Ballots and Debates

BY TYLER GRANGER
STAFF WRITER

Wednesday night was a buzz in the Hub as over 40 students heard Campus Democrats and College Republicans present answers to our nation's gravest problems.

Sitting on the left side of the stage was junior Keisha Diephuis and her liberal three: seniors Matt Hulstien, Eli Van Oort and Emily Dykstra.

Representing the College Republicans were juniors Dale De Jong and Kyle Gerhard, and seniors Jack Peterson III and Mike Scholten. Dave Arnett acted as moderator for the event.

Hulstien kicked off the night by giving examples of the deteriorating economy. The Obama/Biden position on the economy crisis is to increase taxes on the wealthiest of Americans while lowering taxes and interest rates for the middle class.

"Obama has the most aggressive green energy plan and that is why we support him," explained Hulstien.

Peterson elucidated McCain’s economic stance: eliminating governmental waste, lowering corporate taxes to keep jobs in America and creating 700,000 new jobs by building new nuclear power plants in America.

The issue of poverty was tackled first by Gerhard. The McCain/Palin ticket seeks to give state and local Continued on page 8

World News: Russian troops pulling out of Georgia

BY LEANN JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Russian troops have been withdrawing from Georgia throughout the past week. In accordance with cease-fire agreements brokered by French President Nicolas Sarkozy and backed by the United States, European Union and NATO, Russian troops must be removed from Georgia by Friday at midnight.

Russia invaded Georgia on August 7, 2008 in an attempt to gain control of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, two pro-Russia autonomous regions of Georgia. The tensions over Georgia are due to its prime location as an oil and gas route and its ties to Western countries. It was Russia’s first major military offensive outside of its borders since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

According to Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili, so far Russia has removed all of its troops except for some still located in buffer zones outside of the breakaway area of South Ossetia. Russia says it will remove these troops but plans to leave 4,000 troops in each of the separatist regions. This has caused tension between Russia and Georgia. As the U.S. and between the two regions.

The fighting in Georgia has had a personal impact on Irakli (Ika) Natirize, a senior at Northwestern. Ika left his home country of Georgia on August 5, two days before Russia unexpectedly started bombing Georgia. Ika’s family lives in the country’s capital, Tbilisi, but Ika said that for the most part, his family is safe. The closest fighting to Tbilisi has been over forty miles away, with the exception of an airport Russia bombed that was located only ten miles outside the city limits.

Ika said that after the first bombings, most of his friends were drafted to go fight even though they had no military training. He also mentioned that he probably would have been drafted if he had not already left for college in the U.S. With the cease-fire agreement, Ika’s friends have recently been able to go home. However, Ika said that he “doubts that the Russians are going to leave. They’re there to fight.”

Ika described the remaining Russian troops as “hungry soldiers robbing the Georgians,” and says they have been looting villages, hijacking cars and causing fear throughout Georgia. He also said that the Russians “couldn’t care less about the world’s opinion.” For instance, Ika said that “the worst thing” about Russia’s behavior is that only 15 percent of the areas they have bombed were military. The other 85 percent were comprised of Georgian villages, buildings and airports. He also said that over 100,000 Georgians have been displaced because of the bombings.

As for Ika, he probably will not be returning home this winter as planned due to unreliable flights at Georgia’s airports. If he did go home, he would have to face the possibility of not being able to return to the U.S. for his last semester, which is not a risk he is willing to take.

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NW students encouraged to “Act on Hunger”

BY JENNA BOOTE
NEWS EDITOR

Called2Go, a student-led campus ministry program, is encouraging students to make a difference in the fight against hunger by offering $2000 in grant monies to be used for Northwestern student-initiated projects that address the issue of hunger.

In conjunction with a committee of faculty, staff and students, Called2Go will award either two $1000 grants or one $2000 grant, depending on the quantity and quality of grant applications. These Acting On Hunger grant(s) will be awarded for project(s) that will significantly address the issue of regional hunger in creative, engaging ways. All grant money will be used to defer costs directly related to the implementation of the student projects.

The program has been developing since spring of 2008, when NW’s general manager of Sodexho campus services, Don Keith, was recognized as a “Heroes of Everyday Life” by the Sodexo Foundation. As part of this honor, the Sodexo Foundation donated $5000 in Don’s name to the hunger-related organization of his choice. Don chose NW’s Called2Go hunger/homeless ministry.

Three thousand dollars of that donation will be used to purchase food packets through the organization Kids Against Hunger. Northwestern faculty, staff and students will then gather to package the food for shipping and distribution to people suffering from severe hunger and malnutrition.

Keith says he choose Called2Go because he was grateful for the many opportunities NW had given him to serve. “I want to give back to NW, and feeding the hungry and caring for the homeless is important to me as a Christian,” Keith explains. “I am excited to challenge students to find solutions to rural hunger in America, and I am looking forward to seeing how students use their creativity and knowledge to approach this problem.”

Those interested in applying for the money must complete a grant application. Completed applications should be sent to Marlon Haverlink, director of service learning, by Oct. 24, 2008. Projects must be complete by May 1, 2009.
A call for Reformation

BY "HAMBONE"

October has finally arrived; fall is here, the leaves are turning and the weather is growing colder. We celebrate my favorite holiday on the 31st of this month.

That's right! It's Reformation Day—the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Schlosskirche in Wittenberg, Germany.

Stated in necessarily harsh words, Reformation Day represents one of the few parts of Christianity that has yet to sell out to “corporate” America.

Just the other night, as I was sitting in the Hub, I saw an infomercial advertising a televised worship service. Normally I’m able ignore these televangelists, but something caught my eye, rather something he said caught my attention.

Joel Osteen tells us to keep a “good attitude” through all our adversities. If we do, according to Osteen, God will surely give us “the desires of our heart.”

I started wondering, where does the Bible say this? What part of the Bible say this? What part of the Bible say this?

Osteen says that if something is taken from us, if we are wronged in some way, God will restore that to us in double. After I heard this, I was thinking, “maybe he’s going to turn this around and say something valuable.”

But did he live up to my expectations?

No.

He said nothing about salvation.

Osteen tells us that God will give us a resurrected life on earth. If adversity comes after us, God will turn our lives around and give us prosperity.

I’m still racking my brain to recall where God tells us that he will give us double of what was taken from us on earth.

I’m also interested in finding out what possesses this man to preach the good news strictly as a self-motivator with a “get rich quick” scheme.

The only actual mention of God in his sermons is that he has a plan to right your wrongs. This would be nice, except he is implying that these wrongs will be righted on earth, not in heaven, as the biblical writers would have us to believe.

The fact that this man is preaching to a mega-church in the Rocket’s old arena, the Compaq Center, at a rate of 38,000 people per week (Osteen’s website http://www.joelsteen.com) should be a great concern to us.

He brags to have reached 100 million households and is able to be seen by 200 million households worldwide.

We need to remember the real reason to believe in Christ as our Lord and Savior.

We are horrible sinners and deserve eternal damnation, but we need not worry because Jesus came to save us. Without recognizing this, we fail to recognize Jesus for who he is, and we abuse his name by making it a simple, warm and fuzzy feeling.

It is time for another reformation.

Reformation Day, we should reflect upon its true meaning.

We should remember what Luther risked to get the true Word of God to all the people, not what one man wanted people to hear in order to make money.

Conservative on paper, liberal in action

BY JENTRI VOS

Our college’s promotional line states, “Whole education for your whole life.” I still believe that there are leaders on our campus who are whole heartedly trying to fulfill this goal.

However, I have seen, all too often and for the sake of “presenting both sides,” lines being crossed.

Northwestern also promotes this institution as a conservative one. This means that although we want all sides to be heard, we have already chosen ours and therefore should defend it openly.

Building a good reputation does not mean hiding flaws; rather a positive reputation is built by dealing with flaws in a Christ-like manner.

Sometimes I feel like our promotion line should be, “Conservative on paper – liberal in action.”

I love seeing love in action, but are not correction and justice part of love?

All I see is grace, grace, grace… where is the justice and truth?

Yes, I know Christ is a lover and a friend. But love is not always a quick fix.

He also corrected and rebuked (John 8:1-11), Luke 13:1-5, Mark 11:15-19). Whatever happened to “tough love”?

We are told to turn the other cheek when persecuted, not back down from the morals laid out for us in Scripture. However unpleasing to the world we must stand up, for as Christians we are all called to be soldiers with Christ, bearing the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17).

Being a Christian is not supposed to be fun on this earth.

It is supposed to be hard.

This is not our home (Philippians 3:20).

We are strangers here.

We are called to absolute truth, not relative, wishy-washy, you-think-what-is-convenient-for-you truth.

We are to strive to be 100 percent grace AND 100 percent justice because that is what God is. He is not a 50/50 kind of god.

Yes, God is gracious so we too should be gracious, but God is also true so we too must speak his truth (not ours) in love.

For it is written in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, “Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.”

Northwestern College, students, staff and faculty, I ask you to embark on this challenging journey with me.

Join alongside the example Christ gave us in the Bible: looking forward to the ultimate goal of heaven, throwing off the old, putting on the new and giving AND receiving a little tough love along the way.
Sweet spaces in apartments and plexes

By Sara Curry

On Tuesday, Oct. 7, several judges room-hopped among each of the apartment and plex buildings on a mission to determine the sequel to “The Ten Coolest Dorm Rooms.” After carefully analyzing overall visual appeal, design and resourceful use of space, the judges decided on ten apartments that have what it takes to compete in the big ten.

#1 Home Sweet Home

Apartment B232 is much more than just an apartment—it’s a home. Each aspect of the apartment complements the rest. The engaging arrangement of beautiful floral artwork, furniture and lighting forms a perfectly balanced aesthetic presentation. The walls are not only creatively decorated with paintings and other fine art, but also with colorful fabric to further enhance the “wow factor” of the apartment. Just in case the striking visual appeal and artistic design was not enough to grab the judges’ attention, the presentation of their sweet miniature dishwasher sealed B232 as the number one coolest apartment.

#2 International Apartment

A sense of relaxation immediately takes over after walking into apartment A121. With unique artwork from all over the world displayed on every wall, the living room appears to embody culture in visual form. Art, color and creativity conquer every section of the apartment; even the napkins resting on the table are creatively folded into different shapes. The eye-catching cultural theme and overall creativity put A121 at number two on the judge’s list.

#3 Creativity Mosaic

The most striking feature of apartment B221 is a large mosaic of eye-catching cultural theme on the living room wall. Each resident of B231 went on a study abroad trip to a different continent and placed pictures from their trips on the mosaic. Colorful fabric hung on the walls and several vases of peacock feathers also add to the overall eye-catching appeal and creativity of the apartment.

#4 The Cave

With three couches, one futon and two chairs piled into one area, the boys of plex #20 sure know how to make a small space look huge. By raising one couch behind another on a table, they were able to set up as much furniture as they could for comfortable seating without taking away too much space. This unique and convenient arrangement makes “the cave” an inviting place to just chill with friends.

#5 Inflate-A-Living Room

A bright-orange Sunkist inflatable couch is the first flash of color that invites visitors into apartment B221. A handmade table with beautiful ceramic tiles rests at the center of the living room covered with vibrant shades of orange, pink and green. Decorated with flamboyant, eye-catching colors and home to an inflatable palm tree, this apartment gives friends and visitors a bright and sunny experience.

#6 The Dream

Creativity is the name of the game for apartment B223. One wall of the apartment displays several cultural photographs and works of art centered around a large world map. The opposing wall is decorated with mock wallpaper made from colorful ribbon. The most treasured possession of B223 is the authentic ID card of Mark DeYounge himself. Neatly framed and placed on the living room wall, “the dream,” as the girls call it, is available for all to admire.

#7 Patriotic Shrine

An entire wall of apartment A122 is dedicated to honoring the land of the free and the home of the brave. American flags and patriotic posters lead the way to the rest of the apartment, which just so happens to include a one-of-a-kind periodic table of elements shower curtain. This creative combination of patriotism and chemistry leaves a lingering impression on any student who enters.

#8 Engagement Room

Apartment A124 holds a very special treasure that serves as the focal point of the living room as well as the center of conversation between visitors. Resting in a shadowbox hung on the wall is the authentic fishing line which held Jenni Sybesma’s engagement ring. This unique feature as well as the engaging and comfortable setup of the apartment immediately draws the interest of friends and visitors.

#9 Real Life

Disregarding the half-eaten ice cream cone melting in a mug on the table, apartment B222 is a pretty top hangout. With over 400 movies and a comfortable entertainment setup, these boys know how to have a good time. Students are more than willing to maneuver around piles of dirty laundry and chill in the apartment that clearly does represent “real life.”

#10 Organized Chaos

It’s almost impossible to look at everything on the walls of plex #28 in one trip. Banners, movie posters and photographs line the walls of the apartment from left to right and top to bottom. Complete with a Spiderman shower curtain and even a “That’s what she said” welcome sign, the randomness of plex #28 is a creative source of visual entertainment for visitors.

Top Ten Apts and PLEXES

1. B232
   - Seniors Jenna Boote, Amanda Maloney, Kristi Korver, Ellie Pfehl, Rachel Posthuma and junior Michael Cundy

2. A121
   - Seniors Brittany Osborn, Kristin Spidal, Preeti Suprata and Amy Cockel

3. B231
   - Seniors Samantha Olson, Camille Martin, Kara Johnson, Amanda Kuhn and Amy Borchers

4. Plex #20
   - Sophomores Noah Russell, Wes Garcia-Encinues and Matt Vander Molen

5. B222
   - Seniors Kellie Terpstra, Jodie Swensen, Rebecca Olson, Kelly Mulder, Brittany Lassen and Kayla Te Geest

6. B223
   - Seniors Stephanie Powell, Megan Giwac, Jen Marks, Monica Fillman, Ellen Schuch and Hannah Nold

7. A122
   - Seniors Jill Swansen, Sarah Piatt, Jackie Knibbe and Sarah Breen

8. A124
   - Seniors Jessi Post, Brenna Lura, Brittenee Wood and Jenni Sybesma

9. B222
   - Seniors Kyle Ochsner, Jake Jensen, Tim Naiman, Cole Spree and juniors Nick and Terrill Lensch

10. Plex #28
    - Juniors Rebecca Bruns, Jessica Pomereneck and Rachel Gosselink
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The Writing Center: the foundation of a vision

BY SARA CURRY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At first glance, the Writing Center appears to be one of the classrooms “cool” enough to have a couch on the first floor of VPH. According to Tom Truesdell, director of academic support, however, the Writing Center is much more than what meets the eye. More than just a room privileged with soft cushions, the Writing Center embodies Truesdell’s lifelong passion for writing and serves as the foundation of his vision for the academic support program.

“The Writing Center is a place that celebrates writing and what it can and does accomplish,” Truesdell said.

Truesdell’s objectives and goals for the writing center reach far beyond producing “A” papers and boosting GPAs. It is common for students to label writing tutors as editors who possess the power to transform weak writing into professional writing. With these inaccurate expectations, most students enter the Writing Center anticipating to leave with a good grade instead of acquired knowledge on how to become a better writer.

Aware of these generalizations, Truesdell redesigned the tutoring program to directly confront students with specific strategies, including what not to do. Tutors are trained to avoid proofreading, writing extensive comments on papers and functioning as ghost writers. While eliminating the proofreader role, writing tutors hope to encourage independent learning by simply helping students realize their potential as writers and students.

Striving for long-term results rather than temporary success, Truesdell is most concerned with promoting and improving independent learning skills.

Another of Truesdell’s main objectives as director is to steer away from the common misconception that the tutoring program is a remedial center open only to struggling students. Just as the Writing Center offers support for all types of writing from personal narratives to research papers, to scholarship applications to chemistry reports, the academic support program is open to all students from all backgrounds. Even the best writers can benefit from peer communication and feedback.

Truesdell describes both the Writing Center and academic support program as resources to benefit tutors as well as students. “By providing feedback and instruction both students and tutors can become better communicators and critical thinkers and develop stronger relational skills,” he commented.

Truesdell’s passion for Writing Center work is reflected in his enduring vision for academic support. His objectives for the support program exhibit his belief that academic success is not defined by your exam scores, but already rests within yourself and is just waiting to be discovered.
Slacklining: what are they doing?

BY LEE STOVER


Welcome to the world of slacklining.

You may have seen groups of people on campus huddled around trees. Look a little closer and you may spot someone bouncing on a rope, or falling off while trying to walk it.

“What are they doing?” you wonder. They are slacklining.

According to www.slacklining.com, slacklining is the sport of walking a small, flat, nylon rope between two points. It is practiced in backyards, on college campuses, in parks or even 3000 feet above ground.

While it is hard to pin-point a time in history when slacklining was invented, it can be said that it developed into what it is today in the late 1970s. Slacklining has since become an international craze—a craze that invaded Northwestern’s campus this fall.

Slacklining differs from tightrope walking, in that the line is looser than the taut, steel cable made for tightropes. This makes balancing more difficult.

It has physical benefits such as strengthening legs and the core and honing balance. Some even claim there are spiritual benefits.

“Slacklining pushes concentration and forces you to focus on one thing,” said sophomore Kevin Kruger.

Kruger is most likely one of the students on campus you have seen walking the line. “When you’re slacklining, you zone everything else out. It clears your mind. There is a sense of peace and control over what you’re doing.”

Kevin started slacklining this past summer when he got a job close to his cabin in Minnesota.

“There was no internet and two television stations. I had seen pictures of my friend on Facebook who was high-lining at 15 or 20 feet and was amazed. With basically nothing to do, I dedicated my free time to practicing a few hours a day pretty much every day,” he said.

Kruger explains that slacklining exploded on NW’s campus, because it is simply addicting. “You feel like you improve every time you do it. It’s addicting because of the ‘I can do more’ sense. You never run out of things to try.”

Junior Luke Laaveg has a communal philosophy. “It’s something to do as a group. You can hang out but at the same time get better and watch others get better. You get a feeling of accomplishment every time you try it, not just for yourself but for everyone you’re with too.”

It is for this reason that slacklining has become popular in dorms such as Heemstra and West, which are both known for their strong sense of community.

Also, anyone can try slacklining. “Most people surprise themselves,” said Kruger.

“If you just dedicate some time, most people can stand and take a few steps in an hour. After that, you’ll never want to stop.”

There are many websites with information on the sport of slacklining. Supplies for making your own slackline are available at any sporting goods store and there are ready-made kits available as well.

Slacklining has officially arrived on NW’s campus and there are plenty of opportunities to try it. Next time you see a group gathered around a slackline, check it out.

“How is gambling contrary to Biblical standards: Will NW students patronize new casino approved to build in Lyon County?"

KRYSTAL VAN WYK

An anticipated 2011 opening is set for Lyon County’s new casino near Sioux Falls. With a 62 percent majority approval vote, the project was overwhelmingly accepted. The election saw the highest voter turnout for any special county election at 70 percent. Larchwood, Iowa will be the site of the casino, about eight miles from Sioux Falls (Forbes.com).

With a casino being built about an hour from Northwestern, some on campus have begun to wonder about the effects this casino could have on the campus. As of right now though, gambling does not seem to be something that is an issue with NW students.

“It’s a feeling—that risk feeling and that chance of winning money.”

-TJ Lensch

The NW handbook states that “The intent of gambling is contrary to biblical standards and the philosophy of life at NW. Thus, it is not to be tolerated on campus, and can lead to disciplinary action.” There is nothing that restricts students from gambling off campus.

Nevertheless, Dr. Sally Edman, NW’s Wellness Center director said, “We have some students on campus who struggle with gambling issues, although I’m not sure whether we’ve seen anyone who I would formally diagnose with a gambling addiction at this point.”

According to the wellness page of Missouri State’s website, 85 percent of college students in the United States report having been involved in some form of gambling and 32 percent report being involved on a weekly basis.

There are many different reasons students choose to gamble, one being entertainment. Junior Hans Vander Plaats told of the first time he went to a casino. “It can definitely be a form of entertainment. My friends were going, and I was bored.”

Junior TJ Lensch also said, “It is good entertainment. As long as other people are going, I will usually go too.”

Students also go to casinos because it is fun and they want to experience something new. Sophomore Melissa Simonson has never been to a casino but said she will probably go some day. “I can see myself going with the girls to test it out and see if it’s actually fun.”

Some go for the risk, fascination with luck and the enjoyment of fast money. “It’s a feeling—that risk feeling and that chance of winning money,” said Lensch. Furthermore, Luke Vermeer talked about the rush that he feels when he gambles and the fact of liking money.

Vander Plaats, Lensch, Vermeer and Simonson also talked about the potential problems that gambling could create. “I can see it being a form of entertainment for some, but I can also see people going in and it becoming addictive and causing damage to a lot of families,” said Vander Plaats.

Lensch talked about the importance of being conscientious. “As long as you’re smart and set your limits, I think it’s fine. You have to be responsible, though.”

Simonson thought it would be a “fun hobby as long as there was some restriction.”

These four students felt that gambling addiction was no problem at NW. “There’s no way we can,” said Vermeer. “We have to pay $27,000 a year to go here. We can’t afford to be addicted to gambling.”

As for attending the casino in Lyon County, all except Vander Plaats felt they would go sometime. Vander Plaats said, “I lost money both times I’ve gone to a casino and have no desire to go back.”

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Volleyball wins nail-biter over Dordt, takes Hastings and Concordia 3-0

BY BETH MOUW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Northwestern volleyball team has won all three of their most recent GPAC matches against Concordia, Hastings and long-standing rival Dordt. They now lead the GPAC with a 6-0 record and move up to 13th in the latest NAIA poll.

NW 3, Dordt 2

In what was perhaps the most anticipated match-up of the season, the Red Raider women pulled out a spectacular victory over Dordt College on Tuesday. The rivalry between the two colleges dates back to 1989, with Dordt holding a 34-27 lead over NW. The Defenders couldn’t pull out the victory this year, however, even on their home court.

“It’s always fun and exciting to beat Dordt,” said sophomore Hillary Hanno, “especially in their court.”

The real story did not come from the scores but rather from the fans to the players on the court.

Dordt was able to bounce back and grab the next set 25-17. The Raiders’ response was a decisive 25-14 victory in game three.

Game four was a close one with NW maintaining their momentum and taking the lead at 22-20. The Defenders weren’t ready to give up, though, as evidenced by the five-point run they used to secure the set.

The final installment in this classic battle was a riveting nail-biter. With the score tied at 13, junior Randa Hulstein put down a big kill for the Raiders, which junior Kristin Kooima followed up with an ace serve to seal Dordt’s fate.

“Everybody started celebrating, but I couldn’t believe it till I saw the line judge unwillingly put his flag down. After battling back for that long, we seemed to deserve it.”

Randa Hulstein led the team with 22 kills and 22 digs, hitting .366 for the match and adding six blocks. Freshman Rylee Hulstein added 11 kills, 12 digs and three blocks to the team’s effort. Freshman Kate Buyert and Hanno tallied eight kills apiece, and Buyert led the team with nine blocks. Beaver lofted up 45 assists and had 10 digs for NW. The Raiders out-hit the Defenders .196 to .106.

NW 3, Hastings 0

NW bested GPAC rival Hastings at home Saturday night 3-0, handing the Broncos their first GPAC loss.

The Raider women quickly jumped to a 7-1 lead in the first set before Hastings battled back to 11-8. The Broncos managed to climb within two points before junior Janna Bloemendaal served up a 4-1 run to give her team a 20-15 lead. The momentum continued as the game closed 25-20.

NW started game two much like the first, grabbing an early 8-1 lead. Hastings fought their way back until they were within two at 19-17 before the Raiders were finally able to pull away and end the set 25-20.

Game three was close from start to finish with seven ties and four lead changes. Trailing 14-13, the Raider women scored six straight points with Bloemendaal serving to lead 19-14. Hastings cut the lead back to two before NW once again pulled away with the victory, 25-21.

Hanno paved the way for the Raiders, hitting an impressive .529 with 20 kills in 34 attempts.

Men’s soccer struggles and falls to Wartburg 0-3, ties with Midland Lutheran 0-0

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Northwestern men’s soccer team finished another week with a disappointing loss to Wartburg, and a 0-0 tie with Midland Lutheran.

The real story did not come from the scores but rather from the return of former NW soccer coach TJ Buchholz.

Buchholz coached at NW from 2002-2006. Buchholz is now entering the game with a 7-3 record and had only 0.80 goals per game.

Going into the game, the players did not want to shine a lot of light on the former coach, but rather were “looking to pick up a win and gain momentum going into the second half of our conference season,” said senior captain Andy Janssen.

“It really was just another game. I maybe talked to him for ten seconds. However, there was competitive spirit and I wanted to just crush his team even more because he was my old coach.”

The week hurt the Raiders, who are fighting for playoff contention.

“The worst thing about the game is that we failed to get three points in the GPAC standings. Every point is vital for post-season rankings and who makes the playoffs,” said Janssen.

Midland’s record now sits at 3-5-1 after the tie. “As a group, we know we outplayed them and controlled the entire game. We just struggled creating scoring opportunities and finishing,” said Janssen.

The Raiders now enter into the second half of GPAC play and are trying to build momentum for a playoff run. “Every loss this season is starting to hurt more and more. Out of all the losses we have, there has only been one team that I thought was a better team then we are, and that was the Colorado School of Mines. As a team, our expectation is to finish the season strong and make it to the national tournament again. We will be unsatisfied with anything less,” said Janssen.

This week NW will start to attempt this push when they face Mount Mary at home on Wed. at 7:30 p.m. The Raiders record is currently 5-6-1 with a 3-2-1 GPAC record.
Seth Moen catches a touchdown pass for the Raiders against Concordia. Moen had four catches on Saturday.

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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Northwestern had another dominant week of football on Saturday, claiming a 49-2 victory over Concordia Nebraska. The Red Raiders have won three straight over Concordia Nebraska. The Red Raiders and is one of four NAIA players and 164 athletes in all divisions of college football.

Each school nominates one senior football player. The student must have at least a 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability and demonstrate strong leadership and citizenship.

Ochsner, son of Lon and Linda Ochsner, is an athletic training major from Sutton, Neb. The Draddy Trophy award was established to honor the former NFF Chairman Vincent Ochsner, is an athletic training

Ochsner has rushed for over 700 yards in his Northwestern career and has ten total touchdowns.

Women’s soccer pull off victory over Midland in overtime, drops one to Wartburg

The women’s soccer team split their games this week, claiming a 2-1 victory over Midland last Saturday and falling to Wartburg 0-3 on Monday. The Raiders fall to a 4-7-1 record, 2-3-1 in the GPAC.

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Football rolls to 49-2 victory over Concordia Nebraska

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Kyle Ochsner named Draddy Trophy Semi-finalist

Senior running back Kyle Ochsner was named a semi-finalist for the 2008 Draddy Trophy by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

Each school nominates one senior football player. The student must have at least a 3.2 GPA on a 4.0 scale, have outstanding football ability and demonstrate strong leadership and citizenship.

Ochsner, son of Lon and Linda Ochsner, is an athletic training major from Sutton, Neb. The Draddy Trophy award was established to honor the former NFF Chairman Vincent Ochsner, is an athletic training

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DePaul Draddy, a quarterback from Manhattan. The winner of the award earns a 25-pound bronze trophy and $25,000 post-graduate scholarship. Ochsner joins 11 other NAIA players and 164 athletes in all divisions of college football.

Former winners of the trophy include Peyton and Eli Manning in 1997 and 2003. Ochsner has won two letters for the Red Raiders and is one of four captains this year. He is leading the team with 216 rushing yards and four touchdowns, with an average of 9.4 yards per carry.

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Hilary Hanno and Kaitlin Beaver earn GPAC honors

Sophomores Hilary Hanno of Sioux City and Kaitlin Beaver of Sioux Center both earned GPAC weekly honors for their performance last week.

Hanno averaged 5.7 kills per set and hit .500 in the three matches. She smacked down 17 kills against USF, 14 kills against Concordia and 20 against Hastings.

Beaver lofted up an average of 10.8 assists per set, including an impressive 37 against the Broncos. She also had 24 digs and three ace servings. She leads the GPAC in aces with 38.
Some flights have only slightly gone up. Orlando increased by one percent and Atlanta by three percent. Both Denver and Las Vegas have experienced a four percent rise in fares.

As a whole, the country has seen a more significant fare increase. Harrell’s analysis revealed that leisure travels increased 11 percent as business fares rose by six percent. Cities that have been of great interest lately are found across the map. A year-to-year study has shown that Minneapolis has seen a 17 percent increase in fares. Dallas came in with a smaller increase of 12 percent, while Newark, N.J. fares went up by fifteen percent. The biggest increase in fares has been in Philadelphia at 26 percent.

Good news comes from Denver, where fares have increased only four percent over the past year. This finding is due to two factors. Southwest Airlines has added flights as United Airlines and Frontier Airlines have decreased flights. Denver plans to have 115 Southwest daily flights by Nov. 2. Fall flight prices have fallen because of low-fare competition, according to Expedia’s TravelTrendwatch. The number of people hopping on a plane from Denver to San Francisco has decreased by 32 percent. Flights from Denver to San Diego have experienced a decline of 30 percent.

Mike Fridgen, an airfare forecaster and director of Product Management for Farecast said potential passengers who have the option of booking a flight from a discount carrier aren’t seeing a significant increase in fares. Fridgen reports that people traveling during Thanksgiving will probably have to pay 35 percent more than last year. Christmas travelers will likely experience a 31 percent increase. Fridgen also says that the overall increases, particularly in leisure fares, are “as dramatic as I’ve seen it in all the years that we’ve been tracking it.” Fall fares typically see a drop, but he has a feeling that “they can keep these fares at summertime peak levels.”

The group is currently building a website that will allow students to submit suggestions and complaints electronically.

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### Sodexho goes eco-friendly: Efforts evident at mealtime

**By Leann Johnson**

From cleaning supplies to coffee cups, Northwestern’s food service provider, Sodexho, is “going green.” Sodexho, which caters to over 600 campuses throughout the United States, is joining the national “go green” movement by conserving energy and reducing wastes.

NW’s cafeteria general manager, Don Keith, says that NW has successfully joined in on this movement by making several changes in the cafeteria this year.

For example, upperclassmen may have noticed that napkins are no longer located on the tables. Instead, they are placed in dispensers throughout the cafeteria and dining area. Keith says that this has resulted in fewer napkins being used, which cuts costs for the school and helps reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfill.

Sodexho is also aiding the green movement by encouraging students not to use trays. Research by Anramark Higher Education Food Services shows that 25 percent less food is wasted and one-third of a gallon of water is saved per tray when students do not use trays. Keith said that “Trayless Tuesdays” have helped reduce the amount of food wasted, which means cooks do not have to make as much food on Tuesdays.

The cafeteria also switched the dairy from which it buys its milk. In previous years, it bought milk from a dairy in Nebraska. This year, however, it buys its milk from Dean’s Dairy in LeMars, thus reducing the amount of carbon released into the environment during transport.

The cafeteria management is also looking into buying organic produce grown locally from a regional supplier in Des Moines. The cafeteria and Hub have cut down on the amount of Styrofoam used in plates and coffee cups by replacing them with paper products. In addition, the cafeteria switched to Canyon Coffee as its coffee supplier because of NW’s desire to spend money responsibly.

Canyon Coffee focuses on the relationship between the producer and supplier and ensures fair trade between the two. As a result, Sodexho knows the names of the farmers who produce its coffee beans, and the money used to pay for the coffee goes back to these farmers.

Keith said that NW has taken these eco-friendly steps as part of its Christian responsibility to be more socially conscious and to encourage sustainability instead of wastefulness.