The Heemstra wing of Colenbrander Hall is well-known for its boisterous and adventurous spirit. The weekend of Friday, Sept. 20 was no different for this clan as it ventured to Colorado Springs, Colo. to climb Pike’s Peak.

The climbing of Pike’s Peak as a wing began in 2006 and has been a tradition ever since. This weekend getaway is hosted and planned by the residents of Heemstra, but any male on campus is invited to join. This year, five guys currently living on the Heemstra wing and four graduates of the Heemstra residence hall made the 12-hour trek to Colorado Springs.

“We took two cars, and one of them was manual, so only a few of us knew how to drive it,” said freshman Jesse Lehman, one of three freshmen to go on the trip. “Lots of people would think that the drive would go by super slow, but we told a lot of stories and got to know each other way better.”

The group arrived in Colorado Springs early Saturday morning and enjoyed breakfast while they geared up for the hike ahead of them. Pike’s Peak is a national landmark and stands more than 14,000 feet tall. The guys conquered the mountain in three hours and, from the top, spent time conversing, eating and enjoying the view of Colorado Springs.

Once everyone reached the top of Pike’s Peak, a journal was brought out for the guys on the trip to sign and write down their most memorable moments from the hike.

“My favorite memory of the trip was definitely getting to the top of the peak,” Lehman said. “It was really satisfying to be standing up there and taking the view in. Being able to read the journal and record our own memories was really neat. Hopefully the journal will continue to get filled by many others.”

An adventure in the mountains isn’t complete without getting lost, and for this group, the hike back down Pike’s Peak did not go as smoothly as the hike up. The guys encountered a minor hiccup when they ended up on the wrong side of a lake and had to backtrack to find their way down.

Board members embody Northwestern values

Northwestern College is governed by a board of trustees made up of people from a variety of backgrounds and experiences. The board consists of 32 members, including pastors, health care professionals, entrepreneurs and business owners, among others. Most board members are NW alumni or have direct connections with the college.

This board is in charge of preserving the mission and identity of the college as well as giving guidance for the future. Specifically, it makes budget and property decisions and hold the president, along with other leaders of the college, accountable in their decisions.

The board members are split into six committees to oversee the college. These committees include Enrollment and Marketing, Academic Policies, Finance, Campus Life and Advancement. All of the members on these committees meet twice a year, once in April and once in September. There is also an executive board of members that meets once a month. The executive board is made up of one member from each of the six committees.

Anita Bomgaars is a part of the executive committee and represents the Enrollment and Marketing committee. Bomgaars is a 1977 alumnus of NW. She has worked as a real-estate agent at her own firm, a film producer, a teacher and has served on many committees for the college.

“My experience of being a student in the ’70s as well as my children attending Northwestern, has given me a range of perspectives about the college,” Bomgaars said. “All of these things—as well as my variety of careers—help me to make educated decisions for the college and its future.”

This is Bomgaars’ third year on the board. She represents the RCA from the Midwest.

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This year marks the 10-year anniversary of the student-led dance concert, RUSH, at Northwestern. Although only 15 students signed up for RUSH its first year, the performance has grown popular and now there are 145 students participating. Choreographers have put together 11 dances for this year’s performance, which opened last night in the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center.
Lorde’s Pure Heroine is pure genius

BY LYRIC MORRIS

Lorde’s distinctly rich timbre make the album difficult to classify; it’s tempting to describe it as the commencement of a new genre entirely rather than trying to fit its unique sound into the box of a pre-existing grouping.

Lorde’s lyrics not only surpass what would be expected from any given 17 year old, but also from most anyone in the hip-hop world. The album’s opener, “Tennis Court,” explores Lorde’s rejection of the stereotypes that come with her newfound fame. “Ribs” leaves listeners feeling the same haunted fear that fills Lorde when she thinks of becoming old.

By the end of the album, listeners have heard one side of what Lorde can do and are left wondering if she’ll continue to challenge herself past the pulsing pop anthems that have brought her to fame. Any future efforts from Lorde will have to display something fresh to keep listeners interested in her unique new take on hip-hop.

Ella Yelich-O’Connor, better known by her stage name Lorde, is taking both the mainstream and alternative music worlds by storm.

Look back only a few months, and Lorde’s name was simply nowhere to be found. Now, in the past month alone, she has performed at multiple large festivals, declined an offer to tour as an opener with Katy Perry and has seen her award-winning track, “Royals,” peak as the number one song on the Billboard Hot 100 as well as the number 14 on the American Top 40 — and it’s still climbing.

Her status has escalated not only because of her awe-inducing musical prowess, but also because of the refreshingly authentic and quirky personality she has brought to the table. Despite her sudden rise to fame, Lorde presents herself in a realistic personable way, oftentimes even mourning her sudden success. When asked in a recent interview how she felt about breaking into the Billboard Hot 100, Lorde responded, “It feels like a combination of my birthday, Christmas and washing my hair after a month of not doing so.”

All of this from a New Zealand girl who is about to turn 17 years old.

This week Lorde released her first full-length album, Pure Heroine, which she not only performed but also composed and assisted in producing.

The unique blend of synth riffs, hip-hop beats and

“Suit and Tie” follow-up doesn’t suit up

BY ISAIAH CUSTER

“The third solo album dropped by Justin Timberlake this year, The 20/20 Experience – 2 of 2 is the completion of his second release of the year, The 20/20 Experience.

The 11-track album can be described as lackluster at best. Many of the songs include unnecessary swearing and blatant sexual references.

TrueBlood boasts a short, strong guitar solo but drags on to a length of 9 and a half minutes. (Not to mention the fact that it’s a few years too late to try and fit into the vampire craze that swept the nation.)

The third track, “Cabaret,” has one redeeming quality: Drake. Unlike Jay-Z’s rap in “Suit and Tie” (The 20/20 Experience), Drake has smart lyrics and does not slow the track down. His feature is one of the best parts of the album.

“TKO” is the first track on the album with a chorus that’s easy to sing along with and is catchy enough to be popular.

The single, “Take Back the Night,” offers none of the catchiness of previous singles and does not have the heart that we have come to expect from Timberlake. It has currently peaked at No. 29 with no promise of venturing higher.

Timberlake is no doubt one of the favorite artists of the year. This album, however, has over 60 minutes of material and none of it comes close to the success of “Suit and Tie” or “Mirrors,” Timberlake’s most popular singles from the previous album.

Where the previous album was a new sound that brought a fresh look on Timberlake’s career, this newest album relies too much on collaborator Timbaland. Many of the tracks resemble the Timberlake/Timbaland pairing on FutureSex/LoveSounds, Timberlake’s 2006 release. The tracks border on being over-produced and have too much going on.

Timberlake should have let the first release of The 20/20 Experience stand alone. This follow-up album may set back his comeback success. The cliched lyrics and lack of creativity led to a dud of an album.

The 20/20 Experience – 2 of 2 is available on iTunes with clean and explicit versions, as well as The 20/20 Experience – The Complete Experience in both clean and explicit versions.

Cloudy with a chance of stereotypical

BY JACKSON NICKOLAY

After the success of the first “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs,” it is only natural that Hollywood would try to cash in on the loyalty of their fan base a second time. Unfortunately, there is nothing in “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” that sets it apart from its predecessor or really any other animated film made for children.

“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” starts off where the first movie ended. Flint Lockwood, voiced by Bill Hader, has saved his island home from his own invention: a machine that can make food out of water.

Having managed to defeat his machine, he has earned the respect of his scientific idol, the great Chester V. Voiced by Will Forte, Chester V. decides to enlist Flint in his academy of inventors.

It is not long, however, before Flint is brought back to the island to stop his machine that has risen again to create an entire ecosystem of food animals. It is up to Flint and a small group of his closest friends to get to his machine and to stop it a second time before the food animals spread throughout the world.

“Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” succeeds in offering a nice story about a small group of friends that learn to depend on each other to overcome trials. Throughout his adventures, Flint is presented with the choice of whether or not to trust the advice of his close friends or the advice of his hero, Chester V. Eventually, Flint learns to trust the advice of his close friends and family above everyone else.

What this film doesn’t do is present these themes with any kind of original package. There isn’t anything in this movie that hasn’t been seen in other animated movies about family, acceptance and friendship. There is little original humor to be found in any of the writing or characters. A steady barrage of awkward, nerdy humor is kept up throughout the entire movie.

The animators attempted to use some physical humor especially in the character of Chester V., whose yoga-inspired flexibility in the film is comparable to that of elastic. Unfortunately, this humor gets old really fast. Add to that the fact that the writing of the characters is often not funny and almost always unoriginal, and you get a pretty unfulfiling movie.

Although “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” may be a good film to bring your younger siblings to, this film will do very little for any adult audience member who has matured past weedige humor and jokes about bodily functions.

Rating:★★★★☆

Key Tracks: “Royals,” “Tennis Court” and “Team”

Five Star Guide

Classic:★★★★★
Excellent:★★★★☆
Good:★★★★☆
Fair:★★☆☆☆
Poor:☆☆☆☆☆

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“I was nervous he’d be an Ewok, but luckily he just came out a little fuzzy...”

- Professor Sam Martin on his newborn son, Liam.

“I guess that Powerpoint and Acrobat Reader ‘got jiggy with it,’ because all of my slides turned into PDF’s.”

- Professor Chris Hausman during World Poverty & Development.
By Jordan Dykstra

Majors in education, ministry, business and biology make up over half of the student body on campus. According to Northwestern’s institutional research, 633 out of 1,169 full-time students in the 2012 fall semester would have placed their major within those categories.

However, there are those on campus who are taking the road less traveled compared to many of their peers.

Some students mix and match majors and minors with ones that often wouldn’t be associated with one another.

Senior Megan Rustad is the only music education major on campus. After switching to the widely popular elementary education major in her second semester of freshman year, Rustad realized her passion was still with music.

“I had kept my music minor, but then during fall break of last year, I decided to go back to music education,” Rustad said. “I realized I wasn’t enjoying what I was learning about and decided after some time away from it that it had so much value in my life.”

Currently, Rustad is enrolled in a vocal music education class in which she is the lone student.

“There’s just the teacher and I, you can’t get away with just skimming the chapter but have to be able to discuss things,” Rustad said. “It’s a lot more conversation-based, and you definitely have to know your material.”

Rustad plans on student teaching K-12 vocal music next fall.

Junior José Martinez has also taken a nontraditional approach to his education at NW. A double-major in translation and interpretation and computer information systems who is also minoring in art, Martinez has tackled school with his talents and passions as a priority.

“I’ve always known Spanish, and I often helped my mom with interpreting growing up,” Martinez said. “I also like computers and programming and have always been that guy that people come to when they need help with technology and computers.

Art is something I’ve always loved, and when I got to college I kept doing it.”

Although Martinez has an odd combination of studies, he said he is not concerned about finding a job after graduation.

“I’m really just trusting God that he will give me something where I can combine them, but I’m probably focusing on computer science as my first job priority,” Martinez said.

“I’m hoping the second two will boost my value of work.”

Although being a youth ministry major wouldn’t appear to be very unusual at NW, freshman Jordan Samuelson also has a second major in sociology with a career concentration in criminal justice.

“Whenver I tell people that my second major is sociology, they scratch their heads because the two typically don’t go in hand in hand,” Samuelson said. “However, I feel that sociology helps me to better understand people.”

Samuelson said he aspires to be a camp director in a Christian setting but also is interested in working with at-risk youth and juvenile delinquents, which ties in with the criminal justice concentration.

Samuelson also said he believes there are certain advantages in having a your ministry degree.

“Although youth ministry isn’t uncommon at NWC, I realize that even most Christian colleges don’t offer this degree,” Samuelson said. “Lots of people have religion degrees, but very few have specific youth ministry degrees.”

For students such as Rustad, Martinez and Samuelson, overcoming the challenge of taking unusual paths in their education can be a rewarding experience.

“It’s not for everyone,” Samuelson said. “However, it’s more about just doing what you love and are passionate about, and if that’s choosing to go towards a nontraditional path, I’d say go for it,” Samuelson said.

“Even though job outlooks in the computer and translation fields are very good, I feel that I still would have pursued my passions,” Martinez said.

Heemstra scales Rockies

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“The way back down the mountain is shorter, but it ended up taking an extra hour because we went down a different way than we intended,” said Lehman. However, we got to see a wolf sanctuary. The wolves were fenced in, but the woman who owned it was there, and we were able to talk with her for a while as well.”

After arriving back at the cars, the group headed to Lehman’s house — which was also in Colorado Springs — to spend the night. The guys took off early Sunday morning to return to Orange City.

“I would encourage anybody to go. It’s an adventure. Why not? It’s just one weekend and you aren’t missing out on anything on campus,” Lehman said. “Plus, you get to grow closer to people you would not have expected.”

Heemstra resident Tyler McKinney, freshman James Kugler, freshman Sean Russell, junior Andrew Fick, senior Matt Latchaw, freshman Jesse Lehman, junior Brook Stephens, former Heemstra resident Bob Latchaw and former Colenbrander Hall RD Ryan Anderson hiked Pikes Peak.

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Students travel to New Orleans for conference

BY KERRI BOEKE

Every year Christian Community Development Association (CCDA) hosts a retreat somewhere in the US. People of all races, ages and denominations attend this event to learn about communities, nation-wide, outreach opportunities and how to grow personally.

Northwestern College has been a participant in this event in past years, by sending students to cities such as Minneapolis and Chicago. This year, however, NW representatives made a journey down to New Orleans.

Led by Rahn Franklin, multi-cultural interns Nayely Becerra-Balbuena, Carly Rozeboom and Denise Cowherd flew to New Orleans on Tuesday, Sept. 10, the day prior to the conference. The event lasted from Wednesday, Sept. 11, though Saturday, Sept. 14.

The conference consisted of group workshops, communal worship and many guest speakers. One speaker was Michelle Alexander who served for several years as director of the Racial Justice Project at ACLU of Northern California, which spearheaded a national campaign against racial profiling by law enforcement.

Another speaker, Leroy Barber, founded reformation ministries in Philadelphia to server the homeless. Workshop groups varied from how to view "singleness" all the way to "Jesus, Hip Hop, Film, and the None." The conference addressed many stigmas related to race, age, style and other characteristics. Speakers talked about how Christians should react to people different than themselves with love rather than judgment.

Junior Nayely Becerra-Balbuena said she chose to attend seminars that she felt directly affected her life. In attending the workshop on "singleness," she hoped to gain some insight not only for herself but also to share with a NW campus that is known for its "ring by spring" mentality.

In this seminar, the participants were asked to make a list of the blessings they had received from being single and of the brokenness they’d felt as well. There was a panel of singles of various ages to discuss how singleness has affected their lives.

Some statements that stood out to Becerra-Balbuena during the workshops were “don't break my season of single” and “if my face isn't the problem (of why I am single), it must be something inside me.”

Another topic that stood out to Becerra-Balbuena was the prejudice placed on felons. Speaker Michelle Alexander talked about her experience with a man who had tried to reveal the corrupt police system in his neighborhood, but when he stated that he was a felon she turned him away.

Alexander proceeded to explain how months later the man was framed by the corrupt police. It became apparent to Becerra-Balbuena that people accused of felonies receive no aid and end up back in jail largely because no one will give them a job or a means to provide for themselves.

Senior Denise Cowherd also attended CCDA’s event and was impacted by attending workshops such as “Arts n’ da Hood;” “Jesus, hip hop, film and the none;” and the “8 Keys of CCDA,” she was taught about leadership and awareness. One principle that stood out to her was on the topic of helping communities prosper and the fact that "you can’t change something from the outside.”

Since the conference, Cowherd said she feels pressed to let honesty and awareness be her new motto in life.

The students who attended this trip were able to gain perspective on the world while interacting with other people and attending workshops. The conference, which helped spur new passion and growth among the students who attended the event, allowed them to positively impact those around them through their daily lives.

Board of Trustees shares passion for Northwestern

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Kurt Dykstra, a 1994 graduate of Northwestern, serves on the Enrollment and Marketing committee with Bonggaard. Dykstra has worked as a lawyer, a professor at Hope College in Holland, Mich., and as the mayor of Holland for five years. He represents the RCA and the “around the nation” positions on the Board of Trustees.

“We are called the Board of Trustees for a reason,” Dykstra said. “The college trusts us to bring our experiences to making decisions for the college. One of our priorities is to make sure to take care of the college when we are gone. This trust is put in us because of our professional experiences, life history, concern, love and overall passion for this school.”

“We are called the Board of Trustees for a reason.”

-Kurt Dykstra

A recent addition to the board, Tricia Vermeer, also graduated from NW in 1994. Vermeer works with the Vermeer Charitable Foundation in Pella, Iowa. She is a member of the Advancements Committee, which helps raise money for the college.

“I accepted the invitation to be on the Board of Trustees because I want to support and give back to my college,” Vermeer said. “I am passionate about Northwestern’s mission, and I love to recruit students to come, so they can have the same college experience that I had.”

Albert Okine went to college with Dykstra and Vermeer but graduated in 1995. Okine is originally from Ghana, but he currently resides in Dakota Dunes, S.D., with his family. He serves on the Campus Life committee.

“I believe the criteria for being on the Board of Trustees is one who is a Christian and embodies the vision and mission of Northwestern College and is willing to bear witness to the college, work in serving on board committees, share his or her God given wisdom in the service of the college by responsible leadership and support the college with his or her physical resources,” Okine said.

The executive board has monthly meetings to discuss issues and concerns at the college. The entire Board of Trustees meets twice a year, once in April and once in September.
A Letter to the Editor

BY DUANE BEESON
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

I was disappointed to see that much of the writing in “Learning Commons conundrum” from the Sept. 20 Beacon was based on a foundation of misinformation.

First, the writer mentioned a rumor that professors haven’t gotten a pay raise in five years. That is not true. Only twice in the last 25 years have faculty and staff not been given a raise — this year and in 2009, according to information provided by Deb Sandbulte, director of human resources. In both years that raises weren’t possible, a bonus was given to each faculty and staff member in an effort to make up for that and to express the college’s appreciation for our employees.

Secondly, the opinion piece implied that students didn’t have much input into the development of DeWitt Learning Commons. That is also not true. Student input was part of the building’s planning from the beginning.

As early as 2004, students — as well as faculty and staff — were surveyed about what they wanted in the new facility. The building was originally designed at 75,000 square feet and a cost of $20 million, but we went back to the drawing board to get the size and cost down so we could be good stewards of the resources our donors have entrusted to us.

As part of the second round of planning, students, faculty, staff and alumni were again surveyed. We had a total of 454 responses, 303 of which were from students. That student input was extremely influential in the development of the final plans. Library Director Tim Schlak says it was clear that students wanted the Learning Commons to have a lot of comfortable, cozy areas to study that were not wide open.

The library staff and the Learning Commons Task Force — which included a student representative, Ross Fernstrum, who was SGA president — used that information to conceptualize a facility offering a wide variety of spaces for study and collaboration in a welcoming and light-filled environment. In addition, student feedback was solicited regarding the type of furniture to use for the building.

Opinion pieces — like news stories — should be based on facts, not on rumor or speculation. The misleading information the Beacon provided could have easily been corrected by appropriate research and editing.

Respectfully,
the Beacon staff

Happy Fall Break from the Beacon!

We are off next week, but we’ll be back on campus on October 18.

FYS isn’t about the grade

BY AMIE ADAMS

I was about to meet my First-Year Seminar group for the first time. I nervously walked over to my O-Group orientation.

I looked around as we sat in a circle on the green and proceeded to play cliché “get-to-know-each-other” games. I hated it.

Everything was so stilted and awkward, and I didn’t feel like I was actually “getting to know anyone. What were people talking about when they said that I would meet my life-long friends in college?”

I finally learned everyone’s names when we met at Dr. Heeg’s the next afternoon, but our short walk back proved that I hadn’t progressed past awkward small talk with anyone. Making friends in kindergarten came naturally; making friends in college was an entirely different story.

Thankfully, things changed when class began. We were paired up and given the task of giving a speech about our partner to the class.

My partner, Ellie, and I talked nonstop for an hour. The assignment gave us the opportunity to talk about things that went beyond, “What’s your major?”, “Where are you from?” and “What’s your favorite color?” By the end of our interview, I had a new friend. I left with a smile on my face, excited that I had gotten to know a sweet, friendly girl who inspires me with her faith and love for God.

Not only did I get to know Ellie, I also got to know all of my classmates better as I listened to their speeches about each other. Maybe this wasn’t just a group of classmates anymore. Gradually, our classroom became filled with more conversations and laughter, and the awkwardness slipped away. We were becoming friends.

Next came “This I Believe” essays. Working on my essay gave me the chance to get to spend time with our writing fellow and our professor. They gave me direction, insight and were just plain fun to talk to. I was starting to see that people were serious when they talked about how much the faculty and other students at NWC care about you.

During our peer conferencing, I got to hear two essays that left me impressed by the talent and character of their authors. We just finished sharing those “This I Believe” essays with the class. While listening to everyone read their essay as a speech, I got the privilege to hear about the things that matter most to my classmates and listen to them open up about their best moments and most difficult experiences. I am blown away by how honest and vulnerable they were willing to be.

The Writing major in me already enjoys all the reading, writing and speaking in FYS, but that’s not my favorite part. Rather, the people are. I was skeptical at first, but I definitely see us forming bonds with each other, and now I believe those people who said that I’m going to meet some of my best friends in college. My FYS class is only the beginning.
Doane denies NW conference victory

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK

Despite a dominant effort on Saturday night, the Raider men’s soccer team fell 1-0 to Doane. A blitzkrieg of shots on frame did not lead to any goals as Northwestern dropped to 5-5-1 (1-1-1 in the GPAC) on the season as the calendar flips to October.

NW came out of the gates as the superior side. Sophomore Koray Karayas had a fine header turned away in the fifth minute, and junior Gabriel Goncalves was denied by the crossbar off a free kick in the 12th.

Doane earned a corner kick in the 34th minute. After a missed clearance, the Tigers sent in a low cross that pinballed around in front of NW’s net. The ball deflected off a Raider foot and slipped into the back of the net.

“I felt like we recovered well after the goal,” sophomore Aaron Bosch said. “We were all over them, and it was an unlucky goal. We felt like we were going to one back soon.”

Doane’s defense bent but didn’t break in the second half. Their goalkeeper was forced to make nine saves as the Raider attack continued to create chances.

After a rough tackle in the 76th minute, a Doane player began to shove sophomore Tukker Bogaard. Bogaard, who received a yellow card for the challenge, reacted by putting his arms straight up in the air, and the assistant referee rushed over to separate the two. The pressure was heating up for both squads.

In the 82nd minute, Goncalves ripped a volley from just outside the top of the box. It appeared to be the equalizer, but a reaction tip save by the Doane goalkeeper sent the ball off the crossbar.

NW got 30 shots off in the contest; 12 were on target. Doane managed only nine shots with four on target.

“T’d say that goalkeeper had close to the game of his life,” Bosch said. “He may never play that well again.”

Karakas, Goncalves, senior Harri Edwards and senior Travis Syskyn each had five shots. Sophomore Ben Fetter and senior Justin Lehman added three each.

Bosch had four saves in the contest.

NW will look to get back on the winning train with a 3 p.m. contest in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday against Nebraska Wesleyan.

Farr, Christoffer give NW homecoming win

BY JORDAN DYKSTRA

On Saturday of homecoming weekend, the Raider women’s soccer team defeated visitor Doane 2-1. The win marked the end of a four-game losing streak for NW, which improved its record to 4-6-1 on the season.

“It’s relieving to be able to snap this losing streak and be able to look ahead and move forward,” junior forward Tyler Farr said. “I’m very proud of this win, and hopefully it’s something we can build off of.”

Five minutes into the first half, Farr scored a goal off of a penalty kick that put the Raiders up early.

Nearly 15 minutes into the contest, Doane evened the score 1-1.

With less than two minutes remaining, freshman midfielder Alissa Bosch booted in a goal assisted by Farr that ended up as the deciding factor.

Farr led the Raiders with four shots, all of them on goal. Farr assisted on Christoffer’s goal. Christoffer scored a goal on two shot attempts.

Although NW was outshot 19-12 by Doane, it did not indicate how the final tally would look. Thanks in part to stingy Raider defense that was led by senior goalkeeper Ariaal Watts. She recorded 12 saves throughout the contest.

The Raiders will return to action this Saturday with a road trip to Lincoln, Neb., in a matchup against Nebraska Wesleyan.

“We are fired up and ready to go for Saturday,” Farr said. “It’s been a great week of practice and we’ve all put in the time and effort.”

The match will begin at 1 p.m.

Men’s XC receiving votes after victory

BY MICHAEL SIMMELINK

Saturday brought another solid outing from the Northwestern cross country team. At the Dean White Invite in Crete, Neb., the men’s team won its second eight-kilometer race in a row, and the women battled for a respectable third place.

The men’s squad recorded 27 points in its victory. It was just enough to beat out Doane, which scored 29. With the meet victory, the Raiders are now receiving votes in the latest coaches’ poll.

“We all work hard in practice and prepare well for competition,” freshman Will Norris said. “I think the main way to keep the momentum going is to be pumped about racing. To love running fast together.”

Junior Skyler Giddings again led the charge for the Raiders. He finished third out of 68 runners with a time of 26:32. Norris was fourth-tenths of a second behind him and placed fourth.

Junior Logan Howland placed seventh in 26:41. Sophomore Caleb VanderBaan ran the 8K in 27:21 and placed eighth. Senior Taylor Bodin rounded out the scoring five by placing 10th. He posted a time of 27:33.

The women’s squad finished third out of nine teams with 80 points. Hastings placed second with 77 points, just a stride ahead of the Raiders.

Junior Amber Sandbulke took her turn as the top Raider finisher. She placed 12th with a time of 20:51. Senior Dana Giffleeve was only three seconds behind and finished 13th.

Sophomore Kelley Thurman was in the same pack and placed 15th after clocking 21:03. Seniors Jackie Niewenhuis and Janet Pitsenberger were the fourth and fifth runners for the Raiders. Niewenhuis finished in 19th place (21:18), and Pitsenberger just missed a top-20 finish (21:21-19).

The Raiders next chance to compete will be on Saturday, Oct. 12, in McCook Lake, S.D.

Raiders drop homecoming game, out of polls

BY ISAAK TAYLOR

The then-No. 17 Northwestern football team lost to Nebraska Wesleyan 22-8 on Saturday. The loss dropped Northwestern out of the top 25 for the first time in the past 23 polls.

The Raiders are now 2-2 on the season (1-2 in GPAC).

“We have a long season ahead of us,” senior linebacker Isaiah Twitty said. “We have to learn from each game we play and take this season one game at a time.”

NW scored its only points of the game on a late fourth quarter drive with 49 seconds to play. Six points came on a touchdown pass from senior Davis Bloemendaal to senior receiver Brize Byker. The Raiders followed the score with a two-point conversion from Bloemendaal to junior Levi Etteman.

NW attempted an onside kick but failed to convert, ultimately leading to the end of the game.

Nebraska Wesleyan scored the first points of the game on a 37-yard field goal attempt in the first quarter. The first half ended with NW behind 3-0.

On their first possession of the second half, the Prairie Wolves scored the game’s first touchdown to take a 10-0 lead. After another three and out by the Raiders in the fourth quarter, Nebraska Wesleyan took a commanding 16-0 lead off a one-yard touchdown run.

The Raider offense was forced into a turnover on its next possession after Bloemendaal threw an interception.

The Raider defense forced the Prairie Wolves into a long 51-yard field goal attempt that was blocked by senior Nate Van Ginkel. However, the visitors regained the football after NW coughed up the fumble on the return. Two plays later, Nebraska Wesleyan scored their final points of the game on a two-yard touchdown run.

“Each week we try to prepare as best we can for the game ahead of us,” head coach Kyle Achterhoff said. “We ended with NW behind 3-0.

“We are fired up and ready to go for Saturday,” Farr said. “It’s been a great week of practice and we’ve all put in the time and effort.”

The match will begin at 1 p.m.

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Plan for science building seals West Hall's fate

Next fall will bring major changes for the residents of West and Hosper halls.

In an email, Student Body President junior Logan Gooch confirmed rumors that West Hall will be torn down this coming summer to make room for the new science building. Students living in West will migrate to Hosper Hall, which is currently a women's dorm.

With a 56-percent occupancy rate, Hosper currently has far fewer residents than rooms. These women will be dispersed among Fern-Smith Hall, Stegenga Hall, Courtyard Village buildings and the Bolks Apartments.

Although this will be a difficult transition for many NW students, the uprooting has an upside. A planning committee of NW faculty, staff and students has already begun preparations for the new science center, which will fill the gap left behind by West and Casey's.

"Right now we are going through the long process of designing a building that is both cost-effective and meets the vision NW has," said senior Abby Hoekstra, student representative on the planning committee.

Despite the fact that most current science majors will graduate before the completion of the new science building, many of them are looking forward to the advancement of campus facilities for generations to come.

"With a new building, there'd be a chance (for future students) to breathe and spread out and less of a chance of breaking the equipment since right now we're so squeezed into the labs," said a sophomore biology health professions major Kelley Thurman.

Professors in the science department are also eagerly anticipating the new center.

"There's been talk of a new science center ever since I started working here," said Laura Furlong, chair of the biology department. "That was in 2001."

She also explained that, due to the ever-growing science program, additional space is more important now than ever before.

"There is a lot of pressure on the labs right now," Furlong said.

With packed classes for three-hour labs, scheduling conflicts are beginning to arise. Limited space puts a restriction on research opportunities throughout the department during both the school year and the summer.

"There is still the fundraising that needs to be done," Hoekstra said.

"It would be great to begin building in the next five years. We hope to improve NW's current reputation for excellent science and nursing programs by creating a building that will allow students and faculty to continue to learn science."

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