Medallion Hunt returns with a $50 prize

BY LIZ LAWRENSEN
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Students, get ready for some treasure hunting! SAC is bringing back the medallion hunt.

A longstanding tradition at Northwestern until about four years ago, the medallion hunt was a popular event during Homecoming week. According to Lori Couch, student activities coordinator, the tradition was put to a temporary halt when the medallion was lost during the remodeling of the RSC. SAC will reinstate the tradition beginning on Monday, Sept. 28.

Couch will hide the medallion, which is bronze and circular and has NW’s red and white seal on it, in any place that is considered NW property, including outdoors and indoors. It will not be hidden inside anything that needs to be destroyed in order to get to the medallion. Couch warns students not to deface or destroy college property in order to get to the medallion.

“You won’t have to dig a hole in the grass to find it,” Couch said. “It should be quite readily accessible.”

Couch will post a clue about the location of the medallion each day both in front of the SAC office and near the cafeteria. Each clue will be posted for one day only, so Couch suggests writing the clues down each day. As the week unfolds, the clues will get more specific.

The medallion hunt is open to all students. No sign-up is necessary, and students can start the search at any time.

The student who finds the medallion should contact Lori Couch and bring the medallion back to her to redeem the prize of $50.

Blind musician to play in chapel

BY MEAGAN MCDONUGALL
STAFF WRITER

When Ken Medema speaks during chapel on Tuesday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 30, he will not see any students. In fact, he will barely see anything at all.

Speaker and musician Medema was born blind in 1942, allowing him only to differentiate between light and dark and make out the fuzzy outlines of large objects. According to Medema’s autobiography on www.kennedema.com his love for music started when he was young. He first played piano at age five. When he was eight, he began taking formal Braille music lessons, which he picked up easily, and he quickly learned how to play by ear and improvise.

Because of his talent, Medema decided to pursue a bachelor’s degree in music therapy at Michigan State University, and later on, he received his master’s degree there. He worked as a music therapist in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Cedar Grove, N.J.

However, as rewarding as his music therapy career was, he found himself yearning to do something else. This led him to writing music about his Christian life and about those around him. Medema has been recording and performing music since 1973. He founded his own recording company, Brier Patch, in 1985 and has since made more than 20 albums.

He believes that Brier Patch is a tribute to “all aspects of the human experience, with an emphasis on spirituality and such universal concerns as peace, justice and the environment.” He speaks in a variety of settings, from college campuses to charity fundraisers, to crowds of few to very many.

On top of his already busy schedule, Medema also provides the unique service of writing personal songs for people through his web site. He asks for an assortment of information and then, for a fee, writes and records a meaningful song for an individual.

NW will have the opportunity to hear Medema perform, but he will also provide a special message about his life and the struggles he and others have encountered.

“Because I have lived with some degree of being different all my life, I have some sympathy for people who have been disenfranchised, whether they are disabled or politically oppressed or whatever,” Medema wrote in his online autobiography.

Buddy Walk to promote awareness of Down syndrome

BY SARAH LUPKES
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In an effort to promote a good cause and have fun at the same time, Northwestern’s Special Education Ministry is partnering with the Tri-State Down Syndrome Network in the Buddy Walk this Saturday, Sept. 26, at Korver Field.

The National Down Syndrome Society developed this annual walk to promote acceptance and awareness of people with Down syndrome. Students, faculty and community members are all invited to participate in this half-mile walk.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. at Korver Field. The cost is $10 for individuals and T-shirts are also available for $5. The half-mile walk will begin at 11 a.m., and post-walk activities include a pizza lunch, inflatable games, face painting and displays on Down syndrome. In the event of bad weather, the Buddy Walk will be held in the RSC.

According to the Tri-State Down Syndrome Network’s brochure, more than 400,000 people are living with Down syndrome in the U.S. Down syndrome simply means that an individual has an extra copy of the 21st chromosome. It is the most common chromosomal condition, affecting people of all races and economic levels and occurring in one in 733 births.

Lori Couch, director of student activities and mother of a child with Down syndrome, said, “The main purpose of this walk is to raise awareness for and educate about Down syndrome. Simply put, we want to love, support, advocate and educate.”

Three years ago, Couch gave birth to her son Caleb, who has Down syndrome.

“This is not something I would have picked for my life,” Couch said, “but I have a new acceptance and strong love for people with Down syndrome because of what God has placed in my life.” Couch believes that no matter what our differences, God has still created us in his good and perfect image.

The Tri-State Down Syndrome Network believes, “To love someone is to accept them for who they are. Embrace others’ differences and learn to love what makes us all different.”

And Couch agrees, “The best way to get involved is to show acceptance and love.”
Health care is a moral obligation

BY NOAH ADAMS & KEISHA DIEPHUES

As members of the middle class whose parents are in jobs which provide, at minimum, sufficient health insurance, we have not personally had to experience the hardships and suffering which are often by-products of a lack of health insurance. Unfortunately, this is not true of everyone. Many people are uninsured due to some family situation, having been laid off, or simply because they cannot afford insurance while simultaneously paying a mortgage, paying to eat daily, and other essentials for survival. As Christians, we believe that making sure every person gets his/her basic human needs met with affordable healthcare is a biblical mandate. We, as a nation, have failed in this regard. With health care reform, we feel as Christians foremost and then as Americans, America should meet this biblical obligation.

We realize that there are others who, while they may not disagree with the aforementioned biblical mandate, disagree with reform. To this, we seek to make our case:

Many of the plan’s opponents are concerned about issues such as cost, morality and quality of care.

These concerns, while important to consider, are easily rebutted by the notion that these three vital issues are not mutually exclusive, but rather, they are sewn into the same moral fabric that makes the garment of the crucified Christ. Far be it for us to suggest that the Obama plan meets all the requirements. Yet, we hasten to add, it’s better to attempt than to leave the status quo as it is. In the words of Martin Luther King Jr, “The time is always right to do what is right.”

Obama assures us that health reform won’t add a dime to the already deep and disastrous national debt. While we are aware that politicians renge on promises, we feel obligated to give our commander-in-chief the benefit of the doubt. With that said, we, like our conservative counterparts, are concerned about the price of healthcare. However, our value is attached not to “dollars and cents”, but to the high cost of our Christian morality. Jesus teaches, “I need not clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me...” (Matthew 25:36).

We ask you NW, do we not serve a God who fulfills “...all things thereto.” (Philippians 4:19)?

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An addiction to reform

BY SARAH BARTZ

The current health care bill pushes the extremes in lawmaking. It is one of the finest examples of confusing and injudicious legislation ever issued from Congress. Democrats are ignoring the truth and the wishes of the American people in order to add health care to their list of what is politically necessary. If the health care bill passes, the Obama administration will turn our currently envied American health care system into a social crisis defined by rationing, waiting, exorbitant costs, and sub-standard care.

Republicans are arguing for a well thought-out law that offers simple and affordable solutions with less government control. Some solutions include: opening state lines. This would cause the public option to compete with private insurers to cover everyone. But it is economically impossible to do both. Either they cover everyone—costing us (the taxpayer) billions. Or, they cover everyone by halfway covering everyone.

There is an inherent problem within the structure of the current law, and all indications are that this bill will significantly reduce our personal freedom. The government wants to control what we do even down to what medication we take. For example, should the government make surgery. For example, should someone who is nearing end of his/her life need an expensive treatment? The government sees this as a pointless expense since the older patient is going to die eventually anyway. As Christians, we have a responsibility to care for life, not throw it away or treat it as insignificant. But this is what the government is asking us to do.

Earlier this summer, Democrats kept crying out that the immediate passage of a healthcare reform bill was in the best interests of the American people (even though any bill Congress passes will not take effect for several years). Democrats see this current healthcare bill as the right prescription for this country, but it is so extreme that, in reality, it is an overdose of reform — another drug meant to numb our senses. But the American people are beginning to wake up from this stupor. We are beginning to see that we are more addicted to massive government reform than ever before.
Top 5 reasons NOT to watch TV this Fall

BY JOSH DOORENBOS
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At the end of every summer, vivacious college students begin the death March back to campuses across America. With long faces they reattach the life-sucking academic leech and begin the toe-tapping, pencil twirling, eye-drooping dance of studies.

Then there comes a time that brings smiles back to the faces of every one of them: season premier week! The students lift their weary eyes and a semblance of happiness returns to their lives! They all gather about the Technicolor shrine and immerse themselves into lives away from these horrid halls of academia.

But is this really a healthy escape? Can spending six hours at the foot of the boob-tube really be a good thing? Programming options aside, I contend that I have five of the best reasons NOT to watch television this fall. This list is the result of years of experience and philosophical inquiry on the part of the author.

1—The Problem of Precedence—I came home one day in high school and my sister was watching TV and I asked her what she was watching. “Gilmore Girls.”

“Do you watch what?” I asked her ruthlessly but she just kept watching. She watched it again and again for three weeks. Of course, I could not avoid watching at least over her shoulder.

In the words of the band Cutting Crew, “I shoulda’ walked away”.

I got hooked on the quick, witty banter, the stories, the characters, the town, the outrageously literate humor. Then I just happened to be walking through a store and saw the first season on DVD. Then they asked if I’d preorder the next season. I did.

How does one go from unaware of a show to an absolute fanatic? How does one get to the point where one’s friends are mocking him for watching a so-called girly-show? How does one become so enamused and pathetic?

I call it the problem of precedent. If you give a show an inch… it’ll take 50 dollars plus something around 20 in shipping-handling. And then you will be mocked. It will happen. Just walk away.

2—Haters—You will never be able to justify watching the aforementioned mock-able shows. Don’t even try.

3—Read a Book!—Reading has been linked to intelligence and other cognitive skills. Seriously, reading makes you smarter. Television, on the other hand, makes you an idiot. Don’t question it. It’s science.

Plus, a book is like a portable television. You can carry it wherever and, if you’re bored, just pull it out and picture the story in your head.

Ta-da! Entertainment anywhere! So if you read instead of watch TV, you can laugh at all of your dumb friends. Who wouldn’t want that?

4—Manipulation—They’re constantly barraging you with advertisements. The television is a giant conspiracy to get you to pay for seven Stairmasters, fifteen bottles of Oxy-clean, gold, llama farms, a book about financial responsibility, the best attorney, the doctor the best attorney is suing and something that comes with a key-chain light. Every time I watch TV I feel dirty, like someone just went through my pockets.

I’m not saying these people are money-leeches preying on weak and innocent TV viewers. But they are.

5—You could be doing something constructive—Television is non-constructive. You sit and absorb. Think about it, if you weren’t watching television you’d have much more time to do homework and talk to your friends and do homework and learn an instrument and do homework and enjoy a nice walk and…do homework…on the other hand, maybe TV isn’t that bad of an idea after all.

Beards: a bristling trend

BY KEVIN FREEBIRD WALLACE
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There are many men on campus, students, staff and faculty alike, who sport beards and have their own opinions—and anecdotes—about them. Having a beard is the sign of a man...or that you’re a Heemstra.

Professor Jeff Barker of the theater department hasn’t shaved since the early 1980s. The reason? After shaving off his beard, he caused a neighbor child to run out of the Barker home crying and caused his wife, Professor Karen Bohm-Barker, to scream in surprise. When asked why he grows it, Barker replied, “Because Jesus had a beard.”

While currently beardless, Professor John Vonder Bruegge can be seen during winter months sporting a rather fashionable beard. Vonder Bruegge said, “Personally, the first time I grew a beard was when I considered myself a man. I was 28.” While his beard is usually a seasonal affair, Vonder Bruegge had an ulterior motive for shaving this past spring: it was a disguise. He believes that students won’t recognize him from his picture in the library now that he doesn’t have a beard.

Of course, I would be remiss not to ask who these men feel has the best beard on campus. Moriarty feels that Nick “Rascal” Leither had the best but, upon shaving, lost the title to Gutsche. Gutsche, modest fellow that he is, appointed Brandon “Tatoroka” Assmann of having the best beard “because it goes up to his eyes.”

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Fixer of small things faces the big things

BY SARA CURRY
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Miss Cindy Hickman prefers the title, “Fixer of small things” to her professional title of front-of-house manager of Sodexo campus services.

“I can fix anything small,” Miss Cindy said. “If you have a headache, I can fix it. If you need a place to stay, I can fix it. If you need a ride to the airport, I can fix it. If you’re sad, I can fix it. If you need a Band-Aid, I can fix it.”

But Miss Cindy couldn’t find a Band-Aid big enough to fix herself when she was diagnosed with stage 4 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma last month.

Miss Cindy first sought medical attention in August when severe pain in her left arm wouldn’t go away despite frequent ice and ibuprofen treatments. After an x-ray detected a large bone lesion on her arm, Miss Cindy still remained optimistic.

“I’ve always been very healthy,” she said. “I mean, I don’t miss work... I can fix it. If you need a ride to the airport, I can fix it. If you’re sad, I can fix it. If you need a place to stay, I can fix it. If you have a headache, I can fix it. If you need a Band-Aid, I can fix it. If you need a hairdresser, I can fix it.”

Yet, Miss Cindy’s optimism was severely shaken when the scans detected between 20 to 30 spots in her knees, arms, and pelvis where the bone marrow had been completely eaten away by the cancer.

The moments and procedures that followed her diagnosis could only be described as “shocking” and “scary.” After her first round of six chemotherapy treatments in Rochester, Miss Cindy faced the hardest struggle of her life.

“That’s when I said, ‘That’s it! I’m gonna quit. I’m not going to do this anymore.’”

Miss Cindy’s immeasurable strength and fighting personality only let her become discouraged for a brief moment before she answered back, “That’s stupid. It’ll be ok.”

Despite the painful chemotherapy treatments, tears shed with family and friends and constant temptation to become discouraged and give up, Miss Cindy’s strength and spunk have been upheld by a power greater than her own.

“Without God, nothing would be possible. He has been so gracious and loving,” she said. “He has been by my side every step.”

Miss Cindy is proud to share that she has also been greatly blessed by many people during this experience.

“We have gotten a lot closer as a family through this,” she said. “It’s also been humbling because I’ve always taken my health for granted.”

The Northwestern community has also been a huge blessing to her since the very beginning. From her coworkers in the kitchen, to the students, to her church to even her hairdresser, Miss Cindy has received an amazing amount of support from the community.

“People have just been lovely to me,” she said. “Everybody has been shockingly awesome.”

With a wonderful support system and an 80 percent cure rate, Miss Cindy has the utmost confidence that she will be the victor in this fight.

Having undergone three rounds of chemo so far, almost all of the spots on her bones have disappeared.

Miss Cindy, the “Fixer of small things,” is experiencing some big fixing of her own.

Check out the Ra-makeover

BY SARA JANZEN
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Last time you were in Ramaker Library, did things seem a little cluttered Ramaker’s main floor in the summer. The cabinets that make up the main desires students expressed was for more individual and group study space. To do this, the Ramaker staff has moved tables around, added furniture and generally de-clustered Ramaker’s main floor in order to make it more conducive to studying.

The library’s group study room was also given a facelift over the summer. The cabinets that make up the Kooiker Music Collection were moved out to the main section of the library, a larger table moved in, and the chalkboard replaced with a white board.

Perhaps after noticing Ramaker’s new open layout, you began to wonder what got nixed. The visible changes in Ramaker were made possible by some invisible changes.

This summer Ramaker staff began “weeding” the collection. They went through the library’s print journals, magazines and books. Anderson explains, “If we’ve had a book for 50 years or so and if we know faculty don’t particularly want that book and there’s no evidence it’s being used, why do we keep it?”

Anderson assures students that despite the weeding, Ramaker has more resources than ever before. “Physically it looks more open because we have less print stuff but we actually have more stuff because it’s online.”

Anderson says Ramaker has been acquiring more digital journals and databases. These resources are available to students online through the Ramaker’s webpage. According to Anderson, future plans involve a redesigned webpage.

For now, the old webpage has a few new additions. Lib Guiders has resources geared toward individual classes and Journal Finder will help students find specific journals.

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Ramaker Library has undergone some interior rearrangement in order to make the space as useful as possible.
There’s an old joke involving two guys. It starts out with one asking the other, “What do you call a person who speaks three languages?” The other guy responds with “trilingual.” Two languages? Bilingual. One language? American. Yeah, it’s harsh, but when you think about it, it’s hard to deny the truth.

Americans seem to have a love-hate relationship with the rest of the world. We love all the cheap labor they provide us. They love our money. We love being tourists in their countries. They love our money. At the same time, there are many things they don’t like about us. One of the first of these that comes to mind is America’s lack of language knowledge. We know one language: English. This is, of course, a huge stereotype, but it exists because, in most cases, it’s true.

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Compared to the rest of the world, the United States has a surprisingly low percentage of people who speak more than one language. This is primarily due to the fact that we live in a nation where learning a new language is not required for daily living for most people. In the U.S. there is, for the most part, only one major language spoken. Even Canada can’t make that claim. In fact, judging by the average person in Orange City, Iowa, one might come to the conclusion that for the average American citizen, speaking a foreign language is only necessary if you are either traveling to another country or trying to pass a required general education class.

Now, there’s nothing wrong with never bothering to learn another language if you’re only planning to come into contact with other people who speak English. Nothing at all. However, it becomes a problem when people go to other countries and expect the people there to speak English with them. This would be the equivalent of a German tourist coming into a New York shop and expecting the English-speaking clerk to speak German with him.

This seems to be one of the main complaints I get from foreigners while travelling abroad. Americans tend to not even try to learn a country’s language before travelling there. The help of Coach Amy Dahl and student captain Hannah Reinders, the squad is ready to make some noise and spread a little cheer around campus.

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After Dahl’s husband Rik accepted the wrestling coach position at NW in 2008, the Dahl family moved back to Iowa from Colorado. Soon after their move, Coach Barry Brandt approached Amy Dahl with the idea of bringing back cheerleading.

Coach Dahl has not only brought enthusiasm to the squad but also many years of experience. Dahl started cheerleading during her high school days in Denver, Colo, where her squad qualified for a cheer competition at the ESPN finals. Dahl then became a NW cheerleader and qualified for a national squad in Ukraine through “Athletes in Action.”

Dahl is using her continued passion and dedication to fire up this year’s squad.

“Two-four-six-eight! Who do we appreciate?” Northwestern’s cheer program is back in full swing this year and off to a great start. With the help of Coach Amy Dahl and student captain Hannah Reinders, the squad is ready to make some noise and spread a little cheer around campus.

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Along with Dahl, Reinders is thrilled about the program.

“Cheering is a way to show the football team we are behind them 100 percent,” she said. “The program is going great, and it is so fun to get everyone excited and pumped up for the games.”

The squad consists of ten cheerleaders and four stuntmen: Lindsey Boullais, Alison Hager, Emily Loveland, Kate Mannenbach, Mel Ness, Jen Otto, Hannah Reinders, Allie Strawhacker, Charissa Thornton, Meg White, David Carter, Leon Li, Zane Platt and James Thomas.

The program has really been a positive experience for junior Mel Ness. “Cheering at the games and interacting with the crowd has been a lot of fun,” Ness said. “It’s been so rewarding to see all our hard work pay off!”

After three games, the squad is already showing improvement by attempting more difficult stunts and new cheers and chants. Their biggest goal is to find out what makes the crowd tick to get them more involved.

The squad will continue to cheer during the basketball season, so if you are interested in becoming a stuntman, please contact Coach Dahl.
Men’s golf tees off on competition

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
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The men’s golf team opened up conference play on Sept. 17 in style as the team submitted a season best round of 296 to place third at their home course.

“We shot our low score of the year by 22 strokes,” said head coach Mark Bloomendaal. “This was a great improvement from earlier in the year.”

Knowing the course, the Raiders enjoyed the advantage of knowing what shots they should take and those they should avoid.

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Senior Luke Vermeer led the team, carding an even-par 71 with 36 and 35 on the front and back nine respectively. This score was good enough to place him in a four-way tie for 3rd place with Cam Jacobs of Morningside, Andrew Farrand of Dakota Wesleyan and Bill Keane of Briar Cliff.

Freshman Johnny Schwaller shot a career-best round of 73 (36-37) and tied for 3rd place with Cam Jacobs of Morningside, Andrew Farrand of Dakota Wesleyan and Bill Keane of Briar Cliff.

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‘Big plays’ key in football win

BY ANDREW LOVGREN
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Northwestern and Nebraska Wesleyan fans alike sat on the edge of their seats as the dramatic game neared an end during the fourth quarter on Saturday. The mood was tense as junior quarterback Ryan Morgan connected with sophomore Jameson Rexilius to give the 18th-ranked Red Raider’s a 24-20 win over Nebraska Wesleyan.

In the first half, Nebraska Wesleyan quarterback Matt Hagge completed a pair of touchdown passes, 26 and 35 yards respectively, to put his team up 13-0. However, Northwestern got on the board soon after with a blocked extra-point run back 98-yards by junior Caleb Blauwet.

Late in the second quarter, junior running back Taylor Malm scored on a 1-yard burst. The Raiders converted the 2-point conversion to put them within three going into halftime.

“The blocked extra point that we returned was a very big play,” said head coach Kyle Achterhoff. “That helped turn momentum in the second quarter. In the fourth quarter, it was improved play on both sides of the football.”

Nebraska Wesleyan ended the third quarter with a third touchdown pass by Hagge. After that, Northwestern’s defense was able to shut out the opponent for the remainder of the game.

“We could have given up when we were down two scores,” Achterhoff said. “But we persevered and made some big plays in the fourth quarter.”

Freshman running back Brandon Smith rushed for a 12-yard score early in the fourth quarter to put the Raiders within one score.

Starting at their own 23-yard line with a little over three minutes to play, Morgan led his team down the field through two third-downs and a crucial fourth down conversion to get to Nebraska Wesleyan’s 14-yard line. After Morgan’s touchdown pass, the game was nearly done.

As Nebraska Wesleyan got the ball back, they began to attempt to drive down the field until senior linebacker Grant Hegstad picked off Hagge’s pass to seal the win.

Northwestern visits Dana next week in another GPAC conference game.

“Dana is winless at this point but they always play well at home, and they love to throw the ball which allows them to put points on the board quickly,” Achterhoff said. “It will be important for us to play good sound pass defense and control the ball offensively.”

Volleyball finishes week ranked fifth

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Raider volleyball team had a busy week, playing four games in the Holiday Inn Express Tournament in Bourbannais, Ill., followed by a home conference game against Sioux Falls.

In Bourbannais, the Raiders managed to win three-of-four games against tough competition according to head coach Kyle Van Den Bosch.

“The Olivet Nazarene Tournament was a great tournament for the Red Raiders,” said Van Den Bosch. “We played at a very high level and needed to compete for each and every point. Three of the teams that we played were nationally ranked and we felt very good about our performances.”

In the first game the Raiders took on Olivet Nazarene. Heading into the game the Raiders were ranked fifth and Olivet Nazarene was ranked 17th.

Northwestern got off to a slow start, dropping the first game 23-25. The Raiders bounced back however to win the next three games 25-23, 25-20, and 26-24. Senior Randa Hulstein led the team in kills, spiking down 23. Junior Kaitylin Beaver had 46 assists over the four games.

The next game the Raiders returned home to take on 12th-ranked Bellevue. The match was very close with the Raiders edging it out over four games. NW won the first game 25-14, but then struggled in the second and lost 21-25. The next two games were very close with the Raiders edging out 29-27 and 26-24 wins. Beaver had 50 assists over the four games, helping Hulstein reach her mark with 22 kills.

This was the first loss of the year for Bellevue, who will play the Raiders again Friday, Sept. 25, in Bellevue.

The final game of the tournament was against Georgetown. Both teams played tough in the five game match-up. Georgetown defeated the Raiders 25-19 to start, followed by a 25-20 NW victory. Georgetown took game three in a 27-25 win, but once again the Raiders bounced back with a 25-19 game four win. In the fifth and final game, NW fell 16-14 to take the loss. Hulstein had 27 kills along with Hanno’s 25. Beaver continued to put up high numbers with 51 assists.

Following the tournament, the Raiders returned home to take on Sioux Falls in conference play. NW dropped a spot to sixth-place in the rankings as they took on the 11-8 Cougars.

NW started the match off on the right track with a 25-12 win. They did not stop there, winning the next two games as well 25-20 and 25-22.

Hanno led the team in kills with 15, while Hulstein put down 12. Sophomore Rylee Hulstein led the team with 12 digs, along with 40 assists from Beaver.

“Against Sioux Falls, we executed when we needed to execute and got the GPAC victory,” said Van Den Bosch.

This week the Raiders will travel to Bellevue, Neb. to compete in the Bellevue Tournament with Bethany, Georgetown, MidAmerica Nazarene, and Bellevue. NW ends the week with a 14-2 record and undefeated in the conference 4-0.
New health care bill may benefit college students

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President Obama’s new health care reform bill has been widely covered by news stations since it was first proposed this summer. As a highly controversial issue, it has sparked discussions all across the nation.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Obama spoke about health care to a crowd of approximately 15,000 people in the University of Maryland’s Comcast Center. The crowd was largely made up of college students, and Obama directed his speech to them.

“When you’re young, I know this isn’t always an issue that you have at the top of your mind,” said Obama. “You think you’re invulnerable. That’s what I thought.”

While in college, many students are dependents on their parents’ health insurance or are insured through their school or a private insurer. But according to the American College Health Association, an advocacy and leadership organization for college and university health, adults ages 19 to 29 are the fastest growing age group among people who lack health insurance in the U.S.

According to National Public Radio, “Young people make up one of the biggest chunks of the uninsured: one in three adults under 30 does not have life insurance.”

The health care reform bill aims to insure the almost 50 million uninsured Americans, many of whom are under the age of 25. Under the new health care bill, young people under the age of 26 who are currently on their parents’ health insurance would be able to stay on their current plan. Anyone not covered by their parents’ insurance would have to pay for their own life insurance or pay a fine (www.npr.org).

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, for college graduates entering one of the worst job markets in 25 years, the new bill includes a mandate for a majority of employers, requiring that employers provide health insurance to their workers or pay a financial penalty.

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Nearly half of the uninsured adults under 30 “have trouble paying their medical bills,” stated Obama. “Nearly 40 percent are in debt because of it. I mean, think about adding the debt you already have for college, on top of that, another $10,000 or $20,000 or $30,000 or $50,000 worth of debt because you get sick.”