H1N1 flu hits Orange City
BY LEANN JOHNSON

Since first being detected in April 2009, H1N1 (referred to as the “swine flu” early on) has spread throughout the United States. Recently, H1N1 has made its way to Orange City.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that “more than one million people became ill with novel H1N1 flu between April and June 2009 in the United States.”

“We have had no confirmed cases on campus yet,” said Northwestern’s nurse practitioner, Michelle Van Wyhe, MS, ARNP-BC.

“The cases in town which have been confirmed have been described as mild.” She also said that if a case is confirmed on campus, all students will be notified.

To prevent the spread of H1N1, Van Wyhe suggests that students follow these guidelines:

• Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners also are effective.

• Practice respiratory etiquette by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; germs are spread this way.

• Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of flu include fever, cough or sneeze. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; germs are spread this way.

• Contact your RA/RD if you experience flu symptoms.

Open Hands to bring jazz to campus
BY JENNIFER NILSON

Open Hands jazz band will perform in Christ Chapel on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The instrumental group is Los Angeles-based and consists of four prominent musicians that feature a record of credits.

Almario offers his own style through fused Latin, Afro-Cuban, South American, Funk and Jazz genres. Performing on the Oscar-winning film “Sideways” and featured on Jennifer Lopez’s “Let’s Get Loud,” Almario has an extensive record of credits.

Described by Guitar Player Magazine as “the most widely used session bassist of our time,” Abraham Laboriel has played in more than 4,000 recordings and soundtracks and now performs with Open Hands. Laboriel has worked with popular artists such as Stevie Wonder, Madonna, Michael Jackson and many more.

Bill Maxwell entered a music preschool at 2 years old and began professional drum playing at 12. Maxwell has recorded with Ray Charles and Billy Preston and was the featured musician on the film “Walk the Line.” In October 2008 Maxwell was inducted into the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.

Greg Mathieson began piano lessons at age 10 and started trumpet lessons at 14. He played on two of the hit singles from the sound track of “Grease,” featuring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta.

Matheison has performed with Donna Summer, Tina Turner and Barbara Streisand and worked with recent artists such as Christina Aguilera, Faith Hill and Randy Travis. Mathieson is now the pianist of Open Hands.

Advance tickets are available for all, $8 for adults and $6 for students. At the door, tickets will be $10 and $8. Tickets are available at the NW music department.

NW’s first drive-in movie night features “Top Gun”
BY SARAH LUPKES

There’s no need to drive far for free entertainment on Friday night. Northwestern’s Student Activities Council is hosting its first drive-in movie night on Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Located in the VPH parking lot, between the cafeteria and Conoco gas station, “this movie night could be the most fun you will have all week,” senior Amy Holechek, SAC assistant director, said.

“Top Gun,” featuring Tom Hanks, Val Kilmer and Kelly McGillis, will be the movie playing. The movie is about a maverick fighter pilot, played by Cruise, who aspires to become the top fighter pilot at the prestigious naval training school he attends. A love interest between him and his female instructor weaves some romance into the story.

Holechek said the movie choice was based on overall appeal. “We wanted something everyone could enjoy, and let’s face it, ‘Top Gun’ is great!” Holechek said.

Junior Wes Garcia, a member of the SAC, said, “This action-packed, romantic drama is a movie we hope everyone will enjoy.”

“We want everyone to come out and enjoy a night with friends while watching a great movie,” Holechek said. “Envision this: a huge screen and giant speakers. You and your friends piled into the car, truck or just sitting on a blanket in the parking lot full of NWC students. The moon is bright and the stars are shining. This will be the best Friday night.”

In the case of rain, the movie will be moved to Saturday, Sept. 12 at the same time and place.

Redesigned Beacon Web site offers ability for reader interaction
BY LEANN JOHNSON

The Beacon Web site has a new look this year. Students can access the entire newspaper online by clicking the Beacon tab on My Northwestern.

This year the Web site includes additional color photos that are not printed in the paper version and the ability for students to comment on and discuss stories.

Junior Caleb Kester, Web designer for the Beacon, is in the process of redoing the site. He hopes that updating the Beacon site will be “a continual thing where I add new things every year.”

Possible plans for the Web site include offering Web-exclusive articles and the ability to search the archives for Beacon articles from previous issues.
Testing Gravity

My favorite contact sport is tripping. I can play it everywhere and at anytime in the mall, getting out of my car, while I stand in a group and especially going to class. Take yesterday for an example.

There I was, enjoying the sun’s rays as I strolled across Northwestern’s Green. I saw there was not a cloud in the sky, but then the sky turned to cement. Bystanders watched me hit the pavement; they saw my face tighten as I felt numbness in my knee. Then, someone had to say: “Wow, did you just trip?”

I could have said a myriad of things (like “No jerk, why’d you just pull the grass out from under me?”), but I had to remember the next rule of the game: I had to think “WWED?” (you know, What Would Erma Do?) As I hobbled up, saw the sixth hole in my jeans and picked up my science book, I said, “I did not trip; I was just testing gravity. And, from my experiment, I can tell you it still works.”

As a senior, one of the many things I’ve learned at NW is that those types of moments—the ones that make you feel like you’re given the garbage bag of pits rather than the ripe bowl of cherries—don’t go away. And everyone has them.

You won’t just have them as a freshmen, as you walk into the wrong class for the second or third time. You won’t just have them as a sophomore when the fire alarm goes of while you’re in the shower but your clothes are still in your room so you have to run to your room in a towel without being seen, find some clothes and explain breathlessly to the guy knocking on your door why you did not heed the fire alarm.

You won’t just have them as a junior when all eyes turn to you as Darth Vader’s theme song emanates from your phone while a chapel speaker just reaches the climax of his speech about respecting others.

So, if we cannot escape those moments, what do we do?

Reflecting on my moment of not-so-gracefulness, the option I chose was to look to someone I admire and respect for the answer. For me, that person’s name was Erma. Erma Bombeck, to be exact. She was a former-housewife-turned-column writer who lived by gestures you may or not have used before. She was a former-housewife-turned-column writer who lived by gestures you may or not have used before.

Attaching humor is not a common practice. And it’s not easily applied. But the results give us great stories instead of moments we never want to hear about again.

The decision is yours. But whether you like it or not, whether you’re a freshmen, a sixth-year senior or somewhere in the middle, your decision sets an example for everyone else so will you complain how uneven NW’s green is or will you test gravity with me?

Leaving A Lasting Legacy

BY JACOB PARSONS

Three years, 354 days, 23 hours and 40 minutes: for over 360 incoming Northwestern students, this is the countdown towards graduation has begun. It is the countdown that will encompass four of the most dynamic, rewarding, and challenging years of their lives. Yet, for upperclassmen, the clock seems to rush forward and we are pressed with questions such as: what career we are going to pursue after graduation? Or, who will be the recipient of our legendary “ring by spring”?

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors alike are called to embrace one challenge during our short time at NW: our legacy. There are three main components to our NW legacy: personal, spiritual and communal.

From the moment we crack open our stuffy freshmen dorm rooms and whisper frightened “Hello?”’s to our triumphant sprint across the Green after winning the final Clash of the Classes challenge as seniors, we are painting a picture for our friends, families and communities of what a Northwestern College student embodies. Yet, I urge you, as a fellow NW student to strive not to be remembered through a name on a plaque, a face on an admissions’ poster board, an all-star athlete on an old roster or just another diploma to be handed out.

Instead, I challenge you to invest, cry, laugh, sing, dance, listen and encourage those around you with your unique quirks and passions that make you the person you are. I implore you to stand up for the convictions, truths and relationship you have with Jesus Christ to allow the Potter’s hands to work through you in order to impact the spiritual lives of your brothers and sisters.

Also, I hope that your legacy within your residence hall will not be the girl who “just wasn’t around,” the “weirdest Heemstra guy EVER” or the “greatest athlete NW ever produced.”

Instead, I ask that you strive to be remembered as a resident who served the student across, above, below and beside his/ her room. And to be a resident who stood for community, dorm pride, traditions, intentionality relationships and conversation, discipleship, respect, honor and the foundations of what it means to live together in the name of Christ.

We get one shot of four years to impact NW; that’s it. You have one chance to be you on this campus. We have one chance to feed into so many spiritual walks and personalities in a residence community. What is your legacy going to be?

Eating Disorders

BY HEIDI DOTY

Ever wondered why people don’t eat a lot of food, starve themselves or struggle with different eating disorders in general?

Unless you have personally struggled with one, I feel you will never truly know or understand what is going through that person’s mind. To be honest, it is different for each individual. It could (and usually is) something deeper than just the outward appearance of his/ her weight. I’ve had friends tell me that they struggle with their weight because they feel that it is the only thing in their lives that they can control. I do believe that the media has a huge influence on how we perceive statistics regarding eating disorders. It’s an explosion of lies spread everywhere, suggesting you must look a certain way, dress a certain way or weigh a certain weight in order to fit in. The majority of these images are far from natural. They are products of computer touch-up as well as plastic surgery. How often do we forget this truth when we look at pictures of “beautiful” people on magazine covers?

We as college students need to step up and put a stop to these lies. Diseases such as anorexia and bulimia can develop as young as junior high or even sometimes younger. The people you sit by in lecture, the people you talk to every day could be struggling with this situation. There are a lot more than you think at NW.

One thing that puzzles me is how people can look down on those with eating disorders without knowing their stories or what is going on in their lives. Instead of turning a blind eye and ignoring this silent issue, love that individual and just show him/ her you care. Don’t force him/her to talk unless (s)he wants to. In due time, (s)he will come for help.

If you struggle with an eating disorder, you’re not alone; many girls (and some guys) struggle with it in some form. Tell someone who you can trust to hold you accountable and to help you through your struggle.

How do you know you can trust my words? I struggled with this issue during my high school years until I finally realized my sophomore year in college that I had a problem and I needed help. I’m very open about my story because I feel God gave it to me to help others in similar situations.

We need to be aware of this crisis and realize that it is more common than it appears. It becomes easy to shove this issue under the rug, but the next time you suspect someone has an eating disorder, love that person and get to know his/her story.

four opinion could be here too! Submit all entries to beacon@nwciowa.edu
Got water?
BY KEVIN FREEBIRD WALLACE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Have you ever walked around campus, realized that your throat was parched and wondered where you could find the best drink of water? Well, wonder no more.

Listed below are the Top Five best water fountains on campus. These rankings are based on pressure, water clarity, temperature and flavor. The winners are in reverse order:

1. Korver Visual Arts Center. This fountain is solid all around. The pressure is strong, clarity is excellent, temperature is good and the taste—while nothing spectacular—isn’t bad.

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Sometimes, you’ve just got to stop thinking
JOSH DOORENBOS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

There are two types of people: those who enjoy robots blowing each other up, and those who enjoy plot and artistry. Somewhere in the world, Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen was a bust. I’m not sure Director Michael Bay ever found out, because it grossed $108.9 million its first weekend and was number one at the box office for two weeks straight.

But apparently it was a repulsive film. From Roger Ebert calling it “a horrible experience of unbearable length,” to internet blogger mockery, critical response was overwhelmingly negative. On the other hand, people went to see it. A lot of people went to see it. It’s a funny opening with touching moments between Sam and Megan to college, his mom and dad come along and his mother gets high. It’s a funny opening with touching moments between Sam and Megan. In the end it’s really the simple things that get me.

Tied for 2. Bultman Center, Lobby. These fountains (both of which are located in the lobby) are excellent. The water is teeth-rattlingly cold and has substantial flavor. The pressure is strong enough so that taller students won’t have to bend over nearly as far as they do on other fountains.

1. Korver Visual Arts Center. A high-pressure stream delivers cool and vibrantly quenching water that carries a hint of copper and a smidgen of iron.

Honorable Mention. Fern Fountain/Cascade/Barber Bubbler etc. This fountain is the largest on campus and thus worthy of mention. This fountain is a bold choice—not everyone will enjoy it. It’s very low pressure, high-yield fountain, it brings forth a surprisingly clear, and cool, lightly algae-flavored water with the slightest hint of chlorine. The possible health risk the water presents prevented the fountain from ranking in the Top Five.

CLIMACTIC? Not sure that’s the word for it. In a matter of seconds, someone dies. Optimus Prime (the leader of the Autobots) shoots something, and… I think it’s over now. That’s the most anti-climactic climax I’ve ever seen. I, for one, thought that this bad, bad “The Fallen” character was going to be a bit harder to kill. But there he goes. Boom. Dead.

Nothing is set up. Nothing is foreshadowed. Nothing makes rational sense when you think about this movie. Just when all hope seems lost and the “matrix of leadership” (the explanation I’m giving for it is about as good as the one in the movie) has crumbled, some giant robots give a dying Sam renewed life and the power to save Optimus Prime and the world.

The only phrase that comes to mind at this point is “Deus-ex-machina.” The mysterious forces steps in to tie everything up.

But I enjoyed the movie. Why? The critics hated it, and the film had very few truly redeeming qualities. What saves this movie experience for me?

Giant explosions. Giant Robots. Megan Fox. In the end it’s really the simple things that get me.

For Soccer Games from September 4 and September 5,
Hecklers scored a 6 out of 10.

The hecklers were a tad too quiet during Friday’s bout with Grandview. But after the opposing coach fought with the referee, someone made a great Bobby Knight comment. Saturday’s battle with Mount Mercy was a serious improvement. The “Marco! Ego!” chants eventually led to a yellow card for Marco.

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New face in Granberg, same love for coffee

BY ANNE EBERLINE
FEATURES EDITOR

Richard Sowienski is one of the new additions to the Northwestern English Department faculty. Currently he is teaching College Writing and Introduction to Literary Studies, but his true passion lies in creative nonfiction, a class he hopes to teach in the spring semester.

Sowienski and his wife, Rola, both Sioux City natives, never thought they would return to Northwest Iowa, but they are excited to be here. After completing his Master of Fine Arts degree in Creative Nonfiction from the University of Iowa, he kept his eye out for positions at Christian colleges. He now knows Northwestern is where God wants him to be. “It was a great interview process,” said Sowienski. “Everyone was so welcoming and reassuring.”

Teaching will be a nice change of pace for Sowienski, who is changing careers after working as the managing editor for the Missouri Review, a literary magazine published through the University of Missouri. Before his employment at the Missouri Review, he spent twenty years as the parenting and education editor of Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

Although he has a diverse professional background, Sowienski seems to be acclimating well to NW life. “I love that I can ride my bike anywhere,” he said. He no longer has to battle the treacherous traffic of Columbia, MO. In addition to biking, he also enjoys being an amateur photographer and doing darkroom work.

True to Granberg style, he loves his coffee strong. His favorite office memento is the County Agents Directory coffee mug that was a salesperson freebee during his first year at Meredith Corporation. “It’s a coffee mug that’s gone through many offices.”

Although his transition has been a self-described “whirlwind,” Sowienski is looking forward to his time at NW. He has enjoyed seeing how the NW faculty cares deeply about their students and has been moved and touched by their stories. “I am looking forward to being able to make a difference in students’ lives,” Sowienski said. “To be a part of it would be a great blessing.”

Au revoir chocolat, bonjour Northwestern

BY RENÉE NYHOF
EDITOR

After 35 years in the business world—10 years at a café and 25 years operating a chocolate shop—Marcia Klimes decided she needed a change.

“The chocolate business was great; people are always very happy when they buy chocolate, but I felt I had time for me to do something else,” said Klimes. “I actually went back to school to do something else,” said Klimes. “I was amazed at how much I could remember and communicate.”

Klimes credits her high school French teacher as the reason why the language hasn’t left her mind after all these years. “My high school French teacher was the best in the area; during all four years, we always had to speak French in class,” Klimes said. “And, even though I did not go back to earn a master’s in teaching French, I’ve always loved the French language.”

From that passion, and her successful interpreting in France, stemmed the idea of teaching in her mind. While she was looking for a job in counseling, she was not really finding any. Instead, she saw the opening for a French instructor at NW. Even though the only teaching experiences Klimes had were through her classes on how to make chocolate, she felt she was up for the challenge to instruct French.

“The French classes I instruct are about basic French language and so far I’ve really been enjoying the students,” said Klimes. “It’s also been great to work with my TA, Renee Ausborn, because she just finished a semester in France and she been helping me keep up with new idioms.”

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Brekke to share 3-D perspective on people

BY RENÉE NYHOF
EDITOR

Luke Brekke joins Northwestern’s campus for a one-semester position as an interim assistant professor of history while teaching two classes of Western Civilization and one class of American History.

Brekke is also teaching in order to give Doug Anderson time for his responsibilities as the interim director of Ramaker Library.

“I’m very interested in people and I believe we can learn more about people through the different cultures,” said Brekke in response to why he chose history as his field of study. “So, for me, history is like a 3-D perspective on people because you can study them in different settings in time and in various cultures.”

Brekke completed a bachelor’s degree in history at St. Olaf’s College and received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Minnesota in which he specialized in 18th century Scotland.

Thus far, Brekke has enjoyed his time being a part of a Liberal Arts campus in which he not only can interact more with the students but also feel like a part of a Christian community. While he is not in class or reading about history, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Juli, and his 3-month-old son, Daniel.
Faith on Stage

BY SARA JANZEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

New to the Northwestern community this year is Associate Professor of Theater and Speech Jonathan Sabo. Sabo will be taking on the position of technical director and scene designer. As part of his position, Sabo will deal with scene and costume design as well as teach classes in scene and costume design and stagecraft.

His 23 years of teaching have given him the opportunity to live in many different parts of the United States before coming to Orange City. Most recently he taught at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN.

“I was looking to make a change and the ad that NW had posted caught my attention. It said something about someone who wanted to have fun – the word fun appeared in the ad and most places wanted to have fun – the word fun something about someone who posted caught my attention. It said College in Mishawaka, IN.

Sabo is enjoying both the NW and Orange City communities. He especially appreciates NW’s emphasis on the integration of faith and learning. “I’ve always functioned that way as a Christian educator,” Sabo explained, “but I’ve never experienced this intentionality.”

He is eager to tap into the department’s philosophy of using theater as an act of worship.

Outside of the classroom, Sabo says his favorite way to spend his time is with his wife Jennifer, who also is newly employed at NW. He is a licensed pilot, loves tennis and enjoys reading and learning about military aviation.

Adjunct professors diversify faculty

Dr. Karen Wacome will join the religion department, replacing Jim Mead while he is on sabbatical. She will be teaching courses in biblical studies, Old Testament and Hebrew.

Rachelle (Shelley) Wiersma will be teaching basic and college writing while Dave Arnett is on sabbatical.

Giving a helping hand in any language

BY SARA JANZEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Yim Lam (Nicole) Lee is among the new faculty at Northwestern this year. Lee will be teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. Originally from Hong Kong, Lee developed an interest in teaching English while studying translation and linguistics at the University of Hong Kong. This interest led her to begin her doctorate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) at the University of Ohio in 2006.

During her time attending the university in Columbus, Ohio, Lee volunteered at an immigration center teaching English. Her students ranged in age from 18 to 65 and came from all parts of the globe. Aside from teaching in the classroom, Lee has experience in both one-on-one tutoring and research.

Most NW students take for granted that their classes will be taught in their primary language, and most, even if they should, don’t think about mechanics while doing assignments. Lee helps students who are not native English speakers learn different strategies for following lectures in class. These strategies also help students recognize the elements that constitute good writing in English.

ESL classes, for Lee, are about more than learning to take tests in English or learning rules to follow when writing an essay. They are a chance for students from different cultural backgrounds to work together to develop English skills and to become better overall students. Lee stresses that ESL class are “not just [about] language skills.”

One thing that attracted Lee to NW was the chance to freely talk about her faith in the classroom. While teaching at the government-run immigration center in Columbus, this was not an option. “When I had lessons about Easter and Christmas,” Lee explained, “I could talk about Christian history but I couldn’t really elaborate about my viewpoint as a Christian.”

Lee also looks forward to being able to enrich the NW community by being a representative of her native Hong Kong by sharing her culture with students and faculty.

Besides teaching, Lee enjoys swimming, playing piano and traveling. Santorini Island in Greece and The Maldives are among her favorite places she has traveled.
Football tackles big first win

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Northwestern’s Red Raiders kicked off the season with a 35-3 win over Dordt College on Saturday. “We played hard and got the job done,” said head coach Kyle Achterhoff. “I’m proud of how we played.”

The Raider offense accumulated 320 yards and 4 touchdowns on the ground. Junior running back Taylor Malm was attributed with 145 yards and 3 touchdowns on his own.

Through the air, junior quarterback Ryan Morgan went 14-28 and 137 yards while spreading the ball around to seven different players. “We learned a lot as the game went on,” said Achterhoff. “Once we got into the second half, most of the first game jitters were gone.”

The offense was not the only side firing on all cylinders. The defense, led by senior Grant Hegstad, limited the Defenders to only 105 yards of total offense and also managed 3 fumbles and an interception.

Hegstad finished the game with eight tackles, four of which were for loss, and a sack. For both his individual efforts and his leadership, Hegstad was named GPAC Defensive Player of the Week.

Alongside Hegstad, Sophomore Austin Rozeboom racked up four tackles, two for loss, and also recovered a fumble. However, starting out with a large-margin victory is only the beginning of the Raider’s season.

When asked about what they learned from the game, Achterhoff said, “We need to work on consistency and finishing drives, and, with that, we need to work on taking care of the ball.”

Each week, the team takes a step closer to the ultimate goal of making the playoffs and winning the conference.

“I’m excited to see these guys grow,” says Achterhoff. “We have a lot of athletic talent. I’m excited to see it put into action.”

- Kyle Achterhoff

Back in the swing of things

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As classes pick up pace, both the Northwestern men and women’s golf teams are busy with the kickoff of a new season.

The Lady Raiders shot their best score of the year as they traveled to Council Bluffs to play in the Lady Reiver Fall Classic on Aug. 4. As a team, they shot 348 for a second place finish out of eleven teams.

“They played very well,” says Coach Harold Hoftyzer. “I was very impressed with how the whole team played.” The team also visited Blair, Neb., to compete in the Dana Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 5. They finished fourth out of eight with a group score of 348.

When asked what excites him the most about the coming season, Hoftyzer said, “We have great team chemistry. Golf is an individual sport, but all of us have to come together for a final score.”

The men’s team visited Buena Vista on Friday and shot 318, a mere 11 shots off first, to place sixth out of the 13 teams present.

“We played well,” said Coach Mark Bloemendaal. “But I think our expectations were that we would score lower because the weather was great. There were also a lot of difficult pin locations.”

Both teams placed in the Morningside Invitational on Tuesday, finishing third and fifth out of eight teams present. Senior Luke Vermeer shot an even-par 72 to place second overall.

“We’ve got a great leader in Luke,” said Bloemendaal, “and a good number of talented freshmen as well.”

The men’s team will host their first GPAC conference meet on Tuesday, Sept 15. The women travel to Sioux Falls for their conference meet.

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The 23rd ranked Raiders head to Sioux City to play 5th ranked Morningside on Saturday.
**SPORTS**

**Cross country starts off running strong**

BY CAMERON CARLOW  
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It may be called the Dordt College Early Invitational, but the women’s Red Raider cross country team wasted no time finding success.

Northwestern finished in first place in the three-team meet, scoring 25; they were six points ahead of Dordt and 58 points ahead of Dakota Wesleyan. The meet was held on Aug. 28 in Sioux Center.

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**Men and women’s soccer kick off season**

Kicking off the season, the men and women’s soccer teams have yet to see a victory. They both competed in the Dordt Northwestern Pizza Ranch Classic this week on Korver Field.

The women lost both games in the tournament, the first to Bemidji State 0-7, and the second to Minn.-Crookston 0-1. So far the Raiders are 0-3 and head to Simpson College on Sept. 11.

NW’s men also dropped both games in the tournament, the first to Grand View 0-3, and the second to Mount Mercy 0-1. The men look to pick up their first victory of the season this weekend against York (Neb.).

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Heading into conference play this week, the Northwestern volleyball team was ranked fifth nationally.

They proved why on Wednesday, picking up their first conference win on the road against Dakota Wesleyan.

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That good feeling is what the Raiders have been used to this year. They are off to an 8-1 start with a road conference win.

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Grounds take new shape

BY LEANN JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Students walking around campus may have noticed the new landscaping improvements the maintenance department made this summer.

One major landscaping addition is the patio and sitting area north of Zwemer Hall that features pavers inset with the cross from Northwestern’s wordmark. Electrical outlets were installed in the patio area for the convenience of students so they can relax outside by plugging in their laptops, radios, and et cetera.

Ward Van Peursem, grounds supervisor, is a member of a group from the maintenance department who decides what additions should be made to campus.

“I give suggestions for what I’d like to see them do,” Van Peursem said, “and as a group we decide.” One of his main goals is to serve the students by adding areas for students to sit.

The maintenance department placed three large rocks between Colenbrander and Hospers Halls in case students want a spot to sit down while they are waiting for other students.

Another landscaping project finished this summer was the conversion of the parking area east of Hospers into a green space. Van Peursem described the concrete pavement that used to be there as “very dangerous” and said it had to be either removed or replaced due to liability reasons. Since replacing concrete can be very expensive, the maintenance department chose the removal option.

“We didn’t actually lose any student overnight parking,” Van Peursem reassured. The maintenance department added overnight parking spots to replace the ones that were removed.

One landscaping project that the maintenance crew has completed since the start of the school year is the small outdoor stage located behind Hospers. Van Peursem said they built the stage in the interest of students in case they want to hold an event outside.

Funding for the landscaping improvements came from a gift from Leonard and Marjorie Maas of Holland, Mich. The Maas’ donation, which was given specifically for landscaping, also paid for a new campus directory sign that was placed south of Zwemer Hall between the visitor parking lot and Highway 10.

Art show to accompany Open Hands jazz performance

BY LEANN JOHNSON
NEWS EDITOR

Marilyn Weidenaar will present her art exhibit “Genesis Series” in the chapel lobby on Friday, Sept. 18.

Weidenaar’s artwork is the first exhibit of the Orange City Arts Council’s “The Touring Gallery” series, which features local artists in public venues. Weidenaar’s show will coincide with the performance of the jazz ensemble, “Open Hands.”

Weidenaar, a Sioux Center artist, has taught painting and drawing classes at Northwestern, Dordt and Northwest Iowa Community College. She studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and has exhibited artwork both locally and on the East coast.

Weidenaar has also operated a gallery in Sioux Center for a year and has been a featured artist at the Eastbank Gallery on Eighth Street in Sioux Falls.

In reference to how the “Genesis Series” came to be, Weidenaar said, “In order to create something new, sometimes the old needs to be radically altered.”

Her series begins with a realistic self-portrait, which reminded Weidenaar of the words from Genesis, “In the beginning... the earth was formless... and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

This led to the “Let there be...” paintings. “Like jazz music’s many moods, some of the paintings are bright and energetic, while others are quiet and poetic,” Weidenaar said.

The “Genesis Series” will be on display for the public in the chapel lobby from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The exhibit will be present prior to the 7:30 p.m. concert and again following the concert. There will be no charge to attend the exhibit.

SGA discusses upcoming events

BY EMILY BREWER
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The Student Government Association (SGA) discussed the Strategic Planning Committee as well as a couple of upcoming campus events at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

The Strategic Planning Committee is comprised of the college administration and student, faculty and staff representatives. Sarah Bartz was appointed by the SGA to fill the student representative position.

The SGA has been discussing whether or not to request a second student representative on the committee. Ideally, they would like diverse representation on the committee, such as one male and one female representative who are at different stages of their college careers. It was noted that many other important committees have at least two student representatives, while the Strategic Planning Committee only has one.

The SGA is now in the process of drafting an official request for additional representatives after a motion was made last week in favor of this action. To have another student representative opening on the committee, the request will have to pass a faculty vote.

Another topic of discussion was the “Morning on the Green.” At the last meeting, the SGA decided that they would once again run a pancake stand. Last year pancakes were made by religion professor Rod Spidahl, but this year the SGA was given the option of having Sodexho make the pancakes. The pros and cons were weighed, and the decision eventually fell in favor of Spidahl.

The SGA also discussed the Activities Fair being held on Monday, Sept. 14. A vote was held, and a motion was approved to have an SGA booth present at the fair again this year.

Meagan McDougall, the newly elected freshman class representative, and sophomore Holly Lawrence, a new at-large student representative, were also introduced and welcomed on to the SGA.