in the spring of 2008. After being recast in the fall, the show continued to intrigue its audiences, and was eventually chosen as one of five shows to be performed at the American College Theatre Festival in Kansas City.

Barker was excited to have the opportunity to share the ancient texts.

“We take students every year, but it’s quite rare that we take an entire play,” he said. “We’ve only done that three times in my 21 years here.”

Not only did Terror Texts receive the honor of performing at the Festival, but the show also won six awards for various parts of the production and performance. The awards, announced the second night of the Festival, were given based on performances at Northwestern that had been attended by ACTF judges.

Venturing to Kansas City

ACTF took place Jan. 19 to 24. The approximately 80 people in Terror Texts’ cast and crew headed to Kansas City for the week, leaving a noticeable hole on NW’s campus.

Some attended the entire week of seminars, performances and the IreneRyancompetition. Others came only Jan. 21 to 23, traveling solely for the Irene Ryan competition. Others came of seminars, performances and the Festival, were given based on performances at Northwestern that had been attended by ACTF judges.

The performance

At 7:30 p.m. the cast and crew of Terror Texts prepared to hit the stage.

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“I hope people will go back to the hotel, the name of Terror Texts seems to actually start playing,” he said. “Now I can put a feeling to the childish dream.”

Meanwhile, Chipman and other actors waited backstage.

“You get so worked up and antsy,” she said. “Energy was pumping. Then to see the crowd and everywhere there were people. You got even more pumped up.”

The audience may not have gotten what exactly it was about, but I think they understood something important was going on.”

-Josh Doorenbos

Being their final performance, the cast gave their all—and the audience ate it up.

“We could do no wrong. They would clap after every song. You know, we just figured it was for the actors, but they even went semi-ballistic when we got done with our encore,” Doorenbos said. “That was pretty awesome.”

At the end of the day

Right after the performance, the cast and crew tore down the set.

“We were sort of flying,” Doorenbos said. “Strike could’ve taken five hours. We wouldn’t have cared.”

Many then went to celebrate at 1-HOP, but after a long day everyone was exhausted.

Barker said they felt, “Eshlarated, but dead tired at the end of that.”

By the time they all returned to the hotel, the name of Terror Texts raved on everyone’s lips.

When Doorenbos and Eugene Huck, who played the Old Man of Gibeah, walked down the hotel corridor, people would approach Huck.

“He had his head with black lines on it and he was bald. People would be like ‘Oh, you were in Terror Texts’,” Doorenbos said. “I was joking that maybe I should lift my shirt, because I still had all my markings on there. So I just lifted it and someone goes, ‘Hey, you were the guitarist in Terror Texts.’ It was pretty nuts.”

Chipman heard a lot of good things after the show as well.

“Someone bowed in front of Brady [Huffman],” she said. “‘That was weird.”

One of Barker’s favorite responses was from another theatre professor who attended ACTF.

The professor said, “I wish I were thirty years younger. I’d buy tickets just to see you perform.”

For Terror Texts’ photos, music and video visit www.myspace.com/terrortextsthemusical
Wrestlers to raise funds for Westwood High School accident victims

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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Emotions have run high for the wrestling team this year carrying the team through everything, even death.

On Nov. 8, the team was traveling to Westwood High School in Sloan, Iowa to put on a wrestling camp. On the way down the highway they noticed a crash on the road. A suburban and a van appeared to have hit head on.

Head wrestling coach Rik Dahl made the decision to pull over and assist. When he checked the suburban he found the Westwood High School wrestling team, along with the coach, all unconscious. It was the same team that NW was on their way to teach.

“It was pretty disturbing,” Dahl said. “They were pinned into the car either by the seats or the air bags.”

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Men's basketball seven-game win streak snapped by Dana

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
SPORTS EDITOR

After winning seven straight games, the Red Raider men's basketball team was defeated last Saturday by Dana College, 69-77. Northwestern rebounded from the loss and claimed a victory over the University of Sioux Falls on Wednesday night, 77-70. The Raiders are now 15-8 overall and are tied with two other GPAC schools for second place, holding a 10-3 conference record.

NW 77, USF 70

The win on Wednesday night did not come easy for NW. The Cougars came into the game at a five-game winning streak, while the Raiders had just fallen to Dana. The game went back and forth several times. Each team took turns taking the lead but it was NW that went into the locker room with a 33-31 advantage.

Neither team was willing to give up as the score remained close for much of the second half. The Raiders finally took control with an 11-3 run, which gave them the lead for good. Yet, USF did not go down without a fight and came within three points with just over two minutes of play, but several free throws by seniors Andrew Stimson and Kalie Wierzema as well as freshman Alex Huiskens, along with an offensive rebound by Huiskens, secured the Raider victory.

NW was able to earn the victory because, “We played together,” said head coach Kris Korver. “Different guys stepped up at different times to give us a lift throughout the game.”

NW shot 47 percent for the game compared to the Cougars’ 42 percent. Wierzema finished with 22 points and four assists, while Huiskens added 11 points. Junior Brent Dunkelberger got into foul trouble early on but was still able to score ten points and grab two steals. Junior Michael Jiskoot led the rebounding effort with ten and junior Ben Brown pulled down six.

NW 69, Dana 77

Dana took control of the game right away last Saturday, taking an early 12-4 lead. “Dana came out and played with a lot of urgency and focus,” commented Coach Korver. We failed to match their intensity early and played catch up the rest of the game.”

The Raiders battled back and came within four points (68-72) before Dana went on an 8-0 run. The Vikings kept their distance and earned an 11-point half time lead, 40-29.

In the second half, NW closed the gap to six points before Dana pulled away again to hold a 63-51 lead with eight minutes left of play. An 11-2 Raider run brought NW within three, but they couldn’t quite finish as the Vikings made all six of their final free throw attempts and held on for the win.

“I was proud of the way the guys kept battling,” Coach Korver reflected. “We had a chance to tie the score late in the game, but were unable to finish the deal.”

“The loss hurt. Hopefully we will learn from the experience and bring a focused effort from start to finish every time we step on the floor.”

NW shot 29 percent behind the three-point line and 56 percent from the free throw line, respectively. Huiskens also pulled down five rebounds, and Jiskoot had seven rebounds along with seven points. Dunkelberger had seven rebounds as well, including four on offense. Junior Ryan Hoegeveen added four assists.

The Raiders will take on Concordia at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Bultman Center. The Bucs, who are looking to extend their four-game winning streak, are tied with NW at a 10-3 record in the GPAC and are 18-6 overall.

Coach Korver is looking for the squad to “finish strong and position ourselves to play for the GPAC title. We have a tough five game stretch to end the regular season.” To accomplish this goal, Korver said, “We need to keep working hard and keep believing in each other. If we take care of the little things the big things will take care of themselves.”

Three track athletes meet NAIA qualifying standard

BY CAMERON CARLOW
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern men’s and women’s track teams took off running into their second meet of the season.

Sophomore Charity Miles, junior Emily De Weerd and junior Kyle Sauter were each able to meet the automatic or provisional qualifying standard in their individual events. These standards qualified the athletes to run in the NAIA Indoor Nationals.

Miles, who automatically qualified in the 5000-meter run, crossed the line in 11:20. This put her in first, and over 20 seconds ahead of the second place runner. Miles has also automatically qualified in the 3000-meter run.

With a time of 8:44 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles, De Weerd placed third and met the provisional qualifying mark. She then went on to finish fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.87 seconds and sixth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.96 seconds.

Sauter got fifth place in the 55-meter hurdles and was able to meet the provisional qualifying mark with a time of 7.91 seconds.

Other men that placed by finishing in the top eight were junior Andy Norris in the mile (4:46), senior Jack Peterson in the 3000-meter run (9:23), freshmen Mark Mineart in the high jump (5-11.5) and sophomore Logan Ogden in the weight throw (43-10.5) and in the shot put (48-2.5).

The women also had other top finishers in freshmen Stacey Dietrich in the 400-meter dash (1:04.27), sophomore Corrie Fautsch in the 400-meter dash (1:04.32), sophomore Stephanie Powell in the mile (5:35) and sophomore Heidi Hildebrandt in the mile (5:51) and the triple jump (31-06). Also finishing in the top eight were junior Mary Maassen in the mile (5:52), sophomore Jenna Sorensen in the 3000-meter run (10:58), sophomore Kaithlin Beaver in high jump (4-11.75), freshmen Jacklyn Brooks in the pole vault (9-4), junior Halee Wilken in the pole vault (8-10.25), sophomore Angela Wiersema in the triple jump (33-04) and Kara Den Herder in the weight throw (41-11).

The Raiders will look to continue their success this week at the Dakota Dome in the Bill Hillenbrand Open in Vermillion, S.D. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6.
Called2Go hosts benefit to package food for Haiti

BY LEANN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Called2Go, Northwestern’s hunger/homeless ministry, is hosting a food packaging day on Thursday, Feb. 12 to benefit people who are in need in Haiti. The packaging will occur from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the RSC mall area.

NW decided to host this event after a couple of anonymous donors donated $6,250 specifically so that NW could partner with Kids Against Hunger to package food for starving Haitians.

Kids Against Hunger, according to its website, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to stop the tragic fact that “every hour of every day twelve children per minute die of starvation or malnutrition related diseases.”

According to The Korver Visual Arts Center, “called2Go decided to have an event to benefit Kids Against Hunger “only bring food requirements. Some Haitians have even had to resort to eating dried mud and salt pies to gain sustenance.”

Marlon Haverdink, NW’s director of service learning, said that Kids Against Hunger “only bring food packaging day first semester in which students packaged about 24,000 meals. This semester, the donation was large enough to buy approximately 45,000 meals. Haverdink encourages students to come to the RSC for as little as 15 minutes or for several hours and to be patient since so many meals need to be packaged.”

“We’re going to need a lot of people to come help us,” Haverdink said. “Show up and we’ll put you to work.”

NW jazz band joins professional performers

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This Saturday, Feb. 7 will be the fifth biennial Jazz Band/NISO concert. NISO, or Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra, will join the stage with Northwestern and Dordt’s jazz bands as well as two professional brass groups: the Stoneback Brass and Stoneback Sisters.

The performance will be conducted by John Thomson, NISOS’s concertmaster. NISO will present their popular “Winter Pops” concert which features pieces by Arriaga, Falla, Gimenez and more. Composed of the finest musicians in the tri-state area, NISO will give the audience the opportunity to hear a professional orchestra in addition to the work of the musicians in the Dordt and NW jazz bands.

In preparation for the concert, the NW jazz band has been rehearsing three pieces that they have been working with since the beginning of the school year: “Samba de Los Iguanas,” “I’m Getting Sentimental Over You” and “Barnburner.”

“The Stoneback sisters are great performers and it will be a privilege to perform with them,” said McGarvey.

Stoneback Brass will join the NW jazz band on the performance of “Barnburner.” The two groups will have their first and only opportunity to rehearse together on the morning of Feb. 7 prior to the concert. The concert will provide the audience with the opportunity to hear performances from groups they may not have experienced before.

“It is a great opportunity to hear some great professional performers and to hear them with the NWC Jazz Band,” said McGarvey.

The NISO/Jazz band concert will be held this Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College in Sioux Center. Tickets are $5 for students and $13 for adults. Tickets may be ordered by e-mailing niso@dordt.edu or by calling 712-722-6230. They are also available for purchase at the doors the night of the event.

Parker reveals life canvas

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From Monday, Feb. 9 through Friday, Feb. 13 Shelbi Parker’s gallery titled “Life is a canvas” will be displayed in the TePaske Gallery of the Korver Visual Arts Center.

The title, Parker said, came from a quote by Danny Kaye. “Life is a big canvas, throw all the paint on it you can.”

Parker has wanted to be an art major “basically forever,” because it’s the only thing she could see herself doing. The title fits with the inspiration for her artwork.

“I find inspiration everywhere I go,” she said. “I see something I find intriguing or beautiful, and I find the need to paint it.”

While some of the work in her gallery came from projects she made for class, most of it she made during her free time. Her favorite piece is a series of paintings of women.

“Doing. The title fits with Parker’s show include acrylic paintings, sculpture, printed digital work and charcoal and pastel drawings. “I’m looking forward to seeing people’s reactions, both other art majors and people I don’t know,” she said.

At 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 9, Parker will host a reception in the TePaske Gallery, to start the week-long display.

Next Week’s Theme: Too much PDA! (AKA: Public Displays of Affection)