From discs to daisies:
Errant throw forms friendship

By Tyler Lehmann

Melissa Hassman’s junior year at Northwestern started a bit different than she had planned with a trip to the hospital.

“I put my hand up to my head, and when I took it away, there was blood all over it,” Hassman said.

On her way to Clash of the Classes, Hussman was struck by a disc thrown by senior John Hellinga while he was playing disc golf. Hellinga was near DeVries Cottage when he threw, aiming for the lamppost near Ramaker Library’s northwest corner which is hole nine on the unofficial disc golf course on campus.

Hellinga estimated that the disc flew about 30 yards before colliding with Hassman, who was walking with wingmates along the road between Stegenga Hall and Christ Chapel.

“It was kind of like in the movies when things slow down, and I had an ‘Oh, dear Lord’ moment,” Hellinga said.

Hellinga immediately ran to Hassman to check on her, then to West Hall to get a first aid kit. During Hellinga’s absence, a student who witnessed the incident went to get Tina Jansen, help desk manager at Computing Services, who arrived on the scene to assist Hassman.

When Hellinga returned with a first aid kit, Jansen

College tightens rules on mass e-mails

By Jeb Rach

Students have felt less swamped by e-mails during the past few weeks compared to last year.

Due to a change by Computing Services over the summer, fewer people and groups are allowed to send notifications to all students on campus with what’s called a zz e-mail. The direct result is emptier inboxes.

According to Harlan Jorgenson, director of computing services, the all-campus and all-student lists are meant to be used for official notices about campus emergencies or downtimes in the network resources such as internet or phone service.

These changes were implemented in response to students feeling overwhelmed and even spammed by the numerous impersonal e-mails they received daily.

Fresh ideas, cookies: New chef joins cafe

By Joleen Wilhelm

One new face on Northwestern’s campus this semester can be seen just over the grill.

Chef Benjamin Whitmore, or Chef BJ as he’s known to campus, is NW’s new executive chef. Originally from Spencer, Whitmore and his wife moved to Orange City from Ottumwa where he attended culinary school.

While in Ottumwa he also helped open a multipurpose events center called the Bridge View Center where he was the executive chef and food and beverage director. Whitmore taught culinary classes at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa and has worked at a number of different hotels and restaurants throughout his career.

“I have worked in restaurants my entire career, but it was two Sodexo chefs that inspired me to become a chef,” Whitmore said. “I was working at Morningside as a work study student in the cafeteria, and the chefs there encouraged me to look at becoming a chef because they thought I had the talent to do well in the restaurant business.”

Now a member of the NW Community, Whitmore has continued to use his culinary talents to enhance the quality of food in the cafe.

“I am working with the staff to keep things fresh and new, and we are all looking for ways to improve everything we
Jay and ‘Ye rule ‘The Throne’ with latest album

BY TYLER ZEUTENHORST

Kanye West and Jay Z are now referring to their partnership as “The Throne.”

While many would consider that title downright arrogant, it’s a quite fitting nickname—they hold a king-like status in the hip-hop world these days.

Their recent release of “Watch the Throne” has sparked a variety of conversations among fans. One thing that is for sure—this album is deep. Its thought-provoking lyrics cause one to listen up and not just hear.

Headlined by “Otis” and “H.A.M.,” “Watch the Throne” is not your typical “money, women, diamonds” deal. Don’t get me wrong—occasional references to Maybachs and sex are there, but there seems to be a bigger picture with this album.

The two have carried on their over-the-top reputations with “Watch the Throne.” Listeners might be surprised when they hear Pig Latin, shout-outs to “South Park,” clarinets and even quotes from the 2007 comedy “Blades of Glory.” Don’t be caught off guard—they threw in things that no one would ever expect to hear in a hip-hop album, but it’s ok—they’re Jay and Ye. They can do whatever they want to on an album, simply because of their status.

The lyricism was striking, though blatantly offensive at times. “The Throne’s” puns and analogies were quite strong. “Lift Off” used the comparison, “When you Earnhart as me eventually you hit a big wall,” negatively referencing to the fatal crash of NASCAR great Dale Earnhart.

Kanye used powerful words in “Muder to Excellence” while describing a period of 41 murders in 50 hours saying, “And I’m from the murder capital where they murder for capital.”

While the creativity was impressive, the depth spoke even louder. “No Church in the Wild” poses the question, “What’s a god to a non-believer, who don’t believe in anything?”

Horrific murder stories are revisited in “Muder to Excellence,” asking if urban “black-on-black murder” is genocide, then comparing the stats with combat deaths in Iraq. Jay ends “Made in America” with the powerful claim, “This is the Star Spangled Banners.”

“Niggas in Paris” and the previously released single “H.A.M.” threw down some catchy beats. “New Day” effectively utilized the electronic chant and autotuned sounds from recent works like “Power.”

The rest of the album, however, seemed musically bland. It was full of soul, yet nothing grabbed my attention. Maybe I expected too much. Musically, “Watch the Throne” was diverse, but I would call it mediocre, considering the artists.

The smaller amount of featured artists was quite noticeable. I expected too much. Musically, “Watch the Throne” was diverse, but I would call it mediocre, considering the artists.

Notorious for featuring many talents, Kanye and Jay Z showcased only five others throughout the entire album: Beyoncé (the lovely wife of Jay), Mr. Hudson, Otis Redding, Frank Ocean and Curtis Mayfield.

There is no doubt that parts are extremely offensive and language is crude. It’s not the best album to listen to with your parents or share with your little siblings.

You probably won’t enjoy all of it, (I sure didn’t), but you’ll be given the opportunity to respect The Throne’s skills, originality and voice.

Mat Kearney wraps up a third album

BY LISA WALTERS

I will say with all of my confidence that Mat Kearney’s new album “Young Love” is one of those albums you can never tire of.

This is Kearney’s third studio album release, and it brings back the original sound of his first album, “Nothing Left to Lose.” Kearney brings the release of his album, “Young Love,” with a slight hint of contemporary secular radio.

Kearney’s latest single is a hit on both the Christian and secular radio. Someone who quivers at even a slight hint of contemporary Christian music (I know you are out there), give the guy a chance. This album is well put together and will have you singing all day long.

Most of the songs are upbeat, but Kearney does slow it down for a down-to-earth, acoustic song about his father’s story, titled “Rochester.” Kearney’s latest makes great soundtrack music for completing homework or if you ever just feel the need to dance. Hey, it happens.

Apollo 18” is far from landing a box-office star

BY KAMERON TOWERS

NASA denies the Apollo 18 mission ever existed.

All official records state Apollo 17 was the final manned mission to the moon. Yet, hours of never-before-seen footage from the Apollo 18 mission were uploaded to LunarTruth.com and edited into an 86-minute movie.

Three astronauts are assigned to a top-secret mission to the moon, where they are to leave strange electronic boxes behind. Using Russian radio communications. Upon their arrival, things start getting weird, and they soon discover that NASA had some hidden agendas for Apollo 18’s voyage.

The “discovered footage” and documentary-style story-telling devices could be original if it did not follow other films like “The Blair Witch Project,” “Cloverfield,” “District 9” or “Paranormal Activity.” If anything, I was put off from the story when the movie began with text explaining what I was about to see.

After that setup, the story begins with home footage of the astronauts at a grill with their families, revealing that they are beloved family men.

Not much screen time passes before our three heroes are floating in a zero-gravity cabin, cracking jokes and eating their vegetables. Soon enough, they land on the moon, and the extraterrestrial story is underway.

Since most of the camera shots supposedly came from mounted surveillance cameras, the filmmakers were able to use visual distortions to portray the character’s anxiety and fear, emotions that come across as frighteningly real.

I also enjoyed the various methods used to give the movie its documentary tone: color changes, blur, shutter, scratches and slow motion. While none of these techniques are unique anymore, they were used well.

The film’s lead trio—Warren Christie, Lloyd Owen and Ryan Robbins—come from extensive backgrounds in TV and film, and give us a solid performance in “Apollo 18.” Lloyd Owen brings an edgy energy to his dissolving character. I have burned in my mind the images of Owen’s soulless face and Christie desperately pleading for salvation.

I do have to compliment the film’s use of sound. There is a well-balanced mix of silence and creepy space notes. On a supposedly empty planet where strange things are happening, extra space beeps add a great fear element.

Many thriller movies will use a crescendo to build suspense before a scary reveal, but “Apollo 18” stays away from that. The actors brought about the suspense, leaving the beeps and whistles to fill the gaps.

The poor dialogue, unfortunately, pulled my attention away. At times throughout the film, the dialogue moved my focus from the story and onto the clearly forced conversations.

While it is not looking like “Apollo 18” will top any box office charts, it was an entertaining ride from earth to space.

Do not expect the film to blow any of the butter off your popcorn, but it was a fun flick with just the right amount of intense scare.
**Compare your coffee house: A guide to local brews when the Hub won’t do**

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*PHOTO BY BRITTANY LEIKVOLL*
Say yes to the dress, men

BY HOLLY STEWART

Last Tuesday, seniors Andrew Schneider and Greta Floding decided to break with convention.

Schneider attended class, clad in a tunic and leggings borrowed from Floding, while Floding sported a men’s T-shirt, basketball shorts and a sweatshirt. People across campus stopped to stare and wonder exactly what Schneider and Floding were doing, some even mistaking them for the opposite sex.

“We are both interested in gender differences and style,” Floding said of the experience. “And not just in the sense of what is trendy, but also in noticing the differences in how people react to you based on what you are wearing.” Both Floding and Schneider stressed that it was not their intention to do this as a social experiment but rather to express themselves.

“I don’t see why men cannot dress in more feminine styles. I feel like the gender system only gives you two options and it does not account for how people actually are,” Floding said. Schneider added that it was her desire to bring awareness of how gender roles dictate the way in which men and women act and to challenge NW students to ask questions.

“I tried to emphasize that I was doing it because I wanted to and because I had the right,” Schneider said. Floding and Schneider had markedly different responses to their day in the other gender’s shoes. Floding had less of a reaction, while Schneider had many people mistake him for a female. The pair suggested that this may be because society is more accepting of women’s diverse dress, while men are subject to a very specific style.

While Floding’s preparation for her role was comparatively easy, Schneider was surprised by the amount of work he had to do to transform for the day. The tasks of shaving and putting on make up were nearly overwhelming.

Floding added that it got reactions such as, “It is good to have you back as a guy again.” This made him wonder if he had really helped students begin to question society’s dictations regarding gender roles.

Floding was confirmed in her belief that she needs to continue questioning societal norms, and Schneider realized that one can be a Christian and still challenge the gender role system, something that he believes continues to promote gender inequality.

“It is a social justice (issue) that we are to wrestle with,” he said. “I don’t want to change who I am or my sex. I am who I am. But I should still be able to wear different things and express myself.”

Golden State’s native sons and daughters find home at Northwestern

BY EMILY BROUWER

Many people would say that the complete opposite of Orange City is Southern California, home of beautiful weather, shopping, beaches and big cities. Yet recently, Northwestern has attracted many students from this part of the country.

Right now, Northwestern College has 53 students from Southern California, and many come from the area around Los Angeles.

Amanda Sahn, a freshmen from Lakewood, Calif., first heard about Northwestern from her church, Emmanuel Reformed. After visiting the college, she knew it was the perfect fit for her.

“I have always attended a large public school, and I wanted to attend a small Christian school that I could grow in my faith as well as a person,” Sahn said.

Not only is Northwestern a smaller school, Sahn also found a much smaller town than she was used to with much less to do.

“Instead of going to a late night movie on a Friday night, we’re going to a bakery,” Sahn said.

Elmer Moreno, a sophomore from Long Beach, found out about NW through his baseball coach and his coach’s wife. His coach was an alumus of NW, and the coach’s wife was Moreno’s English teacher.

Moreno explained that in Southern California what you wear can be considered extremely significant.

“The way you dress and compose yourself says more to people than anything. Here in Iowa, you go to the store or walk around and people are wearing basketball shorts, sandals and a loose shirt,” Moreno explained. “Back home, even if you’re going to wear basketball shorts to be comfortable, you have to put on some basketball shoes or your Vans, and you make it look as good as possible.”

Mikinzie Phillips, a freshmen from Riverside, came to NW because of her volleyball coach. She ended up choosing NW for volleyball and knew it was where she wanted to be to start out a life on her own.

“There’s a lot more people and diversity in SoCal,” Phillips said, “and there are no beaches in Iowa, but everything is greener and the sky is a beautiful blue, not full of smog.”

Danny Arceo, a freshmen from West Covina, was recruited by NW for wrestling. He also had a former classmate that attended NW.

“Moving so far away from home just seemed like it would be a good growing experience,” Arceo said.

Arceo thinks the biggest difference from California is the landscape in Iowa.

“There are no corn fields in SoCal. It’s all cities and freeways. The people are a lot more polite here, and the cars actually stop for you to cross the road. It’s very different from home but in a good way,”

Genesis Torres, a freshmen from Chino, first found out about NW by doing a web search of Christian colleges in her area and in Iowa.

“I love, love, love the small towns,” Torres said. “It’s nice to be able to walk or ride your bike without worrying about too much traffic, sidewalk laws, tickets and possibly getting hit by a car. People can get to know each other here and be totally calm.”
5 tips for navigating the new network

YOUR GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING NEW TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

By Jeb Bach

1. “MOBILE”

Mobile is the second wireless network throughout campus. Use it to connect mobile devices (phones, iPod touches, tablets, eReaders, etc.) to the campus network. Just open the web browser and log in each semester before doing anything else. Along with this change comes brand new wireless access points, offering better range and reliability.

2. VOIP

VoIP is now used for the new phone system throughout campus. This stands for Voice over Internet Protocol. The change allows for a stronger phone system throughout campus, but landline service has been removed from the dorms. Also with this change comes a complete overhaul of the networking hardware, so on-campus network resources should be faster (such as the G-drive).

3. INTRANET PHASEOUT

The intranet is being phased out as most services are put on MyNorthwestern. The Campus Directory and the Informer are among those which have already made the transition.

4. WINDOWS 7 AND OFFICE 2010

Windows 7 and Office 2010 have been installed on a vast majority of computers on campus, offering the latest Microsoft software and operating system for students.

5. NAC

NAC is the new Clean Access Agent. Students no longer need to log in every time they connect. They can simply install the program, log in once, and they won’t need to log in on that computer for the rest of the semester.

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Franklin takes helm in new position at NW

By Jocelyn Van Dyke

Rahn Franklin says he didn’t know the difference between corn, wheat and beans before coming to Iowa.

He’s now been in Iowa for seven years, and it’s safe to say he knows the difference between the three. Even so, differences aren’t usually something Franklin spends time focusing on. That’s because he’s not here to serve “one color or one group.”

“There’s one race—the human race,” said Franklin, the new Multi-Ethnic Student Counselor, which is itself a new position on campus.

“The idea of Christ in that fits so beautifully. There’s a verse in Ephesians that talks about how people come from all different creeds and unite in one church.”

The idea of uniting in one church, in accordance with these principles from Ephesians, has been a driving consideration for Franklin as he has started his new position.

“My emphasis is on social justice, if you can call it that,” Franklin said.

“It’s about making sure people are treated right for the simple fact that they’re human beings.”

Franklin is striving to motivate people and empower them to accomplish goals. He believes that everyone is capable of great success and that success is not limited to anyone or anything.

Not only is he working to encourage and uplift, Franklin also finds himself juggling other responsibilities in his new position.

“The position is still developing. The basic responsibilities lie in international culture,” Franklin said.

“It’s a multi-faceted position, but I do lots of work with La Mosaic, a student group focused on diversity on campus. [I also] work with the International Office and do a lot of work with leadership roles, such as the International Club and Mosiac core group leaders.”

“…”There’s one race—the human race ... people come from all different creeds and unite in one church.”

-Rahn Franklin

Franklin has had a long-standing interest in counseling. Driving Franklin’s passion is his innate care for people who have “slipped into the cracks” and his ability to relate to how people are feeling in new situations.

Franklin grew up in Kansas City, Mo., which has allowed him to better recognize the adjustments students must make when relocating to a small town.

“I got involved in counseling because my family struggles with communicating,” Franklin said. “I also wanted to help people like me who are dealing with coming from a big city and adjusting.”

From Kansas City to Orange City, Franklin feels that the journey that brought him to NW was meant to be.

“My classmate, Chelsea Town, was beginning to apply for the position at NW,” Franklin said. Eventually, Town decided not to pursue the position, but according to Franklin, “she told Kevin [McMahan] that she had the perfect person in mind. That person was me.”

Town wasn’t the only one who saw Franklin as the perfect person.

“I first heard about Rahn towards the end of the year last year when I—(as well as) Chris Butler, Angelica Perez and Brett Busch—were determining the right candidate for our new position on campus,” said sophomore Meghan Green.

“I was a part of the interview process for determining which person would get this position. I thought he would be the perfect addition to the NW community. I told Kevin McMahan we have to have him on campus.”

Senior Brett Busch, another member of the selection committee, agreed with Green and is pleased to have Rahn on campus.

“One thing I really like about Rahn is he is always smiling,” Busch said. “The guy invokes happiness in people merely by his presence. His genuine faith, upbeat personality and substantive character make him a dynamic addition to the NW staff.”

Franklin is available for students in the International/Intercultural Services Office, located in the Rowenhorst Student Center.
Compassion International is not just a sales pitch

BY JOHN SLOTER

Lunch was unusual last Tuesday.

The normally boring cafe was alive with voices discussing Margo and Compassion International. Debates became heated with most students bemoaning what they saw as an untalented speaker trying to make them feel guilty.

Guilt can be a powerful motivator for humans, especially for Christians. Normally when a charity begins to preach at me, my mental walls go up and my hand moves instinctively to protect my wallet. Compassion, however, did not produce that reaction.

The majority of Margo’s message was not focused on selling you a product but rather on her own life. She talked about her birth and abandonment, her adoption, marriage, and about her life. She talked to protect my wallet. Compassion, however, did not produce that reaction.

The end of the message did focus on trying to get child sponsors, but I didn’t feel particularly guilty for having walked past the booth. Margo was a talented speaker, and she didn’t try to force sponsorships on anyone.

I did choose to sponsor a child that day, not because of some guilt trip or because doing so would give me an artificial sense of goodness, but because Margo helped me to realize the blessings of God in my own life and the necessity of passing on those blessings to others.

If she had come into chapel and immediately begun to show pictures of children with distended ribs, then I would have been among the first of my peers to cry foul.

“Guilt can be a powerful motivator for humans, especially for Christians.”

The Christian life is, after all, not about giving to Compassion, or even about giving to those in need. It is all about the recognition and worship of God. Any charity who tries to guilt a Christian into giving clearly fails to understand the concept of grace in a believer’s life.

All Christians should give of their time, money or talents. The motivation shouldn’t be a desire to relieve themselves of perceived guilt, or to produce that warm fuzzy feeling deep inside, but rather to worship the God who gave them that grace to start with.

While not every Christian should give to Compassion, every Christian should be involved in actively spreading God’s grace to others.

Not my mama’s music

BY NATE JOHNSTON

I was faced with a choice last Friday night.

As I sat in front of my dorm, I could see the flashing lights beckoning. I heard the tell-tale sound of club music blaring from the patio in front of Zwemer.

I had no desire to go to the dance, but I knew that by the end of the night I would inevitably end up dancing like a fool to songs I didn’t particularly like.

Popular club music has that effect on many people. If you go to any given dance on Northwestern’s campus, you will most likely hear the exact same songs.

You will most likely hear songs like “Get Low,” “Last Friday Night,” “Tonight’s Gonna Be a Good Night” and “All I Do Is Win.” These songs are played so frequently that one can easily know all of their words without ever listening to them outside of going to dances.

The popularity of this kind of club music has always perplexed me. When I listen to the lyrics from popular dance songs, and I am left wondering. Lyrics like “3, 6, 9 standing real fine move it to you sock it to me one more time” leave me with a sad realization.

These songs are topping charts and being played at dances across the country, but they do not make sense.

Unfortunately, incoherent lyrics are often the least of our problems. Many songs use crude language and either directly or subliminally reference lewd activities. Many songs that I’ve heard at dances are so inappropriate that I wouldn’t let my mother listen to them.

I would be a hypocrite if I claimed that I never listen to this kind of music. As I stated above, I go to dances on a regular basis.

I have found myself on many occasions dancing to songs that I hate simply because they are easy to dance to. I sacrifice the quality of the message for the quality of the beat.

“They have a good beat. I don’t even listen to the words.” These are statements that I have heard my friends say on many occasions.

Our culture has come to a sad place when we can listen to songs that have a terrible message because they have a good beat.

There is no reason that we should force ourselves to settle for a good beat with a bad message.

The world of music is full of talented artists who have mastered the art of matching great lyrics with “booty-shaking” beats.

In order to find such quality music, one must simply guide their musical exploration past the radio and top 20 charts and into new territory.

Cafe offers the gift of hot food and clean dishes

BY ANDREW LOVGREN

I love the cafe.

Say what you will about the quality of food or the options, but the cafe is one of the absolute greatest parts of my Northwestern experience. Before you begin to discredit my comments as the result of perhaps some undercooked beef or a brine from Chef BJ, think about all of the wonderful things that the cafe offers to roughly 1300 students for 19 meals every week.

It’s easy to say that some of the dishes lack flavor or look as though they are the combination of every leftover in the fridge. But look past the negative and look into the facts.

Every meal, you have the opportunity to walk the sometimes seemingly great distance and have readily prepared food, with options that evolve for new things every week.

Not only are the meals made, but the dishes are done, as well.

Aside from perhaps cleaning up the crumbs from a messy sandwich or wiping up some spilled pop from the table, there isn’t anything I have to do when I’m done eating but place my dishes on the belt and leave.

The cafe is easy to critique and easy to complain about, but the most important thing to remember is that with such a large customer base, all with different desires, diets and schedules, having such a convenient prepaid service within a couple blocks of any residence hall on campus is an absolute blessing.

Instead of focusing on the lines that don’t look appealing or the rice that may need a bit of something to be desirable, see the endless bounty of hot, ready-to-eat food that we are gifted with every day.

I, for one, know I’ll miss the cafe dearly when I depart from Northwestern College.

Letter to the Editor:

ORIENTATION IS FOR THE STUDENTS

The final cuts had been made and those chosen for O-Staff sat in the Student Programs room of the RSC right after spring break.

After attending a weekend of training, the O-Staff began to tackle the preparation of making a great orientation weekend for the freshmen.

They met every week until the end of spring semester, sharing ideas, brainstorming events and debating how to make the best schedule possible for the freshmen.

They moved back early and went through a 10-12 hour-per-day training. When move-in day came, it was time for all the hard work to pay off.

That is what the Orientation Staff did this spring semester amidst studying for finals, finishing projects and figuring out summer internship plans.

They did this because all of these individuals wanted freshmen to have a great experience their first week at Northwestern just like they did.

This year, orientation underwent a major transformation, cutting as many “church camp” activities as possible and incorporating what the faculty required orientation to include. We tirelessly attended meetings and training, planned and re-planned activities and contacted countless people on campus and in Orange City.

Undoubtedly, some things just have to be learned on your own. You can take a tour of the Franken Center and still have no clue why you would go there until much later in your semester. And that is okay.

Thirty-five committed upperclassmen students know that all 400 freshmen attending orientation may not have the same experience, but they strove to make it great anyway. O-Staff is unpaid, and they volunteer over 200 hours to this experience.

I would urge everyone to apply for O-Staff next year and to, in the words of Ghandi, “be the change you want to see.”

Criticism is easy to throw around when you are not the one doing the work.

- Holly Stewart, Junior
Raiders fall against familiar foe

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK
SPORTS EDITOR

In a game that pitted the top two teams in the conference against one another, No. 14 Northwestern fell short against No. 5 Morningside by the score of 21-10 last Saturday night. The Raiders took to the offensive first, but junior Brandon Smith had the ball knocked loose deep in NW territory. Morningside regained an early 7-0 advantage four minutes into the contest.

“It was clear they were trying to stop [Smith], but we knew that’s what junior Eli Groenendyk said.

The Mustangs were threatening again later on in the quarter, but junior Jordan Carlson forced a fumble inside the red zone.

The first substantial drive that the Raiders put together ended in junior kicker Mike O’Brien hitting a 46-yard field goal to put the Raiders on the board, 7-3. After another Mustang three-and-out, NW mounted together a 66-yard drive that ended in junior Jayme Rozeboom dashing out to his right on a naked bootleg from 6 yards out to take the lead 10-7.

“It felt like we were clicking the second quarter. We were pushing them back and wearing down their defense,” Groenendyk said.

Penned the third quarter until sophomore Jerel Kyles hauled in an interception, but penalties forced the offense to punt yet again. Near the end of the quarter, momentum shifted.

Morningside began a drive that would cover 93 yards and end in the go-ahead touchdown. They punched in another touchdown for the final points of the game early in the fourth quarter.

“We had them pinned inside their own 10, and we could have given our offense a short field,” said junior line backer Nate Fischer. “There was some miscommunication, and they put a scoring drive together.”

Offensively, the Raiders managed 246 yards, but Morningside ground out 326. The statistical black eye for NW was 11 penalties totaling 105 yards. Smith managed only 44 yards on 15 carries, and his counterpart sophomore Theo Burtman ran for 37 yards.

Volleyball’s 58-game GPAC winning streak snapped on road

BY GRAHAM KINSINGER

On Wednesday night, the Raiders lost a hard-fought game to No. 15 Morningside. Although they dropped the first set (20-25), Northwestern bounced back and won the next two sets (25-21, 25-23). Morningside rallied in the following sets (20-23, 13-15) to hand the Raiders their first regular season conference loss since 2007.

“The game was a lot of fun because of all the scrambling and crazy plays that happened... but we couldn’t pull it off,” said junior Danie Floreschinger, who tallied 12 digs on the night.

NW hit .149 and were led by senior Kylee Hulstein, who mustered 13 kills, 18 digs and 4.5 blocks.

Blessed behind her was senior Kate Boersma, who contributed 12 kills and 1.5 blocks. Sophomore Megan Hutson and junior Jennie Jansen each chipped in 11 kills, while Hutson also added 5.5 blocks.

Freshman Kaitlin Floerchinger lofted up 34 assists as the setter.

Last weekend the Raiders traveled to LaCrosse, Wis., to take part in a tournament hosted by Viterbo University.

They played in four games and came away with a 2-2 record. NW opened the tournament with a game against Valley City State University and won in four sets (25-22, 25-21, 23-25, 25-23). The Raiders kept their composure through game two where they defeated GPAC member Dakota Wesleyan in three sets (25-12, 25-13, 25-15).

On Saturday, NW dropped an incredibly close five sets to Jamestown (25-22, 19-25, 26-28, 25-20, 12-15).

“We played hard... but things just went [Morningside’s] way at the end of game five,” Danie Floerchinger said.

NW was battle-born from several tough games and could not find the energy to beat hosts Viterbo in their final game of the tournament. Viterbo won in three sets (17-25, 21-25, 15-25). At the end of the weekend, Hutson was the lone Raider to represent NW on the all-tournament team.

“We’ve gotten so much better since our first game, and we’re striving for more during every practice and game. We are so blessed to be on the up and up and it’s a super exciting time for our team,” Danie Floerchinger said.

The Raiders are currently 5-9 on the season and will head to the Mid-American Nazarene Classic in Olathe, Kan., this weekend.

Men’s soccer rebounds

BY ALEX HERRINGTON

The Red Raider men’s soccer squad pleased the home crowd by dominating Buena Vista 5-0 on Wednesday night.

It didn’t take long for Northwestern to get on the scoreboard. Freshman Jason Tessman executed a penalty kick 31 seconds into the game. In the 25th minute, junior Mario Garcia scored the second goal.

“Going into halftime, we weren’t content with a two goal lead,” said Garcia.

After the break, NW took the field with purpose, scoring three more goals in 16 minutes. Sophomore Nick Hengst volleyed a throw-in, Tessman added another, and sophomore Harri Edwards converted a penalty kick.

“We had great possession throughout the game, which led to our offensive success,” Garcia said.

The Red Raiders traveled down to Atchison, Kan., for two challenging soccer matches this past weekend.

On Friday, the Raiders fell to No. 22 Benedictine 2-0. Benedictine maintained possession most of the game. They scored early in the first half and spread the lead with a goal with five seconds remaining in the first half. NW was out-shot 13-10 in the contest.

Freshman goalkeeper Luis Hernandez made five saves.

On Saturday, the Red Raiders endured an unsettling double overtime loss to Central Methodist.

NW took a 1-0 lead in the 35th minute when Garcia netted a pass from sophomore forward Graham Kinsinger.

“Overall, we had our chances, but we didn’t capitalize,” said junior defender Bryan Dufley.

Garcia led the team with five shots and a goal. Hernandez made four shots and an assist. Hernandez added 12 saves.

The Raiders travel to Indianapolis tomorrow to square off with Simpson College in a non-conference game.

Cross country packs together

BY TOM WESTERHOLM

On Saturday, Northwestern’s cross country teams ran at the Nike Heartland Invitational. The women’s team placed third overall, while the men’s team landed fifth.

Head coach Nate Wolf was pleased with both performances. “We put five guys in front of last year’s top time. They ran really well, three minutes faster overall on this course. It was just a tough day,” he said.

Heading up the men’s team was freshman Logan Howland. Howland scored 19th overall, with a time of 27:30. He was closely followed by junior Jesse Baldwin, who finished 24th with a time of 28:00.

“Our goal as a men’s team is to be within 30-45 seconds as a pack. I think [Logan and Jesse] can help us make that happen,” Wolf said.

The women’s team was led by senior Teresa Kerkvliet. Kerkvliet placed eighth out of 78 runners at the meet and was close five sets to Jamestown (25-22, 19-25, 26-28, 25-20, 12-15).

“Last weekend was a little bit of a tougher race for all of us. We are just at that point in the training where we are all kind of sore and tired,” said Van Skike. “Last year we had Charity [Miles, fifth fastest runner in the GPAC] and we can definitely feel the holes from her leaving.”

Wolf, however, thinks the Raiders will be just fine.

“Miles had led the pack for the past few years. The women have started out well and will do well as the year goes on. We have a good pack in the top seven,” Wolf said.
Around Campus

Water Week
Justice Matters is challenging campus to drink only water for the week of Sept. 19-23. Save the change you would normally spend on other beverages. Members of Justice Matters will collect donations to Living Water International on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Art Exhibit
Ann Chuchvara’s exhibit will open at the Te Paske Gallery in the Korver Visual Arts Center Monday, Sept. 19. There will be a public reception at 7 p.m.

Campus Convo
Campus Conversation will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Franken Center Student Meeting Room. They will be discussing myths and data about sex at Northwestern.

Submit Events
Submit your campus happenings and events to the Beacon for inclusion in this column. Submissions should be roughly 50 words or less and be e-mailed to beacon@nwciowa.edu.

Cafe food becomes five-star

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Hellinga said, “I usually don’t like homemade pizza, but the sauce is good. The french fries are also ten times better.”

Other changes made to the cafe were on the soccer team’s behalf.

“The soccer guys caught me on my second day and sat me down in the dining room to discuss what they needed in order to enjoy the meals at the cafe. The one thing they mentioned for breakfast was chocolate chip pancakes,” Whitmore said. “So, in keeping with the theme of ‘improving everything we offer,’ we had pancakes on the menu the next morning. I promised the guys I would let the breakfast cooks know that they had a guest request for chocolate chip pancakes. Long story short, we changed up the menu a little bit and made our customers happy.”

Even with the changes that have already been implemented, Whitmore has many more up his sleeve.

“I am hoping to bring in a couple of guest chefs for a Tapas Night that corresponds with our El Torro de Noche restaurant series this month,” Whitmore said. “And I have a couple of other items in the works that should create a bit of excitement throughout the semester. Also, after the success of ‘The Elvis Grill’ we will be looking for additional themed events to hold this semester and into the spring.”

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