In the Universe: Mercury unveiled
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We’ve all heard students comment on the dangers of going through college inside “the Northwestern bubble.” In our attempt to broaden your horizons, the Beacon brings you Mercury: the misunderstood planet.

Astronomers who thought they had Mercury figured out were more than a little surprised by the volcanic activity recently captured by the NASA Messenger space probe. Of even greater interest than the continued activity of volcanoes, is the dark blue matter that spews forth.

MIT planetary scientist Maria Zuber says that prior to this discovery, many astronomers believed that Mercury’s shape was due to space collisions and that the planet was made up of “dead rock.” The dark blue matter suggests otherwise.

Zuber reports that the changing theories regarding the planet’s nature and formation are fascinating. She continues to conduct experiments on the Messenger probe. “It’s an awful lot of volcanic material,” she said.

About 95 percent of Mercury is currently captured on photograph, now that new images have been compiled with earlier ones.

Many images of filled-in craters suggest that the moon was once king of volcanic activity. One such crater is as big as the Baltimore-Washington area and filled with more than a mile’s worth of lava. The photos show quite a bit more of the blue mineral than astronomers expected.

Mark Robinson, an Arizona University geologist, speculates that the blue matter erupting from volcanoes is an important, yet unknown mineral. Robison adds that the material only appears to be “dark blue” when under the influence of infrared cameras and appears to have only a “soft blue tinge” to the naked eye. Though past research hasn’t found any iron in it, he believes that it could possibly contain some.

Halloween Happenings
BY LEANNA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Northern’s Called2Go ministry sponsored a Hunger Awareness Week from October 24 through 31. The week offered students opportunities for involvement that furthered awareness of hunger and made a difference in the lives of people from areas as local as Sioux Falls and as far-reaching as South Africa and Brazil.

The first event involved four Called2Go volunteers serving the Friday evening meal, which was provided by Sodexo, at the St. Francis House, a non-denominational emergency shelter in Sioux Falls, S.D. This ministry provides a warm bed, laundry, food and other services for about 50 people who have nowhere else to turn.

On Monday, Called2Go showed and discussed the movie, The Real Hogam: Facing Hungry, a documentary on rural poverty showing the effects food insecurity can have on one’s dignity and how experiencing hunger is more than just not having enough to eat. Andrea (Davis) Dutt, student leader of Called2Go, said the movie was “totally eye-opening, especially to rural hunger.” She also felt that the movie helped raise awareness about the hunger “even right around the corner here in Orange City.”

On Tuesday, Discipleship Groups across campus discussed hunger and what the Bible has to say about it. Among the passages the D-Groups studied was this week’s theme verse from the beginning of Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.” Students were given the opportunity to fast over lunch on Wednesday to simulate what it is like to live with food insecurities. For every one of the 184 students that fasted, Sodexo donated $1.89 to Kids Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to significantly reduce the number of hungry children.

Called2Go hosted a Hunger Banquet on Wednesday night that was designed to teach students more about hunger through an experiential meal. The 14 students who participated were randomly split up into three different groups, low-, medium-, and high-income, to show how impossible it can be to escape the unfairness and injustices of poverty.

On Thursday, students packaged food for Kids Against Hunger for five hours. The total amount of food packaged was around 26,000 meals. According to Kids Against Hunger’s website, they will now send the food to over 40 countries throughout the world in an effort to reduce the devastating fact that 40,000 children die every day from malnutrition, starvation, and hunger-related diseases.

Junior Chelsea Stromley was one of the many volunteers who decided to help package food. Stromley chose to help out because she has been blessed with the “capability of having food.” Simply put, according to Stromley, “If we have the ability to help others, I think we should. Everyone deserves food.”

Hunger Awareness Week will close with one final activity on Friday night. Students will serve supper at The Banquet, a soup kitchen in Sioux Falls that offers opportunities for volunteers to provide, prepare, and serve meals to people with limited needs. Stromley hopes that after this week “students are deeply impacted by being faced with issues of hunger around the world” and that they “view circumstances through a different light, the light of hunger.” When it comes to hunger, “Knowledge is power,” according to Dutt. “College is the time to learn and do what we can to eliminate hunger so when we graduate and have more time and resources as a job, we can make even more of a difference.”

Tasting hunger: Students serve food
BY LEANNA JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Student Activities Council plans to allow students to release their holiday energy from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Vermeer dining hall. “We wanted to give people a fun place to dress up for Halloween,” said Kelsey Shiflet.

Being the first Halloween dance in quite a few years, the SAC has decided to go with a “scary” theme as well as having an assortment of free food and costume contest where individuals can have their costumes judged with the opportunity of winning prizes. The Halloween dance party is free for the attendants who wear costumes and will cost $1 for those who attend without dressing for the occasion.

Also on Friday, community trick-or-treaters will descend on the campus looking for sugary loot. Students living in residence halls are encouraged to dress up and have candy on hand. Not to be outdone, Heemstra will again supply students with a good scare at Harvest Bash next Monday.

Nov. 3. Students can wander through the haunted halls of Heemstra from 9-11 p.m. The theme is “What if?”

Student will be required to pay an entrance fee. Items accepted include: any canned good, children’s winter clothing, pull-up diapers, diapers size 1-5, winter jackets for any age, any piece of American paper currency, and rubber pigs. All items will be donated to The Bridge.

When asked what students can expect, R.D. Brian Mortarty laughs, “What if” explains it well.

Flu vaccine clinic this Thursday
BY JENNA BOOTE
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Roll up your sleeves and grit your teeth. It’s flu season.

Influenza outbreaks occur from November to May; so college health services plan to offer flu shots this Thursday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m in the RSC mallway.

Sarah Van Wyk RN, BSN for Community Health Partners explains, “Living in such close contact together, lack of sleep and stress puts them at higher risk for catching influenza. Those conditions also make it easier for influenza to spread quickly throughout campus. Getting a flu shot is a student’s best defense, along with good hand washing.”

Health professionals recommend getting a flu shot every year. New influenza viruses are constantly developing, so vaccines are updated. Scientists match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause illness. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after the shot, and protection lasts up to a year.

The ability of a flu vaccine to protect a person depends on the age and health status of the person getting the vaccine, and the similarity or “match” between the virus strains in the vaccine and those in circulation. Testing has shown that flu shots are effective at preventing the flu, according to the Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases.

Flu shots cannot cause the flu, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Viruses in an inactivated influenza vaccine have been killed and pose no risk.

Those receiving the vaccine will not need an I.D., but must sign a consent form. The cost for students, faculty or staff is $20, and family members can get the shot for $25.
Have a care: don’t be so apathetic

BY BRITTNEE WOOD

Yes, you’re sick of the commercials, the debates, the terribly rude individuals from an Obama or McCain sponsored table in the RSC who demand to know who you are voting for when all you really want to do is get to class or practice on time. Don’t these annoying people understand that you have either made your decision based solely on the fact that you are a Republican or Democrat, or that you feel overwhelmed with life and will do nothing like make an “informed decision” come Election Day?

Perhaps you are a registered Independent, and proudly proclaim this to the avid tablers in the RSC, because let’s face it, being Independent means that you really “think about the issues” since you’re not pleading allegiance to one party or another. Probably the only thing you aren’t getting sick of are the endlessly witty SNL skits that feature Joe Biden’s windsy rhetoric or Sarah Palin’s “ya, you betcha” attitude.

If you have been watching the debates and are left wondering about issues that concern you most, like healthcare, the economy, or whether the often referred to Joe six-pack and Joe the plumber are related, the information you seek is no further away than a Google search on the World Wide Web. The two big-ticket runners have made their platforms easily accessible to curious voters on their respective websites. Even Independent runner Ralph Nader sports a website for interested voters, and if you’re stuck for consistency, Ralph is probably your man.

Aside from party platforms though, is the importance of the debate and deliberation you put into your decision come Election Day. Take advantage of conversations with friends, family and even those annoying tablers in the RSC. Put to use the invaluable skills your higher education has taught you and do a little research. Ask questions. Is universal healthcare really the best option? Are morals really defined by only one party? Most important of all, relinquish that tight hold you have on your political ideology and allow yourself to be shaped and molded by new ideas that make you not just a voter, but a permanent voice as a citizen of the United States. Do not stray from the polls simply because you don’t want responsibility further down the road for a decision you make by checking a Palin’s box. Just as a president cannot be blamed for an entire economic crisis, a single voter cannot be blamed for the failings of a president. Rather, we are all in this together as a people, as a nation. Voting is a freedom, just as not voting is a freedom.

What we must remember on Nov. 4 is how community was the greatest part of NW.

“I can’t tell you to go out and appreciate community or to go out and think about the issues” since you’re not getting sick of are the endlessly witty SNL skits that have a piece of parchment that is now mud moulded by new ideas that make you think for yourself. Look at the issues, use your voice as an individual, pick up a pen and make a decision using their voice as an individual, and then as a country.

So I encourage you, from one citizen to another, pick up a pen and have a care, have an opinion, have a voice.

Vote McCain! *wink* wink*

BY MATT HULSTEIN AND TRACEY PRONK

For the past month, we have followed the antics of the “lip-sticked pit bull” Sarah Palin with fascination. Early curiosity soon turned to disbelief. “McCain has a thirty percent chance of dying during his first term…this woman might actually run our country!” It is now very obvious that Palin was selected for political reasons—her sex, her middle class appearance, and her faith claims—rather than her qualifications.

The most glaring reason for Palin’s selection is her sex. After Hillary Clinton stepped aside, the McCain campaign was anxious to capitalize on a split Democratic Party. That strategy: nominate a woman and voters will blindly follow. Wrong. First, assuming women will support a female candidate simply because they share reproductive organs is innately stupid, Second, nominating Palin because of her sex and not her credentials is one big objectification.

Palin was also picked because of her identification with lower and middle income voters. Apparently, we would blindly support a “middle class familywoman” even though her McCains’ policies would drastically favor the rich. Palin’s “down-home,” vocabulary, admirable winks and cute little accent just go to show that she is a regular gal tryin’ to do her part for America—how could we possibly resist that?

Finally, many people support Palin because of her faith, yet it would seem that no candidate has been more vicious or dishonest during this campaign. Three weeks ago, she insinuated that Obama “pals around with terrorists.” A few days later, a woman told McCain that she couldn’t trust Obama because “he’s an Arab.” When McCain tried to correct her, he was booed by his own supporters. People have s h o u t e d “terrorist” and “kill him” in reference to Obama at McCain rallies. These inappropriate comments seem to stem from Palin’s vocalized fears.

Well, at least Palin opposes Roe v. Wade…right? When asked by Katie Couric if she believed there was an inherent right to privacy in the Constitution, Palin replied, “Yeah, I think there is.” (The right to privacy is a central plank to Roe v. Wade.) The comment seemed to come from Palin’s signature Roe v. Wade, not her support; still, it doesn’t inspire much confidence.

Palin has been the Governor of Alaska for two years; before that she was a small town mayor, and…that’s about it. She has never left the U.S., yet still claims to have foreign policy experience—Alaska is very close to Russia.

McCain never met Palin before she was selected, but she fit the political bill perfectly—a middle class, right wing, “mavericky” woman who could split the Democrats and rally the party faithful.

However, the most important job of vice president is not to help her running mate get elected; it’s to be prepared to become president should the elected president die. Sarah Palin is not qualified to perform this task. Her politically-driven selection reveals two things about John McCain: a lack of respect for women and lower/middle-income voters alongside a disappointing lack of integrity.
Geocaching: modern day treasure hunting

BY LEANNE JOHNSON
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As Northwestern students go about their day-to-day lives, they probably do not even realize they could be walking past hidden treasures. Thousands of people have secretly placed treasures throughout the world in a new game called geocaching (pronounced geo-cashing), which is basically “high-tech treasure hunting” according to the official website, www.geocaching.com.

Here is how the game works. First, a geocacher places a geocache someplace outside, anywhere in the world. A typical geocache is a canister, bucket or container about the size of a shoebox that holds some sort of prize. This prize could be basically anything: a pack of gum, a glow stick, a book, toys, trinkets, a dollar bill, etc. Geocachers should place more upon the thrill of the adventure went.

The final location of a geocache can be about as random as its object they took, what they left behind. Then geocachers can go back to the place where the adventure went. Geocachers can also write about their experience finding the geocache in the logbook located inside the cache. In this book, they can read about how the search went for other people who have already found that particular cache. Then geocachers can go back to the website and write about their find, the object they took, what they left behind and a description of how their experience finding the cache went.

Geocaching is a fairly new game. On May 3, 2000, after the government removed the selective availability controls it had placed on GPS’s, Dave Ulmer, a GPS enthusiast, hid a container in the woods outside of Portland, Oregon and placed coordinates on the Internet. He called this idea the “Great American GPS Stash Hunt.” The only rule was “Take some stuff, leave some stuff.” By the next day, two people had already found his stash.

The idea quickly caught on and by September of that year, 75 similar caches had been placed throughout the world. Today there are 669,333 geocaches placed throughout the world. The official website of geocaching encourages “people of all ages, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment” to join in on geocaching, “the sport where you are the search engine.”

New exhibit at the Sioux City Art Center

BY KRISTI KORVER
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Located on 225 Nebraska Street in Sioux City, Iowa, the Sioux City Art Center has served as a cultural focus in the region for more than 60 years. According to their website, siouxcityartcenter.org, the Sioux City Art Center’s mission is to “bring excitement to the visual arts to the community through education, exhibition, permanent collection and the support of artists.”

The Permanent Collection includes more than one-thousand works from artists around the world. There is a special focus on art related to the Midwest. The Art Center also has a variety of special exhibitions throughout the year. For the past year, Grant Wood’s Corn Room mural has been displayed in its entirety. There are also exhibitions by LaVerne Frank Rush and Rey Parla. The newest exhibition by Valerie Beeler just opened on Oct. 18.

Beeler grew up in San Antonio, Texas and received her MFA from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She now lives and paints in Chicago. Circular and cell-like shapes often dominate Beeler’s paintings; she layers them in clouds or lines of color. When describing her painting process Beeler says, “The dynamic between conscious intent and intuitive response is at the root of my work.” This brings the viewer into a world of fantasy. Lisa Wainwright, professor at School of the Art Institute of Chicago, praises Beeler’s work: “Beeler gives pictorial form to that which is invisible in the way that only good painting can.”

The Sioux City Art Center welcomes all visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Thursday when it is open until 9 p.m. and Sunday when it opens late at 1 p.m. Each day admission to the Art Center is free, so many can enjoy the visual arts.
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**BY ANNE EBERLINE**

One group of women got creative in the way they’re keeping their high school friendship alive. Three years ago sophomore Anna Henke, friendship alive. Three years ago sophomore Anna Henke, friend.

Maria Jane Lang, a Northwestern graduate Jamie (Lueck) Stanislav, Chelsea Arnott and Katie Kautz, all from the Owatonna, Minn. area, began sharing a necklace; keeping it for about a month and then mailing it to another person in the group.

“We got the idea from the ‘Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants’ book series by Ann Brashares. We thought it would be a fun way to stay close and involved in each other’s lives, and it has,” Henke shared.

“Our story is recorded in a notebook that accompanies the necklace when it’s mailed from person to person. Each writes a life update to share with the rest of the group when she is in possession of the necklace. There is also a pocket to include recent photos. “Even when things get too busy to call each other, once our turn with the notebook and necklace comes around, we get caught up,” Henke said.

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**BY KRISTAL VAN WYK**

For many students, mid-term break was time spent at home being refreshed with family and friends. However, for some Northwestern students, it was time spent at Urban Plunge in Omaha, Neb.

A dozen students, along with student leader Brittiny Caffey, made the drive to help families in need and to experience a different kind of refreshment. They helped nine different inner-city ministries which involved handing out food to the homeless, sorting clothes at a thrift store and participating in a prayer walk through areas characterized by soaring crime rates.

For sophomore, Klarc Korver, this trip was not part of his original mid-term plans. “All my plans changed when I was told by my 3-year-old cousin that ‘When God tells you you have to go, you go!’ I had been debating all week about it.”

The idea had crossed his mind earlier that week after reading about Moses’ call to help the Israelites in their exile to the Promised Land. “Figured this is probably God talking to me,” Korver said.

FRESHMAN Emily Hegstad’s call to go resulted from feelings of unfinished business from her trip to North Omaha her senior year of high school. “Went on my senior trip and we went to Open Door Mission, but we didn’t stay there long,” Hegstad said. “I got the email here at school and saw ‘Open Door Mission’ and it sparked that memory of not being satisfied the last time I went. God really opened that door for me.”

Korver, Hegstad and the rest of the team were instantly immersed in Omaha. The first night, they walked around Omaha and handed out food to the homeless. Hegstad said, “I was surprised how forward our leaders were with the homeless. I was even more surprised of how willing the homeless were to talk back.”

One story that resonated for both Korver and Hegstad was that of Ron Dotzler from Abide Ministries, which Korver described as “a place people live and are trained for mission work.”

Ron felt like God was telling him to sell his things and become a missionary,” Hegstad explained.

Dotzler ended up selling his house and everything he owned. While driving around a rough part of Omaha one day, he came across a condemned building and felt God telling him to buy it. With the help of donations, the building was turned from a place that once housed gang activities into a place that houses and prepares missionaries.

Hearing Dotzler’s story confirmed Korver’s decision to go on the trip. “He does exactly what I want to do someday: get out of my comfort zone and work with kids,” Korver said.

Hegstad learned what it really means to be thankful for what we have. “On our way home, we stopped at a restaurant, and seeing people waste food made us all mad.” Hegstad continued to talk about the transition needed to come from inner-city life back to life in Northwest Iowa. “It’s amazing how quickly we are able to get back to our normal lives. For others, that is their life.”

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The sisterhood celebrates at Stanislav’s wedding. From l to r: Holly Anderson, Anna Henke, Jamie Stanislav, Katie Kautz, Chelsea Arnott.

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Two Urban Plunge members chat with a man in Omaha’s inner-city.
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**Long distance relationships:** Can absence make the heart grow fonder?

**BY KILEY SELIGMAN**

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. In Francis Davison's "Poetical Rhapsody" of 1602 these infamous words were penned for the first time, written by an anonymous poet (Trivia-library.com).

Many college students put this phrase to the test when they enter into a long distance relationship.

The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships did a study at Purdue University in Indiana. The study used 200 long distance relationships (LDRs) and 200 geographically close relationships, studying hundreds of aspects of each.

According to the study, LDRs can work. The LDR couples in the study did not break up at a higher rate than those who were close together.

However, an LDR does need lots of care and commitment to work. The study emphasizes staying optimistic. It is easy to get down, especially when you don't get to see your significant other very often.

People who are sad often isolate themselves. However, social lives are very important. The Center for the Study of Long Distance Relationships said, "We know that the degree of social support from friends and family predicts both the emotional difficulty someone will have while separated and the likelihood that the relationship will stay together."

The study also suggested a five-step approach to keeping emotional intimacy over long distances.

Step one is to share in seemingly small daily events. Many couples skip talking about the "unimportant stuff," because they don't want to bore each other. In order to feel a part of each other's lives, the little things are what is important.

Step two is to take advantage of technology. Cell phones, webcams, instant messaging and Facebook all can be used to stay in touch. Also, a website called Skype can be used to make free internet calls or even video calls if you have a web cam.

The study also found that "couples in LDRs that stayed together wrote to one another twice as often as those that broke up." These were not emails that these couples were writing, but handwritten letters.

Writing is all about picturing your audience. If you write to your significant other, this means that you know them well enough to communicate without seeing their expression or having them there to communicate back.

Carl Vandermeulen, professor of English and communication, stressed the importance of couples writing to each other. "If you can't create your reader, the person you're interested in, then maybe there is not enough empathy. If you can't relate over distance, is it right?"

The fourth step in creating intimacy over a distance is to understand that telephone communication is not perfect. The study found that "Arguments are more difficult to resolve, opinions are difficult to predict, couples feel misunderstood and attacked, and they may judge their partner as less sincere and intelligent than when talking face-to-face."

Couples have to be able to distinguish which arguments are a result of telephone conversation and which ones are more serious and need to be resolved.

The final step is to keep reminders of your partner near. Have photographs, trinkets, anything that reminds you of them close by. It makes them seem "near psychologically, when they can't be near physically."

Finally, the study tells LDR couples to face issues. The study found that "Faced with limited time together, couples often don't want to "spoil" a weekend by bringing up issues." However, in order to strengthen a relationship, serious discussions are necessary.

Finally, according to the Christian Singles Radio Blog, "Pray daily for your long distance relationship and your dating partner. Ask the Lord Jesus to mold you both into the people He wants you be, and surrender your long distance relationship to His will (Proverbs 3:5-6). This will bring you great peace and assurance."

**Bring Christmas to a child in need with Operation Christmas Child**

**BY BETSY POPPENS**

With all the food, cheer and family, everyone loves Christmas, especially children. But what if you lived without basic life necessities, such as food and clothing, or possibly, lost your family to disease or war? What if you had nothing and could only dream of a Christmas present?


Each donated shoebox is sent to boys and girls, ages two to four, five to nine, or 10 to 14.

First, select the gender and age of a child for whom you wish to make a box. Fill the shoebox with the following new materials: hygiene items, toys, clothing and school supplies. Some suggested items include washcloths, combs, deodorant, socks, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, underwear, t-shirts, bar soap, pencils, markers, crayons, paper, toy cars, stuffed animals, Legos, dolls and jump ropes.

Do not send liquids, anything representing snakes, anything war-related, including toy figurines with weapons, food, breakables or aerosol cans.

You may include a picture of yourself with a note and your address. If you want to wrap your box, wrap the lid separately. Put rubber bands around the finished box and tape a gender/age label on top on each end. Labels can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org.

A Gospel booklet is included with each box. Booklets have been translated into over 70 languages, and bring the message of Jesus to each child.

Collection sites, churches that support O.C.C. by collecting boxes, will send them to a distribution center Nov. 17-24 where they will be sorted and shipped. However, shipping isn't free.

Inside a sealed envelope with "Shipping and Handling" written on the front, include a $7 check made out to Samaritan's Purse with O.C.C. in the memo, or pay online at the previously mentioned website. Drop-off sites are listed at www.samaritanspurse.org.

The closest collection site to Orange City is New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center. If you aren't able to bring it there, Betsy Poppens' church is also a collection site. Just contact her at bpoppens@nwc.iowa.edu by Nov. 20, and she will take your box to her church for you.
Raiders cruise to sixth straight victory with win over Briar Cliff

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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The Northwestern football team captured their sixth straight victory with ease on Saturday, defeating Briar Cliff 35-0. The Red Raiders are 7-1 this season, losing only to Morningstar, which is ranked fourth in the NAIA. Briar Cliff falls to 1-7.

Neither team was able to score in the first quarter, but junior quarterback Cary Overholt put the Raiders in the lead with a one-yard touchdown run. Freshman Mike O’Brien made the point after to put the Red Raiders up 7-0.

Northwestern out-shot the Tigers in the second quarter, breaking the old record of 11. The Raider defense had a big game, holding their attack to 65 rushing yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. Overholt was 6-of-20 at quarterback. The Raiders also defeated Doane College on Saturday, Oct. 11. Sophomore Taylor Malm led the offense with 65 rushing yards on 16 carries and a touchdown. Overholt was 6-of-20 at quarterback.

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The Raiders tried to rebound from the loss when they took on USF on Tuesday, Oct. 28. The match resulted in a 2-2 tie after two overtimes. NW now moves to 5-4-2 in GPAC play and 7-8-2 overall. The match was decided by the sudden death overtime, and the Cougars are second. Kick-off is set for 12 p.m.

Men's soccer struggles with overtime losses to DWU, USF

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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Rain fell on the Red Raider's men's soccer team as they fell to Dakota Wesleyan 2-1 on Wednesday, Oct. 22. The overtime loss was hard on the Raiders, dropping them below .500 on the season, however, the scoreboard may have been the only place DWU came out on top. Northwestern out-shot the Tigers 25-14 and had twice as many corner kicks with 6. Scoring for NW was led by senior Steven Grand.

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Men's cross country races through the mud at USD

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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Last Saturday the Northwestern men's cross country team set out with ten men to compete in The Graphic Edge Cross Country Invitational in Vermillion, SD. The team finished in tenth place overall out of 15 teams.

Sophomore Danny Owens finished in 41st for the Raiders with a time of 27:33, followed closely by the rest of the Raider pack. Junior Kyle Gerhard finished 44th with senior Jack Peterson and sophomore Tyler Peekenschneider following closely behind in 50th and 67th, respectively. Freshman Adam Verhoef finished in 83rd, junior Lee Stover was 86th and junior Andy Norris took 88th to round out the top seven Raiders.

They "were able to work the middle section of the race and held together pretty well," said head coach Dale Thompson. "Our goal is to get our packs across the line in about 45 seconds. We will work on that."

The NW men's cross country team traveled to Adam's Nature Preserve in McCook Lake, S.D. to compete in the Briar Cliff University Invitational.

According to head coach Dale Thompson the team set out on the "flat, winding trails in a forest preserve" on the 8,000 meter run and finished in sixth place out of 12 teams.

As a team, NW finished in the top half and had eight runners in the top half of the finishers. Out of 127 runners, Owens finished in 16th with a time of 27:31. Other top finishers for the Raiders were: Peterson (18th) Gerhard (36th), Peekenschneider (39th), Norris (43rd), Stover (55th), freshman Eric Posthuma (66th) and freshman Andrew Johnson (66th).

Coach Thompson felt as if his team ran well and were "just off the back on the pack." He is encouraged to be heading in the right direction.

The next meet for the Raiders is the GPAC conference meet on November 8 at Hastings.
Red Raider women compete at Vermillion

BY BETH MOUW
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On Saturday, Oct. 25 the Raider women competed in the 15th Annual Graphic Edge CC Invite in Vermillion, S.D. The Raider women placed seventh out of fourteen teams with a score of 156. Host USD, an NCAA D-1 school, took first with 52 points.

Sophomore Charity Miles was the top finisher for Northwestern, placing eleventh with a time of 19:13 in her first meet back since being injured at the beginning of the season. The meet was close as sophomore teammate Sara Hess finished just 28 seconds behind Miles and placed 24th with a time of 19:41. Sophomores Jenna Sorensen and Stephanie Powell took 29th and 41st with times of 20:45 and 20:52, respectively. Junior Ingrid Carlson and freshman Teresa Scholten finished 58th and 59th out of the 157 women participants.

On Saturday, Oct. 11 the NW cross-country team traveled to McCook Lake, S.D. to compete in the Briar Cliff Invitational. The women finished fourth out of 10 teams with 78 points. It seemed to be a day for excellence as four runners posted season-best times. Hess led the way for the Raiders, placing fourth out of the 109 women runners with a time of 19:02. Carlson came next, placing eleventh and running a 19:18. Sorensen and Powell rounded out the season best times with 19:36 and 19:54, respectively, and finished 144th and 22nd. Scholten was not far behind, finishing 27th with a time of 20:09. Junior Angela Wiggins, freshman Allison Weidlmeyer and sophomore Breann Rozenboom took 34th, 36th and 37th, respectively.

The NW cross country squad will next travel to Hastings, Neb. to compete in the GPAC Championships. The meet is set to start at 10:30 a.m.

The Raiders qualified for nationals last year and aim to make it again, but have had a tough season with many of their top runners facing injuries.

“I know the women’s team is capable of a great performance,” Coach Colleen Davis said.

Volleyball moves to eleventh in NAIA polls

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Prospects look bright for the Northwestern volleyball team in their last three weeks of play, the Raiders have gone 7-for-7 and boast an undefeated 13-0 in the GPAC. The Hulstein sisters each put down well-timed kills by Hanno and Randa Hulstein were the hot-hands for NW, recording 51 assists. Beaver had two ace serves and totalled 23 blocks over the Tigers.

The Raiders women had one of their easiest matches of the season. The final set saw three ties and eight lead changes on the way to NW’s 25-23 victory. Down 23-22, the Raiders scored the next three points to secure the victory. Game three saw NW with their biggest deficit of the night, 15-19, but it wouldn’t last long as the Raider women scored the next four points to tie. After some great play at the net by both teams, the score stood even at 25. Back-to-back kills by Hanno gave the Raiders the edge to the 27-25 victory.

Hanno had an amazing match, hitting .448 and totaling 17 kills. The Hulstein sisters each put down 12 digs and a total of 13 blocks while Bloemendaal led all scorers with 23 digs.

Randa boasted 15 and 10 digs, hitting .324 and totaling 17 kills. Beaver totaled 30 assists, six kills, six blocks and a total of 13 blocks while Bloemendaal and Randa Hulstein combined solid serving with strong net play to pull off the victory.

The Northwestern women’s soccer team has had three tough weeks of soccer, dropping four games and claiming one victory over Mount Marty College, 3-0. The Red Raiders fall to 5-11-1, 3-7-1 in the GPAC conference.

NW, USF 3

The Red Raiders fell to USF on Tuesday Oct. 3. The Cougars out-shot NW 22-1 and had 12 shots on goal. Freshman Candy Bergst had the only shot for the Raiders, which was a shot on goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Wendy Hofmeyer was tough under USF’s attack, making nine saves and allowing three goals. All of the Cougars goals were in the first 27 minutes of the game.

NW 0, Dakota Wesleyan 3

The NW women fell to Dakota Wesleyan in a rainy game last Wednesday, Oct. 22. DWU had 12 shots with six on goal and held the Raiders to five shots with one on goal. Sophomore Becca Hurley led NW with three shots and one on goal. Hofmeyer made three saves as goalkeeper.

NW 0, Concordia 1

The Raiders were defeated by Concordia on Saturday, Oct. 18. Concordia out-shot the Raiders 19-6, Hurley had three shots for NW, while Bergst and sophomores Amanda Mihaly and Katy Phillips each had one shot on goal. Hofmeyer had eleven saves in the loss and allowed one goal.

NW 3, Mount Marty 0

NW claimed a 3-0 victory over Mount Marty on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The Raiders had 28 shots, 13 on goal, and scored all three goals in the second half of play. They held the Lancers to only three shots. Hurley scored two goals, one off a rebound and the other less than 30 seconds later, to bring their season total to 12 goals. Bergst scored her first goal of her college career on an assist by junior Becca Bruns to give the Raiders their 3-0 victory. Hofmeyer made two saves and earned her third shut-out as goalkeeper.

NW 0, Dana 2

Dana College shut out the Red Raider women on Oct. 11, scoring both of their goals in the second half. NW managed only four shots in the first half, three on goal. Dana had six shots in the first half but was held to none in the second half. The Raiders had three shots after halftime, but didn’t manage to find the back of the net. Bergst made three saves as goalkeeper.

NW will finish their regular season on Saturday at home when they take on Doane at 5 p.m.
Mulder’s display of favorite things

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Northwestern’s first senior art show will run Nov. 2 through Nov. 8 and feature artwork by Kelly Mulder, a secondary art education major from Steen, Minn. The show will include oil paintings, prints, ceramics, plaster sculpture and photography.

A reception with the artist is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 2, from 2 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and visitors can expect, according to Mulder, “the best chocolate chip cookies anyone has ever tasted.”

Describing herself as detailed, Mulder enjoys realistic art as opposed to abstract. Her favorite medium is oil painting on canvas. The title of Mulder’s show, “These are a few of my favorite things,” gives a clue to how she hopes her art will be received. “I want people to be able to see and feel what I do when I look at it. Everything in my show has to do with something that I love.”

Mulder explains that much of her inspiration comes from her childhood years growing up on a farm, as well as her love for the outdoors. She also mentions her experiences in Guatemala and her family and home as inspirations.

Mulder cites her favorite pieces as a series of oil paintings entitled, “Fruits of the Spirit.” The portraits in the painting are of people she met on her three mission trips to Guatemala. “With each person that I met in Guatemala, I felt like I could see the fruits of the Spirit through them. It was amazing to see God working around the language barrier by opening our eyes to other things such as the fruits. While I was working on the series, I started to become aware of my tendency to place patterns somewhere in my works.”

She describes the patterns as unintentional and says she is still reflecting on their meaning.

She also hopes the paintings will give viewers a glimpse of the people she met. “They are so kind and they do not take anything for granted. They feel so blessed and are joyful, even if it seems to us like they do not have very much.”

Sisters in Service: missionaries speaking at chapel

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Michele Rickett, founder and president of Sisters in Service, a ministry working to address the issue of female exploitation in countries from West Africa to East Asia, and her husband, Daniel, will visit Northwestern on Nov. 3 and 4.

The Rickets will speak in chapel both days of their visit and will participate in a forum on missions Monday night at 7:30 p.m. All three addresses will take place in Christ Chapel and are free and open to the public.

After 25 years as a missionary wife, Michele Rickett founded Sisters in Service in 1995 to mobilize and equip God’s people to empower women and children against poverty, disease, exploitation and spiritual darkness in the least Christian regions of the world. The organization works with local initiatives to provide healthcare, education and microloans to some of the least valued women and children.

Dr. Rod Spidahl, professor of religion at NW, says, “Sisters in Service does a great job of integrating appropriate action with a gospel witness among some of the poorest and least powerful, helping churches find ways to express love in action without creating dependency structures that are not sustainable.”