Homecoming brings new and old events
“Gratefully Red” alumni and current students take a weekend to celebrate

BY SARA JANZEN  
STAFF WRITER
Northwestern will welcome back old traditions and celebrate a few new ones during the homecoming festivities this weekend.

Sporting Events
Friday night at 7:30 the Raider varsity volleyball team will take on Dana College in the Bultman Center. Saturday at 1:30 p.m., the Raider football team will kick off against Concordia University on Korver Field. Also on Saturday, the Raider varsity volleyball team will host Midland Lutheran at 5 p.m. in the Bultman Center.

Morning on the Green
Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until noon, homecoming staple Morning on the Green will take place. More than 35 booths representing different student organizations and dorms will offer games, food and other fare to visitors and students.

Beginning at 11 a.m., a homecoming picnic will be held in Jaycee Park for returning alumni and current NW students.

Other Events
Besides football, volleyball and Morning on the Green, there are many other events happening this homecoming weekend.

Friday at 9 p.m. students will be able to attend NW’s first Battle of the Bands in the RSC mini-gym.

Registration for the 16th Annual Raider Road Race begins at 7:30 a.m. by Christ Chapel for those who have not pre-registered. The race, which begins at 8:30 a.m., follows a 5-kilometer course around Orange City and is open to runners and walkers of all skill levels.

The homecoming dance will take place at 9 p.m. in the white alumni tent at Jayce Park. Students and alumni are invited to this semi-formal dance. It costs $2 and refreshments will be served.

This year’s homecoming theme is “Gratefully Red.” Jenny Neuhauser, director of alumni relations, explained the meaning behind it: “Basically last year when we were charged to come together: ‘Basically last year we were charged to come together and celebrate the best of Northwestern, and so, basically last year we were charged to come together to celebrate the best of Northwestern .’”

Neuhauser hopes students will take full advantage of this homecoming weekend, not only by attending the events but by meeting some alumni.

“If you see people you don’t recognize this weekend,” Neuhauser explained, “they’re probably alumni. Say hello to them and thank them for coming back. Be good hosts and hostesses.”

Local bands to battle for winning title
BY LIZ LAWRENSEN

Theatre season opens with the bare necessities
BY SARAH LUPKES  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER
The theatre department is bringing Mowgli, Baloo and Bagheera to life with this year’s family theatre production of “Jungle Book Tales,” stories from Rudyard Kipling’s classic children’s book. Shows are on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Children from area schools will watch the show every Tuesday and Thursday at noon until Nov. 12.

Adapted and directed by theatre professor Jeff Taylor, “Jungle Book Tales” tells the story of Mowgli, a boy who is being raised by wolves in the jungles of India. Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther guide him as he learns about friends, enemies and pack loyalty. The one-hour production will include vine-swinging Bandar-logs (monkeys) and puppetry for the characters of Cheel the hawk and Kaa the snake.

“This is a very enthralling story,” Taylor said. “Kipling uses sophisticated language, directed toward children, to address harsh realities of life and how children and adults alike can survive them by following a code of honor with loving and loyal friends.”

“Most people are familiar with the Disney animated movie version,” Taylor said, “but to see these stories acted out by real people makes these stories more powerful.”

This production is bringing some new and old faces to the theater stage.

“They all do a wonderful job of interpreting the characters and bringing them to life,” Taylor said. “I have enjoyed working with such a creative team of student designers, too. They have taken the designs beyond what I could imagine.”

“I read the script, and I was so enamored. I wanted so much to be part of this production,” said freshman theater major Abby Bierly, who plays Mowgli’s wolf-mother. “This is my first college theater experience, and I am very excited. Every moment of this experience has been above and beyond what I ever imagined.”

Taylor and Bierly both said there is plenty to anticipate in this production.

“This story will be a delight to the audiences but has potential to get the audience thinking about real life issues,” Taylor said.

Bierly said she enjoys performing because it is a means for people to temporarily escape reality.

“This is such a fun story,” Bierly said. “There are laughs, tears, hugs and more than a few growls that are sure to entertain.”
I know what you did last summer: whether you'll admit it or not, you learned something. But now your fall routine is starting to sink in; all those classes and activities are pushing the folder labeled “summer lessons” further and further out of your mind.

This is dangerous, because that folder is full of real world experiences that are just as important to know as book knowledge.

For example, some lessons you learned could be among the following:

1. You learned that babysitting (aka: being a camp counselor) is a great form of birth control.
2. You learned that living with your parents is cheaper than that diamond ring you looked at.
3. You learned that living with you parents is cheaper than that wedding dress you didn’t buy.
4. You learned that receiving CAPITOL letters in a text means someone is arguing with you and they are SERIOUSLY MAD!!!!!!!
5. You learned that there are earlier times than 7:45 to be somewhere.
6. You learned that Facebook is code for “family reunion” because not only does your mom, your brother and all your aunts and uncles have pages, now your grandma has one too.
7. You learned to seize the moment; you ate the hot dog, fries and a slushy before you rode in the spinning teacup not once but three times...
8. You learned that while Iowa isn’t technically Hollywood because it is a little flat and may be very corny, our nights have way more stars.
9. You learned that your 21st birthday was not as memorable as you thought it was going to be.
10. You learned that God and s’mores have something in common: we can share them around a campfire.

So why is it so hard to love a flawed campus? Oh! That’s right; we’re paying for this. We think that we have to complain about stuff like the RCC or the lack of trays in the cafeteria. Sure. Write your whiny articles. You do realize that many peoples’ opinions went into making those decisions, right?

That said, I’m not writing an article to change your mind about our campus; that topic has been prostituted enough. Actually, that is why I stopped reading the Beacon. I love the quotes, but the long articles whining about the way the college spends our money raped the enjoyment and purpose of the Beacon. After all, what is a beacon? Webster says it’s “a person or thing that offers encouragement or guidance.”

I think that establishes the fact that is exactly what we are called to do! God uses our hardships to mold us into His will, which is something that should be joyous. As He reminded the Israelites through the prophet Isaiah: “See, I have refined you, but not like silver; I have tested you in the furnace of adversity.”

When you’re lost or angry or confused or grieved or afraid, you have no greater need for your Savior, whose power is made perfect in weakness.” Take solace in these times, when God has granted you the means to drive you to your knees in awesome humility. In the sunny days of life, we often feel like we have no need to go to God, but the storms drive us into His arms. Be glad of this, even when all else is pain. In this way, we can truly say that, “When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say ‘It is well, it is well with my soul.’
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Jordan Gowing

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For Jordan Gowing, homecoming court was a humbling surprise. As a Religious major, Jordan sees himself as any other person looking to serve God. Gowing is looking forward to seminary next year, but he enjoys remembering his favorite college memories.

Many of his favorite memories stem from his freshman year, such as the time he spent the night on top of an unnamed location in Le Mars. Other favorites include playing the video game Gears of War so much that he and a friend called it “saving the world” as an excuse to play it more.

Gowing also vividly remembers and event he calls “Daniel and the lion’s den.” A little fish, Daniel, was put into the tank of a much bigger fish, Frank the Tank. The ensuing chase was made ridiculous with the over-enthusiastic audience of twenty Colenbrander men.

Gowing began living in Coly as a freshman unsure of community showers and has since embraced community living to the point of encouraging shower parties as an RA last year.

During his time at NW, Gowing has learned that when a community of men gets together, they are surrounded by an aura of invincibility. Gowing can serve God in no better way than guiding that community of men.

Queen Krystal Van Wyk

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FEATURES EDITOR

From eating pie off the road to being crowned homecoming queen, Krystal Van Wyk’s college career has been full of surprises.

Although not sound harsh, her freshman initiation of eating smashed pies off the road remains one of Van Wyk’s favorite Northwestern memories. “The fact that we all failed our tests the next day made our roots grow deeper,” said Van Wyk.

Her greatest fear as a freshman was that she would be paired with a bad roommate, but Van Wyk said, “That ended up being one of the biggest blessings of my life.”

Her friendships also led her to some crazy experiences, including sleeping on the top of an abandoned building. Van Wyk said, “In the morning, we realized the cars could see us from the highway so we left within like 10 minutes.”

If Van Wyk could choose to become like any NW professor, she would choose to the current Professor of the Year, Prof. John Vander Brugge. “I don’t even need to say anything more than that,” she said.

“My Juffer because I can only wish that I can be that cool and still beat college-age boys in Horse.”

As a three-year resident and former RA of Stegenga Hall, Van Wyk, a perpetual lover of hugs, describes herself as being like the building. “Like Steggy opens its arms to the campus, as do I.”

Carrie Manifold

BY EMILY GOWING
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Carrie Manifold has had three years filled with exciting stories and looks forward to a senior year that will cap off her experience here at Northwestern.

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Chelsea Stromley’s initial reaction of, “Do that many people really know who I am?” to her homecoming nomination is a perfect example of her spunky yet humble personality.

In the fall of 2006, Stromley was terrified of meeting the fellow freshman she had only been in contact with through MySpace, although this fear turned out to be unfounded.

One of her many Northwestern memories occurred on the infamous snow day before the spring break of 2007.

After putting on their swim suits over their clothes, she and a friend took to the huge mounds of snow in their paradoxical outfits.

This snow craziness doesn’t come close to the ridiculousness of Stromley’s annual ritual of swimming across a pond after the slime fight.

“That has got to be the worst smelling water I have continually gotten into for no reason whatsoever,” she said.

Stromley, an aspiring social worker, hopes to emulate Professor Val Stokes as an advocate of justice for the marginalized population.

“I believe she is a person that truly understands and exemplifies the love that Christ has called us to day after day.”

Alloying person herself, Stromley believes that the new couches in the RSC best exemplify her heart for simple acts of service.

“It is just one of those simple joys in life that allows you to take your mind off the busyness of everything going on.”
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King Andrew Klumpp
BY EMILY GOWING
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Before being crowned king, senior Andrew Klumpp looked back on his time at Northwestern. Although not the craziest thing he’s done at NW, the story of the snow storm during his freshman year will have to suffice. “There was so much snow and wind that when walking outside of West Hall,” he said, “you couldn’t see over many of the snow drifts.” He wonders how one could stare at the snow drifts all day long without being enticed to jump in. “Of course, this certainly could not happen with the hindrance of clothing,” said Klumpp. “That’s just foolishness.” One thing led to another and Klumpp can tell the story of “some once-in-a-lifetime snow drift diving.”

When asked which professor he most wants to be like, Klumpp answered, “If I could somehow fuse Elizabeth Truesdell and Mike Kugler with the endearing qualities of Jim Mead, I feel as though I would become something of a shockingly frank, tactfully blunt, sarcastic, innuendo-laden, quirky, sweet kick-wearin’ deity who is probably more intelligent than 98 percent of the world yet maintains formidable people skills.” Klumpp’s humor and lightheartedness captures the essence of a fun-filled senior well on his way to bigger and better things.

Sarah Earleywine
BY RENEE NTHOF
EDITOR

“Please, don’t let us get pulled over by the cops, I just started college.” Those thoughts not only take Senior Sarah Earleywine back to orientation week her freshman year but also to her scariest moment at college.

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As a freshman he also learned valuable lessons, such as that the October Rule was once a very real rule. “The upperclassmen thoroughly enjoyed keeping their promises,” said Norris. As a Religion major, Norris hopes to become like Prof. John Vonder Bruegge, but not necessarily for the obvious reasons. “I would be able to one day decide to grow a massive beard and pull it off,” said Norris, “and then the next day, I could decide to shave it off and pull that off, too. Besides being ridiculously smart, of course.”

If Norris could choose to be an item on campus, he would choose to be a carpeted lifetime snow drift diving. “Our field goal attempt at the end of the game was blocked,” he said, “but after a pass and a number of snags, we recovered the ball in the end zone to win the game with no time left.”

Hegstad, an aspiring teacher, aims to emulate the serving example of Dr. Dick Van Holland. “He was always so relational with all of us students,” he said. “He has such a servant heart as an educator.”

From the classroom to the football field and even to Coly’s bathroom, Hegstad has made timeless memories at NW and the list will only continue to grow as he lives it up for one last year.

Jessica Pomeranke
BY JORDAN VERMEER
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Jessica Pomeranke has had a fun and fulfilling college career. She considers it an honor to be on homecoming court, and her excitement is palpable. Some people may call her crazy, but Pomeranke’s love for math is one of the things that sets her apart. She is also a warrior poet who rocked the tennis court, managed the basketball team and welcomed freshmen on O-staff.

During her time at Northwestern, Pomeranke has created some memorable moments. She and her roommate, being the fun-loving people they are, made everyone who came into their room sophomore year sign a toilet named Tink. What’s more, she performed Thriller for Air Band during her junior year. “Pretty sure our wing got so sick of that song blasted from our room daily. We tend to have our music at max volume.”

If there was one NW item that depicts her, she would choose the classy biscuits and gravy: homey, tasty, and always available Monday through Friday.

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As a freshman he also learned valuable lessons, such as that the October Rule was once a very real rule. “The upperclassmen thoroughly enjoyed keeping their promises,” said Norris. As a Religion major, Norris hopes to become like Prof. John Vonder Bruegge, but not necessarily for the obvious reasons. “I would be able to one day decide to grow a massive beard and pull it off,” said Norris. “And then the next day, I could decide to shave it off and pull that off, too. Besides being ridiculously smart, of course.”

If Norris could choose to be an item on campus, he would choose to be a carpeted lifetime snow drift diving. “Our field goal attempt at the end of the game was blocked,” he said, “but after a pass and a number of snags, we recovered the ball in the end zone to win the game with no time left.”

Hegstad, an aspiring teacher, aims to emulate the serving example of Dr. Dick Van Holland. “He was always so relational with all of us students,” he said. “He has such a servant heart as an educator.”

From the classroom to the football field and even to Coly’s bathroom, Hegstad has made timeless memories at NW and the list will only continue to grow as he lives it up for one last year.

Jessica Pomeranke
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Jessica Pomeranke has had a fun and fulfilling college career. She considers it an honor to be on homecoming court, and her excitement is palpable. Some people may call her crazy, but Pomeranke’s love for math is one of the things that sets her apart. She is also a warrior poet who rocked the tennis court, managed the basketball team and welcomed freshmen on O-staff.

During her time at Northwestern, Pomeranke has created some memorable moments. She and her roommate, being the fun-loving people they are, made everyone who came into their room sophomore year sign a toilet named Tink. What’s more, she performed Thriller for Air Band during her junior year. “Pretty sure our wing got so sick of that song blasted from our room daily. We tend to have our music at max volume.”

If there was one NW item that depicts her, she would choose the classy biscuits and gravy: homey, tasty, and always available Monday through Friday.

A couple guys asked her group of girls to go swimming. But swimming really meant having the girls watch as the guys jumped into the Alton and Orange City pools to jump a few times off the diving boards. But, as they left the Orange City pool, red and blue lights appeared in the review mirror. Earleywine recalled, “I remember sitting in the back thinking ‘can’t believe this, my parents don’t need this kind of call. I haven’t even started classes yet.’”

That was the last scary moment Earleywine had at Northwestern. Since then, she has dived into the Athletic Training major and is currently applying to physical therapy schools. She’s also participated in a Spring Service Project to Amsterdam as well as a Summer of Service to Haiti.

“While NW offers a great education, I knew if I left here with only that, the four years I’ve been here would mean nothing,” said Earleywine. “I’m very grateful for the unexpected talks with roommates late at night, those points you’re so exhausted everything seems funny and even those scary moments are memories I’ll have forever.”
Football victory pushes team to 3-1

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The 18th-ranked Northwestern Red Raiders survive a dangerously close game to defeat Dana 35-27 on Saturday.

“The game didn’t go as planned,” said head coach Kyle Achterhoff, “and we didn’t play up to our potential and that is disappointing.”

NW started well with a five-yard scoring run by junior Taylor Malm with 3:29 left in the first quarter to open the game with a score of 7-0. However, Dana soon struck back with two field goals of 20 and 22 yards late in the first and a 13-yard pass from Zach Lesiak to Jake Harrel to make the score 6-13 with 10:51 remaining in the half.

Malm found paydirt again with a 1-yard rush with 3:35 to go to put the Raiders up 14-13 at half.

“I was very pleased with how we moved the ball offensively and our completion percentage was very high,” Achterhoff said. “So, we should be able to build on those positives. Our special teams played well all game.”

To open the third quarter, Malm scored touchdown number three and we will be in for another tough game last Saturday against Sioux Falls, but if we do not play better, we will be in for another tough game.

NW pulled out the 3-2 victory.

“Though coming away with the victory, the Raiders turned the ball over four times and struggled defensively throughout the game. "We need to improve our pass rush and our tackling," Achterhoff said. “Defensively, we need to take care of the ball and finish every play by handing the ball to an official.”

NW plays host to Concordia in their homecoming matchup Saturday.

“They are a team growing under the direction of a new head coach so we really don’t know exactly what to expect, other than we know they will play hard,” Achterhoff said.

The final match of the week was again against MidAmerica Nazarene. The Raiders won the match 3-0 with scores of 25-19, 25-16 and 25-21.

Leading the Raiders in kills were senior Jon Roberts, freshman Jonny Schwaller and freshman Michael Clark. Roberts shot 84 and 81 to total a 165 followed by Schwaller who shot 85 and 81 to finish the event with a 166. Clark started off a little slow, shooting a 88, but bounced back with a solid 79 on day two. Clark finished with a 167 total.

This week the Raiders will travel to Lincoln, Neb. to compete in the second round of the GPAC Championship. So far, NW is third in the four-round GPAC Championship. Veermeer is currently tied for third individually at even par with a 71 with a 36 and 35.

Men’s golf competes at Doane

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SPORTS EDITOR

The men finished the Doane Invite in first place as a team and with the first and second place individual winners.

Senior Luke Veermeer won the event shooting an 83 on the first day and a 79 on day two. Freshman Michael Dykema shot a 79 on day one and 78 in the closing round to tie Veermeer with a 157 on the event. Following a playoff, Veermeer was declared the winner.

As a team Northwestern shot a 643, which was 18 shots ahead of the second place team. It was a ten man team meet overall.

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The men’s golf team finished in first this week at the Doane Invite.

Back row: Sophomores Eric Posthuma, freshman Brian Tepges, freshman Kaiser DeKam, sophomores Chapel Smith and senior Jon Roberts.


Volleyball picks up four wins

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The sixth-ranked Raider volleyball team put up big wins this week in the Bellevue Tournament.

Finishing 4-0, the Raiders managed to defeat Bellevue, Bethany (Kan.), Georgetown and MidAmerica Nazarene.

Junior Kaitlin Beaver and junior Hilary Hanno were both named GPAC player-of-the-week in the winning effort.

First Northwestern had to get past No. 15 Bellevue, who the Raiders have already beaten once this year. It was a close match, with the scores of 22-25, 25-20, 25-16 and 25-21.

Leading the Raiders in kills were Hanno with 15 and Randa Hulstein with 17. Beaver put up big numbers for the third game in a row with 41 assists in the match.

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After going 4-0 this week and putting up wins against the No. 5 and No. 15 teams, NW moved up from sixth to fifth in the NAIA volleyball rankings. This week the Raiders will look to improve on their 18-2 record and 4-0 GPAC record when they take on Dana at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, October 2.
Men and women’s soccer each finish 1-1 on the week

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Cross country teams finish in second

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The Northwestern men and women’s cross country teams each pulled in a second place finish this week at the Buena Vista Invite.

"It was a tough meet for the team," head coach Dale Thompson said. "We are tired, some are sick and we ran that way today."

The men finished with 57 points, putting them behind Dordt, who had 15 points. Following NW was Wartburg, Buena Vista and Briar Cliff.

Two of the top ten finishers came from NW. Senior Lee Stover led the pack for the Raiders, finishing in seventh place in 27:41. Following Stover was freshman Sean Guthmiller with a time of 27:51 and finishing in tenth.

"Stover had a solid race for the men," Thompson said. "We just could not get our packs far enough into the scoring to make a difference."

Other top Raider men runners were senior Kyle Gerhard, senior Jack Pederson and freshman Jesse Baldwin. Gerhard was 11th overall with a time of 27:53. Pederson crossed the line at 28:12 and finished in 14th place. Directly behind Pederson was Baldwin running 28:13.

The women of NW managed to pull in 35 points but still finished second to Dordt, who had 29 points. Briar Cliff finished third and Wartburg finished fourth on the day.

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"We are anxious for the next meets," Thompson said, as the Raiders will travel this week to the Briar Cliff Invite. The gun is set to go off on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 10 a.m.

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Senior Aaron O’Brien controls the ball for the Northwestern men’s soccer team this week.

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Junior Annaliese Frye runs by the Neb. Wesleyan defenders on the way to scoring one of the two Raider goals.

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Sophomore Hanna Taylor battles with the opposition in the 2-1 Raider victory. Taylor finished the game with an assist to junior Annaliese Frye for one of her two goals on the day.
Dodgeball teams battle it out for championship trophy

Unemployment high despite improving economy

SGA discusses Borrow-a-Bike

SGA approved a rules proposal for the new Borrow-a-Bike program and discussed other important topics at its meeting on Monday, Sept. 28. Jill Haarsma, event planner of last spring’s Day of Learning, received a $1,000 grant to fund the bike program as part of a Creation Care Project. Northwestern has already acquired four bikes, but before the program can begin, Haarsma requested that the SGA establish rules for the program.

According to the SGA’s proposal, the purpose of this program is “to encourage NW to use an alternative form of transportation that is friendly to the environment as well as cost-friendly.” The proposal suggests the Audio Visual department in the LRC as the location for checking out the bikes. Students will be able to check out the bikes from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., and the bikes must be returned within 24 hours of being checked out.

Any student who checks out a bike will receive a key to unlock the bike. All bikes will be parked in a bike rack outside of VPH, across from Zwemer parking lot. If any damage occurs to the bike while checked out, the student who checked out the bike will be charged. A hold will be placed on the student’s account until the fine is paid. The SGA also decided to look into buying helmets to go with the bikes.

In another discussion, the SGA looked at the student feedback they received during the past week about NW’s general education requirements. Last week, professor Elizabeth Truesdell, a member of the General Education Taskforce, requested that the SGA ask students, “What do you like about your general education program, and how could it be made better?” SGA members received several suggestions from students, including eliminating the third semester of the language requirement and having the general education courses count toward major requirements. They will now give the suggestions to Truesdell, who will then present them to the Taskforce.

In addition, the SGA voted to elect junior Jacob Peterson and sophomore Emma Lundgren as the student representatives on the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) and the Admissions, Honors and Retentions Committee, respectively.

Senior Davina Ramasamy, another student representative on the AAC, gave an update on the Denver, Col., Urban Semester, a new semester-long study program NW is looking into implementing next fall.

The SGA also decided to revoke its earlier proposal that would request the addition of a student representative on the Strategic Planning Committee.