Housing changes for 2010-11 school year

By Andrew Lovgren
Assistant News Editor

Even with Heemstra Hall closing, NW campus housing is in order for the 2010-2011 school year.

All current Heemstra residents had the option to live in northwest Colenbrander Hall, which will house a majority of the current freshmen through juniors.

“We were happy we could make some space for them to move together,” said residence life director Patrick Hummel. “Depending on our numbers, we may even have some room for incoming freshmen.”

To make more room for students, the computer lounges on each of Colenbrander’s three floors will be converted to housing. The computers will be moved into the study lounge, which will be painted and refinished to accommodate the new usage. The basement of Colenbrander will also be reopened.

“We have our current numbers, it looks like it will be okay,” Hummel said. “We’ll know more May 1st when housing deposits are due.”

To make more room for students in West Hall, nine men will move into Vanderhall. The two study rooms in West will be converted to house one person each.

Also, married housing will not be offered to allow more men to move out of the dorms.

“We’re right where we were hoping to be,” Hummel said. “Our numbers are about where they were last year, and everything looks to be ready.”

Fierce and new: NW’s Best Dance Crew

By Jenna Van Oort
Contributing Writer

The reality television world has taken dance to a new level, and Northwestern students have followed close behind.

The Student Activities Council already adopted the idea of “Dancing with the Stars” by creating their own “Dancing with the Prof’s.” It is no surprise that when planning SAC events for this year, an idea came up to make NW’s own version of the MTV reality competition show “America’s Best Dance Crew.”

Whether students are faithful followers of the show or have never heard of it, all students are invited to check out the upcoming event, Northwestern’s Best Dance Crew. The dancing will take place this Friday, April 23, at 10 p.m. in the Bultman Center. A $2 admission will be charged.

Five crews made up of a total of 45 students have been practicing diligently to prepare for the competition. Alex Menning, Kristin Kooima, Lee Stover, Martin Beeler and tag-teammates Aaron Appel and Blake Norris each serve as captains of their own dance crews. Each crew will perform a three-and-a-half minute dance. A judging panel will choose the top three crews to move on to the next round. The top crews will each perform a dance in less than two minutes, and the audience will vote for their favorite by a live-text vote.

To go along with the anticipation of this new event, Southern Movement, a hip-hop/country dance crew from Nashville, Tenn., will be visiting campus this weekend. The five-member crew gained name recognition after competing on season four of MTV’s “America’s Best Dance Crew.”

Jill Black, the team captain, was the hip-hop teacher for NW sophomore Jill Menning. She has since been in contact with Carone and said, “I just texted him and told him about Northwestern’s Best Dance Crew. He said if they needed a judge or performance that he would bring Southern Movement to Orange City for the weekend.”

The crew will be performing in chapel on Friday, April 23, critiquing the student crews and performing a couple of dances at the competition. Students involved in a dance crew will also have the chance to learn from the professionals in a workshop hosted by Southern Movement.

Jill is looking forward not only to watching her old dance teacher perform with his crew, but also “to seeing an old friend and getting a little taste of home. I think Southern Movement is exciting to watch. They have a lot of spunk and get involved with their audience. I wish I had moves like them!”

SAC member and dance crew leader, Alex Menning said, “Everyone should come to Northwestern’s Best Dance Crew because Southern Movement is going to be sweet and there will be some fierce competition among the student crews, too!”

Volcano effects felt around the world, on campus

By Linden Figgie
Contributing Writer

It seems Eyjafjallajökull not only erupted itself, but also blew much of the world’s air travel economy out of proportion as major airlines worldwide struggled to find their feet under mounds of ash.

The volcano erupted last Wednesday near Iceland’s capital, Reykjavik. Most Northern European airlines had to delay and close down flights completely.

According to msn.com, the volcano is the only trauma since the airline effects of Sept. 11 with such heightened flight disruption. Except for emergency situations, all airports in England, Ireland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Belgium were closed down, as well as many in France.

According to “The New York Times” interviewee, Peter Morris, chief economist from Ascend, “half a million to a million people’s travel will be disrupted in the U.K. over a couple of days.”

With ash reaching heights of 12 miles, precautions were taken to limit the negative effects caused by the ash on engine and other mechanical parts. Flights in and out of the U.S. were also cancelled, such as from Chicago, New York and other major airports.

As airlines get up and running and routines get back to normal, angry businesses and families are yet to be completely settled as concern with the possibility of future eruptions looms. While recovery was relatively quick considering the span of the volcanic activity could detriment the world’s economy through interrupted business travel, tourism, similar airline delays and the like, msn.com reported.

While Northern Europe is certainly feeling the dramatic, physical results of the eruption, there is no question that concerns have migrated to Northwestern. Emily Muilenberg, a junior who had been studying in England this semester, returned to the U.S. this week but only after being stranded for five days due to airline delays.
Band and Choir to perform: From Beethoven to James Bond...

BY SHELBY VANDER MOLEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With guest performers of all ages, a capella vocals, and plenty of instruments, the weekend is jam-packed with musical endeavors for performers and listeners alike.

Choir

A program that included a solo for a boy soprano and a long-time interest in bringing a children’s choir to perform alongside the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus (SCOC) was what birthed the upcoming joint concert to be held Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

The 64-member SCOC directed by Thomas Holm, professor of music, includes NW students and performs choral orchestral literature annually. This time the 10-member Siouxland Boys Choir will join them.

Hosapers Kimberly Miller, director of the boys’ choir, said of the opportunity, “I trust it will be a great learning opportunity for the boys and hopefully inspire other young gentlemen to participate in their school and community choirs.”

Holm said that the pieces by Faure and Bernstein add to the enjoyment of the evening. He explained Faure and Bernstein and hopefully inspire other young gentlemen to participate in their school and community choirs.

Three-piece band

Saturday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Granberg Hall by 6 p.m. The Beacon office located at 107 7th St. SW Orange City, IA 51041 beacon@nwc.iowa.edu

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Professor of music, offers a night of entertainment that includes a local high school band, open to all on Friday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. The 57-member band will play following the local MOC-Floyd Valley band under the direction of Steve Connell.

Freshman band member Meghan Schuster views the joint concert favorably. Schuster said, "Not every high school band student has the opportunity to hear a college band. I think it will be very encouraging for them to hear us, and it might encourage them to continue with their band career in college.”

Two of the biggest pieces for the concert are Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue” and Gorb’s “Awayday.” "Rhapsody in Blue” is one of the most well-known and beloved pieces written in the 20th century.” McGarvey said. “It was the first piece to seek to combine the jazz and classical worlds of music.

"McGarvey is also excited to perform this piece with an accompaniment of "such a world-class pianist," Juyeon Kang, another professor of music. "I haven’t played with the Symphonic band, so I am excited to play with the group,” Kang said. "I just love playing with students.”

The piece by Gorb will top off the evening. Senior band member Sarah Shively described it as “riding in a convertible with James Bond. It is a great piece to listen to as well as to play.”
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Second Chances: 2010 Chapel schedule

BY CAMERO CARLOWDOWNS
CHIEF WITH MUDER HEADRESS

Chaplain Marlin Van Art released the chapel theme and some key note speakers for the fall 2010 chapel schedule. The theme has been declared as second chances with the five speakers being Tiger Woods, Chris Brown, OJ Simpson, Tom Cruise and Marshall Mathers.

Woods, a golfer on the PGA tour, will speak on the importance of staying pure through your relationships and marriage. He will be hosting a round table discussion on relationships and providing trust for your loved one.

Brown holds many accomplishments in the R&B industry and will be following up Woods’ lessons on proper relationships and treating women with respect. Brown will also be leading the Sunday night praise and worship.

A former NFL star and new author, Simpson will be talking about how& why racism is not the answer in disputes (barring if he is out on parole). He will also be doing a segment on the consequences of stealing and the consistency of the U.S. Justice System.

Cruise will be teaching about the theory of evolution and science in today’s society. He will be looking at the ultimate reality of mankind.

These projects will take place during the times of the year when the crime rate spikes. Last year, Orange City’s crime rate peaked at 0.0001 during April and May, the city’s tulip months.

Marla Havetoserve, director of service learning, sees a definite need for this new program in Orange City.

“In the weeks leading up to the Tulip Festival, hundreds of college students, tourists and children are arrested for picking tulips,” Havetoserve said. “These people will spend anywhere from one to ten nights in prison. The city of Orange City could definitely use the extra help from students who are willing to interact with these ruthless criminals.”

As painful as it may be to serve the tulip desecrators, Havetoserve does not want that to hinder students from signing up for ConServe.

“Hopefully, by showing them Christ’s love through ConServe, they will repent from their tulip-picking sin, which is clearly condemned in the New Living Tulip (NLT) Bible,” Havetoserve said.

One of the first projects that ConServe members will participate in is renovating the inside of the Chamber of Commerce windmill. Prison cell accommodations will be placed on the first floor so that when tourists stop in carrying tulips that they “innocently and unknowingly” picked, they can be sent directly to an open cell.

Students who want to get involved in ConServe should contact Jess Marcia, SGA president. Upon agreeing to be a member of ConServe, each student will receive an orange jumpsuit.

“We live in Orange City. We’ll be working with prisoners,” Marcia said. “Of course, we ordered orange jumpsuits.”

Northwestern’s new ConServe program will get students working with Orange City’s tulip desecrators and many other prisoners in the Siouxland area.

Mating and Relational Studies added to majors offered at NW

BY ANDRUGH LOVESMILE
ASSISTANT TO THE REGIONAL MANAGER

Men and women across campus will be faced with the implication of a new Mating and Relational Studies (MRS) degree next fall. The new degree, offered separate from the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science, will focus on finding that special someone.

“With so many students wanting an MRS degree, we decided it’d be wonderful for Northwestern to be a part of that,” said new MRS director Wana B. Ingaged.

The MRS major will bring in three new professors to teach the new slate of classes. One professor expressed her excitement for the upcoming major.

“Even with the state of our economy, people are still getting married,” said incoming professor of marital status Mary VrySoon. “We’re excited to be a part of that trend.”

In an effort to promote the new degree, all incoming freshmen will be paired up with someone as a potential mate.

“Since we have such an uneven ratio of males to females, some females may have to be paired up with Dowrdt students,” Ingaged said.

New classes will include MRS101, The Opposite Gender and You, MRS102, What to Look for in a Mate, and MRS201, Making First Base.

Men and women will have different required classes. For example, men must take MENS120, Bringing Home the Bacon, and women must take WMN171, Introduction to Housekeeping.

“We made sure to add options within the major,” Ingaged said. “Number of kids and career desires can drastically change the required courses.

All students within the major are recommended to be engaged before the end of their sophomore year and will be required to be married before their senior year to take the upper level classes.

Some of these courses require outside lab time to further develop the relationship.

“Some courses you just have to be married for. Northwestern absolutely will not condone adultery,” Ingaged said.

Housing details have yet to be finalized. Students wishing to change majors should pick up a form at the Registrar Office.

As a part of Northwestern’s new MRS degree, students are required to abide by the “ring by spring” mentality and get bling on their finger by the end of their sophomore year.
Gavel falls: Classes to be held on Christmas

BY POSH CORNHOS
JESUS FREAKER

Today, administration made the groundbreaking decision to schedule class on Christmas. The decision was made after receiving many emails, letters and phone calls in praise of the decision to have school on Good Friday. Vice President for Student Development Ron Jordan said the decision was “easy. When everyone on campus was lining up outside of Zwemer saying they wanted school we said, you know, we just have to listen to the voice of the students.”

Provost Casper Corsage said that he was surprised but that what really convinced him was the 9,84679 thesis that some religion students wrote. “I was about to ignore the rabble like I usually do by putting on my headphones and jamming out to death metal, but then I saw that they put a flyer up. When I realized that they were willing to put up a flyer to get this done, I knew they were serious and that this wasn’t just a phase.”

Northwestern students celebrate this victory, despite the fact that the movement was once thought to be just a dream. Longtime anti-break activist Jennifer Stickinthemud, almost in tears, said, “I never thought this day would come. When we can stop wasting our time with family and instead sit in class and talk about not being at home with family.” For some it was a hard sell.

Chris Masday, a Christmas enthusiast, said that it was, ultimately, going to class on Good Friday that convinced him. “You know, I thought that I’d hate going to class Good Friday, because we’re supposed to flog ourselves all day and try to imitate crucifixion, but it turned out that having class was actually pretty sweet. I was so mad about not being at home that I didn’t even fall asleep in class. I think that was the most I’ve ever learned in school. Ever.”

SGA’s official statement was, “Words words words... words words words... I’m relevant... words words.” However, not everyone supports this decision. Some have even said that it will “take away from the significance of class. If we can have it on just any holiday, it cheapens the effect. What is class if it’s not a break from the holidays?” These students are few and far between, of course, because what could possibly be wrong with superseding a major religious holiday with school?

RSC hurt by volcano, ready to take Heemstrites

The Board.

Heemstra will be moved into the new homeless shelter in the RSC, due to the Dutchacity of RSC hurt by volcano, ready to take Heemstrites

Heemstra refugees next year. It now gives a much more open and friendly atmosphere, which will hopefully come into play when the student center is converted into housing for Heemstra refugees next year. “It’s much different than the previous roof,” stated senior Josh Doorenbos. “I’m actually kind of glad it fell in, because if it hadn’t, the school wouldn’t have been able to fund the amazing new one that we’ll be living under next year.”

Hatrick Pummel has come to the rescue of these homeless men and generously offered them floor space in the RSC. “We’re really excited to be trying out this new style of living,” Pummel said in a recent interview. “We’ve received a lot of positive feedback from the Heemstrites.”

The Centerites (as the Heemstrites have chosen to be called pending the move) will be able to sleep in peace from midnight to seven in the morning when the RSC is unlocked. Due to a lack of space, however, the Centerites won’t have any beds, dressers or desks; they will all be provided with sleeping bags and backpacks that they can keep their possessions in.

“I’m really pumped for the guys to be trying something so unique,” current Heemstra RD Murray Boriarty said. “I’m only sad that I won’t get to join them.”

When asked about the possibility of Boriarty acting as a community leader for the Centerites, Pummel refused to comment. “We’re still unhappy that Boriarty is losing his job,” Mike “Minute Man” Colonial, a current Heemstrite and future Centerite, said. “However, I do have to say that he’ll be sure to come check up on us every once in a while, so we’ll settle for that, I guess.”

The Centerites are looking forward to all the possibilities of living in such a large open space with easy access to the Bultman Center and all its amenities. They plan on reviving their ancient tradition of jousting as well as continuing the majority of their current traditions including Ninja Dance and Defense Against Not-So-Fresh Fruit. The Centerites are also looking forward to living in a space that isn’t a death trap, unlike their current residence.

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Day of Learning: Body Functions and Faith

**BY ME CAN RUN**
**FRESHMAN GIRL**

The question on my heart has always been: When is it okay to fart? There definitely isn’t evidence in the Bible of the Disciples breaking wind; so what are the rules? I myself have never been conservative about the matter. I guess it’s just a matter of respect you have for others and for yourself, but in this case I guess I am lacking in both of those areas. I’ve considered holding it in, avoiding the beans on the salad bar and taking Gas-X, but all of those choices harm me and corrupt the natural flow of my body. So, in relation to the appropriateness of expelling sh*t, next year’s Day of Learning theme will be Body Functions and Faith.

Flatulents can be painful, enjoyable, freeing, pleasing and conversation stimulating—just like faith. We can use our bodily functions to break down barriers between different races across the world. Farting and burping are a universal language; with next year’s Body Functions and Faith theme, we will be able to explore how the natural gas emissions of our body can improve the Kingdom and spread the Word. Some of the workshops include: Belching the Books of the Bible, The Body of Christ: Wine, Bread and Cutting the Cheese, and TOOT TOOT: How to shoot our fa…" above cut off due to page bounds"

Next year’s theme was recommended by our own President, Craig Pristy. “I admit that the extinction of Heemstra will cause a major downfall in community throughout campus, but I believe that bodily functions will help restore community and unite us in our faith.” Next year will be enlightening to students, faculty and staff by breaking the awkward tensions caused by emissions of natural gas. Ultimately we will learn how to grow together and live in community by accepting each other and practicing respect for the unique pitches, tones and smells we all have been made to produce. Heck, maybe we’ll even form a ministry band called, “The Rippers,” that focuses on the Body and the amazing musical tricks it can do.

Overall, next year’s theme will be a rootin’ tootin’ time. It should be a rootin’ tootin’ time.

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Project Phoenix: Can OC live up to Pella?

**BY WISA FALTERS**
**NOT CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**

In a recent press conference with city officials, Orange City’s Board of Development members stated that Orange City was on its way to becoming the new and improved “Pella of the West.”

Project Phoenix, a recently launched development project, is an attempt for the downtown area of Orange City to not only mirror, but exceed the image and converse of Pella, Iowa as well. Orange City has forever been known like the Pella Pride.” However members have been upset with the image and converse of the infamously "beautification projects." Among many others, these beautification projects included the crossbrickwork seen at its finest only when standing in the tower of VP1 and the carpet-like grass laid behind Hospers to host a sun-bathing stage on the six warm days of the school year.

With summer commencing in just a few weeks we can rest assured that our campus will not look the same when we return. Projects are not only brewing under the belt of many maintenance workers but also our beloved cafeteria ladies and Resident Directors as well.

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With so many projects and so little time (and money!), Northwestern has decided to put the 2010 beautification project to a vote. To make sure your voice is heard, text “A” for the Asian dining furniture, “B” for the botanical garden, “C” for the dance club or “D” for heated sidewalks to 2569378 by Monday, Apr. 25 at 5:00 p.m.

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Beautification brings sexy vibe to NW’s campus

**BY EMOBY GOIN ALL THE WAY**
**SNAPSHOT QUEEN**

Northwestern College is not only a whole education for your whole life, it’s also a whole pleasure for all five senses. The scenery of Orange City’s Dutch architecture and blooming tulips never cease to add to the comeliness of the campus.

Over the summer of 2009, Northwestern maintenance decided to spruce up the grounds with a few “beautification projects.” Among many others, these beautification projects included the crossbrickwork seen at its finest only when standing in the tower of VP1 and the carpet-like grass laid behind Hospers to host a sun-bathing stage on the six warm days of the school year.

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Northwestern’s try at public transportation

BY JADA WALKER
STICKING TO THE SIDEWALK

Two tired and slow to walk from the chapel to the RSC in time for class? Always late for your class in the art building after lunch? Looking for a fun and healthy new activity? Northwestern Student Government Association, more commonly known as SGA, has devised the solution: The Rent-A-Bike Program. This program allows you to rent a bike for up to 24 hours, and is all-inclusive, complete with safety helmet and padlock. Students are raving about this new opportunity.

What were SGA’s reasons for instituting the Rent-A-Bike Program? With a campus diameter of about three blocks, organized public transportation doesn’t seem necessary at Northwestern. “Larger campuses have bus systems, but this wouldn’t be logical here,” obviously. This may be a small campus, but we need to meet the need. Also, students may want to rent-a-bike to just go for a ride, maybe on a date with a friend or something. The SGA Program gives you an opportunity to do that,” says Sye Klem, chairman of the project.

The Rent-A-Bike Program is also an attempt to stem the rising rate of bike-related crimes on campus. “Bikes are reported missing pretty frequently; people just borrow them from a rack and don’t necessarily return them to the same spot,” said Ike Toontie, administrator.

Whether this program will effectively combat this issue is less certain. A bike was stolen from outside the library as recently as April 19, reported missing on the Informer on April 20. There has been no word yet on status of this bicycle. “It’s really wrong. I mean, somebody could just get stranded somewhere. Maybe people wouldn’t take other people’s bikes without asking if they sign up for the program, and have access to one of their own,” suggested bicycle enthusiast Fannie Fanahan, of Stegenga Hall.

Northwestern regrets that bike-riding is undertaken at the rider’s own risk. Riders must sign the Rent-A-Bike contract, located at the LRC desk, before receiving a padlock key. In doing so, the rider accepts financial responsibility for the property and, most importantly, agrees to Rule No. 5: Enjoy!

These bicycles are yours for the borrowing as part of Northwestern’s Rent-A-Bike program.

Meet a duck named Chicken

BY RUDY FERSUMMER
BORDERLINE QUACK

The Northwestern student handbook says that fish are the only pet allowed in campus housing, but certain students have found their way around this regulation. While there have been rumors that a turtle, a piranha, a frog, and a cat named Roger have all been kept in dorm pets, this story focuses on how a duck named Chicken became the beloved pet and friend of an undisclosed wing in Coleenbrander Hall.

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Tallman wasn’t the only Coly resident to fall for Chicken the Duck, a name lovingly bestowed by Tallman’s human roommate E.Z. Going. Although Tallman was hesitant to reveal too many details, he hinted at the kind of quality time Chicken spent with the guys. He said, “Let’s just say Chicken wasn’t afraid of community showers.”

Chicken’s time in Coly, however, was short-lived. After two weeks of growing up in Coly, Tallman decided it was time to release Chicken into the wild. After a dramatic goodbye at Alton Pond, a farewell that included Chicken trying to return to Tallman, Chicken finally rejoined his natural habitat.

Although Tallman is currently petless, he hopes to share wisdom and make a connection across the transition? Of course. But we’re confident that this is the right path for the future of the school.”

Along with the unique needs of Chicken, he also advises potential owners to be on good terms with the RA, to establish hiding places and to plan for waste management. Most of all, it is crucial to always pay attention to your pet and its surroundings. “It’s easy to get lazy and let your guard down,” he said. “We almost lost Chicken once when we left the door open.”

Tallman and his roommates are living proof that as long as these guidelines are maintained, the sky, or flying animal in this case, is the limit when it comes to dorm pets.

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Chicken’s time in Coly, however, was short-lived. After two weeks of growing up in Coly, Tallman decided it was time to release Chicken into the wild. After a dramatic goodbye at Alton Pond, a farewell that included Chicken trying to return to Tallman, Chicken finally rejoined his natural habitat.

Although Tallman is currently petless, he hopes to share wisdom and make a connection across the transition? Of course. But we’re confident that this is the right path for the future of the school.”

Along with the unique needs of Chicken, he also advises potential owners to be on good terms with the RA, to establish hiding places and to plan for waste management. Most of all, it is crucial to always pay attention to your pet and its surroundings. “It’s easy to get lazy and let your guard down,” he said. “We almost lost Chicken once when we left the door open.”

Tallman and his roommates are living proof that as long as these guidelines are maintained, the sky, or flying animal in this case, is the limit when it comes to dorm pets.

The Rent-A-Bike Program is an attempt to stem the rising rate of bike-related crimes on campus. Bikes are reported missing pretty frequently; people just borrow them from a rack and don’t necessarily return them to the same spot,” said Ike Toontie, administrator.

Whether this program will effectively combat this issue is less certain. A bike was stolen from outside the library as recently as April 19, reported missing on the Informer on April 20. There has been no word yet on status of this bicycle. “It’s really wrong. I mean, somebody could just get stranded somewhere. Maybe people wouldn’t take other people’s bikes without asking if they sign up for the program, and have access to one of their own,” suggested bicycle enthusiast Fannie Fanahan, of Stegenga Hall.

Northwestern regrets that bike-riding is undertaken at the rider’s own risk. Riders must sign the Rent-A-Bike contract, located at the LRC desk, before receiving a padlock key. In doing so, the rider accepts financial responsibility for the property and, most importantly, agrees to Rule No. 5: Enjoy!

These bicycles are yours for the borrowing as part of Northwestern’s Rent-A-Bike program.
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## Dorm Beat: A fond farewell

**BY SARA CURRY**

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The end of the school year comes with all kinds of “lasts” – last meal at the cafeteria, last homework assignment, last class, last chapel credit, last exam. For most students, these “lasts” aren’t really “lasts,” but just “postponed until next semester last.” For graduating seniors, these “lasts” serve a bittersweet reminder that the end of the “lasts” always comes sooner than you think.

For the guys who have called Heemstra Hall home, every one of them not only faces a last “last,” but a final goodbye.

The closing of Heemstra Hall has been a difficult and pressing issue throughout the year and with the end rapidly approaching, the guys have come together to celebrate their beloved community as they share how it has influenced their lives.

“Being a member of the Heemstra community has been one of the highlights of my life,” senior Jared “Buzzsaw” Schmidt said. “It’s been a beautiful experience more than I could ever imagine,” Bottlerocket Boscaljon said.

As a community built on love, Heemstra is known for accepting all kinds of people. The men of Heemstra are more than you think, however, will continue.

**PHOTO BY EMILY GOWING**

Heemstra Hall, built in 1950, is currently the oldest-standing building on campus other than Jewett Hall. It has served a variety of purposes including housing the cafeteria and is currently the home of approximately 100 men.

As far as what the future holds for Heemstra, the guys believe that the community of Heemstra will not be lost to the changes that lie ahead. Many of the guys agree that the transition into Colenbrander Hall will have positive results for the NW community as a whole.

“The future looks brighter than I thought it would last semester,” Gutsche said. “I think the guys moving to Coly next year have a chance to continue the positive things about Heemstra while joining a larger community.”

Sophomore Tyler “Meerkat” McKenney is optimistic about the future of Heemstra as well, but also stresses the importance of accepting and balancing the changes ahead.

“I think the future holds many great opportunities for the Heemstra community to continue,” he said. “It is my hope that the guys will keep the traditions going, but also keep in mind that they are joining another community as well and to hold those two in balance.”

The closing of Heemstra has been especially hard on the guys, and to hold those two in balance.

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**PHOTO BY KARE BURSTAM**

The beloved Heemstra Hall, the building that is, is nearing its final year of occupancy. The dorm community, however, will continue.

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### Pondering from Across the Pond

**From the Precocious Mind of Emily Mullenburg**

**FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT FROM THE ESTEEMED OXFORD UNIVERSITY**

My last day in Oxford, I took a walk. I saw the same sights as always—the stately spire of Christ Church, the hurried bustle of Corn Market Street, a haggard man, with his mangled dog, selling Big Issue magazines, an old guy with a bandaged nose, a child covered in pink, pushed in a stroller, a tragically troubled Oxford scholar stooping over in his cloak. I treaded slowly as I finished my dramatic goodbye, lingering to take one last look at the amazing view of the Dreaming Spires that make Oxford famous.

But that wasn’t my last day in Oxford. In fact, I’m still here and it’s Wednesday; I’m among one of the hundreds of thousands of stranded travelers who are stuck in Europe or unable to get here because of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano. I know, it sounds like a huge joke. Ash from an Icelandic volcano is keeping me in Oxford; something with that crazy of a name interfered with my life, ruined my plans.

At first I thought hey, this is just making my life a more exciting adventure. This will make an excellent chapter in the memoir of my life. But I think if this was really a story-worthy adventure, the plot would move in more ways directions than in the up-and-down whirlpool I’m experiencing. There really isn’t anything that tale-worthy about saying, “then my flight got cancelled again, then I got a new one, then it got cancelled, and now I don’t know.”

I would much rather tell a story that involves one flight cancellation and then an action-packed exodus to the south of Europe, the north of Africa, the tip of South America, then back to the US. But this is my story. I’m stuck here, and the adventure part is in the subtle irks in my consciousness, the desperate hold on the fizzling hope of clear skies, and the nagging lengths of patience my soul is trying to learn.

After hating my life for about 50 hours, I finally woke up, ate a long breakfast, watched a couple of movies with my fellow refugees, and realized that I am in a great situation—thousands of people are stranded in various airports, barely able to take a shower, and I’m stuck in this beautiful city I just finished falling in love with. I think if I would have left on Saturday I would have rushed away from this experience, happy to be done with the challenge of studying abroad.

Now I’m stuck here and I have to think about things—particularly how I’ve grown and changed this semester. My time in Oxford didn’t have to end with me getting yanked out of the country; in fact, as I sit on my bum reading all day, waiting for the stupid ash to go away, I get to finish this experience with a deep sigh of relief and a calm period of processing and reflection.

I haven’t come to any conclusions yet, but guess what? You can ask me next week, because I’m finally at the “back again” part of this tale.

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Senior Lee Stover, senior Jacob Parsons, senior Nathan Beans, freshman Alex Boston, sophomore Kameron Toews and senior Isaac Hendricks hang out on the Heemstra stoop.

**PHOTO BY EMILY GOWING**

Emily safely returned to the United States on Thursday, Apr. 22.

Welcome home, Emily!
Women's golf hosts Softball hits rough patch, drops two to Dordt

The Northwestern women's golf team hosted the Lady Raider Invite on Tuesday and placed fourth out of seven teams. The Red Raiders carded a 347. Dakota Wesleyan won the meet with 318, followed by the University of Sioux Falls (335) and Briar Cliff (342).

Junior Maggie Achterhof tied for second place on the day with a six-over 78 (38/40), just four shots behind the winner. This was Achterhof's fourth second-place finish and sixth top-ten finish of the year.

Senior Rachelle Pedersen shot an 89 (46/43) to place 19th. Senior Anne Eberline (42/48) and Sara De Jong ran a time of 4:00.78.

It was a great day for the Northwestern track and field teams at the annual Sioux City Relays last Friday and Saturday, April 16-17.

On the women's side, freshman Kendra De Jong won the high jump for the third straight meet with a jump of 5'6. Sophomore Danie Fry surpassed the NAIA provisional qualifying mark in the discus, placing fourth with a throw of 137'8. Freshman Jana Olson vaulted 10'0 which she won with a throw of 99.9.

The Raiders will compete at the GPAC meet in Hastings, Neb., next Saturday. The USF Last Chance Invite will be held on May 8, and the NAIA Outdoor Championships will begin on Thursday, May 27.

Men's golf team continues to impress

The men's golf team captured second place out of 14 on Tuesday in Blair, Neb. The Red Raiders shot their second-lowest score of the season, 298, on the 18-hole course. They finished just four strokes back from first place USF, who scored 294.

Senior Luke Vermeer's three-under 69 (33/36) is the third-lowest score in Raider history and earned him medalist honors. Sophomore Ross Kiewiet shot a career-best 74 (36/38) to tie for eighth place. Freshman Michael Clark tied for 19th with a 77 (39/38). Freshman Michael Dykema tied for 27th with a 78 (35/43), while sophomore Aaron Rozeboom shot an 81 (42/39) to tie for 38th.

Tennis picks up second win over Doane

The Northwestern women’s golf team won their second match of the season on Saturday against Doane. Sophomore Julie Mineart picked up a loss in No. 1 singles 3-6 and 0-6.

Freshman Michael Clark tied for 27th with a 77 (39/38). Freshman Michael Dykema tied for 27th with a 78 (35/43), while sophomore Aaron Rozeboom shot an 81 (42/39) to tie for 38th.

This weekend, the Raiders will co-host the NCAC Invite. Tee-off is at 11:00 a.m. today at The Ridge in Sioux Center and 9:00 a.m. Saturday at Landsmeer in Orange City.

The fourth round of the GPAC tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, in Sioux Falls. The NAIA National meet will be from May 18-21 in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois.