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Board discusses new men’s dorm

BY CHANTELL STEGGERDA

In recent weeks, there has been significant discussion regarding the site location for the proposed new men’s residence hall,” noted President Greg Christy. Students may be aware of the fight to preserve identity in the dorm, but additional issues of placement have been in the works for six years.

“The community aspect of both buildings has been at the forefront,” commented Jamie Richards, member of the new planning committee, “and they’re trying to preserve the community there, which I think is really cool.”

“We’re trying to preserve community while also being good stewards of the college’s resources,” added Doug Beukelman, who will help facilitate the building’s construction with the college, the architect and the contractor. “We’re trying to make the project fit into the future budget of the college.”

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Please care
BY JOSH DOORENROS
West and Heemstra will come down. With Westinking slowly into the soil and Heemstra only meeting the fire code by having a fire alarm, both would be too expensive to fix. So they came together when the decision to replace them was made. They stood before the chapel, declaring that they wanted to remain separate and somehow keep their separate identities. Some people never really figured out what happened.

“Heemstra is coming down?” “Didn’t you see us stand in front of the chapel last semester?” “Yeah, but I didn’t know it meant anything.” We have repeatedly pled: “Please care.” Please just notice that two identities of the campus at-large is not careful.

Some have responded, like the board of trustees who invited upperclassmen of Heemstra into their meeting. They agreed to keep both separate, finding a way to keep it moderately cost effective. While this is a great step, if the “feel” and traditions of both don’t transfer it could still fall short.

“It’s hard to describe a feeling... I feel there are some things you don’t notice until they’re gone,” Seth Currier, the resident director of West muses. I set my pen down. He’s answering the question I just asked, “What type of architecture is Heemstra hoping for?” But I got a loaded response. I know what he means all too well. I also can’t explain that which makes where I live home. The word “community” has become such a cliché, and as Brian Moriarty notes, “It is enjoyed in large and small (communities) and coed even, just all in different ways.”

What if the community you were a part of was torn down, if the theatre department was removed, or if the school were to deem the music department an unnecessary expense? West, according to Currier, has been taking it well: “The guys know that all that can be done is being done, and they have a positive thought process to move small community to another small dorm.” But Currier kept mentioning the feeling. “Like you can hear everything that goes on... (all that) is yelling from a higher floor... West is not confined to wings, but “people hang out on every floor.” It would be difficult for a “new” West to cultivate that same feeling.

Stop, elusive philosphists
BY NATALIE NIEMAN
Lately a few of our fellow students have decided to advance Northwestern’s renowned spirit of brotherhood even further by enacting a rather Utopian view of personal property. All over campus these unmasked vigilantes descend upon the bycicles of the unsuspecting, and peddle away into the sunset—leaving the unwitting recipients of their charity to ponder the glories of heavenly treasure, which rust cannot decay, nor a fellow student nick.

Though I thank these no doubt kind-hearted souls for their unflinching dedication to the campus’s spirit, I care as a whole, (they have misplaced their good-works on my bicycle less than twice), I am afraid that their actions have produced results the very opposite of what they intended. I must confess that such uncharitable and rather appropriate adjectives sprang to my mind upon the discovery of my bicycle’s absence from its rack. Rather than the praises of thanksgiving my benefactor delighted in imagining, as he rode away on my unfair steed, my brain was fastened on the much more diverting thoughts. My mind’s eye delighted in seeing my bicycle captor’s face criss-crossed with tire marks, and I savored the music of the crunch of his fingers as I rode over them. I tell you this not to instill fear into the hearts of those who would attempt a third capture, (scum sucking monsters that they be), but rather to illustrate how this path is the least conducive to promoting the spirituality of our fellow students.

Though you may be tempted to teach a forgetful comrade to “lock her bike up better,” I implore you to reconsider. Think on the human frailty that may drive her to brazen with a heavily weighted book bag when next she sees you riding down one of the many sidewalks of our fair campus. Think also on the indignation such a move would cherish toward your person, and how such indignation could eventually harden into a plan to negate your ability to ever pedal again.

Heemstra also has its own intimate, integrated feel. “We can choose to have an all-dorm meeting and fit into one room and it’s a big deal,” says Moriarty with a grin, comparing meetings to a family meal, sitting down and bumping arms.

Without Heemstra Northwestern will not crumble. The end of West will not mark the end of community. The individuals will move out. “But we will still care,” Moriarty says. “Just because people don’t care doesn’t mean we should disregard it.”

So why do I still care? Because even though we’re doing all that can be done, we’re still losing something. We’re losing “the feeling.” Heemstra’s eccentricities will be missed. West’s “feel” will be missed. What can you do? Encourage us. When someone runs past with a piece of fruit, laugh at us. When people yell between floors, don’t get annoyed. Encourage us. When we move, encourage our traditions and rowdiness, because without West and Heemstra, we will move on—but we’ll still care.

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Laughter is the best medicine

By Rachel Rietsema
Contributing Writer

Is something missing from your life lately, but you can’t put your finger on it? I’ll give you a hint. When one reaches adulthood, a person only does this 17 times on average during the day, but a preschooler does it a whopping 400 times. This activity is laughter. So instead of stressing out so much during this last month of projects, papers and exams, maybe you should take a break to find something that brings you joy.

It’s been proven through research that laughter strengthens the immune system and food cravings will lessen. In fact, “humor therapy” has become more prevalent to help speed along the healing process. The more one finds humor in something, the more stress hormone levels reduce and endorphin and neurotransmitter levels increase. So what do all these changes in hormones add up to? An immune system that is stronger than before—the laughing session and more resistant to physical effects of stress.

When life’s moments become too much for you to handle and it’s time to break down and cry, don’t. This may seem impossible, but replacing the tears with a few good laughs will give you a physical

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BY KATIE VAN ETENN
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It’s Friday night and I want to watch a movie to help me relax. But after a long day discussing the Industrial Revolution, bad working conditions for low-wage workers, the deterioration of our natural environment and motivations behind stereotyping and racial or sexist oppression I’m not in the mood for “An Inconvenient Truth,” “Blood Diamond” or “Apocalypse Now!”

In the seemingly endless world of documentaries and academically or socially challenging, mind-bogglingly disturbing films, I want a movie where the underdog finally wins! At the same time, though, I know that I can’t separate what I’ve learned from how I entertain myself—I don’t enjoy a movie that has racism, sexism, materialism, consumerism or any of the other –isms that plague most popular media today. What can I do? I can look to the movies below for direction!

“The Devil Wears Prada”

This movie, while it centers around the worlds of materialism and consumerism, provides a healthy encounter for the viewer and a number of –isms. But, will the academically-minded woman from the beginning get swept up in the commodification of the modeling world? After a revealing look at the true brokenness surrounding her, she must choose whether to stay in it or leave.

“Star Dust”

This movie came out in theaters this past fall, and is also a lifter-upper without the –isms. Based on the unreality of fairy tales and the purging of stereotypes, this movie examines the need for love in the world. On a quest to receive a wedding gift for his “true love” the hero discovers his self-worth and the simplicity of loving the people around him.

“The Life Aquatic”

Pretty much every movie Wes Anderson has made is a great movie. An exaggeration, you say? Well, have you ever seen this writer-director’s masterpieces? “The Life Aquatic” tells the story of a washed-up film documentalist who loses virtually everything except one of his unpaid interns and a handful of his friends. As the movie progresses, he learns to value those around him as they uncover the truth of the mysterious leopard shark.

“The Village”

Another notable writer-director, M. Night Shyamalan has mastered cinematic story-telling. Typically his movies center around important details that work together toward a solution. Also without the –isms, “The Village” portrays a woman who must make the ultimate quest for her true love. Will she be able to safely cross the forest filled with unimaginable dangers in order to save her soulmate?

Any evening—or afternoon or morning—spent watching one of these notable flicks will not only lighten my spirits and help me to once again hope against insurmountable odds, but will provide me with—unfree entertainment. Yes, please!

“Where’s the placenta?”

- Professor Don Waconse in reference to a “Precious Moments” nativity scene

“I’m calling for money, not for your sons.”

- Sophomore Matt Dengler explaining how a phanthon caller is different than an admissions caller

“I don’t have a widow’s peak, I have a receding hair line.”

- Sophomore Taylor Muggie on his hair

“How do you like my nuts?”

- Professor Carlson in response to a student’s comment that artist Yees Klein uses “nuts”

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God’s message, their language

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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In the world today, 293 million people have never seen a verse of God’s Word in their own language. These millions represent 2,200 unique language communities. Although the number is daunting, Wycliffe Bible Translators confronts this need with a vision of providing all people with the Scripture in their first language.

“God, I don’t know how you’re going to do it. It looks humanly impossible. I can’t conceive how it’ll ever get done, but you’re the God of the impossible.” – George Cowan

In 1942, Wycliffe Bible Translators was founded by William Cameron Townsend, a missionary working among the Cakchiquel Indians of Guatemala. Naming the ministry after John Wycliffe, who first translated the Bible into English, Townsend launched his ministry after the Cakchiquel told him that God didn’t speak their language. Over sixty years later, Wycliffe Bible Translators has completed over 600 new translations and is in the process of finishing hundreds more.

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Wycliffe has language projects in over 90 countries on six continents. Areas of Africa, Asia and the Pacific represent the greatest need for translation, yet pose some of the greatest difficulties for translators. Political and religious hindrances, dense populations, treacherous access to language locations and the sheer number of unique languages present translators with formidable challenges.

Translating the Bible into a new language encompasses more than this article can convey, but fundamentally, translation is founded upon a complex understanding of indigenous culture and society. For instance, anthropological work is vital as Wycliffe seeks to present the Gospel in a culturally sensitive way. Wycliffe anthropologists also foster relationships between natives and translators. Literacy is another critical work of Wycliffe, as the organization considers working to increase literacy part of fulfilling the Great Commission. Community development, vernacular media and chronological Bible storytelling are also included in the extensive work of Wycliffe.

A historically trusted organization, Wycliffe’s vision has remained intent upon effectively communicating the love, truth and message of Jesus Christ in the first language of all the world’s people groups.

For those interested in joining the work of Bible translation, Wycliffe offers numerous opportunities to serve in short-term projects and internships in addition to long-term service. Wycliffe also proffers an invitation to join specific prayer teams.

For those who do not feel led to join Wycliffe on the field or in prayer, however, perhaps the best response is to realize that holding a copy of God’s Word in hand is a privilege that millions do not have and for which thousands are willing to risk their lives. May we not take for granted something so precious and prove poor stewards of such a responsibility.

Called to leave: The story of a woman with a mission

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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“Marilyn had eaten many roasted grubs during her years in Hauna, but never steamed ones, looking fresh and juicy. With the challenge in Shirley’s eyes, Marilyn casually adopted her Western culture in ways Laszlo did not expect. The natives loved to decorate their bodies, and found Campbell’s soup and pork and bean labels to be perfect additions to their native garb.

American churches also began sending Laszlo boxes of used clothing and the natives enjoyed their new fashions. The men’s clothing usually consisted of a simple vine around the waist. To conform to Western traditions, they replaced these vines with belts. Bras were used by the men as earmuffs, and women hung them around their waist to use as pockets.

Amidst the occasional hilarity, Laszlo taught and learned a great deal. She “carved” the natives “talk,” saved lives with modern medicine and watched shaman medicine men turn into Christians. Over the course of almost twenty-five years of hard work, Marilyn Laszlo took a community without God and helped them find their Lord and Savior.

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Flying high: Finding purpose in the clouds

BY LINDSEY HASKINS
STAFF WRITER

Purpose is something that Carl Mortenson has never lacked. After surviving a ruptured appendix at the age of ten, Mortenson committed his life to serving his Savior and has never looked back. He wanted to use his occupation to serve Christ but at the time he thought only a preacher, a missionary or a song leader could fulfill that purpose.

“I was an average farm boy. I was not made for those things,” Mortenson recalls. Thankfully, that thought did not last long. One night when Mortenson was a senior in high school, a speaker came to his church and shared about Moody Bible Institute’s new mission aviation program. Frustrated, Mortenson discovered a place where he could use his interests to serve the Lord. Two weeks before his high school graduation he was applied and was one of 12 men selected from over 400 applicants into the program.

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After completing the challenging four-year training program, Mortenson was married and given his first mission assignment with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Peru. A short month and a half later Mortonson fell ill with polo and as the disease threatened his life, he wrestled with God’s purpose in the situation.

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After completing the Evangel project, Mortenson returned to the mission field but was asked several years later to return to the aircraft development project. In 1972 Mortenson moved with his family to Orange City, Iowa, and began developing the Angel aircraft. Mortenson has spent the last 20 years designing, building and certifying the aircraft with the help of his sons, Ed and Evan. The Angel aircraft is an eight-passenger, FAA-certified, twin-engine aircraft which can hold over 1,900 pounds of cargo. Four Angel aircraft have been completed and the fifth is ready to fly.

“I like all parts of airplanes—the design, production and flying—but just to do that doesn’t satisfy.” - Carl Mortenson

Since a heart attack six years ago Mortenson says he feels as if he is “racing the undertaker.” The 73-year-old is continuing the theme of his life by using every day to serve his Savior.

Practicing ministry at the middle school retreat

BY KRISTI KORVER
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday 300 middle school students packed backpacks, sleeping bags and sugary snacks, and loaded into church vans destined for Lake Okoboji. That same day 26 Northwestern students packed duffel bags, small group questions and coffee, and loaded into cars to meet the middle schoolers.

The middle school retreat, headed up by Bob Cleverenga, has been sponsored by the RCA’s Synod of the Heartland since 1985. Each year NW students are given the opportunity to help plan and run the retreat. The retreat is unique because it offers youth pastors, sponsors, NW students and middle schoolers an opportunity to connect with each other and with God.

The weekend is high energy, but junior CJ Wurpts celebrates it because it is an opportunity to “get out of the books” and do real life ministry. Through the retreat many Christian education majors get connected to youth groups and local youth pastors.

Once students arrived it didn’t take them long to discover the theme for this year’s retreat: a doctor’s office. The theme verse was Matthew 12:13-15: “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick…For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

There were four main sessions. Friday night juniors Jamie Richards and Valerie Love spoke about “What our problem is” dealing with the issue of sin. The next morning freshman Steven DeVries shared with students the good news of Jesus in a talk entitled, “What is the cure?” Saturday night senior Josh Nelson brought everything together in his talk, “Okay, so we have the cure and our medication, what do we do now?” After each session students had the opportunity to meet in small groups and discuss the lesson—this is where the real growth happened.

Junior Amanda Maloney went on the retreat as a sponsor with her home youth group from Hartley. She was encouraged when one of the girls in her group opened up and shared the pain she has experienced at the death of her father. Maloney was also blown away with the depth of the questions that the students asked. She remembers asking the same questions when she was in middle school: “I was yearning for someone who could offer guidance, help me to dive deeper.”

Middle schools students are often written off as immature, but there is a lot of depth to them and many are seeking to understand and take ownership of their faith. NW students were eager to come alongside these students and encourage them. Junior Chelsea Harberts passionately believes, “These kids are the next generation and have phenomenal gifts to give, but are being stomped out by the world.”

Sunday morning, senior Megan DeJong and sophomore Katie Dykstra joined the previous four speakers to form a panel. Wurpts and Harberts facilitated a question and answer session. One of the more intense questions was, “Do babies go to heaven if they die?” Wurpts recalls the panel giving some pretty vague answers that left the room in a “heavy funk.” The next question, “Did Adam have a belly button?” left the group in a lighter mood. Richards responded, “I’m not really sure if there was any placenta involved,” and the room erupted in laughter.

In addition to the sessions and small group times, middle school students had the opportunity to participate in service projects. NW students wanted to have them actively participate in this key aspect of Christianity.

A middle school retreat would not be complete without a few crazy games. At one game station students had to dig eggs out of a kiddie pool of instant mashed potatoes. Later that night the leaders created a 150-foot long ice cream sundae on the tennis courts. Over nine gallons of ice cream, boxes of bananas and copious amounts of chocolate syrup were used. It is fair to say that spiritual and sugar highs were peaked.

Students all came back in a state of exhaustion. Wurpts reflects that despite the craziness, the weekend was a “time of renewal.” The 73-year-old is continuing the theme of his life by using every day to serve his Savior.
SPORTS

Raider women sweep USF, fall to Concordia in doubleheaders

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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Northwestern fell to Concordia in a GPAC doubleheader on Saturday, 2-4 and 0-1, but came back to soundly defeat GPAC rival USF on Wednesday, April 9. The Red Raiders are now 14-12 overall, 4-4 in the conference.

NW 8, USF 0
Freshman Lexy Determan took the mound for the Raiders in game one of the contest, pitching a complete game, one-hit shutout. Determan struck out 11 of only 19 batters. She improves to 10-6 on the season.
Senior Michelle Van Duyn and freshmen Rachel Harris and Lara Vonnahmen each boasted two hits apiece to make up the majority of NW’s eight hits on the evening. The first run was scored in the second inning on offense and defense. Junior Gavi Burrola stood out with her eighth solo home run of the year. Then, after two outs, Harris, Vonnahmen and Determan hit three straight singles. With the help of a throwing error by USF’s catcher, the Raiders advanced to 4-0. One more run that inning from a Van Duyn RBI single and a three-run sixth inning saw the Raiders take the victory 8-0.

NW 5, USF 2
Game two consisted of more solid play on offense and defense. Junior Gavi Burrola picked up her fourth win of the season on the mound for the Raiders, allowing five hits over four and one-third innings and giving up two runs. Determan closed the game, giving up one hit and striking out six of the nine batters she faced.

Freshman Stacey Godfrey led the offense for NW, going 2-for-3 at the plate. Swanson, Van Duyn, Determan and sophomore Sara Curry had one hit apiece.

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Baseball goes 5-1 in three doubleheaders

BY JONATHAN MEERDINK
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The Northwestern baseball team went 5-1 in three conference doubleheaders over the past week. The wins move the team to 17-9 on the season with a 10-2 GPAC mark.

NW 8, Morningside 2
Senior Mihai Burlea scattered nine hits and struck out seven men in a complete game win for NW. Senior Joe Grady earned the victory on the mound, moving to 3-1 on the year.

NW 7, USF 4
Freshman Kent Drickey and senior Codie Zeutenhorst boasted three hits apiece to lead the Raiders to the victory in the first game of the USF doubleheader. Zeutenhorst knocked in two runs for the Raiders, as did junior Grant Wall. Junior Trevor Kuiper did six solid innings of work on the mound, and sophomore Andrew Engesser came in for the last inning to wrap up Kuiper’s third win of the year.

NW 2, USF 0
Only one runner advanced as far as second base in freshman Mike Zoeblener’s complete game, two-hit shutout. Zoelner walked just one batter and struck out six to earn his second win of the year. Sophomore Curt Bomgaard had the lone RBI for the Raiders, who managed to win despite having just two hits.

NW 1, Dakota Wesleyan 0
Burlea pitched the second consecutive complete game shutout for the Raiders, allowing only two hits and walking only one batter in his sixth victory of the year. Six different Raiders had hits, but Zeutenhorst had the only RBI.

NW 1, Dakota Wesleyan 11
The Raiders were dealt just their second conference loss of the season, giving up 11 runs to Dakota Wesleyan while scoring just one of their own. Grady took the loss for the Raiders, giving up nine hits and seven runs in three and two-thirds innings. Heitritzer, Zeutenhorst and junior Jake Jansen had one hit each for the Raiders, while Zeutenhorst knocked in the only run.

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**SPORTS**

Two qualify, many place in track at Sioux Falls

**BY BETH MOUW**

The Northwestern track team began their outdoor season last week Saturday at the Vance Butler Invitational in Sioux Falls, S.D. The team turned in some outstanding performances, but in the words of junior Jameson Guthmiller, “You never run your fastest at the first meet, so I feel like improvement is inevitable.”

Guthmiller was a member of the first-place 4x100 relay team along with senior Kyle Blanks, sophomore Luke Hofmeyer and freshman Jordan Langer. The men boasted a time of 43.51, but Guthmiller explained, “Our training is designed for us to peak at the end of the year, so hopefully that will happen.”

Also finishing first on the day was freshman Logan Ogden, who threw 48-05.25 of the year, so hopefully that will happen.”

On the track, Blankers took second in the 100m dash with a time of 11.72, then later grabbed a six-place finish in the long jump with a leap of 20-09.25. Teammates Hofmeyer and Langer grabbed fourth- and sixth-place finishes in the 100m dash while sophomore Kyle Sauter took sixth in the 110m hurdles, running a 15.77. Junior Derrick Rensink

managed fifth in the 400m hurdles with a 60.48.

On the women’s side, senior Laura Jacobson and freshman Olivia Johnson continued their successful indoor seasons by taking second in their respective events, the 800m and 1500m. Jacobson ran 2:19.76 while Johnson qualified for outdoor nationals with her impressive time of 4:40.5. Johnson also grabbed third in the 800m, running 2:20.25.

Two hurdlers took sixth in their respective events: senior Jess Regan in the 400m and sophomore Emily De Weerd in the 100m. Their times were 69.71 and 16.42. Sophomore Sarah Earleywine took tenth and set a new school record in the hammer throw with a toss of 121-06.

Freshmen Sarah Hess and Kaetlin Beaver each placed fourth in their events, Hess running a 10:56.25 in the 3000m and Beaver clearing 5:04.25 in the high jump, a sufficient enough leap to provisionally qualify for nationals. Beaver commented, “The thrill of competition and the ‘refuse to lose’ attitude is definitely present this year.” She also noted, “The team support and camaraderie is awesome, especially when you can look around and see NW people lining the track cheering at the top of their lungs for their teammates as they push themselves to compete.”

“We the coaches have trained us well, so we just go out and do what we know how to do,” Hess added. “It’s what Dale might call ‘quiet confidence.’”

The track team will compete at Wayne State in Wayne, Neb., on Monday. Events are set to start at 3 p.m.

Men’s golf takes fifth, Vermeer places second

**BY JONATHAN MEEDINK**

The Northwestern men’s golf team finished sixth at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invite last week. The fifth-place finish fails to indicate the competitive nature of this event, as the Raiders were just five strokes behind the second-place team.

Sophomore Luke Vermeer led the way for the Raiders with a second-place individual finish, tallying 152 strokes, just one behind the overall winner, through the two-day event. Junior Justin Parnkuk tied for fifteenth place, scoring a 162, while senior Nathan Summers posted a 166 for NW.

“The connection between teammates differs from that of even a friendship. It is a unique relationship."
Staff member receives award for being “a little gusty”

BY RENEE NYHOF
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For the first time, a member of Northwestern’s cafeteria staff won the Circle of Customer Excellence award for customer service.

Judy Schaap is her name, although visitors to the cafeteria may be more familiar with her in a turkey, leprechaun, surfer, clown or jester costume. Some may also have fallen victim to her question; “Did you know your fly is open?”

Having Schaap receive this award was an excellent surprise that came with a twist, according to Cindy Hickman, front of house supervisor.

“We have no idea who nominated Schaap because all nominations for this award are made anonymously through an online website,” said Hickman. “However, it is such a huge honor that someone from NW received this award because people from colleges all over the Midwest are entered but Judy is certainly a person that goes above and beyond to do her work well.”

Upon receiving her certificate for the award, Schaap admitted that she felt nervous about accepting the award, but also awestruck and blessed.

“I’ve actually been praying urgently for God to use me to be a blessing to others,” said Schaap. “When I was told of this award, it hit me. I didn’t need to do anything profound or outstanding; I just had to be myself to get people to laugh and have some fun.”

Schaap originally chose her favorite childhood activity of dressing up to help her come out of her shell while she worked as a hairdresser at the nursing home. Dressing up made her “get a little gusty.”

“The people would clap, laugh and smile,” said Schaap. “It made their day. It made me feel so happy to see their faces so one day I decided to stay dressed up and come to work at NW.”

Hickman says that Schaap’s boss has encouraged her ever since because her lively spirit helps brighten up the day.

Schaap hopes she can keep spreading smiles and being a part in making someone happy while she remains part of the NW community. She also tries to keep in mind that every 60 seconds she spends mad, upset or angry is a full minute of happiness that she’ll never get back.

“Life is very short,” said Schaap. “If there’s one thing I’d want the campus to know is to love lots, smile often, forgive quickly and laugh whenever possible. Life may not always bring us what we’d hoped for but as long as we’re here—let’s dance.”