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Support the NW singers and the hungry at NC/DC

Want to vote for your favorite performance? The price is one canned item!













Top: DC/TC: Danielle Schouten and Tamika Mentink

Dawson's Creek and a Barrel of Mincemeat: Carson Norine and Bethany Landegent Below: The Four One One: Sophie Eicher, Kayla Hall and Christel de Waard

The Boys: Jamie Jeltema, Nick Adams, Richie Clark, Todd Vande Griend and Jameson





BY SARA JANZEN

STAFF WRITER

Tonight Northwestern will host the NC/DC finals at 10:00 p.m. in the Bultman Center. This year's competition with Dordt looks a little different.

This year NC/DC is coupling a

canned food drive with the live vote to determine the winner of NC/DC; those wishing to vote for their favorite act need to bring one canned item to exchange for a voting ticket.

Lori Couch, Student Activities Council (SAC) director, said the canned goods will go to a food pantry that assists families throughout Sioux County.

SAC wanted the object used for voting to be more useful than in previous years, according to Couch, and the timing of NC/DC was a motivating factor.

"With holidays coming up this is a great time," said Couch. "We all want NW to do well, but the fate of it [NC/DC] is in the hands of those attending."

The most substantial change has been the switch from solo performances to group performances. Couch said in general freshmen love NC/DC, but returning students find it repetitive. The change is an attempt to make it new for upperclassmen while getting more people involved.

This modification carries both positives and negatives. Many groups have found coordinating up to five peoples' schedules to

be one of the biggest challenges of the competition.

"I thought it would be easy, but it's not," said senior Kayla Hall, member of the Four One One. "We have three different girls, three different schedules, three different levels of homework."

On the other hand, the chance to sing in a group instead of alone influenced several of this year's participants to try out.

Junior Bethany Landegent, member of Dawson's Creek and a Barrel of Mincemeat, said she did not plan to try out for NC/DC until her partner, junior Carson Norine, convinced her to try out with him.

"It's one of the more memorable things I've done in college," said Landegent.

Freshman Tamika Mentink, member of DC/TD also said the experience has been worth the

"The experience is amazing," said Mentink. "No matter how we do it was a lot of fun."

They were not the only group to carry this attitude.

"We want to win," said junior Jameson Guthmiller, a member of The Boys, "but we're having

Evaluate your professors with a new course evaluation form

BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA

STAFF WRITER

This semester, course evaluations will take on a new form. The trial forms, which some professors opted to test-run in their classes last semester, will temporarily replace the former evaluations until a decision is made regarding a permanent form.

"It is a good, research-based evaluation that asks students about their learning and the kind of things they did in class that might contribute to that learning," said Adrienne Forgette, associate dean for academic affairs.

The new forms are more extensive and correspond with a "companion" form, filled out by the professor. This way, professors are given the opportunity to emphasize the goal of the course rather than be judged by things that do not relate to their classes.

"We realize that different classes have different goals," said Forgette. "We realize that one-size-fits-all is not a good evaluation."

A professor's rating will be based on the class values they indicated, so they are judged on what they were trying to do rather than on what they weren't trying

Students will have the opportunity to rate the tests and projects in how well they cover those important parts of the course.

For the time being, the new forms will retain the extra free response sheet containing the questions about the professor's integration of faith and learning in the classroom. The hope is that these questions may be added to the standardized form

and students may freely respond in a different space left for extra

"It's a higher quality instrument than what we've been using," said Forgette. "Professors will get more specific feedback on what they believe is essential."

Forgette added that the rest of the information is also included in the feedback, for those professors who are curious.

A permanent change of evaluation forms requires the vote of the faculty. Forgette hopes that through the experience this year, they will have a better idea on whether or not to make the change.

"My hope is that they will find the instruments more useful," said

Election 2008: Meet the Republicans

True strength for America's future: **Romney for President**

BY SARAH PIATT

He may not have attracted a huge crowd when he came to Northwestern's campus last spring, but Mitt Romney had a clear and strong presence as he introduced himself to the government class and interested students gathered in South Vermeer. I was there because as both a political science major and concerned citizen, I was naturally interested in whoever may become the next president of the United States. I left impressed.

While presence is important for any political figure, it is the stance on issues that is the most important. Let's consider Mitt Romney's. Like most Republicans, he believes in a smaller government with less regulations and more freedom for the people. He wants to promote strong and healthy families with marriage before children, every child entitled to both a mother and a father, affordable health

> and lower taxes. He wants to reform immigration laws so that the borders b e made more secure and legal immigration can increase. He talks about raising the bar on education by making teaching a true profession,

care, successful schools

Now, it's much easier to talk than

measuring progress

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parents more.

to actually do, so it's important to look not only at the words in Romney's speeches, but at what this Massachusetts governor has done. When he was elected as governor in 2002, Massachusetts was losing jobs by the thousands each month, and by the time he left office,

the unemployment rate had been lowered and the state had added about 60,000 jobs. Considering the recession at his term's beginning, that's an impressive accomplishment. He balanced the budget every year of his time in office. He championed a package of education reforms and signed into law reform that ensured health care to every citizen

of Massachusetts. Maybe you're not into politics, but you recognize Mitt Romney's name from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games held in Salt Lake City, Utah. During this time, Romney first gained

national attention by taking over as president and CEO of the Olympic Committee. He got rid of the operating deficit, organized 23,000 volunteers, and with the terrorist attacks of September 11 just a few months behind the games, made sure of security. The 2002 Olympics was one of the most successful in United States history. These are only a few accomplishments. Mitt Romney is a strong candidate with a successful record, and I believe he could be trusted as president of the United States.

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A legacy of defiance: McCain for President

BY DUANE JUNDT

Defiance: "Bold resistance to an opposing force or authority; readiness to contend or resist."

It's high season in American politics, and the supporters of the numerous presidential candidates are laying on the superlatives and adjectives to describe their man or woman in the most glowing terms: courageous, bold, dynamic, fresh, relentless, principled, honest and forthright leaders have never been so abundant. Iowa's roadsides

> are littered with wellworn thesauruses left in the wake of Candidate Wonderful's campaign

I would have no reservations about applying all of these to my choice to be the next president of the United States, Senator John McCain of Arizona, but my mind keeps coming back to a single word: defiance. As a young naval flight officer he defied death by surviving one of the worst shipboard fires in the history of the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Forrestal. As an uninvited guest of the North Vietnamese during

the Vietnam War, he defied his captors' wishes to break his spirit, his faith in his fellow prisoners of war and in his country by refusing an early release and enduring five and a half years of torture, abuse and long stretches of solitary confinement.

As a congressman and senator he has defied the conventional political wisdom and earned himself the title of "maverick," for his habit of reaching across the aisle to work with his political foes. The voters of Arizona have rewarded his steadfast refusal to engage in pork barrel politics by keeping him continuously employed as their representative since 1982.

He openly defied the president, the secretary of defense and the military chiefs with his call over three years ago for a surge strategy in Iraq that, now implemented, is bearing considerable fruit. He then went on to defy the political experts who said that he could never be a viable candidate by defending an unpopular war. He defies political logic by counseling rooms crowded with Republican regulars that the United States must address global warming. He defies political pandering, and perhaps endangers his own safety, by telling a rural Iowa crowd that he opposes agricultural and ethanol subsidies.

Before he began this campaign,

his handlers advised him to consider plastic surgery to repair the considerable scars left from a battle with skin cancer. He defied them, and the rules of the television age, by leaving them in place. Scars bear silent and powerful witness to one's capacity to endure, to defy. And most recently, the senator has defied the political pundits and election experts who said that his campaign was all but finished in the wake of disappointing fund-raising results and a staff overhaul in late summer. He's surged to second place in most national polls and is consistently seen as the only Republican who can effectively challenge Senator Clinton in the general election.

Lastly, I think this oldest of presidential candidates has the most to offer the nation's youngest voters. His whole life of public service has prepared him for this moment and this job. He has accumulated a treasure trove of what only age can provide: wisdom and experience. No candidate is as realistic about the many challenges our nation faces and yet no other candidate is as idealistic about summoning forth a new generation of public servants dedicated, as he has been, to serving a cause greater than one's own self-interest.

Unity, integrity & common sense: Huckabee for President

Rarely will you find a leading Democratic presidential contender complimenting a Republican candidate. This is, however, precisely what happened when Senator Barack Obama admitted there was one Republican whom he admired: "I think there are guys like Huckabee who I think are sincere and decent." Mike Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, has shown he is a man of integrity who is willing to work with anyone, Republican or Democrat, to get things accomplished. His success governing in a state with a liberal-dominated legislature caused Time Magazine to name him one of America's Five Best Governors in 2005.

Governor Huckabee is a hands-on leader who seeks to build consensus rather than division. Governors are typically stronger leaders than those from legislative positions, and it is imperative we elect a president from outside Washington to fix the mess Congress has bestowed on our political system. We need an outsider to solve America's problems because

those now serving in Washington have accomplished little despite their promises. Why elect a member of Congress when their approval rating is lower than President Bush's? It doesn't make sense to elect someone who can't sway his or her counterparts into compromise to accomplish something beneficial for our country.

Huckabee understands the health care crisis and proposes working with the private sector to make health care affordable

for all. He recognizes ANFNA the importance of free markets and the simple concept of how competition among insurers will be beneficial for everyone. More importantly, he is committed to the idea of preventative health care, which attacks the heart of the problem and is an actual solution unlike many of the expensive proposals being advocated by other candidates. Huckabee sees the need to revise our discriminatory tax system and replace it with a fair, consumption-based alternative: the FairTax. He believes in fiscal discipline and will eliminate unnecessary spending to balance the budget and reduce the deficit.

While Huckabee may lack experience on international matters, he realizes the inherent danger posed to the United States by terrorism and rogue nations such as Iran and South Korea. He is committed to protecting the wellbeing of our nation. He understands the need to secure the borders and is opposed to amnesty because it is simply stupid to reward somebody for breaking the law. As a former governor, he believes in the importance of letting states develop benchmarks and control their educational systems. He is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment and will protect the right to bear arms. As a former Baptist minister, he is committed to protecting the lives of the unborn and defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Simply put, Governor Huckabee is a true leader in every sense of the word. His common-sense approach on handling the issues facing our nation is why I urge you to support him in the upcoming caucus.

Carrie Underwood's "Carnival Ride"

Ho-hum ride STopnotch album

BY AMANDA WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

On "American Idol" Carrie Underwood was the girl next door that captured America's heart. Her first six-time platinum album "Some Hearts" was caught between a pop and country album. While her sophomore album "Carnival Ride" proves to be much more country and much more confident than her last, it still lacks overall originality. Her booming voice has become more and more like Faith Hill and LeAnn Rimes while her music has become more pop disguised by a fiddle. Even with her attempt at a new and original album, she still ended up sounding just like every other country artist out there. "Carnival Ride" fails to offer any new and original material that sets her apart from anyone else coming from the Nashville music-making

As a new star on "American Idol," Underwood seemed fresh and original. Then she moved to Nashville and was molded



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into another I-drank-too-muchmy-heart-got-broke-and-now-I'msinging-about-it country star. I suppose it might be better than another song about war . . . wait, she did one of those.

In "Just a Dream" Underwood sings about a young girl dreaming abouther wedding in a small church,

If she is going to tell stories, maybe she needs to find better stories to tell.

but in reality it is the funeral of her soldier boyfriend. Not that it isn't a good, heartfelt song, but this type of song has been overdone in the past few years.

"I Know You Won't" is another he-is-mean-to-me/he's-too-cute-toleave drama. Come on girls, this never ends well, just leave the jerk already.

Underwood co-wrote most of this album so it has her personal touch. Underwood's songs are mostly ballads, telling stories set to music. Her songs tell of high school girls distracting the senior football star, of having too much fun on a night out and ending up married and of realizing that her dog is better than the boys she meets in bars.

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The album's title, "Carnival Ride," gets its name from the lyrics of her song "Wheel of the World." The song compares the world to (you guessed it) a carnival ride. Your life has good times, your life has bad times, it goes up, it goes down, never stays steady, just keeps going around. Wow, what a groundbreaking comparison Underwood makes here.

Overall Underwood's second album is better than her first. I don't find it to be groundbreaking by any means, but it offers country fans exactly what country fans want to hear. Her reputation as a pleasant Oklahoma girl has and will continue to have the marketing pull that she needs.

If her music won't sell albums, her country charm will.

BY RACHEL RIETSEMA

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Country music listeners should be proud to add Carrie Underwood's "Carnival Ride" to their collection. Underwood's voice first filled our ears with songs like "Jesus Take the Wheel" and "Before He Cheats," and now you can pump up the volume with 13 more songs. Every lyric is accompanied with vocals that evoke strength and emotion. This "American Idol" winner created an album that might just bring her another Grammy award.

The first single released, "So Small," asks a question that everyone should ponder. Not only will it

his whole world." The song closes with the little girl all grown up and her husband telling her he wants a baby that is a "sweet little beautiful one just like" her.

The first slow song and best

Her voice will leave you amazed.

one on the album, "Just a Dream," unfolds a heart-wrenching story. The bride opens the doors of the church and everything she was expecting suddenly becomes a dream. She enters the church and the military band's trumpets initiate a nightmare: the congregation says her groom will not be here today. The ex-bride holds on to "all she had left of [her husband-to-be] and what could've

been." Perfect imagery is used to describe the bride's emotions: "it felt like a bullet in her heart."

Another stand-out number for me is "Crazy Dreams" because Underwood personalizes the lyrics by singing about the big dreams "inside of me and you." In the beginning she greets the listeners by saying "Hello" and continues the conversation throughout the song. In one sense, sheisgiving toasts to her listeners:

"Here's to you fearless dancers." The song gives hope and encouragement for everyone to keep holding on.

The writers of the song, "You Won't Find This," brilliantly use the word "this." The "he" referred to many times will never find "this." Not only does this leave the song's message up to interpretation, but it engages the listener to wait until the end of the song to receive the answer. The lyrics juxtapose waking up next to a "once in lifetime" girl and "wondering why she ain't ever something better." It can either be an inspirational song to never give up in finding true love or allow for re-evaluation of current relationships.

Two more songs worthy of some serious listening time are "The More Boys I Meet" and "Twisted." All women will at least find some humor in "The More Boys I Meet." Trying to find a decent guy is hard and Underwood expresses this by saying, "The more boys I meet, the more I love my dog." Irony is found in "Twisted" as it expresses that the more a boyfriend is wrong for you, the more you need him; a theme that hits home for a lot of women.

Recommendation for this CD comes easy to me as I'm a big country fan. While "Some Hearts" may tend more towards the pop genre, "Carnival Ride" gives true justice to the world of country music. So for those who were disappointed with Underwood before, it's time to stop doubting her talent and buy this album. For those already impressed with her work, you will not be disappointed. Her voice will leave you amazed.

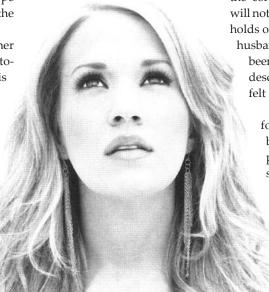


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make you think twice about what you treasure in life, but it reminds listeners that "love is all that matters after all." The lyrics bring life back into perspective, and if you immerse yourself completely, its melody will give you a boost to push aside the little things and realize love is at life's core.

Another song that has potential to hit Country Music Television's "Top Twenty Countdown" is the album's first track. "Flat on the Floor" persuades listeners to dance and to keep moving for at least three and a half minutes. Its upbeat quality leads to another song equally unique.

For all those sappy fans out there, "All American Girl" paints a picture that is almost too perfect. The utilization of tone allows the plot to unfold in a dramatic fashion. It beautifully depicts how a girl's father wants a baby boy, "but when the nurse came in with a little pink blanket," she became the "center of



"I bought Jesus at Wal-Mart."

-Senior Elayna Rice, referencing a Jesus figurine she was holding

"It's like a cesspool of clothes and food and under-the-bedness."

-Sophomore Noel Wotherspoon, referencing her bedroom

"If he's still funny, I know I need more coffee."

-Sophomore Morgan Jacobs, on Professor Scott Monsma

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What is NW thankful for this Thanksgiving? Some NW students, faculty and staff also came up Some NW students, faculty and staff also came up

STAFF WRITER

In an informal survey, I've come up with a top 10 list of the things that Northwestern faculty, staff and students are thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

- 1. Family—"Family is more apparent when you go away to college. You go home and are so thankful for a family that loves you."
 - 2. Friends and colleagues
 - 3. Faith and qualities of God

(God's hope, grace, providence, blessings, mercy, faithfulness, love, kindness, patience and protection)

- 4. Nature
- 5. The joys of being alive

(quiet moments, laughter, each new day, our senses and life in general)

- 6. Health
- 7. Education
- 8. Dorms and roommates
- 9.Boyfriends/girlfriends

Having a job/income

Shelter

10. Athletics

Freedom

NW Students (from faculty)

Maybe you are thankful for these things in your own life. Or maybe you have other things that top your list. This list is full of things that are quite prevalent in our lives, and they are important things to be thankful for. These things probably top almost everybody's list.

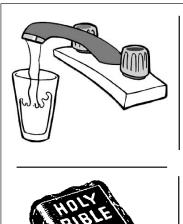
Besides these things, what else are you thankful for? Do you ever think about the little things that make life special? Are there everyday, mundane things that you sometimes take for granted? What are some usual things in your life that you don't think of being thankful for, but would have a hard time living without? Shampoo? Toilet paper? Pencils?

with very original ideas of what to be thankful for. Here is a list of the 10 most creative things that people are thankful for.

- 1. Canker sore toothpaste—"I had a lot of canker sores this summer, but I started using this toothpaste and haven't had one since!" (Sophomore Hannah Watters)
- 2. The empty hole in the middle of the donut—"It's the only part of the donut I'm not allergic to." (Randy Van Peursem, Academic Support)
 - **3. Coleslaw** (Chaplain Harlan Van Oort)
- **4. Running water**—"I don't know what I'd do without it!" (Sophomore Carrie Van Wyk)
- 5. Caf food—"I know some people don't like it, but I'm still thankful for it."
- 6. The number 13—"It's one of my favorite numbers. It once proved lucky for me."
- 7. Our unique fingerprints (Julie Wynia, Admissions)
- 8. VPH-"Because when people don't know me, they think it is named after me." (Randy Van Peursem, Academic Support)
- 9. A dog's nose—"I am thankful for my dog's keen nose in the pheasant fields." (Eric Anderson, Residence

10. Not knowing everything

So what are you thankful for this Thanksgiving season? I think we all can give some thought to the blessings in our lives that we sometimes overlook. It doesn't matter whether your list is of "creative" ideas or the same things that you think of every year. The important thing is that we remember all that we have, instead of all that we don't. 'Tis the season to be













re you depressed?

Ten percent of people are likely to have depression, and that statistic is no different at Northwestern. Next week the Wellness Center will offer depression screenings in the RSC Mall outside the Wellness Center. Information about depression and related disorders will be offered along with the brief, free screening from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 19.

According to Natalie Sandbulte, the newest therapist at the Wellness Center, the goal of depression screening is to "bring a greater awareness to the campus about depression in general and provide a space for people to come and find out more about it and give them an opportunity to receive help." Students, faculty and staff can stop by the table and fill out a short questionnaire. One of the counselors will score it immediately, then the individual will be invited to go into one of the offices to review the results. If the student does have symptoms of depression he or she will have the opportunity to schedule an appointment.

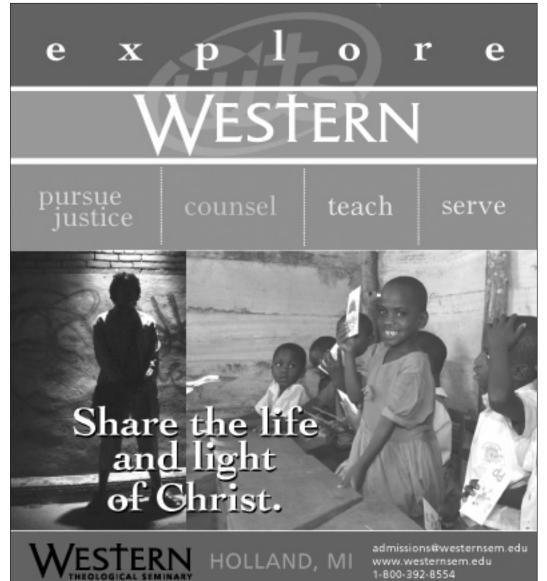
Do you have depression? Does your friend have depression? It is difficult to know. Symptoms of depression include feeling sad, being irritable, not sleeping well, experiencing a change in appetite, having thoughts of wanting to hurt yourself, feeling worthless, feeling hopeless, not being



interested in activities, lacking motivation and having difficulty concentrating.

The good news is that depression is very treatable. The Wellness Center is able to deal with the physical and mental aspects of depression, and they believe in treating the whole person. Sandbulte acknowledges that "ultimate healing is in Christ," but she believes that "God has given us the tools of psychology to help."

Struggling with depression is nothing to be ashamed of. Sandbulte encourages, "Hope and healing can be found, through therapy and medication." The Wellness Center is eager to help. The depression screening next week is a way to bring education about depression to our community and help those who struggle.





RE TIME?

What to do? What to play? Here's spare time, the Northwestern way!

BY JAMES BIERLY

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Northwestern students find a variety of ways to occupy their time when they aren't busy cramming for a test, doing their assigned reading or going to class.

Some students build significant physical activity into their free time. Sophomore Curtis Bomgaars enjoys playing baseball, Madden (an X-box game) and Facebook poker, lifting weights and napping. Junior Gabrielle Burrola likes to chat online, work out, go to softball practice and play racquetball.

Overall trends of my informal, unscientific survey would suggest that the majority of males at NW occupy themselves with video games, while a smaller portion of females do so. Sophomore Kent

Eisma says that his current favorite video game is the classic Playstation hit "Parasite Eve."

"It has a lot of scientific theories that make for an interesting story," Eisma said. He appreciates any game that engages him mentally with a good story.

Some students simply enjoy watching others play video games, especially if the story and graphics are engaging. Sophomore Taylor Mugge likes to watch his roommate travel through the "Legend of Zelda" on his Nintendo Wii.

Online television and Facebook occupy a fair amount of many students' time, but most students actually have much less free time than one would think. Between school, work and sports, some have time only to eat and sleep, and some students found themselves wishing they had more time to spend on friendships.

Junior Claudel Noel says that when he has time off from school and wrestling, he mostly just relaxes and sometimes naps. "I wish I had time to watch movies," he related wistfully. When asked about how she spends her spare time, sophomore Lindsey Ash said, "Oh my gosh, what spare time!? You could say working, otherwise spare time does not exist."

Her sentiments were echoed by senior Clare Winter, who is working as well as taking twenty credits. She explained that she has been serving as an ambassador, teacher's aide, tutor and babysitter, along with writing for the Beacon and working phonathon. She is looking forward

to next semester, when she will have a lighter work load.

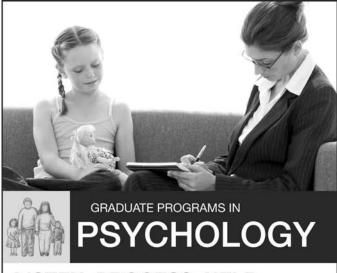
Some students simply laughed when asked how they spend their spare time, since they have none. Surprisingly, I got a reaction of derisive laughter at the concept of "free time" multiple times.

Despite the large number of altruistic/spiritual organizations on campus, few students cited volunteering or spiritual development as a significant focus of their free time. One wonders if the average student even has time to devote to helping others or reflecting on their spiritual selves. A few students do find time for contemplation, however. Junior Chris White summed up his free time humorously by saying it consisted of "keeping a safe proximity from Butane while delving into ecoexistentialist dogma."

Sophomore Jordan Moss says that he enjoys "thinking about things, reading books, playing video games, watching other people play video games... sometimes I take a good walk."

Most students seem to spend their free time on digital media of some kind, alone or in a group. Some students have decided to make relationship-building a priority.

Sophomore Jared White enjoys sitting on a couch—"anyone's couch but my own." Junior Stephanie Powell likes to wander the hallways, talking to random people. She enjoys watching movies and TV shows but does so with friends, saying "my goal is to try not to spend too much time by myself."



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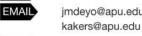
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Gas prices are on the rise -Are you ready?

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Gas prices have risen again, which is a surprise at this time of year. According to multiple sources the trend is usually that gas prices decrease in November. However, with a barrel of crude oil costing close to \$100, consumers must now feel the pinch. According to New York Times

writer Clifford Krauss, "A year ago, the average price at the pump was\$2.20, meaning it costs roughly \$12.50 more to fill a car with a 15-gallon tank." Unfortunately, with Thanksgiving right around the corner most Northwestern students need to hit the road (and the pumps) to get

Here are some tips to help keep your fuel costs down:

- 1. Carpool! Having people share the cost significantly reduces the impact on your wallet.
- 2. When carpooling plan how you're going to drop people off so you aren't backtracking.
- 3. Stay within posted speed limits. The faster you drive the more fuel you use.
- 4. Use overdrive gears. Overdrive gears improve the fuel economy of your car during highway driving.
 - 5. Use cruise control. Using cruise

control on highway trips can help you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, reduce your fuel consumption.

6. Anticipate driving situations. If you anticipate traffic conditions and don't tailgate, you can avoid unnecessary braking and acceleration and improve your fuel economy by five to 10

> 7. Remove excess weight from the trunk. Avoid carrying unneeded items, especially heavy ones. An extra 100 pounds in the trunk reduces a typical car's fuel economy by one to two percent.

8. Keep your tires properly inflated and aligned. Underinflated tires cause fuel consumption to increase by six percent.

9. Change your oil. Clean oil reduces wear caused by friction between moving parts and removes harmful substances from the engine.

10. Check and replace air filters regularly. Your car's air filter keeps impurities in the air from damaging internal engine components. Clogged filters can cause up to a 10% increase in fuel consumption.

These ten tips from about.com should help reduce the amount of gas you need for your trip home. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



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Raider football blows past Tigers

BY BETHANY KROEZE

SPORTS EDITOR

The 15th-ranked Red Raiders rolled over Doane in their final game of the season Saturday, 38-13. Despite their high ranking, the 8-2 Raiders failed to qualify for the NAIA Championship Series.

Northwestern started their final home game of the season scoring 24 unanswered points in the first 18 minutes.

The Raiders' first series, five plays for 31 yards in 1:44, was capped off with a 21-yard field goal from sophomore kicker Grant Mosier

Freshman running back Taylor Malm swept the Raiders' next three scores. With 5:53 remaining in the first quarter, freshman Caleb Blauwet forced the Tigers' running back to fumble the football, which was recovered by junior Cody Van Sloten on Doane's 18-yard line. The fumble recovery led to a Raider touchdown just three plays later.

After a 5-yard penalty on the Tiger defense on second down, Malm ran eight yards for the touchdown. The Raiders led, 10-0

The Raider defense held strong and less than three minutes later, Hector and the offense took over on their own 42-yard line. After a 10-yard loss on the first-down run, the offensive line created a hole for Malm, who slipped through and kept running 68 yards to the end zone to put the Raiders up 17-0.

On their first possession of the second quarter, Malm found the end zone for the third time of the half. On third down and seven, Hector connected with Malm on a 15-yard pass to the end zone.



PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

Freshman Caleb Blauwet sacks the Doane quarterback in the Red Raider victory Saturday. Blauwet earned GPAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors for his outstanding performance.

A few drives later, the Tigers tallied their first points of the day, capping off a nine-play, 52-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Minimizing their deficit with 41 ticks on the clock, Doane trailed 24-7 going into the half.

Doane took their second possession of the half to the end

zone, with a 77-yard rush on first down. Senior Andrew Lundgren blocked the extra point kick attempt and the Tigers cut their deficit by another six points.

The Raiders answered on their next drive with a 4-yard pass from Hector to senior Tyler Reichle with 9:33 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tigers' next series was cut short when Blauwet picked off the Doane quarterback at the NW6-yardline. The Raiders turned the turnover into a 10-play, 94-yard scoring drive. Reichle grabbed his second touchdown pass of the day on a 15-yard toss from Hector with 4:11 remaining in the third.

The Raiders held their 38-13 lead through the scoreless fourth quarter and took the victory.

Blauwet earned GPAC Defensive Player-of-the-Week honors for his performance against Doane. He recorded a team-high seven solo tackles plus one sack, an interception and a forced fumble. Sophomore linebacker TJ Lensch led the defense with eight total tackles.

Offensively, Hector completed 21 of 31 for 238 yards. Reichle was his leading receiver, pulling in seven catches for 57 yards. On the ground, Malm netted 91 yards on nine carries.

Mosier had a perfect day kicking, netting eight

points after sending one field goal and five PATs through the uprights.

The Raiders finished their season with a perfect record at De Valois Stadium, falling only twice on the road, both times to ranked opponents.

Volleyball falls to Mustangs in nail-biter

BY BETHANY KROEZE

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The second-seeded Raiders fell to the top-seeded Morningside Mustangs Saturday night in the GPAC Championship.

After losing the first game 30-25, the Raiders pulled within two in each of the next two games, but their efforts were not enough to take down the Mustangs, who swept the match, 3-0.

The Mustangs improved to 33-2 overall while the Raiders fell to 27-8 on the season.

Totaling 13 blocks as a team, the Raiders were led defensively by senior Megan Meyer, who recorded 11 of the Raiders' 42 total digs. Freshman hitter Kaitlin Beaver had eight and sophomore libero Janna Bloemendaal had seven.

NW totaled five ace serves on the night. Beaver had two while freshman Hillary Hanno and sophomores Rachel Gosselink and Kristin Kooima each had one.

Freshman Bobbie jean Rich led at the net with 13 kills and a hitting percentage of .273. Meyer had nine kills while sophomore Randa Hulstein tallied eight with a .312 hitting percentage. Gosselink had 37 assists from the setter's position.

The Mustangs were led by Amber Jarzynka with 14 kills and Jericho Johnson with 14 digs.

Both the Raiders and the Mustangs will play in the NAIA Region III Tournament today in Sioux Falls. The Raiders face fifthranked Dordt at 9 a.m. and topranked Dickinson State at 5 p.m.

The consolation game will be Saturday at 4 p.m. with the championship at 7 p.m.

Men's soccer falls in opening round

BY BETHANY KROEZE

SPORTS EDITOR

The 20th-seed Northwestern men's soccer team fell 2-1 Wednesday afternoon to the 13th-seed Maine-Fort Kent at the NAIA Annual Championships in Olathe, Kan.

In their first-ever trip to the national tournament, the Raiders took an early deficit, giving up two goals in the first half. Maine-Fort Kent, the only undefeated team in the tournament, netted their first goal 33:40 into the game. The Bengals' Dwayne Smith, assisted by Andre Anderson, recorded his 11th goal of the season with the score.

The Bengals struck again about eight minutes later. Stealing the

ball at midfield, Anderson scored from 20 yards out, increasing the Bengals' lead 2-0.

The trailing Raiders sent their first and only goal into the net just over 13 minutes into the second half when sophomore Brad White scored off an assist from junior Steven Grand.

Unable to even the score, the Raiders fell to the Bengals after 90 minutes of intense play.

Freshman goalkeeper Ben Schneider was scored on twice and had three saves in the match. The Bengals' keeper, totaled six saves in the match, including five in the second half.

The Raiders totaled 17 shots and seven shots on goal. Leading the Raiders were White and junior Andy Janssen, who each had four shots. White had two on goal while Janssen had one.

Sophomore Aaron O'Brien had three shots while freshmen Mike Cookson and Ben Karnish each had two. Karnish, O'Brien, Cookson and Grand all had shots on goal for the Raiders.

The Raiders outshot the Bengals 17-12, with a 12-shot margin (14-2) in the second half. NW took seven corner kicks while Maine-Fort Kent took none. The Bengals totaled 17 fouls against the Raiders' 11.

The Raiders finished their season with a 12-8-1 overall record.

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Women edge Morningside in home opener

BY BETHANY KROEZE

SPORTS EDITOR

In a battle of top 10 teams Tuesday night, the fifth-ranked Raider women slipped past eighthranked Morningside to record their fifth straight win of the season.

In the second half of action, senior guard Amy Larson became the 21st player in Northwestern women's basketball history to score 1,000 career points. Leading the Raiders with 21 points against Morningside, Larson now has 1,006 total points in her career at NW.

After a quick opening layup by the Mustangs, the Raiders jumped to a 6-2 lead in the first two minutes. By the end of a relatively close half, the Raiders managed to secure a nine-point lead by halftime, leading the Mustangs, 38-29.

The Raiders maintained their lead through most of the second half. With 7:59 remaining, the Mustangs' Dani Gass sunk a three-point shot to give Morningside a one-point lead, 54-53.

Alternating scoring for the next seven minutes, the Raiders broke a 65-point tie with a three-point basket from Larson with 1:02 remaining. About 30 seconds later, senior Deb Remmerde drilled a

layup to give the Raiders a 70-67 advantage. Thirty seconds of strong defense gave the Raiders the victory.

Larson led with 21 points while Remmerde had 16 and senior Crystal Algood had 12. Senior Miranda Boekhout had eight assists, seven blocks and 10 defensive rebounds. Algood had 13 rebounds and four blocks.

At the USF Classic in Sioux Falls last weekend, the Raiders broke the century mark twice, knocking off the College of St. Mary, 107-65, and William Woods, 100-65.

In the victory over St. Mary, Algood became NW's career leader in blocked shots,



PHOTO BY BETHANY KROEZE

Senior Amy Larson puts the ball through the net in Tuesday night's victory over Morningside. Larson crossed the 1,000 point mark in her career as a Red Raider.

breaking 2004 graduate Jaime Woudstra's previous record of 243. After Tuesday's game, Algood totaled 253 career blocks.

This weekend, the Raiders travel to La Crosse, Wis., to play in the Viterbo Tournament. They face 22nd-ranked Cardinal Stritch tonight at 5:30 p.m. The tournament continues through Saturday

On Tuesday, both the men's and women's teams will play their first GPAC game at Dordt College in Sioux Center. The women play at 6 p.m. with the men to follow.

The women will host a pair of games at home over Thanksgiving break, taking on South Dakota Tech on Friday, Nov. 23, and Black Hills State on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Raiders perfect in first five



PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

The men's basketball team continues to roll over their opponents, maintaining their perfect record through another three games this week. Last weekend, the Raiders hosted the Pizza Ranch Classic, defeating St. Ambrose 101-90 and Avila 99-79. On Tuesday, the men traveled to York, Neb., and defeated the Panthers, 102-58. Senior Mark De Younge, pictured above, puts a jump shot through the net against St. Ambrose last Friday night. De Younge had 12 points, four rebounds and three assists in the Red Raider victory. The Raider men will enjoy a free weekend before taking on Sioux County rival Dordt on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. in Sioux Center. The men will host the NWC Classic over Thanksgiving break.

Hard work paying off early for Raider grapplers

BY BETSY HEIBERGER

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On Saturday, Nov. 10, the Northwestern Raiders wrestled at the Dakota Wesleyan University Open. Junior Tom Eaton (174), an ex-Marine, led the team with his third-place finish. He finished the day with an overall record of 8-3.

Coach John Petty called Tom "one of the hardest workers in our program, which says a lot, because I think we have a team of hard workers."

Eaton was pleased with the team's performance on Saturday and stated, "It was great. We turned some heads, that's for

"I liked how we kept our composure even while we had a couple of our wrestlers out," he continues. "It can be hard to wrestle tough when your team isn't complete. When you have injuries on a small team, it's a bigger hit against you."

"People mistakenly think wrestling is an individual sport, but this sport is actually more team than individual. It is the prep time in the practice room that makes us excel during the match. When the [injured] guys get back in the lineup, we will be all the tougher," he concluded.

Other notable wrestlers from Saturday include sophomore Lamar

Reed, who placed eighth with an overall record of 7-5.

After only two tournaments, junior Levi Price is leading the team in pins with four. This comes as no surprise – in one semester

"People mistakenly think wrestling is an individual sport, but this sport is actually more team than individual."

-Tom Eaton

last season he racked up 17. This season he is on pace to break the pin record of 24 set by Lyle Lundgren in 1980.

With the team doing this well early on, Coach Petty is focused on one thing: "Improvement, improvement, improvement, improvement. If we continue to do our best to keep working to improve each week, each day, in each drill, we will end up reaching our season goals in the conference, region and at nationals."

He continued, "Our hard work will show in our results. We have a lot to continue to work on, but we are also doing some things much better this year that we were not doing last year at this time. We are working hard: either scoring or getting our opponents called for stalling. When we can get every

man committed to the mentality of 'every man working hard for every point every second' then we will see huge improvements as a team."

When asked what he was most looking forward to this season, Eaton replied, "I am very grateful to have some tough partners in the wrestling room. I look forward to seeing where our hard work will take us. Something good should happen, we work too hard for it not to"

To support the Raider wrestlers in their already strong season, travel to Omaha, Neb., tomorrow morning to watch them participate in the UNO Open. Wrestling beings at 9 a.m.

The Center? The FoVo? CSFV? Whatever you called it, it's now the James L. Franken Center

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The Center for Spiritual Formation and Vocation will soon be renamed to James L. Franken Center for Faith, Learning and Living, in memory of James Franken, a 1975 alumnus.

Franken served as president of Northwestern's Alumni Association and as a Board of Trustees member from 1989 to 1991. He was reappointed to the board in 1995, joining the executive committee in 1998 and serving as chair of the finance committee from

1999 until his death in 2001 at age 48. Franken was president and CEO of Interstates Companies and Harbor Group. In 2005, he was honored with the Distinguished Service to NW Award.

"Jim Franken was known for his creative, inclusive and entrepreneurial leadership style," says President Bruce Murphy. "He exhibited a keen wisdom and a passion for building the next generation of leaders in his work on our board and his direction of Interstates Companies in Sioux Center. This new servant-

leadership program is in keeping with the college's strategic vision to encourage integrative studies, and it is quite appropriate for both that program and the building that houses our campus ministry program and career development office to bear his name."

For some time NW has been working with the Franken family and representatives of Interstates to find a suitable way to honor Franken's entrepreneurial spirit, servant heart and love for NW, according to Murphy. NW has explored several options, including the Learning

Commons, an endowed chair and student scholarships. The creative alternative finally worked out pays tribute to Franken's very special legacy and supports an important vision of the college's strategic plan. NW is deeply grateful for the generosity of Franken's family and friends.

Besides having a building named in Franken's honor, a fund in excess of \$500,000 has been contributed by family, friends and colleagues to establish the James L. Franken Servant Leadership Program. The fund will provide

for programs, projects and positions that apply faith to servanleadership through entrepreneurial initiatives, academic innovations and experiential learning. The fund is aniticpated to grow in the future.

Jasper Lesage, vice president for academic affairs, and John Brogan, vice president for student development, will oversee the selection of personnel for the servant leadership program. They will work with the Franken family and NW's faculty and staff to establish the program's priorities.

Pianist performs faculty composition

BY NICK ROHI F

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Tonight, Northwestern will host a piano recital featuring guest artist Stacey Barelos at 7:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.

The recital will include six pieces: "Eadem Mutato Resurgo," by Joseph Dangerfield, continuing into "Tryglyph," forming one piece; "Hommage à W.A.," by David Gompper, "Downward Courses," by NW faculty member Dr. Luke Dahn, "Free and Unticketed," written by Barelos herself, followed by "Quiet

Music," by John Allemeier. The final piece of the evening will be "Lake Sonata," composed by David Maki

Barelos is currently pursuing a doctor of musical arts degree in piano and composition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, after having earned degrees in history and music from Bowling Green State University and Luther College.

Her compositions have been performed both within and outside of the United States, in countries such as Russia, England and Italy. Two of Barelos' pieces, "Phobia" for solo piano and "An Albatross in Waiting" for clarinet, violin, cello and piano were recently performed in Korcula, Croatia, in a program called "Upbeat."

In addition, Barelos is also the 2006 winner of the University of Wisconsin-Madison concerto competition for her piece "30% From Pumpkins."

Her specialty is new music, mainly 20th and 21st century pieces. All works that she plans to play are 21st century compositions.

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AROUND THE WORLD

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As a result of a storm on Sunday, a tanker went down spilling over 1,000 tons of fuel oil in the Black Sea. Russian authorities predicted that it will take another month and a half for the spill to be completely cleaned up.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has promised to step down as the military head once the Supreme Court validates his new term election that took place last month. This agreement takes place after opposition leader Benazir Bhutto accused Musharraf of bringing Pakistan back toward a military dictatorship.

A 7.7 earthquake hit northern Chile midday Wednesday. The quake left at least two people dead, over 150 people injured and thousands of buildings damaged or destroyed.

On Monday members of the United Nations will meet in Brussels to deliberate over concerns of Iran's continued production of uranium enrichment; enriched uranium can be used in the production of nuclear weapons or as a fuel for nuclear reactors. Some members of the United Nations are afraid that Iran will use enriched uranium for nuclear weapon purposes; Iran insists they need nuclear power and their actions are entirely peaceful.

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