Grammy-nominated Canadians rock campus

BY JENNA VAN OORT

Grammy-nominated Hawk Nelson will play in the RSC on Saturday as part of its Live Life Loud tour.

“Live Life Loud” is one of many ways to serve and put the needs of others before our own.”

Hawk Nelson’s fourth album “Live Life Loud,” was named one of the top 20 albums of 2009 by ccmspin.com, and its title song from the album was nominated for Short-Form Video of the Year to be announced on the Dove Awards coming up on April 25.

The four Canadians who comprise the band Hawk Nelson are not the only ones with major recognition. The urban hip-hop trio, Group 1 Crew, has won two Dove Awards for their past two albums. The five-member band from Texas had national airplay for two of the songs from their debut album, and they just recently produced a sophomore album, “Of a Captive Heart.”

Freshman Jenni Kahanic is looking forward to seeing Hawk Nelson in concert again and said, “Their performance is great and so is their message. The crazy interaction they have with the crowd makes it fun for the audience to get crazy, too.”

Kahanic is glad she does not have to travel far to see a good band. “We are lucky to have them on our campus.”

Students can still get tickets for $10 in advance or pay $15 at the door, and groups of 10 or more can get advanced tickets for $8. If students are really interested in the bands in the tour, they can purchase VIP tickets for early admission, a meet-and-greet and a t-shirt for $35.

Tickets can be purchased at www.nwciowa.edu/concerts or by calling 712-707-7295.
Eighteen songs, four languages, one recital

BY LEANN JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Memorizing 18 songs is quite a feat, but junior Sarah Fischer took it up an octave or two. Fischer memorized 18 songs in English, German, French and Italian all in preparation for her vocal recital on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

“It hasn’t been terribly difficult to learn 18 songs,” Fischer said. “I’ve been working on some of them since the beginning of the school year so I’ve had quite a bit of time on some of them. The hardest part has been to tweak and change little details after I’ve learned them.”

Fischer will perform a variety of music, including Baroque, Romantic German lieder, French, African-American spirituals, and works by composer Vaughan Williams.

Lori Vande Brake, staff accompanist, will accompany Fischer on the piano. The recital will include “Che Faro Euridice,” Fischer’s favorite, from an Italian opera, “Seit Ich Ihn Gesenen” by Schubert and “Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child,” arranged by Burleigh.

Fischer described herself as being both excited and nervous for her upcoming recital.

“The most exciting thing will be performing for all my family and friends,” Fischer said. “I have family coming who hasn’t heard me sing since high school so I can’t wait for them to share this experience with me.”

Fischer is a vocal performance major and theatre minor. She is a member of the A cappella Choir, a vocal tutor and an accompanist for the music department. Fischer also stays actively involved in theatre productions.

The ultimate purpose of the summit was to discuss how to maintain nuclear materials and keep terrorists from possessing and developing nuclear weaponry. Obama hoped to instill that nuclear warfare is a threat not only to the United States, but also to the entire world, as many leaders appear to be less concerned with the issue. It is crucial, according to Obama, to strengthen alliances and cooperation among nations in order to combat such an overwhelming political, economic and societal issue.

ABC.com reported that the results from the summit were positive, with many leaders impressed and comforted by Obama’s organization and control over the gathering. Regarding Obama’s seminar leadership, “He’s never better than when he’s a teacher,” and “He does it very well” were among many of the exceptional reviews the president received from European leaders.

Obama felt the meeting centralized and focused the breadth of the issue, bringing many uncertainties and variable opinions to common ground. The allegations, discussions and personal meetings all helped to initiate international response and collaboration through awareness-raising and informative concern.

Working with such security organizations as The World Institute for Nuclear Security, United Nations Security Council Resolution and National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Center, the United States continues to progress in establishing voluntary funds and programs for increasing nuclear security and regulation.

Junior Sarah Fischer will sing in four different languages in her recital on Sunday, April 18.
Thanks to Northwestern, Students Can Worry

BY RENEE NYHOF
FORMER EDITOR

As a student, I worry a lot. And each day, I learn how to do it better and better.

I worry about learning other students’ names and not remembering them 10 minutes later.

I worry about germs in the shower, on the door handles, on my cafeteria tray, but I will share my glass of water with six friends.

I worry about the mirror cracking after I pass it in the morning. Yet, I worry about not having enough time to do everything—I guess I have to skip eating and brushing my teeth. I worry about the environment, but also I worry that I do not have enough water bottles to get me through the week; I had better buy some more.

And now, I’ve begun to worry about surviving.

‘The reality for the poor is that they are ignored’

BY LAURA ELDER

America today has more resources than any country in the history of the world. After living and interning in North Philadelphia for the past semester, I wonder where exactly those resources go.

I have traveled the world to places where people are nomads and have no running water or good food to eat. However, I am not sure I have truly seen the forces of oppression until this semester in America.

My co-workers are drug dealers and prostitutes. I have slept in the same room as murderers and recovering drug addicts. And these are the most impressive, beautiful, resilient people I have ever met.

One co-worker, Ronnaye, is 19. Her father left when the factory jobs in Philadelphia left. He couldn’t handle not being the provider for the family. Her mother became depressed and started cocain. Ronnaye was raped and became pregnant and homeless at 13. Somehow she has struggled to survive from 13 to 19 but not because of the help of the government (people don’t qualify until they are 18) or the church (because the church is largely absent in North Philadelphia). She has relied on the kindness of strangers, fighting for herself and her baby.

Now Ronnaye and her husband are expecting another baby and they care for Ronnaye’s younger siblings, who expect to graduate high school on the honor roll. Somehow she has to feed, clothe, house and care for her family every day. While she searches for these things as legitimately as possible, she turns a blind eye to her husband’s drug dealing.

Without all the revenue from the drug trade, Ronnaye’s family could not survive. Currently, Ronnaye, her husband, children, and siblings live with her husband’s family because, despite the small income from the drug sales, they cannot afford to rent a place of their own.

Unfortunately, Ronnaye’s life is not one of a kind. Everyone I work with has a story like this. Most stories have elements of drugs, prison, poverty, hunger, homelessness, and despair. The reality for the poor in America is that they are ignored and largely invisible. I am in no way trying to give the poor a voice by writing this article. I was asked to write this by Ronnaye and my other co-workers. People need to understand the reality of the poor. Too often we think of the poor as lazy because they cannot support themselves with a job. But when there are no jobs in an area, and families don’t have enough money to feed their children let alone move to a place with more opportunities, people are forced to survive instead of provide for themselves. North Philadelphia has not always been in despair. One generation ago, high school graduates could find manufacturing jobs with decent benefits. People worked hard, but the jobs have left. Now because of the decisions of companies to use cheaper labor in worse working conditions, the families here are left devastated. And society tells them it is their fault they are poor.

My eyes have been opened because I have met the poor. It took me coming to Philadelphia to do this, but Orange City has poor too. I missed the opportunity to learn from the poor of Orange City.

Seek out the poor. Your life will never be the same. Mine won’t be.

‘ConServe Makes Sense!’

BY WES GARCIA

Stewardship and conservation have been quite a passion since the latter half of my high school experience. Since coming to Northwestern, that passion has become more intense; just ask my wing mates on 2W Coly. Subsequent to high school, my foundation and reasoning for stewardship and conservation has shifted from social/environmental activism to an understanding that God calls us to responsibly use and protect God’s creation.

In my life, stewardship and conservation manifests itself through the characteristics of preying, rerusing, recycling, c o n s e r v a t i o n , reduction, and organic/locally-produced resources. And while I’d love everyone to commit to stewardship and conservation with as much fervor as I have, I know that degree of dedication is difficult. So where does that leave us? I’d say it leaves us with baby steps, and that’s where ConServe fits in.

ConServe was meant to be that first step in raising awareness and gaining participation. It was not meant to be an overhaul on students’ lives. ConServe asked us to make small changes (turn the lights off when leaving a room, take shorter showers, encourage others to conserve, etc.). Furthermore, ConServe sought to link our efforts to service by giving our savings to a relief efforts/non-profit organization. So often college students want to give but can’t because of their current financial constraints. That’s why it made sense to tap into money which we (students) had already given to Northwestern.

The power of ConServe fell in its solely volunteer-based philosophy. Students were encouraged and reminded about what efforts they could partake in. ConServe never forced students to do anything. Yes, ConServe could have requested that school building thermostats/heating be turned down and we could have requested that dorm water heaters also be turned down. Both of these would have made a huge impact on the two-month period of ConServe. But we didn’t proceed in that manner. ConServe’s strength fell in the ability to empower students to make that choice.

ConServe Makes Sense! As a student, member of this community, citizen of this country (or any other country), member of humanity, but ultimately as a follower of Christ, ConServe makes sense. If you disagree with me, then I encourage you to email me; I am not above reproach. But be ready to show me how your reasons or excuses aren’t apathetic and teeming with self-centeredness.

When are we, the generation of “me”, going to collectively stand up and be culture makers? When are we going to step out of ourselves and realize that we can make a difference? We can be good stewards.
Dorm Beat: Coly Olympics equals ‘eruption of sweetness’

BY SARAH CRY
STAFF WRITER

Over the past century, the Olympic Games have undergone many significant changes that reflect the changes in the world of competitive sports. Colenbrander Hall, a little competitive world by itself, has taken the Olympic Games to a whole new level. The Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, Apr. 27, will commence the 2010 Coly Spring Olympic Games.

This year marks the 8th annual Coly Olympics event. Former RD Marlon Haverdink and the 2002 residence life staff were the masterminds behind the idea for this competition. With an idea this brilliant it’s not surprising that Haverdink has had a huge influence on Coly. Even first-year RD Ryan Anderson has been impacted by his legacy.

“Many people don’t know this,” he said, “but Marlon was the best RD Coly’s ever had.”

Similar to Coly Christmas, each wing competes against each other in the Olympics. The Games will officially begin with the lighting of the torch at 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

“The events blend together to create an eruption of Coly sweetness.”

-Ryan Anderson

“The guys seem pretty pumped about the day as a whole,” Anderson said. “Camping out on the green for 24 hours, eating the hog and competing in the events all blend together to create an eruption of Coly sweetness.”

The Coly Olympics aren’t solely meant to provide food and entertainment, however. Anderson believes that the guys will gain something much more meaningful through this event than just full bellies and bragging rights.

“It creates a memory for them,” Anderson said, “a shared experience that will hopefully deepen the connections the guys have made with each other all year.”

The “Coly sweetness” isn’t limited to just Coly residents either. All students are invited to come and enjoy the entertaining action taking place on the green—especially for a well-needed study break during Dead Week.

With events ranging from challenging brute strength to intellect, the Coly Olympics are bound to have something for all kinds of participants and spectators.

Coly Olympics has enjoyed nice weather for eight years running, “evidence of God’s favor” according to Anderson, and this year’s event has everything it needs to be the best one yet.

“I’m excited to see a whole bunch of Coly guys hanging out on the green, the smell of a roasting hog in the air, with frisbees and baseballs and footballs being tossed all over,” Anderson said.

“If that sounds poetic, it’s because it will be.”

Senioritis takes campus by storm and seniors by mind

BY ANNA HENKE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It’s green outside, the birds are singing and final deadlines are approaching. Seniors, however, have something bigger looming—the future.

With so many distractions, it’s no wonder there is an epidemic. Hearing the laughter of frolicking freshmen in the April sunshine from the second floor of the library is not for the faint-hearted. The student body is out and about, and it is hard to resist joining in. Women are tanning on Stegenga lawn while pretending to study, duct-tape armor and weapons clash in the West medieval battle and intramural softball games are being won and lost. There is just so much to do. Extracurricular activities aside, there is quite enough homework to go around.

While freshmen, sophomores and juniors are out throwing a softball and playing Frisbee on the green, looking forward to summer jobs as camp counselors or grocery clerks, seniors are preparing résumés and preparing to embark into the professional world.

One senior, who wished to remain anonymous, joked that she briefly considered jumping off a building at one point. Shauna El, a senior Hospers resident, admits that she is feeling “overwhelmed by the number of life transitions.”

As May approaches, senioritis has certainly set in here at Northwestern. Symptoms include but are not limited to: irrational mood swings, the urge to play outrageous pranks, uncontrollable sobbing, paralyzing fear of the future and inability to focus.

A senior Hospers resident, Shauna El, was asked whether or not he was suffering from senioritis. She replied, “I can’t afford to. I wish I could say that I had senioritis. But there is just too much to do.”

For those not graduating in May, Spring Fever is the diagnosis. But Senioritis goes beyond wishful daydreams of summer days without homework; it incites the anxiety of change and the excitement of anticipation. The prospect of graduation is exciting and scary and full of possibilities! Seniors, whatever their diagnosis, are collectively focused on enjoying the time they have left at NW.
Take the heat off the summer job search

BY HOLLY STEWART
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The search to find a summer job can be a painful process. You may not know where to start or may be unsure of who is hiring. While it may be tempting to fill out countless applications, first visit the Career Development Center in the Franken Center for Faith and Learning. Bill Minnick and the rest of the CDC staff are more than happy to sit down and talk about summer options.

The CDC is equipped to help students in their job search whether they are looking for camp opportunities, internships or jobs on campus. If students are unsure about what they are looking for, the CDC can still be of service. They can share information about the positives of working throughout the summer that will enable students to make better judgments regarding this decision.

The staff at the Career Development Center is eager to help assess values and interests to assist in the job search. Call x7225 or email cdc@nwciowa.edu to set up an appointment to meet. The sooner this is accomplished, the quicker the job search will be underway. It's surprising to see what jobs will best match different personalities and gifts.

The CDC also helps students through the NWCareer Connections website. This site has job postings in and around the area for both the summer and the school year. These jobs are available for freshmen through graduating seniors and offer internships, seasonal and full-time positions. The CDC also encourages students to remember to check the Informer on My Northwestern. Often, employers in the area will post job opportunities for students on this resource.

There are many things to think about when preparing to market oneself as a prospective employee this summer, and references are a key component. These may include previous employers, residence life staff, or faculty on campus. Also, it may be helpful to prepare a résumé. Depending on the job, this may or may not be needed, but it is helpful to have just in case. The CDC will help you design your résumé so that it will appeal to prospective employers.

Don’t wait! Summer jobs fill up quickly, so give yourself ample time to find the right job for you. Happy job hunting!

Korver connection: making clothing count

BY KRISTIN KOOIMA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Spring is here and it is time to bust out spring clothes, go shopping, turn over a new leaf and rock a fresh you! Seer Clothing is a new, non-profit clothing company founded by brothers Klay and Kyle Korver.

Klay and Kyle are also the cousins of Northwestern students Klarc, Kellie and Kurtis Korver and the nephews of Coach Korver, the NW men’s basketball coach. Seer Clothing was started in order to benefit the Kyle Korver Foundation. Their statement says: “It became a vision to combine the basketball careers of Klay and Kyle with the tenacity to face any moral peril.” The line’s name, Seer, is defined as a visionary or a prophet who has pictures or images to inspire social change. Klay and Kyle’s father helped come up with the name and the logo is a design to add to the Korver connection: making clothing count.

Seer Clothing has been in the works for two years and made its debut this Christmas. The idea was to be able to continue the work of the Foundation after Korver’s basketball career is over. The line’s name, Seer, is defined as a visionary or a prophet who has pictures or images to inspire social change. Klay and Kyle’s father helped come up with the name and the logo is a child they work with in Philadelphia named Boo Boo.

Right now, Seer Clothing is exclusively t-shirts with plans for more designs to be added, but the Korver brothers are keeping an open mind to what God has in store for them next. When asked why they decided on t-shirts, they said that they have always been “t-shirt guys” and figured why not start there. T-shirts are also seen frequently and by many people. Each of the eight t-shirt designs has a specific meaning behind it that is meant to make people think, such as courage, faith, hope, love, honor, knowledge, peace, respect, strength and seer. Each shirt also is accompanied with a saying to further explain the theme.

The Korvers’ hope is that when one wears it, one will think about the word or phrase differently than normal. Strength does not mean being a bully, it means, “Fierce confidence in who you are. Have the tenacity to face any moral and social pressure with unwavering conviction.”

All the profits go to the Kyle Korver Foundation. A shirt sells for $24.99 and about $20 per shirt is donated to the Foundation.

Check out their website, seerclothing.com, to see and buy the shirts or go to kylerkorverfoundation.com to see the work of the foundation.
Erykah Badu: Return of the Ankh

BY JORDAN LANGER

Erykah Badu’s latest is supposed to be a sequel. The connection to its predecessor is not obvious.

Released in 2008, its abstruse counterpart deserves the swarms of analysis it’s amounted. Part One’s political drone was frighteningly dark yet prophetically straight. It permeated everything. The tracks were angry or sarcastically bitter. The between-song skits were vibrant and driving. Its mash of sound (soul, funk, jazz, hip-hop) was more than just genre-mixing—it made something thoroughly “black.” The truth in it was aggressive, and still not realized. There’s a lot of mind work involved.

But this new release takes a near opposite approach. She’s talking about herself, her feelings and her personal relationships without directly referencing the world at large. While that would seem to suggest a more accessible release (the radio doesn’t like revolution), this record is quite raw. That is, many of these tracks are either overly condense (sometimes just “outtakes”) or overly prolonged.

The slow-moving first track, “20 Feet Tall,” prepares you for her sonic subtleties. There’s plenty of stray electronic whirls and atmosphere. She even tinkers with volume dynamics on “Umm Hmm.” There’s a kind of sci-fi naturalism to these techniques. This is important, since she’s trying to show her real-ness in a world she deemed crazy last record. She understands something about honest vulnerability.

She’s asks, “Can I get a window seat? Don’t want nobody next to me. I just want a ticket outta town, a look around.” It seems an odd lyric after lambasting anti-social complacency on her previous record. But her reasons become clearer. “I need you to miss me. Need somebody come get me.” They seem like simple expressions. Linguistically, they are. But they arrive in a larger context—as she said in 2008, “I’m a human being, d**n. It. My life has value” (“Twinkle”). She wants to feel that as a citizen, but also in her individual endeavors.

The music video conveys the same need: movement into human-ness and self-worth. In it, she can be seen innocently removing her clothes as she walks around the site of JFK’s assassination. The cameos—uninformed civilians—are appalled (as was the Dallas police; she was charged a misdemeanor). And that’s what she’s trying to say: the world is horrified by bare existence.

In interviews, she’s said that the video is a protest against groupthink. “John F. Kennedy was a revolutionary; he was not afraid to butt heads with America, and I was not afraid to show America my butt-naked truth.” Being a renegade can be as simple as being an individual.

Other music writers have had a hard time viewing this as an extension of what she did two years ago. I’ll admit, the connection is elusive, and you may not want to try, as this album seems considerably inferior to the prior release. On the other hand, she has a history of growing on her listeners. Just like the truth.

A not so hot Date Night

BY LISA WALTERS

When I first heard that Steve Carell and Tina Fey were starring in a movie together, I knew it was something that I couldn’t pass. Two of the most comedic people currently on television sharing the screen in a movie called, “Date Night” was sure to be a success, right?

Carell and Fey play a New Jersey married couple who have let everyday life get the best of them. Their boring day-to-day routines have created a mundane lifestyle that has them slowly growing apart. All of their “date nights” have been postponed, until this one particular night.

When out to eat at an overbooked restaurant in the city, Phil and Claire Foster (Carell and Fey) claim a reservation on their own, and are soon in over their heads. By taking the names Mr. and Mrs. Tripplehorn in order to get a table, they unknowingly take on the identity of two no-show criminals. Later, two armed men show up at the restaurant and demand the Tripplehorns’ return a certain flash drive that they had supposedly stolen.

Carell and Fey then begin the grand quest to find the flash drive, clear their names, protect their children, stop the bad guys (who always turn out to be police officers), protect the city of New York from an ‘evil’ District Attorney and other criminals, all while having an adventure that, of course, eventually leads to saving their marriage.

If you didn’t sense the sarcasm there, try reading it again.

The movie unfortunately started out slow, had a slow middle, and you guessed it, ended slowly. There were a few parts where I found myself laughing, in fact, laughing pretty hard. However, the constant jumping from somewhat comedic scenes to ridiculous ‘action’ scenes made it hard for me to make sense of anything.

If I could describe the humor of this film to you I would. However, I seem to find no words. Perhaps, awkward meets unnecessary? Don’t get me wrong, I love Steve Carell, and Tina Fey isn’t bad. However, they might have gone into this film thinking they are funnier than what they really came across as.

So far we have the dynamic duo, Steve Carell and Tina Fey. Now, what if I added Mark Wahlberg and James Franco to the mix? Yes, shirtless Marky Mark, and the James Dean look-alike. Doesn’t seem to fit does it? Well you’re right, it didn’t. They seemed to be aiming for an all-star cast, but might have slightly missed the target.

If I didn’t know better, I would think there were only two people working behind the scenes of this film: a casting agent, and a cameraperson. The agent put the people in front of the camera and said, “Action,” and the rest of it, if I may be so bold, was just mediocre improv. It was all predictable and easily forgettable.

If you are looking for a movie that ensures a few laughs but not a whole lot more, I would say go ahead and give it a shot. But, if you are trying to impress that new interest of yours, I am going to be honest and say that this film may not make for the greatest “Date Night.”
Photos from the fray

The final chapter of the NWC mystery

BY JOSH DOORENBOS AND KEVIN FREEBIRD WALLACE
STAFF WRITERS

James seemed somehow thicker now. Not just in his physique, but his whole exterior. Before, you could look clear through his eyes into his spine. But now they shielded something. As James walked, fingering the lump in the pocket of his jacket, his following shadow was an abyss that light would get sucked right into, never to be seen again.

He checked his watch. 2:09.

James lit a cigarette, something he never did before this spring. All he got in that tiny cell were cigarettes and soft food. Always. Cigarettes and soft food.

James couldn’t sleep tonight, he was too afraid he’d miss it. He doubted he could have slept if he wanted to.

2:14. James walked onto campus, cigarette still burning. In light of this evening’s events-to-come, smoking on campus seemed pretty insubstantial. James sat down on the bench outside Van Peursem Hall. There was a light on somewhere on the third floor. James couldn’t see it but he knew it was on.

2:16. James hadn’t slept since the night before, but his eyes were not at all heavy. He couldn’t stop bouncing his right leg. Up and down. Pounding the pavement. Shaking the bench. Shaking the arm that rested on it, holding the cigarette, ash falling on the ground. 2:19.

2:20. James put out the cigarette, to give himself time to get up the stairs. He put his hand in his pocket to caress the twisted metal machine; that magnificent propulsion mechanism. He rocked back the hammer, setting his hand on the trigger.

He made his way up to the office of his Gen. Psych. Professor. It was poetic, in a way, that it would end where it began.

James walked into the office and his professor greeted him enthusiastically.

“James! How are you doing?”

James said nothing, checked his watch. Twenty seconds. Nineteen, eighteen.

“I know, it’s against the code, but I figure now is as good of a time as ever.” He drained the contents. “2:22 yet?”

“Yeah.” James answered.

“Ah. I see.” The professor closed his eyes, “Make it quick, please.”

James looked at his watch. 2:22 and thirty seconds. He pulled it out of his pocket and pointed the barrel at him, then pulled down his shirt over his right breast to show his tattoo. JSAII.

“No one heard a sound. The campus was either sleeping or on their way, and he used a silencer. The next morning the campus was thrown into chaos.

Gen. Psych. was cancelled.

“I will never eat my children.”
- Senior Hannah Jane Watters in class talking about not eating kids.

“The reason I’m a pacifist is that I wasn’t allowed to watch Power Rangers as a kid.”
- Junior Phil Hegeman, on the formative influence of a certain TV show.

“You get a lot of mileage out of those glasses.”
- Professor Weston Cutter to Junior Greg White after White made a perhaps overly intellectual comment on a short story.

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Red Raider Sports Shorts: by Heidi Hildebrandt

Track teams have impressive performance at home

Freshman Larissa Sap and junior Caitlyn Nemen run the 400-meter dash on Saturday.

The Northwestern track team had a remarkable day at their own Red Raider Open last Saturday. Junior Charity Miles broke the school and stadium record in the 5000-meter run, also meeting the NAIA qualifying mark. She ran a 17:47 to claim first place, while junior teammate Sara Hess ran 19:05.28 in the same race to place third. Freshman Kendra De Jong also broke a stadium record, winning her second straight meet with 5’6 in the high jump. Sophomore Liz Stevens broke her own school record in the javelin, winning with 120’3.

Women’s golf stays consistent in GPAC Tourney

The Northwestern women’s golf team placed seventh in the GPAC Qualifier No. 3 in Blair, Neb., to maintain a seventh place finish in the GPAC. The Raiders will travel to Midland Lutheran this afternoon in Fremont, Neb.

Big hits bring victory to baseball team

The Northwestern baseball team defeated Mound Marty on Tuesday, 11-5. Four sophomores got two hits, including Steven Englund, Mike Shields, Levi Miller and Chris Butler. Englund scored three runs and Shields and Miller had two, while freshman Corey Van Gorp batted in two runs. The Raiders stole seven bases in the game, with Englund and senior Curt Bongma each stealing two.

Men’s golf team aims for nationals

The individual medalist will advance to the NAIA National Golf Championships, along with the top two teams (excluding NCAA Division III Nebraska Wesleyan).

Softball splits with BVU

The Red Raider softball team split games with Buena Vista on Wednesday, claiming the first game, 6-2. Sophomore Kami Kuhlman earned the win, allowing eight hits and one earned run. She struck out two and walked none.

Freshman Heidi Eisdroh went four-for-four and scored two runs. Kuhlman went one-for-four, batting in two runs and scoring once, while sophomore Shelby Johnson earned her second homerun of the season. Game two took a different turn, as the Raiders fell 7-0. Junior Jessica Hooper gave up seven hits and six earned runs to take the loss. Kuhlman relieved her after 4.1 innings, giving up five hits and one run. Six Raiders had one hit, including Kuhlman who extended her 16 game hitting streak.

The Raiders are set to take on Midland Lutheran this afternoon at Northwestern.

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The Northwestern women’s golf team placed seventh in the GPAC Qualifier No. 3 in Blair, Neb., to maintain a seventh place finish in the tournament. Junior Maggie Achterhof placed fourth with 11:11.66. Lundgren and sophomore Kiley Murra placed 4th and 5th in the put, respectively. Lundgren threw 47’2.5, while Murra had 46’4.75.

The Raiders will travel to the GPAC Qualifier No. 4, held on Monday in Lincoln, Neb. He also moved into the lead overall in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76). Vermee in was second place in the tournament. His three-day, 54-hole total is 220 (76).

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Softball splits with BVU

The Red Raider softball team split games with Buena Vista on Wednesday, claiming the first game, 6-2. Sophomore Kami Kuhlman earned the win, allowing eight hits and one earned run. She struck out two and walked none.

Freshman Heidi Eisdroh went four-for-four and scored two runs. Kuhlman went one-for-four, batting in two runs and scoring once, while sophomore Shelby Johnson earned her second homerun of the season. Game two took a different turn, as the Raiders fell 7-0. Junior Jessica Hooper gave up seven hits and six earned runs to take the loss. Kuhlman relieved her after 4.1 innings, giving up five hits and one run. Six Raiders had one hit, including Kuhlman who extended her 16 game hitting streak.

The Raiders are set to take on Midland Lutheran this afternoon at Northwestern.

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By Kristin Kooma

Andrea Wedel has had an opportunity come around twice that most people don’t ever have the privilege of having. She has been a member of two national championship basketball teams. She was on the team that won in 2008 and the team that won this year. Not only did she have the chance to get this honor, but also she got to do it with her best friends and younger sister. Wedel said: “being able to have my sister, Jessica, on the team with me has been very special!”

Wedel loves the team aspect of basketball and getting to work together as a unit in order to accomplish their common goal. She says being a college athlete is tough, but it pays off in the end. “Being a college athlete takes a lot of time and effort, but it is all worth it in the end. Understanding how to manage your time and being an encouragement to your teammates is important.”

Wedel’s faith plays an important role in her basketball career. “The Lord blesses each of us with different gifts and abilities,” she said, “I enjoyed using my gifts to encourage and make my teammates better. I want others to see the love of Jesus through my actions on the court and through the way I interact with my teammates.”

When she is not on the basketball court, Wedel stays busy with studying, cooking, playing intramural sports and spending time with her friends and fiancé, Brett Larson.

Wedel’s advice to athletes that are coming behind her is to enjoy it while you can and be thankful for the gifts and the coaches God has blessed you with. “It’s a blessing to have the teammates and coaches like we have here at Northwestern!”

Wedel is a Nursing major and is getting married to senior Bret Larson on August 7, 2010. She said, “that’s the plan we have for now, from there, we’ll see where the Lord takes us!”