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Letters from War: Soldiers’ Perspectives

BY JULIE JOHNSON
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More Troops

President Bush has announced that he wants to send an approximated 21,500 additional troops to Iraq. However, his plan has been met with considerable resistance in a Democrat-controlled Congress.

On Wednesday, the Senate Foreign Relations committee, composed of 11 Democrats and 10 Republicans, passed a non-binding resolution by a vote of 12-9. The resolution, which does not carry the weight of law, states, “It is not in the best interest of the United States to deepen its military involvement in Iraq.” The resolution also demands a timeline for transfer of duties over to the Iraqi government and engage the nations of the Middle East in joint talks.

The resolution will be brought to the Senate floor within a week to be opened for debate and a full-Senate vote, and talk of a Republican filibuster to prevent voting is already underway. In a Senate split 51-49, Democratic-Republican respectively, the Democrats would have to win the support of 9 of the Senate’s Republicans to block such a move.

A Letter From War

Staff Sergeant Nathan Carlsrud, a family friend of junior Betsy Heilberger who is stationed at Base Camp Adder in Iraq, commented on an extension of his unit’s tour of duty.

“Out of respect for me and the other soldiers serving over here…do not write letters to Congress of protest in any way the decision for them to extend our tour here. I believe this is what needs to be done, and we are already here and ready…What many people do not realize is that when they protest…it does nothing to help our morale here…It does have an impact on the soldiers serving over here who are making the tremendous sacrifices that we are each day.”

Student Soldiers at NWC

Juniors Steve De Haan and Gina Boyd are members of the National Guard’s 3654 Maintenance Co. Both had words of caution about the possible troop surge. De Haan said, “It’s hard to say what will happen. It could go either way.”

One thing De Haan cautioned was to be aware of the cultural response, stating that the last thing the U.S. needs is another Vietnam.

Boyd echoed some of De Haan’s words of caution. “We need to stop and think. This can’t just be about wanting to salvage our pride. You can’t kill all the fanatics in a religion. They’re like rabbits—they keep coming back!”

While Boyd says she is very much like it or not, the American troops need American support.

De Haan echoed some of Carlsrud’s comments. “Even if you disagree with the government’s policies, don’t take this out on the men and women who are serving…the last thing they want is to feel it [their sacrifice] is unappreciated by family and friends back home.”

A Soldier’s View of Iraq

Former NW student and Army Reserve Sergeant Heath Beesley has spent two tours of duty in Iraq and feels that there is much good being accomplished. He believes that the Iraqi military stepping up will be one thing that will help end this war more quickly. He added that they are making a great effort; however, peace will still not be an easy thing to come by.

“Just depend on the Iraqis people and if they will stop fighting over their differences,” he stated. Beesley feels the worst thing Americans can do right now is pull out of Iraq. “Innocent people die, and it’s not as clear cut as people like to think it is. No one enjoys it.”

Like it or not, we’re in this war, Beesley said, and support for the soldiers from the American people is the best thing we can do for them.

New semester abroad program is one-of-a-kind

BY KIM EASON
NEWS EDITOR

Starting in the fall of 2007, Northwestern students will have the opportunity to study abroad in a new place: Romania. This semester abroad trip is NW’s first individual program, not one that is based in other schools.

While in Romania, students will work with the New Horizons Foundation, a program that is working to restore the social-capital in Romania. When the communist regime fell in 1989, the Romanian country was left in a mess, with thousands of children abandoned.

“It’s a ravaged country being put back together,” said Associate Dean of Off-Campus Programs Doug Carlson, “but it’s also beautiful.”

Romania is home to numerous mountains and caves and is a popular skiing area.

Part of the New Horizons Foundation is IMPACT, which helps teach young people to come together and develop social capital, because it’s the youth of the country that are the future of it as well. According to Service Learning Coordinator Dave Nonnemacher, “The students will have direct contact and partner with the Romanians to help rebuild the framework of the society. It’s a grandiose idea.”

Students will be completely immersed in Romanian culture, including home-stays with Romanian families. This will also give them extensive contact with the Romanian language.

While there, students will be taking four four-credit courses, taught by staff from the New Horizons Foundation. These courses offer a background in Romanian culture, including Eastern Orthodoxy, as well as complementing their practical experiences in the culture itself.

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Students will also take part in a one-week backpacking trip, co-led by Nonnemacher.

Costs are expected to be the same as a semester at NW, which includes all airfare and other expenses. Financial aid is applicable as well. The study abroad trip will fulfill all cross-cultural requirements.

There is a limit of 10 students for the trip. The application process will soon be available.

“I really appreciate the support of college administration in the development of new ventures like this,” said Carlson.

Nonnemacher said, “There’s no semester abroad program that has students on the front line like this one. It’s a very unique program.”

“It’s an exciting process,” said Carlson. “This is part of our vision. Let’s do it.”
When religion hurts humanity

We live in a dehumanizing society. We are quickly approaching the day that an individual’s identity is not worth the cost of a functional government. A personal relationship with Jesus consists of caring for his family. If you want a relationship with Jesus, you don’t need to read Christian books or music, a worship service, quiet time, or even a Bible. Jesus himself said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” Herein lies true religion.

The sovereignty of God gives us intellectual freedom

BY AARYN ECKERT

“I am about to propose an idea that may sound a bit extreme, but believe that I can support it with Scripture. Legal marriage shouldn’t be allowed for non-Christians. There are a lot of churches that don’t allow non-Christians to be married in religious ceremonies, but if we’re really serious about this, shouldn’t we take it all the way? If they’re not allowed to a religious marriage, then let’s get them out of a legal one as well. After all, Jesus said, “What God has joined together, let no one separate” (Mt. 19:6b). God does the joining, and so marriage is clearly a sacrament. If two people are not joined by God, as non-Christians clearly are not, then they should not be married. End of story.

This bit of sarcasm has not been written without purpose but rather to show a different perspective on a much-debated issue lately. Let’s assume that homosexuals are outside of God’s will—which is by no means a belief of all Christians. For the sake of argument, I will assume that this fact is true. Would we truly deny legal marriage to a non-Christian? According to the laws of the United States, every American citizen is entitled to the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. One does not have to look hard to find people on this campus who equate marriage with the pursuit of happiness. It is truly right, as the American people, to deny such an inalienable right from one in our midst because they are different from us? Because they express themselves differently? Because they may not have the same belief structure as we do? If this is true, then what’s stopping the secular leaders of this country from denying us as Christians the right to marry? Or the right to peaceful assembly, or free speech, or any other of a multitude of rights which we all enjoy daily? Homosexuals are entitled to equal rights under the law as any other citizen of the United States.

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BY RYAN PENDELL

Here at Northwestern, I’ve enjoyed learning about Reformed theology and the unique approach it brings to the Christian life. In the Reformed tradition, it is believed that Christ is lord of all and that there is nothing in this world that is not God’s. “When all truth is God’s truth,” then there is no area of life that we should not examine, no place where redemption cannot reach. There is no “off limits” issue because there is nothing to fear when God is sovereign over creation. When we are worried about something in the world, we can ask questions and even remain undecided about things because God reigns over everything.

The first person from whom I heard this idea fully explained was President Murphy at an accreditation meeting open to the public. The idea that being “Reformed” is an approach to the liberal arts. I came away with a feeling of personal liberation: Because Jesus is Lord, there is nothing to fear when it comes to intellectual inquiry as long as we honestly seek the truth.

Unlike other Christian colleges that have a “sieve” mentality against the culture around them and attempt to stifle debate and put forward only their denominational position, Northwestern is a college where any student can follow every hard question because he is a Christian, not in spite of it. Regardless of what our parents or church communities told us, we do not attend a Christian liberal arts college to escape evolutionists, humanists and liberals. We come here to think, about even though we might not love God, to question evolutionists, humanists and liberals.

Some appear to have the opinion that exploring God’s world is perfectly fine and okay up until we read the Bible. We can talk about discoveries in science until they cross into ‘Bible territory’—we can talk about sociology, philosophy, psychology up to the point that the Bible speaks and then suddenly all questioning must immediately cease. What is the point of Christians only asking questions if they either know will not affect them or they already have the answers to why is in the Bible the end of Christian thinking instead of the beginning? Scripture should be the foundation of our questioning, not its limit.

We have been told the RCA position on homosexuality, but I have not heard anyone mention the Reformed position on liberal arts education. I hope that the decisions Northwest makes are guided by the beauty of the Reformed approach to the liberal arts, not almaunus dollars, community leaders or prospective students.

Because of its Reformed perspective, this community never needs to stop an honest discussion or silence a viewpoint in the name of Christian faith.

Check out the Beacon Online (click the link on CampusNet) to read special bonus articles by Bethany Kroeze and John Navy.
Worth the drive: sweet snacks from Sioux Center

BY KATIE VAN ETten
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With the snowy weather lately, I have felt a little trapped at times. I know that if I want to leave campus even for a short while, I first need to put on my coat, hat and gloves, and then brudge through the snow to my car, and then dig it out before getting onto the icy roads. And who knows if those roads will carry me safely on my journey?

But even in this time of cold oppression, I am still looking hopefully toward the future. How can I not look toward the future with glee when mine ultimately includes

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  “The Holy Spirit, descending like a cactus.”
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HPV: A cancer caused by a virus?

BY BETHANY KROEZE
EDITOR

Approximately 10,000 women in the United States are diagnosed with cervical cancer each year, and nearly 4,000 of those women die from the disease. Two of approximately 100 different strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV), the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States, cause nearly 70% of all cervical cancer.

74% of the six million new HPV cases reported each year occur in 15 to 24-year-olds.

On June 8, 2006, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed the first vaccine developed to prevent cervical cancer and other diseases caused by certain types of genital HPV. Gardasil, the new vaccine, prevents two strains of HPV that cause nearly 70% of all cervical cancer, plus two strains that cause 90% of genital warts.

On June 29, 2006, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to recommend use of this vaccine in females ages 9 to 26 years. According to Gardasil’s website, of the approximately six million new cases of genital HPV that occur in the United States each year, it is estimated that 74% of those cases occur in 15 to 24-year-olds.

Dr. Lisa Shepherd of the Orange City Area Health System said that Gardasil is most likely focused towards the 9 to 26-year-old age range because these ages have the highest risk for acquiring HPV; if you want to be tested, you must tell your doctor.

“You’d never know you were infected because there are no signs, and your immune system fights off the virus within a few years anyway,” said Diane Harper, M.D., director of the Gynecologic Cancer Prevention Research Group at Dartmouth Medical School.

“The virus lives on the skin so just touching your privates to those of an infected partner can set you up for infection,” said Harper.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the only sure way to prevent HPV is to abstain from all sexual activity. However, even persons with only one lifetime sex partner can contract HPV if their partner has had previous partners.

According to Shepherd, some estimate that between 50 and 70 percent of abstinent women who do become sexually active will choose a partner who carries HPV. “This would include waiting until marriage to become sexually active,” said Shepherd.

If a woman is already sexually active, she should still consider getting the vaccine. Chances are slim-to-none that someone would contract all four types from one sex partner. If she has already become infected with one of the four types of HPV, the vaccine will not prevent disease from that type. However, it will still prevent the other three types of HPV.

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Gardasil is currently available and recommended for women ages 9 to 26. Women in the Orange City area can receive the vaccine, which is offered in a series of three shots, from several different clinics, including the Orange City Area Health System and Planned Parenthood (locations in Sioux City, Spencer and Storm Lake).

The vaccine costs $120 per shot, or a total of $360 for the series. According to Shepherd, “Most insurance companies are starting to pay for the vaccine, but it has only been available since June 2006, so not all companies are on board for payment. Each patient’s plan is a little different, but most are covering the cost fully.”

Gardasil offers women the chance to prevent the development of HPV strains which cause cervical cancer and genital warts. While the vaccine is not yet required in routine immunizations, the statistics concerning HPV and cervical cancer should encourage women to take effective precautions in preventing this disease.

As Gardasil’s tag line says, “You could be one less life affected by cervical cancer.”

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**Fast facts about HPV:**

- Approximately 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer disease each year and nearly 4,000 women die in the U.S. each year from this disease.
- In 2005, the CDC estimated that 20 million people in the U.S. had this virus.
- HPV is the most common STD in the U.S.
- About 6.2 million Americans get a new genital HPV infection each year.
- 80% of all women will get HPV by age 50.
- 75% of men and women contract HPV below the belt at some point in their lives.
- Gardasil prevents the two strains of HPV that cause nearly 70% of all cervical cancer, plus two that cause 90% of genital warts.
- HPV is transmitted through skin-to-skin contact (not just sexual intercourse).
- 70 of the types of HPV result in common body warts.
- There is no cure or treatment available for HPV.
- The only real way to prevent HPV is abstinence.

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**Psychology research excels**

BY JANICE SWIER
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Raider wrestlers three for three

BY BETSY HEIBERGER
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The Northwestern Raider wrestlers continued to bring out their best in this past week of the season. Most recently, NW had a nearly perfect performance in Wednesday night’s dual at USF. Six Raiders including sophomore Levi Price (141), senior Courtney Goodwin (157), freshman Lamar Reed (165), sophomore Enock Francois (174), junior Andrew Lundgren (184), and freshman Sam Zylstra (285) defeated their opponent with a pin fall. Other winners included senior Chris Keating (149) with a technical fall, sophomore Derek Kosters (184) defeating his man in a close 7-5 match, and freshman Jordan Keckler (133) with a forfeit. The final team score was 50-6 with USF earning six points from NW’s open 125 pound space. The victory was NW’s third consecutive dual win.

Wednesday’s showing came on the heels of NW’s biggest home wrestling event of the season, the Red Raider Invite, which took place last Saturday in the Ballman Center. Head Coach John Petty called the tournament a “huge success,” and said, “This was my first year being a part of this tournament, and I appreciate Coach Bartlett for being a part of this event as well. I am hopeful that the Raiders will have a chance to compete in this event again. I am hopeful that they will remain a part of this event for years to come.”

As a team, the Raiders placed six out of 13 at the invite with 65.5 points, which was fourth among points for out of 13 at the invite with 65.5 points, which was fourth among points for.

The Northwestern Raider wrestlers three for three

BY DAN CLIFF
SPORTS WRITER

The Northwestern track and field team traveled to Ames, Iowa, to compete at the Iowa State Open on Jan. 19-20. The meet featured schools such as Iowa State, the University of Northern Iowa, some of the top junior colleges in the area, and others spanning the NCAA and NAIA ranks.

The Raiders placed a trio of competitors in the top ten at the meet. Junior runner Laura Jacobson highlighted the group with a third-place finish among 60 meter hurdlers in the women’s 600 yard run with a time of 1:29.02. The time was also good enough to make Jacobson the first Red Raider to be an NAIA national qualifier.

“Laura is a hard worker and is very talented,” Head Coach Nate Wolf said. “She is already ahead of where she was at last year, so this could be a very special year for her.”

Senior Robbie Cundy finished eighth in the men’s 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.45, which made him an NAIA provisional qualifier. Fellow senior Andrew Ortmeier placed sixth in the weight throw (50’0.25) and seventh in the shot put (47’0.25) to round out the top ten finishers for the Raiders.

The ISU Open was a tough first meet,” Wolf said. “It was very competitive and as close to national level competition as we will get this year. I thought our athletes responded very well.”

Of the other women Raider runners competing at the SU Open, senior Megan Harding finished 12th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:01.1, junior Jessica Regan finished 21st in the same event with a time of 1:01.9, and the NW women’s 4x400 meter relay team finished in 16th place with a time of 4:11.08. In the women’s field events, sophomore Amy Katsma threw the shot put 34’11, good enough for a 32nd place finish, and junior Rae Taylor placed 32nd in the weight throw with a toss of 10’0.33.

The Raider men had several competitors finishing just outside the top ten. Senior Bryce Becker placed 11th in the 600 yard run with a time of 1:15.05, junior Michael Ortmeier finished 15th in the high jump by clearing 6’01.25, and sophomore Tim Sauter finished in 14th place in the triple jump at 42’07. Some of the other runners competing at the event for the Raiders were freshman Steve Westerkamp, finishing 24th in the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.35 seconds; senior Daniel Lichter in 29th in the 600 yard run with a time of 1:16.75; and the men’s 4x400 meter relay placing 21st with a time of 3:27.44.

Three Raider long distance runners recorded personal bests by over 20 seconds in the 5000 meter run during Friday’s session of the meet, and all finished in the top 30. They were Dan Wallhof, 19th placed at 16:02.6, Anthony Ebert, 23rd place at 16:10.1, and Jon Woeld, 30th place at 16:27.6.

The Raiders next compete at the Buena Vista Invitational in Storm Lake on Saturday, Jan. 27.

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Dance, Dance

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The Northwestern Dance Team performed on Wednesday night during halftime of the men’s and women’s games against the University of Sioux Falls.
Raider men knock off top-ranked NAIA team

By Mike Van Engen

Staff Writer

In a battle between the GPAC's top two teams, the Raiders crushed top-ranked University of Sioux Falls 86-67. The Cougars' defeat marked the end of a 16-game winning streak, while NW improved to a 9-3 GPAC record and 16-6 overall.

The contest started with a USF run and ended with NW handing the Cougars their second loss of the season. USF got out to a quick 10-7 lead, but the Raiders put together a 12-4 run and erased the gap to take control. The Cougars made an attempt to come back with seven minutes left in the first half and closed the gap to within three. The Raiders responded to the Cougar run by going on a 24-12 run to close the half, going into the break shooting 61% from the floor. The swarming Raider defense held the Cougar offense to just 38% from the floor.

The second half proved just as promising for the Raiders. NW jumped out to an early 13-point lead, overpowering the Cougar defense. The Cougars had one last run as they cut the lead to 9(70-61), but once again the Raiders' defense stepped it up to end the half with a 16-6 run. NW won the match 86-67, knocking off the number one nationally ranked team.

The Raider men had five players in double figures. Junior Chad Schuiteman led all scorers with 19 and also pulled down 11 rebounds. Sophomore Kale Wiertzema added 15 points and 6 assists. Senior Karl Towns (13), junior Curt Schilling (12) and junior Mark DeYounge (11) rounded out the scoring for the Raiders.

DeYounge credited the win to hustle and hard work. "We were able to create points from transition buckets," he said, "and yet stopped their transition game at the same time."

Tomorrow, NW will seek revenge on conference rival Dordt College. The Defenders are currently 8-4 in the GPAC and defeated the Raiders 85-80 in the teams' November meeting. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Sioux Center.

S.F. men end season of ups and downs

By Laura Jacobson

Sports Editor

After suffering back-to-back losses on their home court, Northwestern's basketball women won big Wednesday night against the University of Sioux Falls. The Red Raiders pounded the Cougars in the first half, leading 53-22 at the break and going on to win 79-53.

"I thought we made some good adjustments," Head Coach Earl Woudstra said of his team. "We had just a little bit more of an attacker's mentality on offense than we've showed in our last couple games." Woudstra also pointed to the team's improved movement on the offensive end. "We've been working in practice on movement without the ball, making ourselves hard to guard," he said. Junior Deb Remmerde agreed, also acknowledging the Raiders' defensive effort. "Our defense in the first half led to good offense," she said. "We pushed the ball and scored in transition, and in the half-court we moved the ball well and got good shots."

Remmerde was the leading scorer for the Raiders with 22 points, sinking three of five three-point shots, while senior Jaime Hoegh chipped in 12 points and seven assists. Juniors Amy Larson and Miranda Boekhout recorded 11 and 10 points, respectively. Freshman Randa Halstein pulled down seven rebounds for the Raiders, and junior Crystal Algood had four blocks.

Woudstra noted areas of NW's game needing improvement. "Our defensive effort needs to be consistent throughout the game," he said. "We can't have times we play hard and times we don't." Remmerde also mentioned the women's need for consistency. "We need to put together a complete game," she said. "We've had good halves here and there, but we haven't really put together a whole game."

Tomorrow the Raiders will face a dangerous Dordt team in Sioux Center. "Dordt has been one of the hottest teams in our conference since Christmas," said Woudstra. The Defenders have won four of their last five games, including a huge upset Wednesday night over fifth-ranked Morningside. "Dordt's a good team, and they're coming off a big win," said Remmerde. "They'll be ready for us. We need to continue to do the little things that lead to success." That game will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Profile

Jaime Hoegh

Women's basketball captain Jaime Hoegh credits her family for their impact in her life. The senior from Atlantic, Iowa, is the daughter of Monte and Emily and sister to Janne (29), Jerod (26), Jerome (19) and Jacey (16).

"Jaime is an excellent student, and she has proven the ability to balance the challenges of being a student, an athlete, and a friend on campus. Her family is also very important to her and she takes the steps to be involved in the life of her family as well," Head Coach Earl Woudstra stated.

"Jaime is the type of person who exemplifies being a student athlete at Northwestern," said Woudstra. "She has a love for the Lord and demonstrates a lifestyle that uses her gifts and brings honor to Him."

For Jaime, her senior year has been the most challenging in her career, as she is just now realizing that this is her last year of playing on the team with the girls. "I'm going to miss them," she said.

Hoegh's favorite part of being on the squad is getting to know each of her teammates. Her favorite memories are the preseason outings, last year's trip to nationals and the recent trip to California.

Hoegh plays an important role on this year's team, continuing to carry the starting role she began four years ago. According to Woudstra, "She is the most experienced player on the team. She has been a starter since the day she stepped on the team as a freshman. She is currently a captain, and a person who many players look up to and go for leadership."

In her spare time, Jaime enjoys swimming, hanging out with friends and family, especially her fiancé, and going home to work on the family farm. If she gets a chance, she enjoys watching "Grey's Anatomy" and "CSI." Her favorite cafeteria food is some kind of cobbler, and she never misses breakfast.

Hoegh will graduate this spring with a major in Business Administration-Human Resources and a minor in Psychology. She was recently accepted into Creighton's one-year Accelerated Nursing Program. The NW basketball team has been blessed to have Jaime a part of their family. She will be greatly missed next year, but has definitely made an impact on the team.
RSC to be completed by summer 2007

BY ALLISON ROORDA
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Construction of the RSC will hopefully be completed by June or July of 2007. “Once they got the roof on, the work really started to pick up,” said Assistant Vice President for Student Development Dale Thompson. Also, more workers are available now that seasonal summer work is over.

The renovated RSC will have a new, more modern look compared to its predecessor. Through the front doors is a long straight hall with a high ceiling and windows lining the ceiling, allowing more light into the building. Various rooms and offices branch off of either side of the hall. The new RSC will house student government offices, multicultural affairs, student development, campus security, the bookstore and the mail room. The center of the RSC is designed to act as a hang-out/meeting area, wide open with sofas and hanging lights called clouds, the same as the lights in the Theatre Arts Center. “The architect was going for the opposite look as the old building,” Thompson explained. “It was low and dark. This is tall and light with fun colors.” The architect involved in the RSC renovation is Todd Moss, who also designed Stegenaga Hall and DeWitt Theatre Arts Center.

There will also be several classrooms in the new RSC and a new, improved snack bar. Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in a contest to name the new RSC cafe. “My desire has been that we not laugh,” said Thompson. The RSC renovation committee will review all suggestions for names up until February 1. A link to the submission form can be found on the college web site. The winner will receive a NW sweatshirt.

Construction plans hope to be completed by June 2007 so that the offices and departments can move in by July 2007. “We’re keeping our fingers crossed on that one,” Thompson laughed.

Heritage Singers present comic operetta

BY JAIME EVENHUIS
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Northwestern College’s Heritage Singers will present a concert on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the England Proscenium Theatre intheDeWitt Theatre Arts Center.

The concert will include an rendition of “Die Fledermaus,” a comic operetta by John Strauss. The Heritage Singers will also present a short arrangement of Brahms’ love songs. “Die Fledermaus” is a name for bats and German for “The Flying Mouse.” The main characters of the operetta include Baron von Einstein and his friend Dr. Faulk.

Einstein pulls a prank on Faulk, persuading him to walk downtown in a bat costume. Several plot lines of the operetta surround Dr. Faulk’s desire for revenge. Einstein is to be played by freshman Richie Clark. Junior Larissa Harwood will portray his wife, Rosalinde. Dr. Faulk will be performed by senior Dan Laaveg. Junior Heidi Ackerman will portray the chamber maid Adel. Freshman Andrew Klumpp will play a former lover of Einstein’s wife Rosalinde. Sophomore Danny Bos will play the part of an incompetent lawyer. Lastly, sophomore Ross Hunter will portray a jailer.

Sophomore Kayla Driesen will accompany soloists and the chorus on piano. Lecturer in Music Emily Lodine wrote the choreography and dialogue for the soloists. Narration was written by NW alumna Lois Estell and will be read by NW alumna Kristi Woodyard. Driesen and junior Emily Vander Broek will accompany the Brahms’ love song waltzes on piano. This portion of the concert will be presented in German.

Admission to the concert is free to the public, but tickets must be reserved through contact with Nora Verburg in NW’s music department.

Let’s play the Family Feud!

BY RENEE NYHOF
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Tonight at 9 p.m. in Christ Chapel, “families” will go head-to-head in the popular game Family Feud! They will be answering questions given to them by host Scott Moonna.

Similar to the original game show, “families” must obtain the most points in order to win various prizes and up to $200 cash.

Unlike the true game show, Director of Student Activities Lori Couch states that families tonight will exclude parents, siblings and any other relatives. Instead, teams will be made up of six students who have invented a family name for themselves.

It’s highly encouraged that each family dress in accordance with their name. According to Couch, each family will have a family portrait taken for use in the actual game.

In addition, for further incentive to dress the part, the best look-a-like family will receive a free family pizza dinner.

However, the rules remain similar to the true game show. According to Couch, the game will begin with two families facing-off for three rounds of questions. Points will be awarded each round for correctly answered questions. To motivate families to work together for the correct answers, points will double in the second round and triple in the third round.

After the first game ends, one team will be eliminated, while the winning team goes on to face another family. This pattern will continue until one family remains.

The last family will be given the opportunity to go for “Fast Money,” where two family members answer questions to gain points for the family. During fast money, the family could possibly win $200.

“It’s hilarious what they’ll have to do,” said Jenna Fox, a member of the Student Activities Council.

“It’s a great time to hang out with your friends,” said Couch. If you are looking for a commercial-free and entertaining evening, come on over to the chapel to watch the Family Feud.

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