Crosswalk casualty recovers

BY ALYSSA CURRIER

At least one Northwestern student now looks both ways before crossing the street. Sophomore Joey Hendershott is a little more cautious after being hit by a truck while in a crosswalk.

At approximately 8:35 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 25, Hendershott was crossing the street at the crosswalk between the Cafe and Van Plessem Hall when he heard his friend sophomore Derrick Marr call out his name. The next thing he knew, he had been hit by a truck.

“Saw a truck,” Hendershott said. “It was slowing down, so I automatically assumed he saw me and was going to stop. Apparently he didn’t see me because the sunlight was in his eyes or something.”

Hendershott got up and stumbled to the side of the road where he lay down on the grass to assess how badly he was injured. The man who was driving the pickup got out of his truck to see if he could help. Professor Koene was at the crosswalk when Hendershott was hit and called 911.

“I never saw someone fly through the air like he did,” Koene said.

After 10 to 15 seconds, Hendershott realized he was not seriously injured. He looked up, smiled and told the man who hit him that he was okay.

“He looked really, really freaked,” Hendershott said, “like it’s not slowing down, I just wait until it goes past.”

Although Hendershott does not remember the name of the pickup driver, the man did accompany him to the hospital to make sure he was OK.

Students eating breakfast in the Cafe watched the entire scene unfold.

“Everyone’s eyes shifted to the crosswalk, freaked out and just prayed the kid was okay,” said junior Jordan Biehle.

Around campus, news quickly spread that a student had been hit by a vehicle. Within a half-hour of the accident, Hendershott was receiving texts from concerned friends asking if he was OK. It was also a popular topic on Facebook and Twitter.

Tests and x-rays revealed that Hendershott survived the whole ordeal with nothing more than a bruised knee.

“My friends thought it was pretty funny, just because I wasn’t hurt,” Hendershott said. “We joke about it. I’m now that guy who got hit by a truck.”

Later that day, Hendershott informed his family of what had happened.

“I called my dad and started out with, ‘OK, don’t freak out, but I got hit by a truck this morning,’” Hendershott said. “He stayed calm. My mom freaked out completely.”

Hendershott also called his pregnant sister and took care to word the news as calmly as possible.

“So she wouldn’t have a baby or something,” Hendershott said.

Although Hendershott escaped the incident with virtually no injuries, his close call did have an impact on the way he crosses the street.

“I make sure to check about three or four times each way,” Hendershott said. “If there’s a car coming it looks like it’s not slowing down, I just wait until it goes past.”

Hendershott offered students the following crosswalk advice.

“When you cross the road, make sure the car comes to a complete stop,” Hendershott said. “Keep your head up, look at the car. Try to make eye contact with the driver. Don’t just assume it’s going to stop.”

Obviously, it might not.

Student doesn’t let fainting get her down

BY MEGAN CURRENT

Junior Amanda Brown is living with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS).

When Brown was in high school, she was diagnosed with POTS. This heart condition makes a person’s blood pressure drop and heart rate. The individual is likely to pass out as a result.

According to Brown, this syndrome is found in one out of every 10 females. The signs are different with every person. Brown said she gets lightheaded and does not remember anything a couple minutes before fainting.

According to mayoclinic.org, patients will usually grow out of the syndrome sometime in their 20s. The symptoms of this syndrome started when Brown was a child.

“My body rejected an illness that I had when I was little,” Brown said. “My immune system tried to fight it out, but I was so weak that my heart couldn’t keep up.”

Brown said when she first started experiencing symptoms, she would pass out anywhere from 10 to 50 times a day. So far on Northwestern’s campus she has only passed out twice.

“I don’t remember five minutes before I pass out,” Brown said. “It is random now, but was much more frequent when it first started.”

Brown said that the high school she attended and her community in Loveland, Colo., had a hard time dealing with her unusual situation.

“A lot of teachers thought I was on drugs. They didn’t understand,” Brown said. “The doctors thought that I was faking it because I had a normal resting heart rate.”

Since Brown has come to NW, her life has been different without her family close. She has to be with another person most of the day.

“I can’t do things by myself,” Brown said. “I always have to be with someone used to my condition.”

Freshman Hannah Tweadt, Brown’s roommate, said she was used to responding in emergency situations from her experience with disabled children. Tweadt has not yet witnessed any of Brown’s fainting.

“We make light of it, and when I know she has fainted earlier, I just leave her alone to rest,” Tweadt said. “I think it has made us closer. I’m dyslexic, so I know what it’s like to struggle and be at a disadvantage.”

Brown said the best way to react to her fainting is to roll her on her back, lift her legs and bend her knees.

“Just talk to me until I come to,” said Brown. “It is best to not have more than three people around.”

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Student play wins awards at festival

BY ISAIAH TAYLOR

Senior Shelby Vander Molen, along with several Northwestern College theater students, visited the University of Nebraska-Lincoln January 20th through the 26th. They competed at the Region V Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, or KCACTF, receiving 14 certificates of commendation.

Vander Molen, a theater and writing major at NW, was a finalist as a critic and will move on to the national stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., in April.

Vander Molen’s original play “Some Five Women” was also selected for presentation at a regional competition.

“I think what surprised me more than how well it turned out was that people wanted to work on my script as a production,” Vander Molen said. “That was just something that blew my mind.”

The KCACTF is a nationwide organization that invites only the top productions and theater crews to perform and/or compete in different festival activities. Region V includes seven Midwestern states. NW was invited over all universities in the seven state region to participate in this event.

Vander Molen received an award for playwriting for “Some Five Women,” her first full-length play. She thinks critiquing her own work would be very difficult.

“It would be really hard for me to think of things that are bad about our production,” Vander Molen said.

Junior Sheric Hull received an award for first-time display and most promising light designer for his help with the set for “Some Five Women” which was a finalist as a critic and one of the most promising shows of the festival in several different categories, led by Hull and Vander Molen.

Junior Denise Cowherd and NW alum Margaretta Maxon act in “Some Five Women.”

“I thought that was really a strength for us,” said Hull. “Well, kind of all of us,” Vander Molen said. “One thing I think is special about our production is that people say ‘Who came up with this idea?’ and we say ‘Well, kind of all of us,'” Vander Molen said. “I think that was really a strength for us.”

NW students received a record number of commendations at the festival in several different categories, led by Hull and Vander Molen.

Dr. Robert Hubbard, professor and chairman of the theater department, and the rest of the staff took on more “cheerleader” roles in the preparing and producing of “Some Five Women” which was completely student-led and student-acted, save for two older community members in the cast.

Hubbard was pleased with the results and impressed with Vander Molen’s work as a writer.

“I thought it was a beautiful play,” Hubbard said. “I thought it was rich and incredibly elegantly written, and I think Shelby has a real future as a writer. It’s not a traditional play. Instead of working toward a single climax, it’s cyclical. It was really beautifully done.”

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Hansel and Gretel’ has identity crisis

BY TOM WESTERHOLM

“Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters” doesn’t really know what kind of movie it wants to be, so it tries to be everything at once. The result is a swing-and-miss of epic proportions.

The first, most pressing question is simple: How did the producers afford respectable actors like Jeremy Renner and Gemma Arteron? Renner and Arterton are both severely limited by comically bad writing and direction.

The movie feels as if it could go several different directions, but the only way a movie about Hansel and Gretel gunning down witches with massive machine guns (inexplicably present hundreds of years before their invention) succeeds is if the characters are likable and believable and if the writers don’t take themselves too seriously. “Zombieland,” for example, did both of these things.

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There are two redeeming features. The first is Hansel and Gretel’s interaction as siblings. Somehow, two incredibly attractive actors manage to avoid an incestuous vibe throughout, which — given the film’s other failures — is a massive relief.

The other redeeming feature is the over-the-top nature of the violence. The somewhat light-hearted feel of the movie makes the gruesome violence less abrasive and more humorous. Whether or not it’s healthy to find a villain getting somewhat lighthearted feel of the movie makes the gruesome violence less massive relief.

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The opening song, “Dance With Me” has an interesting mix of switchbacks with electronic chirps and contradictory lyrics such as “I mostly feel like I had a good day / It wasn’t that great.” The opening track seems to suggest that the entire album will be nothing more than an assortment of songs united only by the use of synthesizers. But the next few songs pick up and flourish with a technological feeling. “Binary Mind” is upbeat and unexpected; “Beta Love” is slower and driven by synthesizers and the falsetto of band member Wes Miles.

The rest of the tracks are underwhelming. The album has a robotic feel, and the songs begin to melt into one another with no distinction between them.

Despite all this, the band has worked hard to switch up its sound in the face of member changes. There are tracks with a laid-back jazzy feel, tracks with a hip-hop beat expected of a Kanye West album and tracks with an 80s synthesizer dominating the song. “When I Dream” and “Wilderness” are two songs that venture tentatively into exciting new sounds that the band will hopefully experiment more.

“Beta Love” is a mixture between Top 40 and dusty vinyl records. It comes out being the best of both worlds and is still slick and danceable. The album proves that Ra Ra Riot has a lot of potential to do something great in the electro-pop genre. They still have a lot of work to do, but don’t overlook this band for the next party playlist.

Rating: ★ ★ ★
‘Silver Linings Playbook’ powerful, not comedy

MOVIE REVIEW
BY KARA NONNEMACHER

“Exhausted” might be the correct term to describe how viewers are likely to feel walking out of the theater after watching “Silver Linings Playbook.”

This feeling comes from 122 minutes of film in which approximately 80 percent of the dialogue is accomplished through hostile argument. Although the edginess of the film fits the subject, moviegoers might experience relief when the credits roll.

“Silver Linings Playbook” is a drama that stars Bradley Cooper as Pat Solitano and Jennifer Lawrence as Tiffany Maxwell.

Pat is a former substitute teacher recently discharged from a mental hospital after an eight-month stay. Pat has lost everything—his job, his house and his wife—and is forced to live with his parents while he continues to recover from his bi-polar condition and has random anger outbursts that he refuses to control with medication.

While having dinner at a friend’s house, Pat meets Tiffany. The two become close due to similar circumstances, and the remainder of the movie shows the gradual distance they put between each other and their struggles.

“Silver Linings Playbook” will disappoint viewers hoping to see a true comedy. Aside from two or three humorous lines, the film is filled with deep and heavy content.

At one point, Pat wakes up his parents at 3 a.m. because he can’t find the tape of his wedding. This triggers one of his worst anger outbursts of the movie, and the scene ends with the police in the house, all of the neighbors on their porches and Pat, his mother and his father with bruised faces.

This intensity is typical of many scenes, and if that’s where the writers wanted to go with the content, they were making light of a real struggle for families and individuals living with mental disorders. But if viewers go in with the right expectations, “Silver Linings Playbook” is a good representation of this struggle as it affects each character in different ways.

The producers should forget the comedy label on the tagline. Viewers would not put this into the same category as movies such as “Date Night” or “Crazy, Stupid, Love,” as the label suggests. It is not a sappy romance story that relies on drama to enhance the comedy or vice versa.

“Silver Linings Playbook” is an intense but powerful representation of mental illness, but mislabeled as a comedy.

“I would feed on your rotting corpse.”
- Professor Mike Kugler on coldness and rationale.

“If Hitler hadn’t invaded Poland, I wouldn’t exist.”
- Professor Don Wacome on his humble beginnings.

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Sun sets on Japanese visit

Students can donate blood when Life Serve Blood Center visit campus on Feb. 5 and 6.

BY PRIYANKA FERNANDO

A group of energetic and curious students has been on campus the past couple of weeks. Apart from sitting in on various classes, these students from Toyko are here for an experience they are likely to never forget.

The group, composed of 16 seniors from Meji Gakuin Higashimurayama High School, has been participating in Winter English Camp at NW since Jan. 11 and will be departing Feb. 2.

This marks the second year for the Winter Camp, during which students apply and test to be allowed to travel to the United States through the program. Out of 26 students who tested, 16 students achieved the test score required for the program.

Kari Beadner, an instructor and camp coordinator students, said the students receive approximately six and a half hours of instruction in English language and American culture each day.

“The goal is that they grow in their English conversation skills,” Beadner said.

The studies are intensive and focused on an immersion into the English language. Apart from learning the language, the students are here to experience the culture. They all have different reasons for coming to the States through this program.

“I decided to come here so I can speak English better,” said Japanese student Go Ohara.

For Daisuke Nahora, the motivation is to touch American culture and have better oral communication (skills).

The group recently traveled to Omaha, Neb., for a weekend, and attended a Broadway show and visited the Omaha Zoo.

On the trip, they were able to see another aspect of American lifestyle.

“I feel like they were excited about Omaha,” said sophomore student and tutor Genesis Torres. “At times, it was a bit overwhelming, but in general, I feel like they had a really good time. Getting away from here and experiencing more of the United States was good for them.”

The female students are staying on campus in Hospers Hall, while the male students are being hosted by area families. The female students have been able to experience the community that dorm life offers.

The female students have been able to interact with both NW and the United States will be a positive influence in their lives for years to come.

Students from Meji Gakuin Higashimurayama High School in Japan have been at NW since Jan. 11.

“I'd say they're enjoying the experience,” Torres said. “They're always excited about everything.”

This excitement has attracted other NW students to them.

“I think American people are very friendly,” Ohara said. “You are all very nice guys.”

Although the students will leave soon, many said their interactions and experiences with both NW and the United States will be a positive influence in their lives for years to come.

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Studer has given blood five times and tolerates the side effects in order to save lives.

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The biggest setback with this condition is subconsciously worrying, Brown said. She is allowed to have a driver’s license because the fainting only occurs when she is standing.

“I fear just getting out of bed some days when I’m not feeling well,” Brown said. Brown said her condition is frustrating and disabling. More stress, whether mental or physical, brings on the symptoms.

“Some days I’m a normal kid, but other times I ask myself if doing what I want is even worth it,” Brown said. “Some mornings I feel sick, and I get migraines. If I don’t feel good for any reason, I’m definitely with someone.”

Brown said her most embarrassing moment was on high school awards night after she crossed the stage.

“I pray four times a day just to remind myself that God is still listening and I can get through this,” Brown said.

Brown said so far NW has been a blessing and an encouragement.

“I came to a Christian college because even though it’s hard to have my body do this, I want God to know I still believe in him.”

Northwestern fights the flu

BY KAITLIN FLOERCHINGER

There’s a new sensation sweeping the nation, and not a single person likes it. “I lost 10 pounds and didn’t eat for two-and-a-half days,” said junior Mike Mabee. “I even got the flu shot.”

The influenza bug is working its way across the country and has decided to visit Northwestern. Most students can name at least one person they know who has been affected; some can name more than one.

“I can’t even think of everyone off the top of my head,” sophomore Valor Gorans said. “I just know it’s been way too many.”

“Some students aren’t satisfied with the soap-and-water trick. Freshman Kelley Thurman went all out when it came to fighting the oncoming illness.”

“As soon as I felt that I was catching the flu and showing symptoms, I went to the store and stocked up on cough drops, vitamin C, Airborne, Nyquil and Dayquil,” Thurman said. “I started hydrating a lot more than usual. I would say I drank at least three water bottles a day.”

Containing the spread of the flu can be tricky in a college residence hall or apartment. In fact, many students receive the bug from their roommates.

“My roommate had it first,” Mabee said. “I tried to avoid it, but I ended up getting sick the very next day.”

If the flu season keeps on at this rate, the campus could be in for a long haul. According to the Center for Disease Control, flu season can reach from October to May.

“There’s always the option of receiving a flu shot. For freshman Kellie Goedkern, who received the shot this fall, it seems to be working.”

“I haven’t had an issue,” Goedkern said. “It was worth the pain.”

Students can find everything they need to fight the flu at the local pharmacy.
Beacon Abroad: London

Local pubs promote community in Britain

BY MEGAN WEIDNER
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

To the average American (including me), “pub” is an anachronism to say the least. If grandma asks what you did last Saturday night, saying, “I went to a pub with friends” just sounds better. Coming to London I knew that going to pubs was a common and frequent activity. I assumed it implied that the British could hold their alcohol and that they probably drank until they passed out every night.

This was an extremely silly stereotype that I would never admit to a Londoner now. A bar, despite its distinction as an establishment that thrives on alcohol sales, is where people might have a night out on weekends to take shots of liquor or to enjoy a pint without the purpose of becoming inebriated, even though that is the connotation that follows the name.

We, the study abroad students of Central College in Pella, Iowa, had a division of orientation on our first day dedicated to “pub etiquette.” Upon seeing it on the schedule, I had to laugh a little; do kids from the States really need a talk on how to behave in pubs? Is it that hard to do? Surprisingly, I learned more than I thought I would.

For instance, it is very rude to split the ticket (bill). Friends just have a give-and-take system for nights out. I’ll get this meal, and you get the next one. It might not always be fair, and you might end up with a larger bill than you wanted, but hey, you can get a bigger refund next time when they’re stuck with the bill. Often, if you go to the bar and try to order a single pint, the tender will respond with “Only one?” I guess they really don’t want you to drink alone.

Although alcohol is more easily available — pubs are located on every corner, and bars are even found in the movie theatre — I’ve yet to see any abuse of alcohol in Londoners. I have walked past the occasional puke puddle on my way out on Saturday mornings, but even late at night after coming back from the student union, which holds three bars itself, seeing a drunken group stumbling around is rare.

Even though the drinking age is 18, it seems like the novelty has long since lost its shine, and everyone is very responsible.

You don’t, you might be stuck sipping your pint and listening until a new topic comes up, which might take a while.

It is still a little strange to have new friends offer to buy me a drink, but it has been a welcome change to see a culture that doesn’t have such a large taboo against alcohol like some places in the United States — such as northwest Iowa. The ritual of drinking together is so deeply ingrained in this place. I don’t mean for this statement to encourage drinking; I just wish to emphasize the togetherness. Pubs facilitate community within this bustling city full of new people I’m learning to love.

Slow down, eat chocolate

BY KALI WOLKOW
OPINION EDITOR

Sounds easy enough. College students walk around in complete oblivion, right? We are professionals at shutting out parents, noisy siblings, and monotone teachers.

We can ignore entire lectures, walk right by a waving classmate and stroll into the wrong classroom without even noticing. Some of us can even block out the stomping noises coming from our third-floor neighbors as they do their P90X workouts above us. We are masters at shutting things out. Or so we think.

Do we ever take a breather? Or opt for the bench and some quiet time?

We are always walking to class, doing homework, going to practice or standing in the omelet line at breakfast. The quantum theory rattles around in our heads as we mull over our chemistry homework, and gladiator movie clips play in our minds as we study about ancient Rome in Western Civ. Then the weekend comes, and we shove every thing we can imagine into an all-too-short 48-hour period.

I think we sometimes forget the merits of sitting still and being silent. Or at least slowing down and being quiet.

My Dove chocolate wrapper said to shut out the world. I laughed and rolled my eyes. However, after I thought about it, I realized there might be some merit to the suggestion. Plus, who am I to challenge the wisdom written on the inside of a chocolate wrapper?
Sports

Raiders edge Defenders in instant classic

BY ISAIAH TAYLOR

Northwestern faced off against longtime county rival Dordt on Wednesday in a game that was a battle of physical and mental wills for the entirety of regulation and five-minute overtime.

The game ended with the No. 5 Raiders eeking out an 89-87 OT win against the No. 15 Defenders.

The score was tied on 10 occasions, and the squads traded leads 13 times throughout the game. The score was 45-45 at halftime, and by the end of regulation, nothing separated the teams at 80-80.

The Raiders held the ball for the final shot, but senior Daniel Van Kalsbeek’s jumper didn’t fall with seconds left. He managed to make an athletic move and grab his own rebound. While grabbing the ball in the air, Van Kalsbeek tried to quickly release a shot off the glass before the buzzer sounded. It rimmed out, and the 2,000-plus in attendance became disappointed.

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Despite shooting 60 percent from the floor, the Raiders had trouble from the free throw line, where they sank only 54 percent of their attempts.

“Because of that, we got into a position where they had the ball with 2:30 left to play. After two free throws from junior Alii Dunkelberger, the Defenders again showed their resilience, scoring the next five points to once again make it a two-point game with just one minute left on the clock.

The Defenders replied quickly, scoring a lay-up and fouling the Raiders again. Senior Kendra De Jong converted her free throws, stretching the lead back to four with just 12 seconds remaining.

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The Raiders improved to 10-5 in the GPAC and 16-6 overall. They will play at 4 p.m. on Saturday against Concordia.

NW overcomes pressure for win

BY KORAY KARAKAS

Wednesday night saw the Raider women basketball team defeat the Dordt Defenders 71-67 in a thrilling contest between the two sides.

The intense clash was held at the Bultman Center, and fans both sides packed the facility to full capacity, creating an electric atmosphere for the players.

“We couldn’t look at what happened last time we played them,” junior Alii Dunkelberger said. “In the GPAC, everyone gives us their best game every night.”

The Raiders started the second half with real intent, showing their dominance early on and pulling ahead 57-48 with ten minutes remaining.

The Defenders weren't going to go down easily though, and outscored the Raiders 9-2 over a three-minute stretch to keep the game within reach, making it an exciting two-point game.

A lay-up from sophomore Karen Hutson, who produced yet another outstanding performance on the night, extended the Raiders lead to 65-58 with ten minutes remaining.

The Defenders were beaten by conference rival Hastings 23-20.

On Saturday we had a lot of good individual efforts from both teams at 80-80. The Raiders started to make some big improvements, but there are always two-point game.

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Few bright spots among conference losses

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA

On Tuesday, the Raider wrestling team played host to Morningside and Buena Vista for a triangular dual at the Bultman Center.

The Raiders were beaten by conference rival Morningside 32-6, who entered the dual ranked No. 7 in the nation. Northwestern emerged victorious over Buena Vista and finished with a 25-18 win.

In the Morningside dual, bright spots were few for the Raiders. Sophomore Zach Fishman beat his opponent by decision 4-1 in the 165-pound weight class. Sophomore George Portillo beat his opponent 4-3 and won by decision in the heavyweight class.

The tides turned when NW matched up against Buena Vista. Three Raiders won their matches by decision and another won by major decision.

Senior Nathan Manfull crushed his opponent 11-2 and won by major decision in the 149-pound weight class. Junior John Lynch won by decision 3-2 in the 157-pound weight class. In the 197-pound weight class, freshman Luis Rivera-Santiago won by decision 10-3. Portillo defeated his opponent by decision 8-4 in the heavy weight class.

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“Because of that, we got into a position where they had the ball with 2:30 left to play. After two free throws from junior Alii Dunkelberger, the Defenders again showed their resilience, scoring the next five points to once again make it a two-point game with just one minute left on the clock.

The Defenders replied quickly, scoring a lay-up and fouling the Raiders again. Senior Kendra De Jong converted her free throws, stretching the lead back to four with just 12 seconds remaining.

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NW overcomes pressure for win

BY KORAY KARAKAS

Wednesday night saw the Raider women basketball team defeat the Dordt Defenders 71-67 in a thrilling contest between the two sides.

The intense clash was held at the Bultman Center, and fans both sides packed the facility to full capacity, creating an electric atmosphere for the players.

“We couldn’t look at what happened last time we played them,” junior Alii Dunkelberger said. “In the GPAC, everyone gives us their best game every night.”

The Raiders started the second half with real intent, showing their dominance early on and pulling ahead 57-48 with ten minutes remaining.

The Defenders weren't going to go down easily though, and outscored the Raiders 9-2 over a three-minute stretch to keep the game within reach, making it an exciting two-point game.

A lay-up from sophomore Karen Hutson, who produced yet another outstanding performance on the night, extended the Raiders lead to 65-58 with ten minutes remaining.

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Study abroad
Applications to study abroad next summer in Turkey or the Czech Republic are due to the Career Development Center on Friday, Feb. 1. Find more information at my.nwciowa.edu.

Basketball
The No. 11 Northwestern Women’s basketball team will play GPAC leader Concordia at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, at home.

Leadership night
The Leadership Opportunities Night will be held at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 4, in the Proscenium Theatre. Come to learn about positions and how to become part of NW Student Leadership for 2013-2014.

Blood drive
There will be a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5, and Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the Ulman Center lobby.

Campus Convo
Campus Conversation will be held at 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the Red Room of the Frankin Center.

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Cafe changes after loss of general manager

BY LYRIC MORRIS

This semester, changes in the Cafe are not in the shape of tables or the presence or lack of a spice rack. Rather, the Cafe is undergoing major changes in its administration.

Don Keith, general manager of the Northwestern Cafe for the past 21 years, has left NW to pursue a new position with Sodexo at Martin Methodist College in Paluski, Tennessee.

Chef BJ Whitmore has been filling Keith’s role. “The changes are temporary,” Whitmore said. “Don’s replacement should be on campus by the end of this semester.”

According to Dean of Students John Brogan, the school and Sodexo are working together to find the best fitting candidates.

Sodexo sends us a list of qualified applicants, and from those the school will choose who we believe best fits our mission and environment,” Brogan said.

Throughout all these changes, NW is working to maintain quality cafeteria food and service while remaining open to suggestions and feedback for further improvements.

“The Cafe has always been adjusting based on students’ voices and opinions,” Brogan said. “Surveys this past year showed that NW students were particularly unhappy with the Cafe. Whenever someone is forced into doing something, in this case having a meal plan, their expectations immediately become higher.”

Some recent changes based on students’ comments include a larger amount of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as more locally grown produce. There are also options for smaller meal plans for students living in the apartments, plexes and off campus.

With the introduction of a new manager, further minor improvements can be expected. However, the Cafe staff is not anticipating any more major alterations.

KEITHS SAY GOODBYE TO NW COMMUNITY

BY LYRIC MORRIS

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