Hispanic Festival comes to NW

BY TEDI SWANSON

A mariachi band, a children’s folk dance troupe and authentic Mexican food are all attractions that can be found at the Hispanic Culture Festival, to be held on Northwestern’s campus Saturday, Sept. 20.

Inspired by Professor Barb Turnwall’s Hispanic story project, the festival will work to allow NW and the surrounding community to experience aspects of the Hispanic culture. For the story project, Turnwall has gathered together a team that is working to learn the stories of Northwest Iowa’s Hispanic immigrants. Working in the same way the Hispanic story project has, the festival will attempt to inform individuals of a culture they may not have experienced.

The festival will begin with two performances from world famous storyteller Antonio Sacre. Coming from a mixed heritage background, Sacre is able to draw not only on his experiences with having a Cuban-American father and a Hispanic ethnicity, but also from what he has been taught by his Irish-American mother and the culture he experienced on the east coast.

“Sacre is an exciting writer, storyteller and performer. He will help us embrace diversity and honor Hispanic culture,” Turnwall said.

On top of the entertainment provided by professional performers, the festival will also include learning booths created by this semester’s Human Relations class. With booths encompassing areas such as crafts, games, music, culture and food, the festival will provide students with opportunities to further learn about Hispanic culture.

“I feel that as Americans we often think we know about other cultures because we’re supposedly a huge ‘melting pot,’” said Stephanie Lantz, a sophomore in the Humans Relations class. “Yet we don’t take the time to celebrate the different groups within our nation. I think the festival is going to be a really cool experience because it is everyone coming together to celebrate the Hispanic culture.”

Starting at approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, the Hispanic Culture Festival will provide the NW area community with activities throughout the day. With the mariachi band performing at 10:30 and 11:30 p.m. and the children’s folk dance troupe taking the stage at 12:30 and 1:15 p.m., the Hispanic Culture festival is sure to provide its attendants with many learning opportunities as well as delightful entertainment.

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Opportunity on display at activity fair

BY JENNA BOOTE

Students hoping to get involved in campus life can learn more at this year’s Activity Fair, scheduled for Monday, September 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the RSC mall area.

A variety of clubs and organizations will have tables set up, providing students with an opportunity to further learn about different groups within our nation. I think the festival is going to be a really cool experience because it is everyone coming together to celebrate the Hispanic culture,” Turnwall said.

Some organizations will be looking for members to join their team. The International Club, better known as the I-Club, is a group that seeks to bring together international students representing more than 100 American and international students. The International Club encourages students to attend, “Come to the social if you love ice cream and want to get to know the I-Club.”

Ice cream with the I-Club

BY LEANNE JOHNSON

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Ice cream and conversation can be found in the Hospers lounge this Sunday, Sept. 14, at 10 p.m., when Northwestern’s International Club will host an ice cream social.

The social starts at 10 p.m. so students can head over to Hospers directly after Praise and Worship. The International Club, better known as the I-Club, is a group of more than 100 American and international students representing over 17 different countries. These students come together to learn about and experience each other’s cultures and get to know each other better. This is the I-Club’s first activity this year to which all NW students are invited.

Ice cream is more than just an American dessert, as Jason Ho, this year’s I-Club president, proved with his knowledge of several different flavors of ice cream from around the world.

For example, Japan has green tea-flavored ice cream. Ho’s home country of Taiwan even has salty ice cream. Ho was quick to declare that these two interesting flavors, however enticing they may be to some of NW’s international students, will not be served at the social. The I-Club will be serving three kinds of ice cream: vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. Ho encourages students to attend, “Come to the social if you love ice cream and want to get to know the I-Club.”

Alert: NW gets new security system

BY JENNA BOOTE

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Avoid “us and them”

By Chris Barker

For a moment, hold in your mind a person who isn’t like you. Maybe a person who is the anti-you. Better yet, why don’t we expand this exercise and think about a group of people who believe something totally wonky, something totally alien to your way of thinking.

Yeah, those people. It’s a natural enough impulse, to place folks in groups—us and them. It’s also destructive impulse that humans have to deal with.

Once a person can make that cognitive separation, it’s easy to go on to justify all kinds of things, after all, they aren’t like us, right? The problem is that they are in fact like us. That is true all the time, and certainly more than anyone would like to admit. Segmenting humans into “us and them” groups robs people of God-given identities.

For “us” it places an artificial separation between God’s creations, and for “them” it starts the process of dehumanizing them.

As God’s representatives on earth, Christians should be the example that the rest of the world looks to, but this has been a problem since the beginning of the faith. Some of the biggest arguments in the early church were over what to do with “them,” the Gentiles. The church got that sorted out well enough, and you would think the lesson had been learned.

Not quite. Some Protestants still think that the Pope is the anti-Christ, and some from the Western Christian tradition derisively refer to the practices of the Orthodox church as “Smells and Bells.”

That’s just a cursory look at inter-Christian tension, and if the church can’t even manage to get along with itself and acknowledge the beauty of our different faith ways, how can the church be expected to speak truth to power?

Remember, it was the Christian Europeans who came to the Americas and justified their atrocities with the excuse that Native Americans were somehow different and unequivocal.

Remember, it was the Christians who sat by while a holocaust occurred in the middle of the last century.

If silence equals complicity, then it is no wonder that Christians aren’t viewed as different from the rest of humanity. Maybe it is time to acknowledge and own that fact. Christians aren’t different from the world. “We” are just like “them,” and that isn’t necessarily a bad thing.

We all love by God and we are all worthy of respect. We are all capable of great evil and we are all capable of overwhelming good.

Only by reclaiming our essential similarity can we truly begin bringing about God’s vision of a Kingdom of Heaven.
Big blockbusters make for a scripted summer

BY AMANDA WRIGHT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

At the beginning of summer we all look forward to the next “must-see,” hoping it will live up to the Hollywood hype. This summer we lucked out with films that make us think, laugh out loud and appreciate the genius of some of today’s filmmakers.

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Steve Carell knows just how to make us laugh with his quirky humor and silly individuality. Although the plot line of “Get Smart” was nothing mind-blowing, it still delivered hearty laughs and was a great way to spend a few hours. It first came off as a bad “007” knock off which made it less appealing, but overall, the team of Anne Hathaway and Carell made for a fun summer movie.

Even if you’re not a “Star Wars” fan, you can’t deny the cuteness of every little beep and mechanical movement R2D2 made. This summer, Pixar managed to create an even more adorable robot, “Wall-E.” Though intended as a children’s film, “Wall-E” touched the hearts of children and adults alike. It was a charming piece of imagination that reached out and made us fall in love with the last robot on earth. Although it was an animated film, “Wall-E” was a true piece of art. Colorful, exciting, beautiful, interesting, cute and absolutely loveable, the cute little robot and his story was everything we have come to expect from Pixar.

Funny man Seth Rogen once again hit comedy gold with the recent summer film “Pineapple Express.” I know what you’re thinking: “Dude, another movie revolving around the lives of stoners?” Settle down, it is not another Harold and Kumar fiasco. Intelligently written with an indie feel, “Pineapple Express” reaches out to friends, buddies and the ordinary guy. It by no means a deep thinker, but it offers good laughs and fine entertainment, which is good enough for most.

Perhaps the most anticipated and talked about movie of the summer, “The Dark Knight,” brought Batman back into the spotlight. With the great cast of Christian Bale, Aaron Eckhart and of course the late Heath Ledger, this blockbuster was a total success and arguably the best Batman movie thus far. All actors gave great performances but it is impossible to overlook the spooky manic fanaticism that Ledger gave as the Joker. His crazed demeanor gave the film a thrill unsurpassed by any other summer flick. Perhaps it did drag toward the end with a two-hour and 32-minute running time, but most agree it was time well spent.

Other fun summer films worthy of a watch include “Sex and the City,” “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull,” “The X-Files,” “The Rocker” and “Tropic Thunder.”

Blogging: individual thought goes global

BY SARA CURRY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After originating in the mind and traveling over time and through speech and written word, human thought has now made its way into cyberspace. Internet blogging has become an increasingly popular method to openly express thoughts, beliefs and ideas. Blogging can serve as a method of social networking, a tool to keep in touch with friends and family, and as an open discussion board on which anyone can present their ideas and comments.

There are many Northwestern students and faculty who blog regularly. Classes like Philosophy of Religion with Professor Donald Wacombe, professor of philosophy, use blogs as a way to continue discussion and reflection outside the classroom. Several NW students also use blogs during the summer as they travel to keep friends and family updated on their adventures.

Blaine Crawford, a senior religion major at NW, is fairly new to the blogging trend. Encouraged by a NW professor to read specific blogs, Crawford soon became inspired to contribute his own thoughts and ideas. Labeling himself a “Faith Blogger,” Crawford primarily enjoys expressing his views on Scripture and theology through his writing. He describes his personal blog as “a way to process and sort through the overload of information I get in a day, put it into words, and make it available for the whole world to see.”

After just completing a series of entries expressing his perception of the authority of Scripture, Crawford aims to continue updating his blog with book reviews, theological ideas, and everyday thoughts of life as a NW student. To encourage his fellow students to read others’ blogs and express their own ideas, Crawford promotes his own personal philosophy, “Just give it a shot and see what happens.”

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— Professor Thomas Holm during choir warm-ups.

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— Professor Bob Wrenn explaining that not all love relationships are friendships.

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— Amanda Kaufman in reference to finding one of her choir pieces (O God Our Help in Ages Past).

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— Dr. Doug Carlson to Lindsey Squires in reference to the NFL schedule on his computer calendar.

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A huge move

BY KRISTI KORVER

After 37 hours in the air, Ranjan George, Northwestern’s newest business professor, arrived in Omaha. He, his wife Chitra and young sons, Samuel and Emmanuel, then drove to Orange City with their eyes glued to the windows. George was amazed.

“Everything is huge!” he said. “The roads are huge. The land is huge. The vehicles are huge. Even some of the people are huge.”

The George family is from Columbo, Sri Lanka. They enjoyed the multi-cultural makeup of their homeland and all of the celebrations that come with such diversity, most of which center around food. George loves to make and eat Sri Lankan food but warns any new tasters that they “should be willing to burn their lips off.”

George first became interested in business through his father, the director of a small company. He graduated from Madras Christian College in India and went on to get his Ph.D. at the University of Western Sydney.

After he finished his schooling, George chose to teach. He felt called to share the knowledge he had received.

Unfortunately, Sri Lanka has been plagued with civil unrest for the last 30 years. Over 70,000 people have lost their lives because of the conflict. Problems have recently escalated and George knew that he and his family needed to leave Sri Lanka. After many applications and months of waiting, George was hired by NW.

As George transitions to teaching on a new continent, he still has the same passion for education. He is quick to note the similarities between Sri Lankan and American students—“both are dynamic and eager to learn.”

George is thankful for the opportunity to be at NW where he can teach about gaining spiritual profit as well as material profit.

His dark brown eyes grew huge with joy as he said, “I enjoy the freedom to talk about God with my students.”

Setting the stage: Dordt graduate joins campus community

BY MATTHEW HULSTEIN

Two years ago, John Paul left Northwestern’s theatre department to teach design at the graduate level in Mankato, Minn., and the department went looking for a replacement. After an extensive application and interviewing process, Ethan Koerner was asked to join the department as a design professor and scene shop manager.

Koerner first learned about the open position this past spring. April Vaughn Donahue, a professor of theatre at Dordt College, and wife of Bob Vaughn Donahue, assistant professor of theatre and speech, emailed Koerner and encouraged him to send in his materials.

Koerner, a graduate of Dordt College, jumped at the opportunity and applied for the position. After a few weeks, NW’s theatre faculty invited him to visit the campus and teach a theatre design class.

It was finals week when Koerner came to campus, so he didn’t have the chance to observe a normal classroom, but he still taught the class for invited students. Koerner really enjoyed the students he met.

“NW theatre students were more diverse than what I knew at Dordt, and not just in ethnicity—in interests, backgrounds and styles. Many of the students I taught weren’t even theatre majors; they just wanted to take the class.”

After graduating from Dordt, Koerner attended Bowling Green University in Colorado where he earned his master’s degree in theatre. He had a great experience, but Bowling Green was by far a larger school than Koerner was used to. He is enjoying being back at a small Christian college.

“There’s far more community here,” he explained. “And not just in the department; it’s throughout the whole campus.”

This semester Koerner is teaching two classes—one in design and another in stage craft.

“It’s not too stressful yet. NW has great students, and the faculty has been very welcoming.”

Koerner’s wife Laurel has recently been hired to teach theatrical design and stage craft as an adjunct professor at Dordt.

In addition to teaching, Koerner’s work this semester includes designing the set for this year’s children’s show and assisting Vaughn Donahue in designing the new set for “Terror Texts.”

More than just a language

BY KATIE RETH

In a sense, Northwestern is a home away from home for new Spanish professor Maria Van Der Maaten. A 2005 graduate of NW’s Spanish program, Van Der Maaten has spent her time since then earning her master’s degree in international development at the University of Denver.

When she graduated with her master’s in November of last year, Van Der Maaten wasn’t entirely sure where God would lead her. Instructor in Spanish Piet Koene’s decision to take a sabbatical left a one-year appointment open. Van Der Maaten decided to apply.

“After receiving the position, Van Der Maaten moved back to Orange City and is loving the small town life.”

“I’m really enjoying having my own little place and being able to work in my garden,” Van Der Maaten said.

This Spanish professor is excited to be teaching. One of her goals is to make learning a foreign language a more personal experience. Spending a lot of time in El Salvador, Van Der Maaten developed many strong relationships with the people there.

“T h e r e ’ s f a r m o r e c o n n e c t i o n w i t h "I would like to incorporate culture in my classes because I believe it’s easier to want to learn if you have some sort of a connection." Van Der Maaten said. She plans to do this by letting her students get to know some of the culture she experienced in El Salvador.

Her office contains a picture of four little girls. “These are my ‘adopted nieces,’” she said. While in El Salvador, Van Der Maaten grew very close to some families, which leads her to wonder where God will place her when her time at NW is done. Until she finds out, she intends give her students a taste of real Hispanic culture.
Caring for students
BY KRISTAL VAN WYK
STAFF WRITER

With a smile, Julie Dragstra welcomed a reporter into her office on the lower level of Wiersma Cottage. Dragstra didn’t hesitate to offer some left over jellybeans class from and began asking the reporter questions. The two quickly discovered a common connection with a family in the Grinnell, Iowa area. “What a small world!” Dragstra exclaimed.

Dragstra joins Northwestern’s faculty in the nursing department after spending the last 23 years in the nursing field at Avera McKennan in Sioux Falls. She most recently worked in hospice there. Before that she was employed at Sioux Center Community Hospital and provided homecare.

She plans on staying at NW as long as she can, helping with public health and physical assessment. Her other main focus is to help students discern their specific vocation in the area of nursing.

“It is exciting to know that I am teaching the nurses of the future. Being able to do it with a Christian perspective is also something that made me want to be part of this full time opportunity,” said Dragstra.

Sitting on one of Dragstra’s office shelves were two monkey figurines. “I have collected monkeys ever since I first got the ‘see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil’ monkeys years ago,” she said.

She told a little bit about each of them. “I have had the one dressed with the bed pan since 1985 and the other one in a nurse’s uniform I got from my sister when she came back from Honduras where she was a nurse for a while.”

Julie and her husband Ken, along with their three boys, live in Lebanon. They like to do family activities such as camping and playing sports. The boys often enjoy helping their dad on their farm when they get the chance.

Traveling along another journey
BY LEE STOVER
STAFF WRITER

Most people on Northwestern’s campus have had quite a journey on their way to Orange City. Ray Gibler, the new assistant professor in the business department, is no exception.

Gibler’s journey to NW began with his accounting degree at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Upon graduation, Gibler did accounting at property management companies and public accounting firms for a few years.

Then, he went on a mission trip to Mexico. “I went for 18 months and ended up staying for five years,” Gibler said with a smile.

While working at a Mexican Bible school, Gibler decided he wanted to teach. “I just loved being around that age group and teaching. I only taught one class down there and it was music or something, but I really loved it.”

When he returned to the United States, Gibler received his master’s degree in accounting from Washington State University. He then looked for schools searching for accounting professors.

“NW was about the size I was looking for. Plus, I felt like my personal mission of teaching fit well with NW.”

Gibler said, “I want to impress upon people that you don’t have to be a Christian just on the weekends or Sundays but that you can take that with you in the workplace during the week.”

Gibler mentioned a few Mexican mementos that garnish his office as things of importance including the Mexican flag, a statue of the Mexican seal and a picture with a Bible verse in Spanish.

“What I really like though is this other picture in the corner. It’s a guy on a motorcycle given to me by a friend in Mexico.” The picture is done entirely by ink dots.

“I drive a Harley, so I think it’s pretty cool.”

A passion for social work
BY TYLER GRANGER
STAFF WRITER

Valerie Stokes joins Northwestern’s faculty teaching social work for a living, but she also teaches her students that love for others is not a profession, but a calling.

Her story begins in the Midwest, not just in one state but several. Growing up in Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, South Dakota, Minnesota and other states in the Midwest, Stokes has traveled her whole life.

Stokes earned her bachelor’s degree at NW in 1993 and then went on to earn a master’s degree in social work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She is a Ph.D. candidate in educational psychology at the University of South Dakota.

Putting her education to good use after getting her master’s, Stokes went on to work a very tough job—counseling at a domestic violence outreach facility in Sioux City. Working with many women and children of broken homes, Stokes devoted herself to helping countless people gain a better life. She spent seven years helping these hurt people rebuild their self-esteem.

After that she returned to NW where she joined the counseling staff, aiding students in mental health. Now she joins the faculty as a professor in the social work department.

If she were to speak in chapel tomorrow, Stokes would want the students to know how much Jesus “reconstructs the human heart.”

Stokes hopes to share compassion and social justice with her social work students here at NW.

Her time not spent at school is spent with her husband and three children. Stokes’ passion for others guides both her professional and personal life.

Compassionate commuter
BY MISSY ROORDA
PHOTO BY RENEE NYHOF

Her former job involved teaching undergraduate nursing students at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

“Dr. Ruth Daumer is a friend. I came here because of her, and I wanted to work in a close-knit Christian environment,” she revealed.

Despite her evident pride in teaching, her three grandchildren are her other pride and joy. “They live in Houston, Texas,” she beamed as she gestured to the series of photographs on the bookshelf behind her. “The oldest is sixteen, the others are eleven and ten.”

During the interview, her grandchildren were preparing for the bad weather that was to hit Texas. “They were there when Katrina hit as well,” Coyle commented.

Her grandmotherly eyes glanced back at the pictures, obviously nervous for their well-being.
Red Raiders victorious over Dordt in “The Battle for the Tractor”

SPORTS EDITOR

Northwestern traveled to Sioux Center last Saturday to challenge Dordt College in the Defenders’ first varsity football game ever. Fans filled the bleachers and spilled out on all sides of the football field as supporters from both sides witnessed this historic event.

“The battle between the rival schools, known as the Battle for the Tractor,” The nickname represents the Tractor trophy that will spend the year in the office of the college president for the victorious school.

Dordt began to push downfield until sophomore Austin Rozeboom snagged an interception. Then, on NW’s first offensive play for the game, Roesner connected with senior Seth Moen for a 48-yard touchdown.

“The defense played amazingly the entire game,” said Roesner. “We needed to make up some ground in each of the next three quarters and see where we are at the end.”

Looking at the individual scores, NW had a strong start. Junior Luke Vermeer, who is the defending individual conference champion, is tied for third along with fellow teammate senior Justin Pannkuk. Both Vermeer and Pannkuk shot a one-over 73 and are three strokes behind the leader.

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The Red Raiders take the next step toward the goal of becoming GPAC champions on Sept. 13 at the NW Alumni Event. Then it is onto the second round of the GPAC tournament on Sept. 18, which will be hosted by Doane College.

Men’s golf begin GPAC tourney

The Northwestern men’s golf team has a goal in mind. “To win the conference championship and qualify for the national tournament,” said Mark Bloemendaal, who is in his ninth season as the NW head golf coach.

As of now they are one step closer to achieving that goal. After the first round of the GPAC tournament on Saturday, the Red Raiders are in fourth place. The 11 teams play four 18-hole rounds each year and the winner is declared GPAC champion and receives a trip to the NAIA Championship. The rounds are split with the first two in the fall and the second two in the spring.

Currently, Dakota Wesleyan is out in front with a score of 288, NW is sitting with a solid score of 305.

“I am glad that we have three more chances to narrow the gap and try to catch them,” said Bloemendaal. “We need to make up some ground in each of the next three tournaments and see where we are at the end.”

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The Red Raiders take the next step toward the goal of becoming GPAC champions on Sept. 13 at the NW Alumni Event. Then it is onto the second round of the GPAC tournament on Sept. 18, which will be hosted by Doane College.

Women’s golf captures first

The Raider defense was led by Senior Nate Jansen who is on his way to sack the Defender quarterback. Jansen led the Raider defense with ten tackles, including two sacks.

Senior Tim Naiman runs with the ball in the Dordt game on September 12, 2008.

Men’s cross country finishes second

The Northwestern men’s cross country team narrowly missed a first place finish at the Dordt meet on August 29, scoring 36 points to Dordt’s 34. Morningside was a distant third with 69. Six teams competed in the race.

Sports

Volleyball defeats Morningside 3-1, splits games in St. Mary’s tournament

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After a successful 6-0 start to the volleyball season, the Northwestern Raiders’ volleyball team has progressed to a 7-1 record within the last week. The squad split their two matches at the College of St. Mary’s Tournament in Omaha, Neb. last Saturday, then grabbed a solid 3-1 victory over Morningside on Wednesday, Sept. 9. This recent victory moved the Raider women up two spots in the rankings. They now stand fifth and boast a 2-0 record in the GPAC. NW 3, Morningside 1

It took four games to pull off a victory at Wednesday’s GPAC face-off against the eighth-ranked Morningside. The Raider women dropped the first game 18-25, then rallied back to take the next three against the previously undefeated Mustangs.

A disappointing first set saw NW hit .212 compared to the Mustang’s .406. The second set began strong for the NW women as junior Delainey Hardersen began the contest with five straight serves, jumping to an early 12-6 lead. The lead extended to 17-9 before the Mustangs regained a little ground and dropped the set 25-17. Game number three was a classic nail-biter in which 19 ties and six lead changes paved the long road to the Raider 26-24 victory. Down 17-20, the NW women had three straight rallies to tie it at 20 and eventually grab the win. Sophomore Hillary Hanno led the team with five kills in the contest.

The fourth game began roughly for the Raiders as the Mustangs returned Hardsen’s favor and scored the first five points. The lead was short lived, however, as NW quickly managed to take the lead at 9-6. The Mustangs tied the score at nine before the Raider women pulled away to a 25-19 victory.

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Women’s soccer drops two

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The Red Raiders’ women’s soccer team faced tough NCAA Division II competition at the Bemidji State Tournament, and fell short in both of their games against Bemidji State, 4-0, and Moorhead, 4-1. Bemidji jumped to an early lead in the first game, scoring their first three goals in 28 minutes. Northwestern had 17 shots, including 9 on goal, but was unable to score. Junior goalkeeper Kelley Salem had nine saves and allowed four goals. Sophomore Katy Phillips had five shots, four on goal.

In the second game, against MSU-Moorhead, NW gave the Dragons the lead with an own-goal, but 30 seconds later, sophomore Becca Hurley scored to tie the game 1-1. Moorhead then scored three goals and kept the Raiders out of the net. NW had 14 shots while Moorhead had 38. Salem allowed four goals and had seven saves. Hurley led the Raiders with seven shots, three on goal and one goal. Junior Becca Bruns had three shots in the loss.

The Raiders fall to 1-3 overall, but return to action tomorrow as they take on another NCAA D-II team, Upper Iowa University in Sioux City. NW will take on Upper Iowa University in Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday at 2 p.m. They begin their GPAC season on Wednesday when they face Morningside in Sioux City.

Men’s soccer wins Buena Vista tournament

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The Northwestern men’s soccer team traveled to Storm Lake, Iowa for the Buena Vista Tournament on Aug. 29-30 and won both games. This lifts the Raiders to 2-2 for the season.

NW 5, Presentation 0

In the first game, the Red Raiders defeated Presentation College 5-0. Sophomore Mike Cookson scored the first goal for NW on a penalty kick and senior Andy Janssen added another goal to put the Raiders up 2-0 at halftime. In the second half, junior Aaron O’Brien found the net and four minutes later, freshman Tommy Tucker scored a goal assisted by junior Jordan Born.

Sophomore Aron Fall scored the fifth and final goal of the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Jeff Lanser had two saves in the shutout. The Raiders had 11 shots compared to Presentation’s five. Janssen led the Raiders with three shots, and Tucker and senior Kyle Heyen each had two shots.

NW 3, Carthage 0

The Raiders recorded another shutout in the second game of the tournament, beating Carthage 3-0. Born netted the only goal in the first half, with an assist by Tucker. In the second half, Born assisted a goal by Tucker. Pall rounded out the scorers for NW with an assist by Janssen.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ben Schneider had two saves for the Raiders and allowed no goals. Janssen had three shots with two on goal in the win.

Women’s cross country runs to first

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St. Mary’s Tournament

The Raider women faced off against Southern Nazarene in their first match at Saturday’s tournament, winning each game 25-15, 25-20, 25-19, respectively. They went on to drop a grueling 2-3 match against third-ranked Concordia later that day (25-22, 25-14, 26-28, 22-25, 15-7). Hanno led the way for NW, hitting .290 in two matches. The 5’10” outside hitter had 30 kills in 70 attempts and hit a career-high 20 kills in the match against Concordia. She also recorded seven digs per match. Six-foot freshman Rylee Hulstein added 19 kills and 11 digs while Buyert put away 17 kills and five blocks. Randi Hulstein led the team with 13 blocks.

Six-foot sophomore Kaillith Beaver paved the way in setting, lofting 59 assists and adding 11 kills to the cause. Gosselink contributed 30 assists and served a perfect 18-18 of 18 with one ace.

The Raider women will travel to Lamoni, Iowa today to compete in the Graceland tournament today and tomorrow.

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Eight Northwestern students and alums have gotten together and staged Henrik Ibsen's classic play, "A Doll's House." Performances are Friday, Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5.00 for students and senior citizens and $7.00 for adults. Seating is limited, so call (712) 441-6267 to reserve tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the door, but we cannot guarantee you a seat if we are sold out. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to curtain.

Performances will take place in the School House at 3070, 360th St., Sioux Center—three miles north of Sioux Center on Hwy 75, and then a quarter mile west on the Carmel black top. These students and alums have staged this play completely on their own initiative, and the School House is an intimate "found space." We can promise you a unique theatre experience.

It's Christmas Eve, and Nora Helmer faces the greatest challenge to her family's security and her own happiness. Niles Krogstad, a dubious employee at her husband Torvold's bank, has threatened Nora with blackmail. If she does not use her influence to secure Krogstad's position, he will tell the upstanding Torvold of Nora's scandalous indiscretion. As Nora moves through the crisis, she comes to a new, profound understanding of herself and her marriage. When first performed in 1879, "A Doll's House" rocked Europe with its psychologically complex characters and its examination of the role of woman in society. "A Doll's House" has since become one of the most famous modern plays. It has captivated thousands of audiences, challenging them with its provocative, fundamental question: what is a woman's most sacred duty?

McCain has the lead with only five points. Another poll brings good news to Obama as McCain is behind by four points in North Carolina. Obama isn't the only one with positive news. According to CNN, two swing states are in favor of McCain. He leads by four points in Virginia and Missouri by five.

McCain's running mate, Gov. Sarah Palin, has caused quite the stir among Americans. Even celebrities are voicing their opinions regarding her candidacy. Matt Damon says that the situation is like "a really bad Disney movie. The hockey mom from Alaska and she's the president and it's like she's facing down Voldemort but using the folkly stuff she learned at the hockey rink and it's absurd... I want to know if she really thinks dinosaurs were here 4,000 years ago. I want to know that. Because she's going to have the nuclear codes."

Palin's candidacy has allowed for businesses to cash in on her popularity. Action figures of Palin are now being sold. Christopher C. Hull, government professor at Georgetown University, states: "It makes me realize for the Obama campaign that has thrived on popular public attention to suddenly have that attention diverted so dramatically to Sarah Palin."

Obama made an appearance on the "Late Show" with Dave Letterman this past Wednesday. When asked about his running mate, Sen. Joe Biden, he made it clear that he chose the perfect candidate. "Who's going to be able to give me good counsel, good advice, who's able to maybe have some ideas that I don't have or give me a perspective that I haven't seen, and I think that nobody can do that better than Joe Biden."

From Sept. 3 to 25, the TePaske Art Gallery is displaying the fine artwork of the late Bob Plageman, formerly of Maurice, Iowa. Plageman was born in raised in Sioux Falls, SD and served in Vietnam before attending the University of South Dakota. There he studied Native American history and graduated in 1979 with a degree in fine arts. Upon graduating he taught for a year at Sioux Empire College in Havard, Iowa which is now closed. He then got a job working at K-Products sewing caps. When his boss saw a painting that he had done, Plageman was moved to the Graphic Design department where he worked from 1984-1994 when he resigned due to health problems. Plageman passed away two years later.

Plageman's artwork is highly influenced by the Native American culture, as he is part Native American. When he was younger he went decided to go to California and participate in the "love" movement of the 60's and 70's. On his trip, he was forced to sleep in a cardboard box in the rain behind a gas station. There he had a dream that inspired him to paint one of his pieces displayed at the art show. Vanderhill, the head of the Art department, encourages students to check out this art show particularly for the unique calendar drawings.

Explaining them on paper would not do them justice. These calendars are of Plageman and his family's everyday life, but drawn. Memos and feelings are expressed through the pictures he drew. One can get lost in trying to figure out the story of his life that he tells through these calendars. One can also see how art progresses from ideas and sketches on the calendars, to masterpieces in his paintings.

The artwork is displayed by his family; his widow, Anne, and sons. Plageman's family wanted the art to be displayed and appreciated instead of forgotten in storage. Check it out!