**Harsh economy hits home**

**BY RENEE NYHOF**

"It's a sign of the times," said President Greg Christy, because based on the budget projection for the 2010-11 school year, Northwestern will have a $3 million revenue shortfall.

The basic cause of the deficit, according to Provost Jasper Lesage is that, "NW operates best with a total student body of 1300 to 1350, but we're currently at 1206."

Other factors affecting NW's budget projection, according to Lesage, include 1) the suffering economy, 2) the tuition guarantee program and 3) demographics—most NW students come from Iowa but fewer college-aged students reside in Iowa.

"Even though this year more students than expected went to independent colleges, projecting next year's budget situation is still very complicated for everyone; there's too much uncertainty," said Lesage.

Each fall, NW creates a budget projection for the following school year based on current revenue and expenses. Revenue includes tuition, room and board, some auxiliary income such as the bookstore and donations. The largest share of expenses at the college is for salaries, benefits, utilities, etc.

Yet, when both were added for next year, the balance was $3 million in deficit.

"For the past 24 years, NW has met the financial goal, and we're on track for meeting our goal for the 25th year. And NW is in the top 15 percent when it comes to financial strength," said Christy. While NW will have the biggest budget hit next year, he added, "We see it as a short-term budget challenge."

However, because the projected deficit is for next year, Christy believes there is plenty of time to discuss how to solve the problem. One part of the solution is to balance out the deficit through the next three years.

The board will also be re-examining how NW operates, but their focus will be on the revenue side—trying to get more funding and gifts—according to Adrienne Forgette, dean of faculty.

"The idea of cutting faculty and staff is not the preferred way to deal with this situation," Forgette said. "We have to think long-range; we want to keep the faculty we have to provide for the students."

Christy also commented on how budget cuts would affect students, saying, "We want this to impact students in the least way possible. We will be evaluating what we do best, what programs are undersubscribed and where we have potential to grow."

The board will continue to discuss solutions to next year’s projected deficit and hope to announce their answers in late January.

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**SGA discusses meeting with President Christy, fire pit**

**BY SARA JANZEN**

At its Nov. 16 meeting, SGA discussed an upcoming meeting with President Christy. The meeting, to take place Nov. 23, will address the Heemstra housing situation and petition.

This meeting is a result of a motion passed on Nov. 2 to invite Christy and local Board members to further discuss the situation. Wes Garcia, SGA president, explained that SGA has only directly invited Christy.

"Out of respect to the Board members, we felt that the invitation should be extended through Christy," Garcia said. He went on to say, "When we invited President Christy to the meeting, we also stated that we would like other Board members present and have left the decision and the invitation up to him."

Upon the request of several Heemstra residents in mid-October, SGA has taken on the role of liaison between Heemstra and the Board of Directors.

SGA hopes to convey student concern over the proposed suite-style housing as well as give Heemstra representatives an opportunity to present alternative options to administration.

Heemstra representative senior Matt Leither explained, "We have laid out a couple of alternatives, including building a traditional dorm instead for about the same cost, or fixing Heemstra temporarily." Either of these options, Leither maintains, would cost the college significantly less than the suites.

"Knowing the amount of signatures that Heemstra has collected has prompted us to make sure the student voice is heard by the administration," Garcia stated.

"This meeting will only serve to reinforce the validity of the student voice and the discontent of that voice."

This meeting serves to continue the discussion between the student body and the administration. Garcia and any significant decisions regarding the situation will be made at the meeting.

SGA meetings are open to all students and those with a vested interest are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in RSC 149.

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**I-Club offers a taste of culture and coffee**

**BY LIZ LAWRENSEN**

On Saturday, Nov. 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the annual International Coffeehouse will take place in The Hub. A favorite event for many students every year, the Coffeehouse celebrates cultural diversity and the talent present at Northwestern.

The Hub is offering a special discount of 25 cents off every drink during the event.

The Coffeehouse will feature a show of 13 different acts. Not only will the show feature members of NW’s I-Club, but members of international clubs and groups from Dordt and Morningside will participate as well. NW acts include Indian style dances choreographed by Christine Roy and Laura Elder and Japanese cheerleading. Also, rumor has it that Leon Li and Limbo Xu will be returning to the stage. Lisa Barber, RD from Fern, will be emceeing the show.

Some students may assume this event is only for those involved in I-Club or for international students. However, this is not true.

Ho said, "The purpose of this event is to have the opportunity for international students to interact with other students and the community and share their culture.” She explained that cultural differences often prevent international students from being able to share their talents, and she gave the example of singing in different languages. Fortunately, the coffeehouse is a venue to showcase these gifts.

Everyone attending the Coffeehouse is encouraged to wear the traditional dress from another country, although it is not required.

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**Beacon tackles video**

The Beacon staff would like to introduce you to a twist on the way Northwestern is used to getting its news. It is bold, it is exciting and it goes beyond what you can pick up from the stand and hold in your hand each Friday morning.

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Winter's Warmth Caress

I am a very atypical person. I sneeze when caught off guard by bright sunlight. I find ways of tripping over my own feet quite often—no matter how flat or stable my walking surface. I am extremely awkward socially around people I don't know well, and generally would rather spend time with a good book. Maybe most strange, considering the stereotypical college student, I love getting up early for no good reason at all. Take this semester for example. My earliest M/W/F class is at 10:40 a.m. and my earliest T/TH class is at 1:45 p.m., and yet I am up at 6:17 a.m. every day of the week (Yes—6:17. I also happen to schedule my life around random, non-regular times).

Now that you know a few of my quirks, maybe you can forgive me for spending the rest of this article talking about something that you may not be ready to hear about yet: Winter.

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I love winter. I would much rather be cold than hot, and, if given the chance, would live in jeans and a sweatshirt year-round (This is ideal, considering that the typical “winter” in Iowa actually starts in late fall and extends into early spring).

I love curling up in Beulah (resident chair of Stengena 201), erasing a mug of hot chocolate and watching big, fluffy snowflakes float from the sky in their lazy, carefree way. I love the intricate designs frost makes on the windows.

Winter mornings are perfect for taking you from that semi-conscious, just-rolled-out-of-bed state to wide awake. The crisp morning stillness snaps you awake the moment you step outside.

Winter also makes that daily walk across campus a bit more exciting. With each step comes the possibility of suddenly finding yourself flat on your back in front of a cafeteria full of people, legs sticking straight up in the air, as you struggle to regain your footing and simultaneously balance an over-packed backpack, which may or may not have been the cause of your fall in the first place (Not that I would know anything about that . . .). The first few days away from Thanksgiving, a time of year when we would normally be getting our first good snowfall, and we are yet to have snow fall, stick to the ground and last more than 24 hours. What are you waiting for, Iowa? Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow . . .
Sex, war and murder

BY GREG WHITE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

After spending five years researching, writing and drawing, Robert Crumb, a lauded comic artist, has published “The Book of Genesis.” This graphic interpretation leaves nothing out. Full of sex and war, this interpretation casts the foundational narratives of Judeo-Christianity in a whole new light. What Crumb did in this book is bold, especially in a nation where such conservative mental claustrophobia flourishes. He illustrated a book of the Bible, and left no story untold, no scene un-shown. We like to leave the strange stories about Lot and his daughters screwing in our Christian caves or Abraham doing it with his wife’s slave out of our Christian pants. Crumb brings these familiar Bible characters to life, and he pleads with, bargains with, cries out to God. He pleads with God. He pleads with the complex,多元, passionate relationship with God. He pleads... with aggression—especially on his wife’s slave out of our Christian Education Hour curriculum. Crumb includes these sexual scenes, and even shows us some boobs.

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NW students roamin’ in Romania

BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA
COPY EDITOR

“Mountains, Gandalf!”

Expressed from Northwestern senior Taylor Mugge, this brief but expressive Lord of the Rings reference proclaims one of many features that has become dear to the group of seven NW students “on a remarkable journey,” according to senior Heather Talbot.

What is this remarkable journey? It is two-fold. The main setting is a valley in Romania wherein lies the city of Lupeni. Scene changes have spread to the cities of Cluj and Bucharest and the countries Bulgaria, Italy, Switzerland and Austria, to name a few. But these students have suggested that the greater journey is taking place in less tangible arenas: mindsets, understandings and hearts.

They are students on NW’s Romania Semester Program, and with NW semester abroad deadlines approaching quickly this Feb. 10, they have the inside details for you to consider.

What adventures lie over the ocean?

How do you learn to live in another culture? Talbot explains, “Choosing to engage here while missing home is always a challenge, but one worth wrestling with. We try to see Romania for what it is, not for how it compares to what we are used to.”

Any student who has studied abroad would likely tell you that it is unrealistic to claim immunity to homesickness, a sentiment both Mugge and Talbot admit. In addition to missing the important people in their lives, Mugge misses the freedom of having an available car, and "strangely enough, the caf." Talbot adds, "I miss ‘familiar’… I miss life in Iowa.”

However, she clarifies, “I’m looking forward to being home, but I am not looking forward to leaving Romania.” Upon their return in a couple short weeks, the homesickness feeling will be flipped: “I’ll miss jogs along the river. I’ll miss mountains. I’ll miss people. I’ll miss zacusca. I’ll miss the simplicity,” Talbot enumerates. “I’ll miss Romania.”

Both Talbot and Mugge claim their favorite area of study has been their development course in sustainable community, which considers sustainable international development “as an approach to Christian missions,” said Talbot. “Typically, development has been thought of in terms of economics, but we are learning that development is not about money alone; it’s about people.”

Currently the NW students live in two separate apartments. Although Mugge and Talbot both admit that their language skills have somewhat declined since they are not forced to practice with their Romanian host families, they have enjoyed the time growing closer to their fellow NW students. “We have come to love and trust one another more than I ever thought possible,” Talbot said. “In this time and place we are a family.”

Before living in apartments, the students each had home stays, which Mugge cites as “probably worth the tuition in itself.” He explains, “There is absolutely nothing in this world like living with a Romanian family. You will learn their language, their culture, their habits, their likes and dislikes, what they talk to their friends about, what they drink and especially, especially what they eat.”

If you’re the typical American college student, you may be wondering, “...But what is that food like?” Talbot notes that much of Romanian food is made with familiar ingredients that are just prepared in unfamiliar ways. Mugge adds, “Sometimes it’s awesome, sometimes you have to choke it down with a smile.”

What challenges lie in a return home?

Having studied in Romania last semester, senior Stacey Bernardo also has reflections to share about her experience abroad. The Romanian things Bernardo important things in life, including building relationships and showing love to others, exploring our surroundings, engaging in deep and meaningful conversations and praising God for this wonderful life he has given us.”

Bernardo explains that her Romanian experience continues to have a “powerful effect” on her life, spanning areas from her finances to the way she handles relationships and particularly in her desire to reach out to people. “I highly recommend the Romanian semester abroad, or any study abroad trip because it pushes people to new heights and depths where they can fully see God’s beautiful plan for his kingdom,” she concluded.

Back in Romania…for now.

When asked what his most significant point of growth has been, Mugge replied, “My beard.” He added in a turn of introspection, “Also, I have grown to respect this culture so much more than I ever could have imagined. It’s so incredibly much deeper and richer than it looks on the surface.”

“I wish I would have realized before I left how fast the semester was going to go by. I would have made even more of an effort to soak it all in,” said Talbot. “I’ve learned that I am stronger than I once thought. I’ve learned that to serve the kingdom I don’t have to be the smartest or the best, I just sometimes need to take a step…Basically, I’ve just learned a lot about myself, the gospel and world.”

Although struggling to reconcile a “worldview crisis,” Talbot emphasizes her desire to practice the things she has learned from her time in Romania: “I think the true test of the reality of the experience is not in the completion of the semester, but in how the experience of the semester here in Romania influences the way I live for the rest of my life.”

She concludes, “It is wonderful to realize that none of this ends with Romania. Our lives are changing forever.”

Advice from Taylor Mugge and Heather Talbot

1. Get ready to participate in learning like you never have before.
3. Bring really good rain gear and a good daypack.
4. Save up for fall break.
5. Come with questions.
6. Leave your expectations at home.
FEATURES

Around the world in four weeks

BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA AND CARRIE KROHN
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Would you like to study abroad, but aren’t sure you have the academic time to spend a semester overseas? Consider a Northwestern Summer Study Abroad (SSA) program!

Five SSA programs are being offered for summer 2010, with the potential of a sixth: China, Ecuador, Great Britain, Russia and a new program trip to Ethiopia. A program to Tanzania is pending approval from the Academic Affairs Committee.

Through SSA trips, students grow in their understanding of intercultural relationships and the complexity of other people and cultures through many avenues. SSA programs place students directly in contact with people and cultures of that place.

An added benefit is the amount of students and faculty learn about themselves. Clark continued, “In the process, we are all changed, as is our vision of a great God who loves diversity and loves each individual completely.”

Senior Emily Muilenburg also confirms this idea, reflecting, “Somehow experiencing another culture taught me more about myself than anything. I traveled halfway around the globe to find myself, which is a noble endeavor that everyone should have the privilege of undergoing.”

Muilenburg went on NW’s India SSA last summer.

“Quite simply, going to India was amazing,” she said. “The Indian culture came at me like one of those painting palettes—the blues and oranges of Indian clothing, the shimmers of gold and silver, the creamy mocha of children’s faces, the mushy tan color of the rice we had for every meal.”

What does an SSA look like? The programs are three to four weeks long and typically take place right after graduation so students still have time to work or complete internships.

“I feel that the Summer Study Abroad experiences allow for opportunities to study an academic discipline in a unique setting,” said Professor of Kinesiology Dean Calsbeek, the China faculty leader. “I love how it pushes students—and professors—out of their comfort zones and enables them to think about their own culture in new ways.”

SSA programs fulfill the GEN 330 general education cross-cultural requirement and tuition for these programs is half-off normal tuition rates. Led by NW faculty, students travel and learn with their peers while experiencing a different part of the world.

When asked about her experience with SSA, Professor of Music Dr. Josselyn-Cranson, the Russia faculty leader stated, “Summer study abroad opportunities, like all chances to experience the world, are important because the whole world is God’s. By meeting new people, visiting and especially really living in new cultures, and encountering new ways of thinking, we are finding out more about who and what God has created.”

Summer Study Abroad 2010 Options
China: Dean Calsbeek, “Body Culture in China.”
Ecuador: Rick Clark, “Topics in Cross-Cultural Studies: Ecuador.”
Great Britain: Karen and Jeff Barker, “British Culture Through Art and Theatre.”
Russia: Heather Josselyn-Cranson, “Russian Language, Music and Culture.”
Tanzania: Ruth Daumer, “Promoting Shalom with Cross-Cultural Populations.”

Dorm Beat: Small dorms pack powerful punches

Such tight-knit community life becomes especially active during the unique and sometimes quirky events held by the dorms.

Hospers Hall recently held its first “Dude Daze” week, in which the ladies were encouraged to pay tribute to the male way of life by dressing up in camouflage and lumberjack apparel, participating in “Mini-Man Olympics” with manly events such as push-ups, log-throwing and spitting, playing video games and watching masculine movies like Gladiator together.

DeMuz describes “Dude Daze” as one of the goofiest events Hospers has ever held.

“It was an experiment and caused a lot of great conversations,” she said.

West Hall has some original events of its own. Every year the guys get together for “72-hour Bible read” where they collectively read the Bible out loud cover to cover. This year it took 69 hours and 53 minutes.

The West Hall Fall Retreat is also an annual opportunity for West guys to enjoy each other’s company and relax around a fire. But don’t let this image of lazy guys kicking back roasting marshmallows fool you.

“We don’t call it a retreat in West Hall,” Currier said. “We call it an ‘Attack because we do not retreat.’”

As the end of the semester is fast approaching, both dorms have more good times to cram in before the students go their separate ways for break.

In addition to their weekly small group meetings and study breaks, daily devotions and bi-weekly Senior Suppers, Hospers Hall has a fun-filled Christmas party and financial awareness meeting coming up.

Along with bi-weekly documentary and prayer/praise nights, West Hall also has its annual Christmas party and White Elephant gift exchange, as well as “Wern Fest,” a discussion between West and Fern residents.

Both DeMuz and Currier highly value the variety of activities that engage the students in different ways.

Despite the smaller surface areas of West and Hospers, there is much more to them than meets the eye. As DeMuz said, “Hospers is like a place where you can be who you want to be in a community that loves you regardless.”

And as Currier said, “West cannot be defined in one sentence because that is like trying to canoe on dry land with only one paddle, which makes no sense.”
Men's basketball dishes out two victories

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team played at home for the first time this season and made it count as the Raiders won two games during the Pizza Ranch Classic this past weekend.

"It was wonderful to play at home. We have great fans and we appreciate their support," said Head Coach Kris Korver.

Friday night, the Raiders scored 51 points in the first half and added 57 more in the second half to annihilate Grace University 108-69 for their first win of the season.

"The guys played unselfishly. It was great to see unselfish ball movement," Korver said. "When we share the basketball and get everyone involved, good things happen. It was enjoyable to watch our guys get that first win this season under their belt."

Freshman Daniel Van Kalsbeek led the team with 18 points, seven rebounds, a block and a steal. Sophomore Walker Seim had 13 points, four rebounds, a block and a steal and freshman Ben Miller had 11 points, four rebounds, two blocks and three steals.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the team added their second win of the season in a close victory over Kansas Wesleyan 86-83.

"We took care of the basketball, we won the free throw battle and we made the two or three plays down the stretch needed to win the contest," Korver said.

At the end of the first period, Northwestern was up 40-36. The team was able to hold off a Kansas Wesleyan rally in the second period to keep the score at 46-49 and keep the win for the Raiders.

"As the game progressed and reached the last 10 minutes of the second half we began to see Kansas Wesleyan fatigue," Korver said. "We wore them down and then made plays to seal the victory."

Van Kalsbeek again led the team with 24 points, 11 rebounds and two steals, followed closely by Seim with 22 points and four rebounds.

The men's team plays another home game this Saturday, Nov. 21, against Doane at 4 p.m.
**Basketball keeps rolling along**

**BY SARA ADAMS**

The basketball courts of Northwestern were filled with women participating in the Pizza Ranch Classic. Sioux Falls, Waldorf, MidAmerica Nazarene and NW were the competition and the Raider women did not disappoint.

Their first game was played on Friday, Nov. 13, against Waldorf with an 81-58 NW win.

**Wrestling team qualifies six for nationals**

**BY ANDREW LOVGREN**

Even though the Northwestern wrestling team has only had two meets this year, the passion and aggression of the team is at mid-season levels.

“We have a young team, which means that some of them have something to prove,” said Head Coach Rik Dahl. “All our guys push themselves and their teammates in practice and it really paid off.”

The team competed in their first meet Nov. 7 at the Yellowjacket Open in Rochester, Minn.

“We were aggressive,” Dahl said. “We showed a lot of intensity and determination as a team.”

Individually, freshman Pedro Ruiz placed second in 133, freshman Angelo Quintana placed third in 125, freshman Jerod Flores placed third in 141 with 2 pins and freshman Nate Halpin placed third in 149 with a tech fall.

“It was good to see a lot of guys learn on the go,” Dahl said. “A lot of guys grew a lot, learning even from match to match.”

The team continued their high-level play at the DWU Open in Mitchell, S.D., last Saturday.

“It’s a tough meet,” Dahl said. “There are over 250 guys and everyone wrestles. Doesn’t matter how many minutes you’ve had between matches, when you’re ready, you go.”

The team was able to qualify six guys for nationals, which, according to Dahl, is “an unprecedented accomplishment this early in the year.”

Sophomore Nic Neither placed third in 197 going 5-1 with two pins and two majors. Junior Luke Evjen placed third in 165 with two pins.

Also qualifying were Quintana in 125, sophomore Matt Dowell and Flores in 141 and Levi Price in 157.

“Every team in our area and conference was there and we were able to do very well against them,” Dahl said. “The first couple meets are kind of a litmus test of sorts, and I’m very impressed with our guys.”

The team competes next in the Augsburg Open in Minneapolis, Minn., on Saturday, Nov. 21.

“In practice, we’ll emphasize getting out from the bottom, hand control and shot counts,” Dahl said. “We need to learn from our mistakes and keep improving as the season goes on.”

**Volleyball dominates GPAC Tournament**

**BY SARA ADAMS**

The volleyball team added another win to their nineteen-game streak in the GPAC Tournament Championship. The game Saturday, Nov. 14, against Doane created tension with close match scores, four lead changes and ten total ties.

The first game finished off at 25-23 after a tie at 22.

The second set started off with Northwestern behind but they fought hard and tied it up at 14, and again at 18. Then, down 24-20, the Raiders battled back to take the second set 26-24, for another close win.

To finish off the match the Raiders pulled out a 25-22 win.

NW finishes with an overall record of 33-2. They have been named both regular season and GPAC Tournament champions, the first time since 1996.

Along with the GPAC wins, senior Randa Hulstein has been named GPAC Player-of-the-Year.

Junior Hillary Hanno states that “This is the best team that we’ve had in a long time and we definitely have a shot [to win] this year.”

Upcoming practices will work towards stepping up the level of play so that they are completely ready to compete above and beyond what they have done thus far. Attributing success to skill alone, however, would not give credit to the “really good coaching staff that knows what they’re doing” according to Hanno.

This Week, Head Coach Kyle Van Den Bosch won Coach-of-the-Year for the third year in a row and the team’s achievements reflect that.

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Senior Delainye Woudstra keeps the ball in play at the GPAC Tournament Championship on Nov. 14. The Raiders went on the win the match 3-0, making them both regular season and tournament champions.

The next game will take place in the 32-team National Tournament which starts Dec. 1. in Sioux City.
Bradley reveals soul through music

BY SARAH LUPKES
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Amber Mehlaf Bradely will perform her senior vocal recital this Sunday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel. Bradley studies voice under the direction of Emily Lodine, lecturer in music.

Bradley said there is variety in her program’s repertoire, including pieces from the Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras. Composers featured include Bach, Mozart and American composers Ned Rorem and Albert Hay Malotte.

“There is such a broad variety,” Bradley said. “I have been interested in music and in vocal music in particular since I was a little girl. I have always been interested in embracing a variety of music.”

Her favorite piece from the recital is entitled “Senza Angiela” from the opera “Suor Angelica” by Giacomo Puccini.

“This song is sung about a woman who had an illegitimate child. After the child was born, the woman was forced to become a nun. When her aunt comes to visit her seven years later, she learns of her son’s death. It is a heart-gripping story,” Bradley said.

Guest musicians Laura Briggs, Andrew Klumpp and Richie Clark will accompany Bradley in her final piece of the recital, a short oratorio for a quartet. Bradley said, “This work is an upbeat, comical piece about different seasons like curry and tarragon. I think the audience will really enjoy it.”

After graduating from Northwestern, Bradley plans on finding teaching jobs in either elementary education, early music education or as a reading specialist.

With many members of her family being musicians, the influence of music was never far from Bradley.

“Music has always been a substantial part of my life,” Bradley said. “I enjoy singing and praising God with the gifts he has so graciously given me.”

Amber has a great love for music and the power it has. “Music is a great release for me. I enjoy turning on the radio and singing at the top of my lungs. It is very relaxing and enjoyable,” Bradley said.

Her favorite quote about music comes from Henry Ward Beecher: “Every artist dips his brush in God’s colors and paints his own nature into his pictures.”

Obama talks world issues with China

BY LEANN JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

President Barack Obama and Chinese President Hu Jintao agreed this week to work together to tackle some of the world’s most pressing issues, including global warming, nuclear disarmament and human rights.

Although the two presidents met in Beijing for two hours of discussion and a separate meeting over dinner, they emerged from their meetings with “scant progress beyond good will,” according to www.msnbc.com.

During a joint media event, Obama and Hu addressed the importance of the United States and China working together. “The major challenges of the 21st century, from climate change to nuclear proliferation to economic recovery, are challenges that touch both our nations, and challenges that neither of our nations can solve by acting alone,” Obama said.

Leon Li, an international student from China, supports the collaboration of the U.S. and China.

“It think it would be great for these two big countries to work together. Both the U.S. and China are two very powerful countries in the world that are able to change the history of the human being,” Li said. “It’s definitely beneficial for both countries if they can work together.”

On the topic of global warming, according to www.bbc.com, China is the world’s biggest producer of greenhouse gases at 20.7 percent of the world’s emissions, followed by the U.S. at 15.5 percent. As a result, Obama and Hu’s conclusion was that if the world is going to fight against climate change, next month’s global leaders meeting at Copenhagen will require a comprehensive global deal and not just a political statement.

Obama also raised the issue of human rights as fundamental for all. “We do not believe these principles are unique to America, but rather they are universal rights and that they should be available to all peoples, to all ethnic and religious minorities.” According to www.msnbc.com, the two leaders decided that by early next year, they will resume an “on-again, off-again dialogue on human rights.”

The presidents also discussed the tension regarding Tibet, the trade system between the U.S. and China and the two countries’ space programs. Promises were made to step up visits by military leaders to help overcome years of distrust over a Chinese military buildup and U.S. investigative missions in the seas off China.

Fighting hunger brings chance to win gaming, pizza party

BY MEAGAN MCDougALL
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For most families in the United States, the holiday season includes sitting down for a delicious feast with friends and family. However, not everyone gets to enjoy the luxury of a bountiful meal this season.

Over 35 million people go hungry in the United States every day and almost 13 million of these are children. Various groups on campus are participating in relieving hunger this holiday season in multiple ways.

Sodexo, Northwestern’s food service provider, is doing its part this holiday season to stop hunger by collecting nonperishable food items.

“We are really involved with helping stop hunger, and they incorporate all of the local units to help out their local food pantries,” said Mindi Sneller, who works with Sodexo Food Service.

All of the items that are collected during the event, which goes until Dec. 17, will go to the food bank in Sioux County to be distributed to hungry people in the surrounding areas.

To encourage students to contribute to the cause, Sodexo will award the wing on campus that donates the most nonperishable items with a gaming and pizza party in The Hub after Christmas break. To participate, students should pick up a Helping Hands bag in the cafeteria, fill it up with items and return it marked with the student’s wing.

For faculty and staff, Sodexo will offer lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays for only one dollar if they bring in six items.

Another campus group is helping those in need during the holidays as well. The Called2Go ministry will be hosting “Fleece and Film,” during which students will get together to make tie blankets to distribute around Sioux County while watching a movie that addresses an area of need in the U.S.

Media: More on BBC continued...

The Broader Beacon Coverage (BBC) is a videotaped broadcast of Beacon news. From student events to financial inquiries, the Broader Beacon is interested in attracting students to more than just the Campus Quotes. Each week, one news story will be transformed from a 500-word article to a two minute video, and NW will receive a new perspective on a front page story.

Sophomore journalism major Emily Gowing began the broadcast to be published on the Beacon website under the “Media” section each Friday at about the same time the paper comes out.

Broadcast journalism uses a wider range of technology and entirely different writing technique than print journalism. Because of this the Beacon staff is eager to learn and anxious to see the BBC advance week to week.

We invite you to open your eyes to NW’s new branch of media and come alongside the Beacon staff on an adventurous journey into the world of the BBC.