Junior scholars research within field of study

BY SARA CURRY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Senior Rachel Schultz, juniors Brittany Montgomery and Heidi Doty and sophomores Aaron Hambleton, Heather Pagelkopf and Matt Vander Molen have been selected as the 2009-2010 Junior Scholar recipients.

Each student will be working with a faculty scholar as they design and perform concentrated research projects within their fields of study.

These scholars will expand their knowledge and master the techniques needed to continue their studies after college.

Working with Michael Kensak, associate professor of English and modern foreign language, Hambleton will be gathering and organizing cultural materials to design a classroom program for two semesters of German study. By researching German magazines and Web sites, Hambleton will be able to construct homework assignments and classroom activities beneficial to the German program.

According to Hambleton, this award not only allows him to make significant contributions to the German program, but also provides an opportunity to further his own study of the language.

“This program allows me to use German on a daily basis so I can learn more and stay up with the language,” he said.

Pagelkopf will be working with Laurie Furlong, associate professor of biology, conducting an ongoing study within the forests of Sioux County on the impact of invasive plant species on native invertebrate communities in the Midwest. This experience will provide an opportunity for these students to expand their knowledge of the dynamics of ecology and contribute to their lives outside of the classroom.

“This opportunity will give me field experience and will help me in graduate school as well as my future career if I continue down the path of field ecology," Doty said.

Within the field of biochemistry, Schultz will be working with Elizabeth Tresueld, associate professor of biology, and Montgomery with Karissa Carlson, instructor in chemistry.

From this research, Schultz and Montgomery will design experimental protocols that will be included in the NW biochemistry program. They will compile their research reports into one paper describing a comprehensive series of laboratory experiments for biochemistry courses at liberal arts colleges.

To these students, the Junior Scholar Award entitles more than just a helpful transition to graduate school or a fancy label on a resume.

“This award is a stepping stone to our next great achievement,” Montgomery said, “the Nobel Peace Prize.”

Day of Learning raises awareness of “Creation Care”

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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In an effort to raise awareness and promote action as Christians who care for the environment, Northwestern College is hosting its second annual Day of Learning in Community on April 1 with the theme “Creation Care.”

The keynote speaker, Dr. J. Matthew Sleeth, will share his knowledge and opinions on the theme at 9 a.m. in the Boltman Center and 7 p.m. in Christ chapel. His speaking topics, respectively, will be “Serving God, Saving the Earth”—was going down.

Eventually Sleeth resigned from his job so he could dedicate himself to teaching and writing about his faith and the earth’s environment. He is now the executive director of Blessed Earth, a nonprofit organization that teaches people how to become better stewards of the environment. He is also a visiting scholar in creation care at New York’s Houghton College.

Throughout the Day of Learning, faculty, staff, alumni and students will host over 30 workshops covering a wide range of Creation Care topics. This year, the Day of Learning planning committee decided to offer financial support to students who wanted to host a workshop or start a Creation Care project. Six students accepted the offer to host a workshop and at least three students are starting Creation Care projects.

Senior Kristin Spidahl was one student who decided to host a workshop. She saw this as a good opportunity to educate people around campus about the benefits of switching to non-toxic cleaning products.

“It’s a part of your everyday life,” Spidahl said. “People don’t realize the threats of cleaning the home.”

Mehlhaf presents student voice recital

BY KRISTIN KOOIMA
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On Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel Amber Mehlhaf will be performing her junior vocal recital. Mehlhaf is a mezzo soprano and will be accompanied on the piano by Northwestern staff member, Lori Vande Brake.

Mehlhaf is a double major in Elementary Education and Music Performance with an endorsement in K-6 Music Education and an endorsement in K-6 Reading. She also has received many scholarships including the Vocal activities scholarship for voice and piano, McGilvra Scholarship for Voice and the Marion Hinds Hospers competitive scholarship.

The recital consists of 14 pieces ranging from the Baroque period to the 20th century. The genres include arias from operas, Italian art songs, German lieders and 20th century Gilbert and Sullivan. She will be performing two pieces by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, one of them, “La ci darem la mano” from “Don Giovanni,” with junior Andrew Klump, a fellow music major.

Also, among her pieces are “The Year’s at the Spring”, “Ah, Love, but a day!” and “I Send my Heart Up to Thee” by Mrs. H.H.A. Beach. Mehlhaf, junior Laura Briggs and senior Sarah Shively, also music majors, are performing a trio of “Poor Wandering One!” from the musical “Pirates of Penzance,” by Gilbert and Sullivan.

The recital is free and following the performance there will be a reception in the choir room. The reception is open for anybody who attended the recital.

Mehlhaf is very actively involved in musical groups on and off campus including the A cappella Choir and Heritage Singers along with being a vocal tutor and instructor at Northwestern. She is also a piano player at Redeemer United Reformed Church in Orange City.

“It’s been a lot of work, but I am very excited for Tuesday night,” Mehlhaf said. “It will be a fun program.”
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WITH RACHEL RIETSEMA

A dance in the air

As I grasp the metal chains with my legs dangling from the swing, most people probably pass by wondering what “that crazy girl” is doing. But I really don’t care.

This past summer I decided to take my iPod, flip-flops and my out-of-shape self to the Hollandale park to go swinging. I started pumping my legs for three minutes straight, tapping my foot on the peak of the dome-shaped swing set.

My bangs blew in the air. It was exhilarating. But there was a problem. I was panicking like a parched dog. After one song worth of swinging, I had to money on over to the nearest bench because my heart was beating at an unbelievable rate.

I seriously thought my arms and legs were going to explode at any minute. That didn’t stop me from coming back almost every single day that summer. Even if it was blistering hot out, I put my headphones in and burned calories.

At first, my intention was to get in shape, but now that’s just a perk. It’s my own place where no one can bother me and is available at any time free of charge. Frigid temperatures didn’t stop me this past winter. I thought that they would, but one day I just needed to let off a lot of steam. I put on gloves, a hat and an extra layer of pants and I was good to go.

It’s something that I just can’t get enough of. I dance in the air to the melodies of Rascal Flatts when I’m blissfully happy. Sometimes I play angry music and kick my foot on the top bar and get blisters from the chains.

Many might wonder why I chose swinging as an exercise regimen in the first place. I really can’t explain to you its satisfaction. Swinging is supposed to be for little kids. That’s what people think at least. Maybe it’s time you find something that brings you great happiness. It may be embarrassing at first, but sometimes you just have to let loose.

People can stare all they want. I’ll wave back at people and listen to the faint sounds of honking as my music blares in my ears. While the embarrassing at first, but sometimes you just have to let loose.

The Internet is a suspect for our role in declining economy. I’m not a business major, so I don’t know all the figures, but I do know a little. However, I was recently asked to join a company called iCommerce. This is a conglomeration of companies that have come together with the one goal of selling over the internet. My job would have been to convince people to start buying online. Those people then tell their friends to start buying online and join this company. The more people you get to start buying online, the more profit you get. Sounds good right? You sit back and get money because you got people to join this company and buy the products of these corporations that are a part of iCommerce. Free money because you told people to buy from this website.

Well, the reason that you get a profit is because the major corporations are selling their product at cheaper prices. The reason that they are able to sell at cheaper prices is because they are getting rid of the middle man. They can sell directly through you instead of through a store. Still sounds good, yes?

Here is the problem. The people who buy online, the less money is circulated within stores. The less money that is going into a store, the less a corporation is interested in keeping that store open. Because we are buying online, the corporation is able to close a store that isn’t making them any profit. To maintain a store, companies pay for utilities, pay to own that land, in addition to paying salaries of all the people working in the store. When a store goes out of business, people lose their jobs, which further weakens our economy and reduces jobs available to those in need.

I think we should buy products locally instead of using store websites or ebay for things that we could easily drive down to the nearest store to get. Use the money to keep stores going instead of trying to save a few dollars here and there.

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Literate idiots

BY DERRICK RENSINK

I believe we know how to talk like Christ, but have our hearts completely closed off to possibilities. I had checked out for good, but now I’m back with a vengeance. Sometimes the simplest things can change your life; you just have to be patient.

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OPINION

The harm of the mouse

BY EUGENE HUCK

Oh, the Internet. It is a wonderful double-edged sword. We can swing a broad swath for information without even leaving the comfort of our Lay-Z-Boy chair. I myself spend plenty of time on the net. I do my class assignments, I search for information, and I even play an addicting game called World of Warcraft over the net. It is a wonderful device that has brought the world together with one click of the button.

There are many good things about it, but what about the downfall of our society that results from it? The Internet is a suspect for our role in declining economy. I’m not a business major, so I don’t know all the figures, but I do know a little. However, I was recently asked to join a company called iCommerce. This is a conglomeration of companies that have come together with the one goal of selling over the internet. My job would have been to convince people to start buying online. Those people then tell their friends to start buying online and join this company. The more people you get to start buying online, the more profit you get. Sounds good right? You sit back and get money because you got people to join this company and buy the products of these corporations that are a part of iCommerce. Free money because you told people to buy from this website.

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By Eugene Huck
Zach Maxon to present student art show

BY LEANN JOHNSON
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A deer skull covered in cicada exoskeletons. A human skeleton made from cow bones. A painting of an atomic bomb. These are three examples of the wide variety of art that Zach Maxon plans to display in his senior art show.

Maxon’s artwork will be available for viewing from Sunday, March 29 to Saturday, April 4 in the Kverner Visual Art Center’s Te Paske Gallery. The opening reception will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31.

The art on display will include drawings, photographs, paintings, sculptures and ceramics that Maxon created over the last two years at Northwestern. His favorite piece is a painting of a large eye that uses all eight tones of the gray scale.

The largest work of art Maxon will display is an 8 feet by 12 feet painting of a family watching an explosion while sitting inside a newspaper incorporated into the exploding atomic bomb with a bullet hole in its forehead. Maxon fixed cicada shells to the skull, so they are protruding out of the bullet hole and eye sockets. He also covered an entire deer head with cicada shells to show how flesh without bone could give the skull a new flesh.

Although Maxon is an art major, he admitted, “I’d pick up a guitar before I’d pick up a pencil.”

“I don’t really consider myself an artist,” Maxon said. “At best, I do art.” Maxon describes art as something he likes, not needs, in his life, and he believes that to a certain degree, a lot of people probably feel the same way.

“I think we’re all sort of drawn to art, whether we admit it or not,” Maxon said. “We all have a sense of aesthetic value.”

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Not so mad in March

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St. Patrick’s day is over, now what? If you are asking that question, you likely have not filled out a basketball bracket, bought your favorite team’s t-shirt or even heard of March Madness. That is alright because there is plenty of stuff to do in March instead of going mad.

Instead of watching basketball this weekend, you could enjoy a number of activities around Orange City. This Saturday, March 28, Trinity Reformed Church is hosting the Red Letter Festival. The festival is a fundraiser for The Bridge, a transitional housing facility for women and children in need. You could eat tamales, go to a concert, buy some art or run from Sioux City to Orange City for the Red Letter cause.

If you are not interested in running or participating in the Red Letter Festival and you have a taste for fine theatre, you could take a date to “Parcel.” The student written and directed drama, “Parcel,” is playing Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 this weekend. It’s free to go, so take a date or some friends and support the Northwestern Theater program.

Dancing is another option to stay entertained while your friends go mad. Tonight, the Hub will be rocking out with the new event, Club @ N-Dub. This is a cheap way to have fun, only two dollars. Maybe ask that cute girl who sits on the opposite side of your forty-student lecture class to go to da’ club wit ya.

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Donating time and goods across the country

BY LEE STOVER
STAFF WRITER

Robbing the rich to feed the poor is how Robin Hood viewed justice. Though it doesn’t steal from anyone, Justice For All (JFA) of Rock Valley, Iowa, aims to help those who need it the most.

The organization sends 77,047 refurbished wheelchairs to help the disabled around the world every year. JFA also collects food and household items for distribution.

JFA’s first team consisted of 19 to 20 volunteers that traveled to Jackson, Miss. Now JFA has between 120 to 130 volunteers a month and averages 1,500 to 2,000 volunteer hours per month.

The organization has a new ministry center and warehouse.

To learn more about JFA and its ministry or about volunteering, you may call JFA at (712) 476-2804 or visit its website, www.jfa-nwiowa.org.

Hope Haven sends wheelchairs to help the disabled around the world

BY SARA JANZEN
STAFF WRITER

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The organization also sends out volunteer work teams to serve. According to their website, JFA seeks to promote biblical justice and reconciliation by encouraging and equipping volunteers, empowering the poor and partnering with other ministries that share a commitment to Christian community development.

The idea for JFA’s ministry began in 1979 at an Association for Public Justice conference at Dordt College, where John Perkins of Voice of Calvary ministries in Jackson, Miss., was the keynote speaker.

JFA executive director Pastor Dan De Groot said, “He loved the sense of community he encountered in the Midwest and encouraged us to put together a ministry that had purpose. He also wrote a book entitled ‘Justice For All.’”

Work teams have worked together on trips ranging from a week to a month or more.

The projects take place with ministries around the country who carry out Christian community development in poor and disenfranchised urban and rural areas.

Projects are a part of a ministry’s own neighborhood housing program, health clinic, school, church or other projects.

JFA volunteers have served at ministries in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota and Tennessee.

JFA’s warehouse ministry collects good clothing, household items, toys, building supplies, furniture and appliances.

Donated items are received daily and volunteers unload, sort, repair, package and reload these items for distribution. The goods are used to serve those with needs in communities through local churches and ministries that JFA partners with.

Shipments are also made to ministries around the country where the supplies are used to serve the people of those communities.

Many of the ministries have thrift stores through which they provide needed items at low prices.

“One way we could help was to provide used clothing and furniture to local second-hand stores,” De Groot said. “The amount of things we got was kind of a push from God telling us it was a bigger need than we initially thought.”

Ministries in California, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico and South Dakota have benefited from the warehouse ministry.

Goods have also been taken around the world including countries Central America, Afghanistan, Mexico, Romania, Russia and more.

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Exercise equipment forever on hold?

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
STAFF WRITER

The “airport,” the RSC or the student center.

Whatever students choose to call it, the Rowenhorst Student Center is a part of every student’s life in some way. How students use it depends on both what’s available and what they need.

“The RSC is all about the students,” said Dale Thompson, the director of the center.

However, with the variety of students on campus, fulfilling everyone’s needs can be difficult.

“With over a thousand students on campus, it’s difficult to specialize the equipment to a specific group,” Thompson said.

Many students have requested new exercise equipment for the RSC’s mini-gym. Others would like to see new safety netting to catch the loose basketballs.

The administration is not against these ideas, but the money needs to be in place for this to happen.

“It isn’t about what should or shouldn’t be,” Thompson said. “It’s all about what is most important, about what students want to pay for. But overall, it’s about what’s best for students.”

“Dale loves the college,” said senior class representative Tyler Nesper. “He devotes more time to his job than is required, because he really cares for students.”

The student government has worked alongside Thompson, using his guidance and advice, to help put student requests into action.

Thompson has worked for Northwestern for over 20 years and has been a part of the development of both the old and new student centers.

Nesper said, “It’s up to us to use it the best we can.”

With demand growing, plans are being put together to possibly add more equipment to the RSC.

“We have a 52-inch LCD TV purchased with money from an anonymous donor and hope to have it put in soon,” Nesper said.

Currently, the plan is to put the TV in the back-right corner of the RSC. The SGA has submitted a request to maintenance to get the TV up and running.

The exercise equipment, however, may have to wait.

“The demand is there, but there is a need for more finances to make it happen,” Nesper said.

Across campus, many projects need funding: a new men’s dorm to replace West and Heemstra, a new library, a new academic building or Learning Commons and several others.

With so many projects in the works, it will be difficult to find the money to purchase exercise equipment.

Until the equipment can be purchased, the RSC is still there for its students in more ways than just entertainment.

Along with the mini-gym, the RSC is home to clubs and organizations, such as the International Club and SGA, the Hub @ N-dub, the mailroom, the bookstore, the Wellness Center, the Student Development office and other offices and services for students.

The RSC mini-gym has exercise bikes, full basketball courts, an indoor track, racquetball courts, pool tables, a foosball table and even a checkerboard table.

The RSC itself is open for students to watch TV, meet with others, play games or just hang out.

“Like anything else in life, the RSC is about what you put into it,” Thompson said.

If you would like to submit your opinion on the RSC or any other issue on campus, click the SGA link under “Students” on the intranet page.

“Student government is here to serve and represent students to the best of our ability,” Nesper said. “We really appreciate hearing about what students would like to see around campus.”

Turning your competition habits into a lifestyle

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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Fourteethousandandthreehundred gallons; 4,300 kilowatt-hours. This is how much the shower and energy-reduction green week competitions saved in just one week.

Today, March 27, is the final day for the trayless competition, which in its first week reduced tray usage by 61 percent.

Jill Haarsma, leader of the green week competition team, is excited about the participation in the events.

“Overall, I believe our team is pleased that students are engaged and participating,” she said. “We wanted it to be a fun way for students to prepare for the Day of Learning.”

Some response for the competitions has been negative.

“Public response for the competitions has been negative,” senior Kristi Korver, a green week competition team member, said. “I see their point. Boys in West shower in the RSC but use the same amount of water. Guys in Heemstra won’t turn on the lights in their dorm for a whole week but use electricity elsewhere. It is all a little over the top.”

Haarsma has heard some criticism as well.

“We’re pleased that students are engaged, even if their responses are critical,” she said.

Korver is happy that the competitions have stirred up conversations on campus.

“I have had more conversations about environmental stewardship in the last month than ever before,” she said. “The competition is getting people to talk, not always positively, but at least we are talking about this issue. It is a start.”

The competitions are not just a preparation for the Creation Care Day of Learning in Community, but for changing the way students think about conservation.

“It’s short-sighted of us to continue to use resources as if we will always have them in plentiful supply,” Haarsma said. “We are already seeing water shortages in other states and countries; it just hasn’t hit us here in Northwest Iowa yet. Why not try to live in such a way that preserves that precious resource?”

On average, Northwestern students use over 11 million gallons of water in the dorms and the cafeteria each year. Though the green week competitions made a large dent in this number, many students went right back to their old habits of wasting water.

“I think, unfortunately, many of the people who contributed to the reductions seen during these past few weeks have returned to their old habits,” sophomore Jacob Gaster, another team member, said. “However, some are maintaining the energy efficiency they exercised during the competitions, which is wonderful to see.”

The dorm that won the competitions will be announced sometime during the Day of Learning on April 1. The winner will receive a movie night out to Holland Plaza Theatre in Orange City.

Even though the competitions will be over, Haarsma stressed the importance of still conserving water and energy.

“What we do on a day-to-day basis does make an impact for future generations,” she said.

Sue Taylor, NIU’s government regulations specialist, said the biggest thing that students can do to conserve is take shorter showers and turn off lights. These are the biggest ways students waste on campus.

Korver also hopes that conservation stretches beyond these weeks.

“Though director of the RSC Dale Thompson loves his exercise equipment, current financial constraints and conflicting projects make it improbable that students will see any new machines in the near future. With so many projects in the works, it will be difficult to find the money to purchase exercise equipment.

Until the equipment can be purchased, the RSC is still there for its students in more ways than just entertainment.

Along with the mini-gym, the RSC is home to clubs and organizations, such as the International Club and SGA, the Hub @ N-dub, the mailroom, the bookstore, the Wellness Center, the Student Development office and other offices and services for students.

The RSC mini-gym has exercise bikes, full basketball courts, an indoor track, racquetball courts, pool tables, a foosball table and even a checkerboard table.

The RSC itself is open for students to watch TV, meet with others, play games or just hang out.

“Like anything else in life, the RSC is about what you put into it,” Thompson said.

If you would like to submit your opinion on the RSC or any other issue on campus, click the SGA link under “Students” on the intranet page.

“Student government is here to serve and represent students to the best of our ability,” Nesper said. “We really appreciate hearing about what students would like to see around campus.”
For the second straight year and third time in four years, Northwestern women’s basketball team advanced to the final four of the national semifinals. This year the sixth-ranked Raiders lost to #1-rated Morningside, 63-58, in the 2009 NAIA D-II Women’s Basketball National Championships, ending their season with a 26-9 record.

“It was a great opportunity for our women to play in the final four of the national tournament,” said Head Coach Earl Woudstra. “They played excellent basketball to earn that opportunity.”

This Final Four game was the fourth meeting between NW and Morningside, with the Mustangs taking the win each time. With nine minutes left in the first half, Morningside held the lead, 23-12. Yet NW fought back with a 13-2 run to tie the score at 25. The Mustangs and Raider continued to trade shots, giving the Mustangs a one-point lead, 29-28, at intermission.

Morningside began the second half on a 19-5 run, grabbing their largest lead of the game, 48-33. NW rallied again and the Raiders got as close as four (62-58), but fell short as Morningside made enough free throws to take the victory, 63-58.

“We demonstrated great patience and really moved the basketball well throughout most of the game,” said Woudstra. “Defensively I thought we did a very good job of making Morningside work hard for their shots.”

The Raiders defeated top-seeded Davenport (Mich.) 76-66 to advance to the semifinals. During that game, the Raiders were up 41-34 at the half. Yet, Davenport cut the Raider lead to five (49-44) with 12 minutes remaining. NW held the lead even after Davenport came back with 7-2 run. But the Raiders held on with free throws down the stretch to clinch the Elite Eight win.

Woudstra most enjoyed seeing the team members grow together as a team during the week. That time provides great opportunities to get to know and value the other members.

Although the basketball season just ended, Woudstra said he is looking forward to next season. “With many of these women planning to return to play, it will be interesting to see how the new freshmen will blend in and complement the returning players,” said Woudstra. “For now we will just enjoy the memories of the journey we have been on for the past few months.”

“Our season is over for the wrestling team after they finished in 20th place at the NAIA National Tournament on March 5-7 in Oklahoma City, Okla. The Red Raiders had two athletes named All-Americans, senior Tom Eaton with first-team honors and freshman Nic Leither with named honorable mention.

Eaton went 4-3 on the day and finished in fourth place. He wrestled in the 171-pound weight class and was named All-American for the second straight year.

Finishing 3-3 was Leither, who picked up eighth place. He competed in the 197-pound class.

Also competing for the Raiders on the day were senior Levi Price (149) 0-2; senior Claudel Noel (157) 0-2, junior Martin Beeler (184) 0-2, senior Cole Spree (184) 2-2 and junior Brad Hughes (285) 0-2.

NW ends its season graduating five seniors: Eaton, Price, Noel, Spree and Kyle Ochsner. The Raiders will look to continue their success next season, returning four national qualifiers and one All-American.
Baseball faces Dakota Wesleyan and Doane in two doubleheaders

BY CAMERON CARLOW

The losing pitcher in the first game was senior Trevor Kuiper. In seven innings of work he struck out three, allowing only two earned runs. In game two, sophomore Drew Nommacher pitched seven innings and gave up one earned run while striking out six.

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BY RENE NYHOF

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Highlight on Senior Athletes

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The college athletic careers of nine Red Raiders have come to an end with the close of the winter sports season. These seniors dedicated an immense amount of time and effort to their teams and have made a lasting impact on the Northwestern sports programs.

Men’s Basketball

TJ Phillips, a guard for the Red Raiders, is from LeMars, Iowa. Heis the son of Derald and Jane Phillips. Andrew Stimson, point guard from Clarinda, Iowa, is the son of Jon and Jane Stimson. He advises underclassmen athletes to give all they have to the Lord. “Live, prepare, and play with no regrets. Represent Christ well. Put the Lord first in everything, and if you do this you will never fail.”

Tyler Tigges, of Lanark, Ill. is the son of Larry and Cindy Tigges. Tigges served as a student coach for NW.

Josh Van Es, son of Galen and Cathy Van Es, is from Orange City, IA. He played forward for the Raider men.

Kyle Wiertzema, a guard from Hills, Minn., is the son of Steve and Connie Wiertzema. His favorite thing about being a Red Raider is that “It’s about more than basketball, it’s about preparing us to become great leaders in our future families and careers, and that’s more valuable than basketball could ever be.”

Wrestling

Tom Eaton, who wrestled 174 for the Raiders, is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and San Clemente, Calif. He is the son of Tom and Pam. His advice to underclassmen is to lift smart, hard and faithfully, and do Matt Schmidt’s workout because it will pay.

Clayton Y. Noel, from Port St. Lucie, Fla. He is the son of Christene Noel. He wrestled 137, and his favorite memory during his sports career is having the opportunity to talk to Coach Dahl about his faith and meeting the wonderful men and women in “the wrestling crew.”

Levi Price, who wrestled 149 for the Raiders, is from Cannon Falls, Minn. He is the son of Nick and Terry Price.

Cole Spree wrestled 184. The son of Rod and Judy, he is from Parkersburg, Iowa.
“Parcel” chosen for 14th annual World Premiere Festival

BY EMILY BREWER
STAFF WRITER

At 7:30 p.m., tonight and Saturday, the Black Box Theater will host the world premiere of “Parcel,” a full-length play written by senior Brady Greer Huffman. Huffman’s play was selected by award-winning playwright Jeffrey Sweet for performance in Northwestern’s 14th annual World Premiere Festival.

“Parcel” started as a ten-minute play for the 24-hour theater festival. “It was written on little sleep and great gallons of caffeine,” Huffman said. He credits NW alum Vaughn Donahue for the inspiration when he developed the full-length play.

“Vaughn Donahue directed the ten-minute version,” said Huffman. “What he believed the parcel to be has heavily influenced the full-length.” Huffman added that another source of inspiration was the TV show “Lost”.

“The entire series [Lost] is about trying to discover what the island is,” Huffman said. “Parcel is about a mysterious box that gets passed around. The plot hinges on ‘what is the parcel?’”

Senior and director Kelly Holtom describes “Parcel” as more metaphor than plot. “I hesitate to say too much about what the play means,” said Huffman, “I want audience members to arrive at their own interpretation.”

The play’s ambiguous plot was one thing that caught Jeffrey Sweet’s attention. Sweet appreciated the way the audience is “invited to fill in the gaps.” Huffman uses simple dialogue to enhance the play’s open interpretation, and finds himself interpreting the play a different way each time he sees it.

“I’m not even sure if I know what’s being said,” said Huffman. “Every rehearsal I watch, I walk away going ‘Oh, the play is about this.’”

The show’s cast includes seniors Ben Bees and Josh Doorenbos, junior Nick Rohlf, sophomore Daniel Cole and Madison Kuiken, age 10, a student at Orange City Elementary School.

The show is free and seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students are encouraged to arrive early to ensure prime seating.

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Anderson’s hope for the Day of Learning is that it leads to further thoughtful, faithful actions and “we would all become more firmly committed to lifelong learning in Christ.” Classes and regular activities will be suspended on April 1 to give members of the campus community the opportunity to attend the free workshops and presentations.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week

As a unit project, the abnormal psychology class is organizing two events to promote awareness of eating disorders on campus.

EVENT 1 - Reflections:
A 4-stage display that reveals the process of someone dealing with an eating disorder through the items and layout of their college room. The display will be open throughout the week from Monday, April 30 at 3 p.m. through Saturday, April 4 at 5 p.m. in RSC 154.

EVENT 2 - Video and Discussion:
A documentary on eating disorders and people dealing with them will be shown followed by a discussion. Come to watch and learn on Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. in RSC 154.