**NC/DC: Four acts advance to Dordt**

**News Editor**

The top four acts are moving on to Round 2 of NC/DC, the 6-year tradition mixing high-powered vocal chords and friendly competition. Beacon said down with each advancing student, the audience will be able to see the students during the competition.

Sophomore Morgan De Jong is ready to try out for the competition, but the competition is not what motivates her. “Winning” is not too important for me. I’m glad I had the chance to participate in such a cool event with both Dordt and Northwestern students. “With such a good group of people, it was not that hard to motivate myself.”

Juniors Alex Menning and junior Alissa Abeler were each encouraged by friends to participate in NC/DC, and the two have loved it so far. Abeler said, “I’m all about the competition, and I love when they get into the music as much as I do.”

She includes playing pot-and-pan percussion as a part of her musical background. Nilson’s singing career traced her musical background to her mother. “My mom has one of the most amazing voices I’ve ever heard and I love it!” Nilson explained that she came away from this summer with that. She found it interesting to see the other side of short-term missions, and she came away realizing the importance of preaching the gospel and how people do not even need to use words to share the good news. For example, for a hungry person, the best way to share the gospel is to supply their needs first by giving them a meal.

Senior Geri Genant also has a great experience with CCDA this past summer when she interned at Mission Waco in Waco, Texas, a city with a 24 percent poverty rate. Genant helped out with junior high youth four days a week and a free medical clinic two days a week. She loved attending Church Under the Bridge every Sunday, a church that is literally under a bridge and uses a flatbed trailer as a stage. Its congregation is composed of people ranging from the homeless, mentally handicapped, middle-class families, and college students.

Genant said this internship was a real “middle-class bubble burst” for her, and she is still trying to deal with that. She found it interesting to see the other side of short-term missions, and she came away from the summer realizing the importance of preaching the gospel and how people do not even need to use words to share the good news. For example, for a hungry person, the best way to share the gospel is to supply their needs first by giving them a meal. Genant said she came away from this summer with the knowledge that God really wants the church to take an active role in taking care of the orphaned, widowed and poor.
front desk

Chapel is God’s house

Chapel is one of the things that our college values greatly. So why does it seem that the student body has a hard time expressing their respect in the pews? Students are asked to do one thing in chapel: have respect. We no longer have parents breathing down our necks, but chapel still has rules to abide by. No sleeping is allowed. Homework is off limits. There is no talking, but lately texting on cell phones has become an issue. You’d think that refraining from these things would be common sense (or courtesy), but apparently this is not the case.

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I don’t know about you, but I would be pretty embarrassed if a faculty member confiscated my chapel card. All one really has to do in chapel is sit down and keep quiet. You’d get busted for causing disruptions in class, so why do some people think it’s fine to disrupt a place of worship?

Please know that I’m not perfect; I’ve talked in chapel, even though some people think it’s fine to disrupt a place of worship? But since chapel attendance is mandatory, I try to find the best of the experience. You are already there, so why not make the most of it? Certain speakers may not appeal to you, but rather than just tuning them out to take a nap, listen.

Some of you might argue that a religious experience can’t be forced. But since chapel attendance is mandatory, by necessity you already put yourself in the position to receive that experience. NW’s version of Christianity may not be your thing. However, you do attend a Christian college. So get involved and enjoy yourself by participating.

It may be that your peers are a part of the problem. If not, there’s another problem. Every single chapel service has been planned out especially for you. Many students realize this and have the respect factor down pat. However, it’s never a bad thing to be reminded that we are indeed in the house of God. We are there to get closer to Him, not to test our friends.

OPINION

So, you thought Halloween was over...?

BY CODY RAAB

You’ve noticed the change on campus, and it’s not just newly-arrived artesian décor. No, it’s the students themselves. Their mild appearances have become darker; they’ve almost entirely disappeared, holing themselves up in a remote corner of campus. Myself included, we have become so altered that campus itself seems a lonely, scarier place.

Terrorized?

Last spring the Northwestern College Theater Department performed “Terror Texts,” Old Testament stories of gruesome violence and murderfully thesely set to rock music and dressed in goth clothing. For those of you who saw this last spring, look out. This “tribal-industrial” musical has again besieged campus, with greater force than before! The make-up is darker, the songs are louder, the costumes weirder and the dances deadlier. The stories, however, are the same.

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When I first heard of the remounting, I asked the same question. I would much rather have found something fresh; this project had filled its purpose. These stories were brought to this community’s attention and conversations were sparked throughout campus. I know many discussions in classrooms and coffee shops were instigated by the difficult questions brought up in this musical.

Great! Can’t we move on?

There are more palatable Bible stories, yes. We’re comfortable with those. They’re familiar, even favorites, but these “Terror Texts” are grotesque convoluted. After having worked on this project again, and after having lost almost the last shred of my social life in the process, I urge you to find value in this collection of stories. These stories are still in that Bible on your shelf: do not read them once and move on. God’s voice still echoes in these stories, even though we must listen intently through wailing and gnashing of teeth to hear it.

The pain in this show is evident. Terrified screaming, anguished mourning, violent raging, and sadistic laughing punctuates these stories, but there is also peace. Images of bloodshed are found next to images of celebration. True, we find many poor moral examples in stories like The Levite’s Concubine and The Woman Who Ate Her Son, but these stories also have strong, God-fearing characters as well. Consider Phinehas, son of Eleazar, who earnestly seeks the Lord’s counsel before deciding to battle the children of Benjamin. See Elisha, the man of God, calmly speak the Word of the Lord to the face of an angry king.

Laugh at the comedy, cry at the sorrow and whittle with a God you probably haven’t prayed to lately. Hear his voice condemn the guilty, command warfare and remain silent for much of the story. Please read these stories yourself. Don’t shut this out. Don’t cross over on the other side. “Consider of it, take advice and speak your mind!”

Government – change?

BY KATHARINA BEELER

The election is FINALLY over. Quite frankly, I’ve been sick of this election since ’08. Now we have elected a president whose stance wasn’t “Change.” That’s a good thing right? I mean, shouldn’t the United States of America “change” and try to bring about justice – and better help those in need?

Yes!

However, is the government really going to change anything at all? Is a newly-elected president going to make all the changes this country needs?

I really don’t think so.

Personally I think the United States of America does need to bring about change, to begin with a change in the mood. It should be one that puts forth biblical ideals and returns to what God wants for his world, such as loving our neighbors as ourselves, holding life to the standard of God, taking care of the resources he has given us and showing kindness and love through caring for the poor and disadvantaged. These are the things we need to change, but how is this change going to happen?

I think it takes you and me.

In John 14:12, Jesus said we will do even greater things than he did when we have faith in him. That boggles my mind! I mean Jesus did AMAZING things—he’s God! Yet, he says WE will do greater things. Key here, who does Jesus say will do greater things? Believers of faith in him, not the government. Believers might not think they can do anything to change things for the better, but Paul says with him (God) all things are possible. Don’t forget, it’s not we alone that will change things, but God using us.

Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” In order for things to change it’s going to take us, as believers, being transformed through Christ. Then we will know what God’s will is. After this, we can’t ignore God’s call and command for us to go out and change things. He doesn’t call us to sit around while there are children dying of hunger and wait for the government to feed them. It takes us to help them. It takes the body of Christ, the church, to come together, pray and be his hands and feet.

Like Smokey the bear says, “Only YOU can prevent forest fires.” Let’s twist it and remember that “Only YOU (and the Holy Spirit working within and through you) can make change.” Okay, it’s not as catchy as Smokey the bear, but remember what Jesus quotes from Isaiah in Luke 4:18-19, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Change = God + us.
Are you looking for an Ethiopian experience?

Save on airfare and indulge your tastebuds at Lalibela

BY AMANDA KUEHN & KRISTI KORVER
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The building in which Lalibela is situated is so non-descript that restaurant-goers might easily pass it by. Located in a small strip mall at 1001 West 11th Street in Sioux Falls, it sits right next to The Cresten Coffee Shop. Open the door, however, and you’ll find a setting that is far from the ordinary. Ethiopian paintings cover the walls, African-backed chairs surround high and low top tables and a stage in the back hints at the anticipated nightclub atmosphere to come Saturday night.

Lalibela opened five years ago and is one of three Ethiopian restaurants in Sioux Falls. The city has a rapidly growing Ethiopian population according to the Multi Cultural Center of Sioux Falls. Refugees and immigrants enjoy a taste of home at Lalibela and welcome all people to partake with them.

Take a seat in the easy-going ambience and you can see Lalibela regularly sipping a cup of tea, conversing around the bar and sharing platters of exotic food just set on the table. If you’re lucky, Mulugeta, the owner of the Ethiopian hot spot, will readily introduce first-timers to the thrill of Ethiopian food.

“‘It’s spicy, but not too spicy,’ Mulugeta stated. You might want to start with an order of sambusa, a flaky triangular pocket filled with spiced chicken, beef or lentils, and a tall glass of mango guava juice, as it may take you a while to sift through the menu. Most entrees are served on injera, a spongy pancake-like bread that is used to scoop up the main course. ‘I’ve never gotten to eat my silverware before,’ said senior Kristi Korver.

Menus items range from doro wot, a spicy, tender chicken leg in berbere sauce to minchet abish, a flavorful curried beef dish to yebg tibs, lamb served with peppers, onions, garlic, tomato and rosemary. The more exotic diner might try dulet, which consists of tripe, kidney, liver and beef. Vegetarian options are also available. Meal prices vary between $8 and $12, but most can easily be shared.

In addition to the standard run of drinks, you can also order Ethiopian beer or Ethiopian tea or coffee, each with its own unique flavor. The mango-guava juice is more a nectar than a watered-down fruit drink and comes highly recommended. If you still have room after finishing the spread of meats, spices and vegetables that comes atop your injera, Lalibela also has dessert options.

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From two beds to one: hope still left for TV

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA
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Upon celebrating their 50th anniversary, TV Guide created a list of the top 50 shows of all time. The Honeymooners and I Love Lucy came close to glory, but Seinfeld swooped in to claim the top spot. What did this show have that the others didn’t?

The four quirky characters had problems that were true to real life. All nine seasons contained an order of sambusa, a flaky triangular pocket filled with spiced chicken, beef or lentils, and a tall glass of mango guava juice, as it may take you a while to sift through the menu. Most entrees are served on injera, a spongy pancake-like bread that is used to scoop up the main course. “I’ve never gotten to eat my silverware before,” said senior Kristi Korver.

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Juniors Zach Potter (left) and Jordan Gowing (right) show their school spirit by dressing up as the Burger King and his jester for the first home basketball game, Burger King night.

Features

Raider Nation: 2008 NW basketball spirit

BY KRISTY VAN WYK

STAFF WRITER

Juniors Jordan Gowing and Zach Potter took an estimated 650-mile journey to various Burger King restaurants around the Midwest to get ready for Northwestern's first weekend of home basketball games. The two stopped in Sioux City, Omaha, Ames and Des Moines over their midterm break to obtain close to 300 Burger King crowns for the 2008 opening weekend.

Thanks to these two dedicated fans, each student had the privilege of royally displaying school spirit of unity among our students,” said Potter. Gowing added, “We’re trying to get people excited about the games.”

To continue the unity of the student section, Gowing and Potter have stepped forward and taken action to do what it takes to make a difference. “I compare myself to one of those dads who are completely un-athletic,” said Gowing, “and I am living my dreams through all my kids’ athletic events which, in all actuality, is through the basketball teams.”

Potter said, “Yeah, we aren’t good at sports, so we feel this is our way to be a part of the team.”

Burger King Night was just the start of the themes Gowing and Potter tentatively have planned for upcoming home games. “Themes we are particularly excited about are Beach Night, ‘Make it Rain’ Night and Founding Fathers Night. We’ll just have to see where the wind blows,” said Gowing.

Other theme nights will include Jersey Night, Hick Night, Superhero Night, Richard Simmons Night and many more.

For more information about upcoming themes, you may join the Raider Nation Facebook group. Both Gowing and Potter urge students to contact either one of them if they have any suggestions for themes, cheers or ways to improve this year’s student section. For those who did not buy a “Raider Nation” shirt and now want one, a limited supply is available for purchase.

Lilly Grant extension supported Black Hills Retreat

BY KRISTI KORVER

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The Lilly Grant was given to Northwestern in 2002 by Lilly Endowment Inc. The 2.5 million dollars funds events that help NW’s students and faculty discover more about God’s calling on their lives.

The Lilly Grant’s support technically ended last year, but NW received extension money this year. So far this semester, the Lilly Grant extension money has supported the Black Hills Retreat, which took place in September.

101 members of the NW community enjoyed a weekend at the Black Hills Sept. 19-21. The event was a campus ministry retreat focused on spiritual disciplines. For each student the cost of the retreat was 30 dollars, a cost offset greatly by the Lilly Grant.

Freshman Beth Pekar benefited from the grant and blazed new trails during her time on the retreat. She was part of a group of students who went geocaching—a new kind of treasure hunting, that uses a GPS unit—in an abandoned mine. The group then hiked Mt. Baldey. She said this was the highlight of her trip because she had never rock climbed before. Later that evening, Pekar reflected on the spiritual practice of confession. Prior to the session she said, “My idea of confession was only what we practice in the Catholic church.” Now she understands confession can be a simple prayer or a recitation by a group of people. For her it was a special time to encounter God.

One of the natural functions of the retreat is the community that is built among the students, faculty and staff that participate. After two long bus rides Pekar developed a good relationship with a girl on her wing that sat next to her. Relationships, new experiences and growth made the weekend a refreshing experience for Pekar and others.

The Black Hills retreat was supported greatly by the Lilly Grant. For that, many members of the NW community, like Pekar, are thankful.

Faithful in a small way

BY AMANDA KUEHN

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As students register they attempt to cram a multitude of things into their limited schedules, resulting in a school week that fluctuates more than the weather.

Amidst the irregularity, Heather Josselyn-Cranson, director of music ministry, and senior Ellen Schuch appreciate the consistency of None.

Apart from the Divine Office of the traditional Christian liturgy, None is a fixed time of prayer that takes place during the ninth hour of the day, 3 p.m. Members of the early church established the Divine Office as a means of “punctuating the day with prayer.” “We actually celebrate none and a half,” remarked Josselyn-Cranson. “It comes at a good time and place [in the day] and it’s an opportunity to be accountable to God.”

Josselyn-Cranson began practicing None when she came to Northwestern with the idea of “Here’s a new beginning, a new opportunity to keep myself accountable in my walk with God.”

Since that time, approximately four or five students at a time have met in the prayer room in the basement of The Franken Center at 3:30 in the afternoon.

Everyone on this campus finds their own way to pray; there are many good ways; this isn’t better than any other way,” said Josselyn-Cranson.

Schuch began coming to None, which is open to all students, her freshman year. “As I started new at NW, it was something I could count on,” she said. “It’s not necessarily something I looked forward to, but something that I went away from with a new awareness.”

None follows the same structure each day and includes call and response, a liturgical prayer, a psalm, Scripture reading, silence, free prayer, the Lord’s prayer and a hymn. “There’s a lot of free prayer on campus,” said Schuch. “A lot of time we just speed through it. Our prayers [at None] are much slower. You don’t feel pressured to just run your tongue.”

“It’s not glamorous,” she added, “it’s very quiet.”

Schuch reflected that she does not go to None to “get something out of it,” but rather to be faithful in a small way. “It’s totally not about you. You step in to be a part of the prayers that continue with or without you.”

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**The rumor of the cell phone blocker solved**

**BY LEE STOVER**

During the month of October, rumors circulated across Northwestern’s campus that a cell phone service-blocking machine was placed in the chapel in an effort to encourage students to pay attention during services. Some dismissed these claims, while others cried, “conspiracy!” However these rumors were received, it turns out they are true. We’re true. Recent developments, such as the discovery that the contraption was, in fact, illegal, persuaded staff to remove the service blocker. “When doing a little more research, we discovered that the blocker was illegal,” said Mike Stokes, a staff member in the AV department.

Stokes said, “Someone brought up the idea; we looked into it. We found our particular device for only $150, which is relatively cheap; so we decided to try it out.” The tryout period lasted for a few weeks in October and officially ended with the removal of the machine at the end of the month.

The machine itself is relatively small, roughly the size of a small cereal box, and has four antennas, one antenna for each different type of cell-phone signal. It pulsates a signal on a frequency that interferes with a phone’s signal. Depending on how often each individual phone’s service provider refreshed its signal, some phones may have gone in and out of service in the chapel.

The machine also has a remote control and can be turned on and off. Which means that some phones would work and other days they wouldn’t—depending if the machine was on or off. The problem with the machine is that it actively blocks cell phone signals, which is illegal. Passively blocking signals would be legal, yet much more expensive and time consuming. “Passively blocking would be adding lead or magnetic wood paneling to the inside of the chapel,” said Stokes. “The entire chapel would have to be renovated; not too practical.”

While some may think it was a drastic step to try a cell phone blocker to ensure attentiveness, Chaplain Harlan Van Oort thinks it was a good idea. “Personally, I wish I had one for class. Students text all the time and think I can’t see them. It shouldn’t be a hardship to not use your phone.” Stokes agrees. “It’s very frustrating to see the number of students who use their phones during chapel. It’s not just about phones though; it’s a respect issue. Students sleep, talk and do homework too.”

Although it is not addressed in the student handbook, there was an e-mail sent to all students by the Student Development Office at the beginning of the school year that covered, in depth, the chapel attendance policy. According to the document, not only is sleeping and studying prohibited, but there is also “no use of cell phones, headsets, laptops or other electronic devices during chapel.” Even when referring to chapel etiquette, the document states, “In order to create a worshipful environment, to show respect to speakers, musicians and our maintenance staff, and to care for our chapel facilities, please observe the following rules...” One of those rules happens to be, “turn off all cell phones when entering the chapel sanctuary and balcony.”

“Service learning, I guess. Right?”

**Public relations practicum works with local clients**

**BY KILEY SELIGMAN**

Three groups of students from the public relations practicum, Crosswalk Media, are turning their knowledge into real life skills by helping local businesses and programs with public relations. The practicum is split into groups and each group leader chose a project from a list at the beginning of the semester.

One group, co-headed by public relations majors junior Lindsey Haskins and senior Betsy Poppens, is working with The Bridge. The Bridge is a local organization that provides transitional housing for women and children. This group is helping Bridge director Sandi Altena recruit Bridge Builders. A Bridge Builder is a liaison in individual church congregations. The Bridge contacts these Bridge Builders to give them information about volunteer opportunities, donations and other things the Bridge needs. “Instead of sending the information to pastors and church secretaries who are already overloaded, Bridge Builders make announcements and communicate the needs of The Bridge to the congregation,” said Haskins.

Haskins chose to work with The Bridge, because “I appreciate the ministry they have and wanted to be part of it in any way I could.” The Bridge practicum group has made a newsletter, posted job announcements, a poster and has put things on The Bridge website. Not only does this work help the business, but it adds to the public relations experience of group members as well. “It allows me to take principles from class and apply them to a real world situation,” Haskins said. “It holds us accountable, because people are going to see it and it needs to be right.”

The public relations department does not charge The Bridge for providing these services. “With The Bridge we don’t charge, because it’s a ministry,” Haskins said. Another group, led by junior Emily De Weerd, is helping Orange City Hospice and the Northwestern social work department plan a children’s grief day camp. It will be a day of games, crafts and activities for any local child, Pre-K through sixth grade, who has lost a loved one.

The camp will help teach the children much of the grieving process. There will also be an adult meeting to teach their parents or guardians how their children grieve. De Weerd said, “It is important for children to know how to grieve and express their feelings.”

De Weerd’s group has created a brochure, print ad, radio ad, church bulletin and news release to help promote the camp. She said it is necessary to help promote the use of public relations in small towns such as Orange City. “They don’t understand the marketplace as well. They think you throw it on KSOU and everyone will know about it. Public relations is new to Orange City, but public relations is important for every business and everyone.”

The third group is headed by senior Amanda Wright. This group is working with Jamey Durham, NW assistant professor of communications, to promote the new cinema digital video major. “Right now we are working on the things we want to promote, such as the opportunities that the major can offer and the ways that an education at NW can help you reach your future goals in video production,” Wright said. “Hopefully, we will be able to help spread the word about the new major and recruit more students for the program.”

Wright chose to work with this idea, because she has taken video production classes at NW and knew more about the major than the other practicum leaders.

She appreciates the opportunity to work with a real client. “It is a great way to help us learn these skills now rather than after we graduate and have to figure things out on our own.”

Senior Jenna Boote is also leading a group, however, this group does not work with a local client. Boote’s group is helping further the idea of Crosswalk Media and is introducing local businesses to the group.

The public relations practicum is utilizing the knowledge of students to help out the community, giving the students real life experience in their field and benefiting local businesses. As Haskins put it, “It’s service-learning, I guess. Right?”

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Volleyball continues to roll with wins over Doane and Dana

BY BETH MOWU CONTRIBUING WRITER

After a nail-biting first set, the Northwestern volleyball team won its 16th straight match as they overpowered Doane in the GPAC semifinals, 3-0, on Wednesday, Nov. 12. The last time the two teams battled was on Oct. 25, and that time it took all five games for Coach Van Den Bosch's squad to reign victorious. The Raiders, ranked ninth in the NAIA and the top seed in the 12-team elimination tournament, improve to 27-6 overall.

NW 75, Morningside 89

Northwestern fell to top-ranked Morningside on Tuesday. The Raiders held an early 17-16 lead until Morningside went on an 11-point run and then outscored NW 35-11 to lead 51-28 at the half.

Like the second set, NW started fast in the third with an 8-3 lead. Doane wasn't ready to give up and battled back to 20-18 before the Raiders closed out the match with five straight points.

Sophomore Hillary Hanno was the hot hand on the night with 16 kills. She also added 14 digs. Freshman Rylee Hulstn tallied nine kills, 12 digs and one block. Junior Randa Hulstein led a team-best seven total blocks and added eight kills. Sophomore Kaitlen Beaver lofted up 37 assists, while junior Janna Bloemendaal led all players with 20 digs. The Raiders aggressively doled out the Doane attack down to .106 for the match.

PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

Sophomore Kaitlen Beaver sets the ball for an assist in Raider volleyball action.

Miles qualifies for cross country nationals, women finish sixth in GPAC

BY BETH MOWU CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Sophomore Charity Miles finished fourth at the GPAC Championships on Saturday, Nov. 8, which secured her place in the second straight season. The GPAC Championship was run at the Elk Country Club in Hastings, Neb.

In less than ideal conditions which involved freezing wind chill, Miles finished the 5K in 18:41 and earned all-conference honors. The Red Raider women's squad placed sixth out of 10 teams with a score of 137, after finishing second at the region meet last year to qualify for nationals.

"We may not have finished where we wanted to," commented sophomore Jenna Sorenson, "but we definitely worked hard and encouraged each other at every practice."

Nebraska Wesleyan defended its team championship and took the meet with 65 points. Concordia and Doane placed second and third with 89 and 91 points, respectively.

In addition to the fourth-place finish by Miles, Sorenson placed 22nd with a time of 19:43 and just missed out on the wildcard draw that would have allowed her a nationals birth as well. Sophomore Sara Hess took 29th place with a time of 19:56. Sophomore Steph Powell, freshman Teresa Scholten and junior Ingrid Carlson placed 36th, 46th and 66th, respectively. Junior Angela Wiggins and sophomore Breann Rozzeboom also competed and placed 71st and 76th.

The NAIA National Meet will be run on Nov. 22 in Kenosh, Wis.

All eight of the top Raider finishers return next season. “I think because of the unity and hardworking spirit on the team, we will come back next year and be that much stronger,” said Sorenson.
Men's basketball begins season 2-1

BY CAMERON CARLOW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After three games this past week, the Red Raider men's basketball team began it's season 2-1. They opened the year playing against Jamestown and came up short with a 62-78 loss. Senior Kale Wiertzema led the team in scoring, putting up 20 points and grabbing eight rebounds. The team shot 43 percent from the field and 28 percent from the three-point line.

"With any loss we are disappointed. It was our first game of the year and it was a learning experience on the one hand, but we are better about it," said junior guard Jerome Hoegh.

NW traveled to Valley City State on Saturday. The Raiders came up with a 96-85 win over the 26th-ranked Vikings. Brown led the team in scoring, putting up 20 points for the second game in a row. Wiertzema had 13 points and led the team in assists with six while junior Michael Jiskoot had his first double-double of the season, scoring 16 points and pulling down 15 rebounds.

"We played a lot better defense and got some good offense going," said Hoegh. "I thought that was a much better game for us."

The Red Raiders then set their sights on Bellevue University, who was ranked 23rd coming into the game. Bellevue "hadn't lost a home game in three seasons," said Hoegh. NW went in and played their "best game of the year." The team found victory with a score of 92-88.

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Men's cross country closes season at the GPAC

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The Northwestern men's crosscountry team traveled to Hastings, Neb. for the GPAC Conference Championships on Saturday. The weather was cold and the footing rough, but that didn't stop senior Jack Peterson from running his best time by more than 30 seconds. Peterson led the Raiders with a 26:57 on the 8K course, placing 24th. Junior Kyle Gerhard ran a Junior Kyle Gerhard ran a 28:02, which was good for 64th.

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Men's cross country closed season at the GPAC to 64th and 66th, respectively. Norris ran 28:31 and Stover had a 28:34. Freshmen Adam Verhoef and Andrew Johnson rounded out the men's team. Verhoef finished in 64th with 29:46 and Johnson ran a 30:34 to finish 93ed.

The NW men finished ninth out of 13 teams. "This was a hard year for our guys team because of a lot of minor setbacks," said Peterson, "but the men worked really hard this season." Peterson, who is returning next year after red-shirting his sophomore year, is hopeful for the 2009 season. "We don't lose anyone from this year, so we are in a good position," he commented. "We will work hard through the upcoming track seasons and hopefully improve for next year."

Loss to Hastings

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Red Raider football team had a tough end to their season on Saturday, falling to Dakota Wesleyan 17-6. Northwestern, who was ranked 12th in last week's NAIA poll, finished the season 7-3 as the loss bumped them out of the playoffs. Dakota Wesleyan improved to 6-3 with one game left to play.

The Tigers took control right from the start, scoring on a 62-yard touchdown pass on their first offensive play. They made the extra point to take a 7-0 lead. Both defenses controlled most of the rest of the first half until the Raiders were able to find the end zone with 38 seconds left of play. Senior quarterback Matt Roecker capped off a 71-yard drive with a 17-yard touchdown run. NW was unable to tie the game as the extra point attempt failed.

DWO then took the ball 52 yards to NW's eight-yard-line and made a field goal to extend the half with a 10-6 lead over the Raiders.

Neither team was able to score in the third quarter, but the Tigers widened their lead on the third play of the fourth quarter. A pass by junior quarterback Cary Overholt was intercepted and returned ten yards to bring the score to 17-6. The Red Raider offense continued to move the ball but couldn't capitalize as the clock ran out.

NW had 262 offensive yards compared to DWO's 271. The Raiders' strength was in the rushing game as they gained 205 yards. Senior Kyle Ochsner led with 95 yards on 19 carries. Sophomore Taylor D'Melm had 36 yards on seven carries and Roecker had 33 yards and a touchdown. Sophomore Kevin Vander Schaaf added 34 yards. Roecker and Overholt fought the wind to combine for 5-24 passing complete for 57 yards. Senior Tyler Meekma had three catches for 45 yards.

Sophomore Jon Gerber again led the Raider defense with seven tackles. Senior Nate Jansen had 6.5 tackles and a quarterback hurry. Junior Grant Mosier added six tackles and one interception.
More bloody biblical stories: Terror Text returns

BY AMANDA KUEHN
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If you didn’t get your fair share of bloody biblical stories on the first go round, now is your chance to experience Northwestern’s original musical, Terror Texts. Based on six Old Testament stories that are both brutal and bloody in nature, the play seeks to introduce audiences to a different side of the Bible.

Jeff Barker, NW professor of theatre and speech, and creator and director of Terror Texts, has been compelled to take stories from Scripture and bring them to the stage. He said he chose the stories depicted in Terror Texts because he “got cheated in Sunday school.”

Barker explained, “Teachers told me they revered the Bible, but they didn’t teach me all of it. If the Bible is truly a text worthy of our attention—and I believe it is—why not take the time to discover all of it? And why not do that together, in a public setting like the theatre?”

Students involved in the production agree. A number of them have caught Barker’s passion for enacting Scripture and are excited to be a part of the play’s second run. Even those who have their reservations about it still admire attending. Sophomore Cody Raak encouraged, “If not just to support the community putting it on” that students should attend in order to consider the stories for themselves. “There are valuable things that are being said,” he remarked. “Go!”

Even after struggling through some of the production changes, senior Eugene Huck positively commented, “It’s going to be a good show.”

Terror Texts will make its second run in NW’s England Theatre on Nov. 14 and 15 at 10 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. The encore performance has allowed the play’s entrance into two playwriting competitions.

Returning audience members can expect the same stories from 2 Kings, 2 Samuel, Judges and Joshua, brought to life by a different cast and enhanced by a variety of alterations. Minor structural adjustments have been made in the script and almost all the dances have been re-chorographed. The costumes have been completely re-designed as well.

A brand new song has also been added to the original musical score, which was composed by Joseph Barker and Heather Josselyn-Cranston, NW director of music ministries. Portions of the score, which includes traditional choir music, jazz, ballads and industrial rock, have been rewritten for the revamped show and its recently produced CD.

Both those returning to Terror Texts and those coming for the first time can expect a one-of-a-kind experience. Tickets for the show are free for students and $5 for the public. They can be purchased by visiting the box office between 4 and 9 p.m. Monday through Friday or between noon and 5 p.m. on Saturday. The box office can also be reached by phone, 712-707-7098, or e-mail, boxoffice@nwciowa.edu.

A fresh look at ancient Rome

BY TEDI SWANSON
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Offering a unique combination of cultural immersion and academic rigor, the new semester study abroad in the Middle Eastern country of Oman gives students the opportunity to experience a traditional culture that is rapidly modernizing.

By partnering with Al Amana Centre, Northwestern College will allow students to work in a place that been educating students for over one hundred years. Al Amana Centre practices academic excellence and has designed coursework in a fashion that allows students to be immersed in the culture instead of simply studying in a different location.

“If I could be a student again, I would go to this semester program. Students will have a chance to live in a very unique nation and in a very historic and fascinating neighborhood; and a chance to live and learn from Omanis and others,” said professor Scott Monsma, associate professor of sociology, who has been highly involved with the creation of this program.

The Oman study abroad program will allow students to take classes such as Introduction to Arabic and Christian-Muslim Relations, as well as work on an independent study and take a course at the Oman Medical College. Aside from taking classes, the students will also spend time getting to know the culture of Oman and will take four weekend trips to the interior of Oman to learn about the diversity within the country.

“In many ways Oman is exemplary for what is possible—and offers us some hope that people of different faiths and people from different nations can find a way to work together,” said Monsma.

Although the news seems to paint the Middle East in a negative light, Oman is a place where Christians, Muslims, Hindus and others find a way to live together peacefully. The trip to Oman will not only offer many academic opportunities, but will also challenge students who participate to think about Islam and the Middle East in a new way.

“Given the challenges that we see in the Middle East and in how we understand Islam, this would be a great program to go to and learn about both,” said Monsma.

As well as giving students the opportunity to learn about Middle Eastern culture and Islam, it will also allow them to experience things that are not readily available in the Midwest. Students will have the opportunity to go snorkeling, watch the sea turtles at Turtle Beach and visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque. The Oman study abroad will present students with many unique learning opportunities.

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Rome visitors can also see Trajan’s Column, a 125-foot monument, when standing at the Forum’s center. With the use of historical records, every structure has been constructed and placed with great precision. This first ever recreation of an ancient city is based on the model of Plastico di Roma Antica, which was created by archaeologists and model makers between 1933 and 1974.

A major player in this 3-D world, Bernard Frische of the University of Virginia says that “the project is the continuation of five centuries of research by scholars, architects and artists since the Renaissance who have attempted to restore the ruins of the ancient city with words, maps and images.”

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