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Chinese cross-cultural programs taking shape on campus

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Three new cross-cultural opportunities in China are currently in the works for Northwestern. These opportunities include having Chinese students come study at NW, sending students to China for a summer study abroad and sending NW graduates to China for a one-or two-year immersion program.

James Li, a 1994 NW graduate, is one of the main reasons these opportunities are available. As an international student in the United States, he had an enjoyable, rewarding and educational experience here. After returning to China, he wanted other Chinese students to have similar experiences, so he founded the Beijing Rehoboth International Cultural & Academic Development Inc. (BRIC). According to Carene Toh, vice president of BRIC, their mission is, “to help Chinese students to have similar educational experience here. After an enjoyable, rewarding and interesting experience in the United States, he had a dream to allow same-sex couples to be married in Iowa, according to Lambda senior staff attorney Kevin McMahan. The case, during which the rule of law is founded. If the remaining statutory language be interpreted and applied in a manner allowing gay and lesbian people full access to the institution of civil marriage, according to the court's website.
A manifesto: salvation for all

BY BLAINE CRAWFORD


The topic of universalism has been hotly debated in the 2000 years of the Church and doesn’t seem to be disappearing anytime soon. Nor does it seem that this great mystery will be solved anytime soon. The dislike of the doctrine of hell and the renewed emphasis on everybody belonging make universalism an appealing doctrine serving advocates in today’s society. But what if it’s true?

Paul, when writing to the church at Rome, talks about sin entering into the world through one man (Adam) followed by justification being brought to all humankind through one man (Jesus). Paul writes, “Therefore, just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous” (Romans 5:18-19).

It seems as if we cannot escape the effects of Jesus, namely justification, just as we cannot escape the consequences of Adam’s actions (sin). And yet, we are so hesitant to declare that all are elect in Christ, even though we spout off verses proclaiming that God sent his son for all the world.

Our theology, regarding the sacrifice common to follow along these lines: 1) Jesus Christ died for all people, removing all their sins; 2) By dying upon the cross, Jesus conquered evil, maybe not fully or completely in that moment, but at least in part, with the promise that at some point in the future all evil would be vanquished and the whole world would be full of God’s glory.

But we seem to stop short of fully believing what we proclaim. Restrictions are placed on these ideas, allowing us to not fully believe what they actually mean.

For example, if Christ did die for all people, then justification is extended to all people, not just the people who confess Jesus as Lord. A parent’s love for a child is not dependent upon that love being reciprocated. Love continues to love regardless of whether it is returned or not.

Jacques Ellul once wrote, “A theology of grace implies universal salvation. What could grace mean if it were granted only to some sinners and not to others according to an arbitrary decree that is totally contrary to the nature of God? If grace is granted according to the greater or lesser number of sins, it is no longer grace.”

The second idea is led astray by our medieval concept of hell. Our common image of hell is a place void of God and instead ruled over by Satan. Will God really allow Satan to continue with his evil ways for eternity? If God will one day truly conquer all evil and truly reign over everything, we would be foolish to believe that God would grant any sort of space in which Satan is able to exist. Then again, if God’s grace is as good as we make it to be, why wouldn’t Satan also be reconciled to God?

If we turn to the Bible, I find it hard to overlook the unceasing, unfailing, covenantal love of God. One theologian says the Bible contains divine thoughts about humans or a covenantal love towards them. We see this littered throughout the Bible. PSalmist writes that when he goes to the depths of Sheol, God is there and reminds us that there is nowhere we can go to escape the love of God. Jesus tells the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep, stories of seeking the lost until all are back in the arms of God. Paul’s letters are inundated with this idea of God reconciling the entire world—all his creation—back to himself. In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul speaks at length on the ministry of reconciliation as demonstrated by God through Christ. This is all pointing towards images of the new heavens and the new earth, the idea of the new heavens and the new earth being the consummation in the ongoing creation of God, and the culmination when all will once again be one or in union with God.

I must concede that the Bible also speaks of judgment and hell. It’s hard to avoid these passages. N.T. Wright proposes a two-stage post-mortem existence that might be helpful. He sees heaven and hell existing as a state between our earthly death and the final resurrection or consummation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Here, heaven and hell still exist, but eventually, God’s reign will permeate every corner of every space. There will be no room for hell anymore.

Then again, even after writing all of this, maybe God’s grace is too good to be true. And maybe God’s love is too. Maybe God’s grace is not irresistible. Maybe God’s love does have boundaries. Maybe God’s love and grace only extend to those who reciprocate it. Maybe Christ did not really conquer death and evil on the cross. Maybe God will allow evil to exist in his coming reign. Maybe God will condemn people to hell. Maybe God isn’t what we make God out to be.

Or maybe it’s just our theology that is distorted.

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Students that complete one of these programs would be then eligible to stay in China for a year-long immersion program or a two-semester facilitating program in which the American students would teach at Chinese universities and elementary, middle and high schools.

According to Toh, BRIC plans to start immersion classes this summer, and they are looking for, “any student who desires the opportunity to learn local customs, share their own way of life and have new experiences.”

Student response:
“Take a stand”

BY JAMIE JELTEMA, JAMESON GUTHMILLER, AARON OLSON AND CRAIG MEDER

As the last Beacon was passed around our apartment, we began to discuss some of the issues that were put forth in its articles. One word that has been tossed around throughout campus. It’s time for a stand.

First, we must say that we love Northwestern College, but over our four years the minority has spoken loudly through chapels, articles and throughout campus. It’s time for a different view.

Recently, Iowa became the 3rd state to allow same-sex marriage. This has coincided with a controversial display of art on campus. As Christians we are called to be set apart, and as a distinctly Christian institution, we believe that we are held to a higher standard than other universities. We chose to come to NW because of these strong values. Although state universities would have been much cheaper, we believed that the education and experience received at NW would be invaluable to our development as Christians.

We’ve seen a growing movement of “tolerance” at this college for views that we feel contradict Biblical values that we hoped this college would uphold. Yes, our college seeks to expose various views, but this doesn’t mean opposing biblical truths. If you don’t think the Bible contradicts homosexuality, check out Lev. 18:22 and 20:13, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, Rom. 1:26-28, and 1 Tim. 1:9-10.

A recent Beacon article stated that we need to “Open our minds, share the love of Christ with your neighbors and don’t exclude them for their differences.” Jesus associated with the social outcasts, the prostitutes, the prisoners and the tax collectors. We all agree that Jesus showed his love to them, but did he merely accept them for who they were and the sinful lives they were leading?

No. He accepted them as God’s children, but despised the sinful lives they were living! Was he “tolerant” towards the merchants using the temple for monetary gain? NO. He overturned tables and was clearly angry. What about Zaccheus? He was a hated tax collector, but nonetheless, Jesus joined him for dinner. Did he say, “Zaccheus, I am a loving and tolerant man. I don’t agree with your practices, but go on and continue in your way”? NO. He confronted Zaccheus with his sin, and he repented!

As future alumni, we would love to send our children to a college that will stand by its Christian ideals. However, we feel that if this college continues down this slope of “tolerance,” it will soon resemble any other public university. If we don’t draw the line somewhere, this college will gradually lose its identity as a “distinctly Christian” college. Financial supporters may cease to support a college that refuses to uphold its biblical principles. Why must our college change its stance because it is afraid of offending a group of people? Somewhere, a line needs to be drawn and the college needs to take a stand.
A time to keep and a time to throw away

BY BRETT MEYER
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Every year, people across the world suddenly get the urge to get rid of their homes. Countless unwanted items that have accumulated through the winter are thrown out and left on the side of the street for waste disposal services to eliminate. These discarded objects are victims of the tradition known as “spring cleaning.”

Northwestern Junior Rachel Fisher recalls how her mother would force her to participate in spring cleaning every year. “She would get the ‘spring’ look and say ‘It’s spring cleaning,’ that meant your Saturday was shot,” explained Fisher.

For many, spring cleaning is not merely a time for getting rid of useless junk. It is also a time that people use to completely rearrange their homes. People will often reorganize furniture so that the room has an entirely new setup. A guest might walk into somebody’s house or apartment one week, and then return just a few days later to find that it has a whole new look.

Resident Director Seth Currier gave a few tips, based on how he cleans out his own apartment. “I’m usually a pretty messy person, so when I do clean, I do the whole thing,” Seth explained. He went on to say that when he cleans his home he focuses on one area at a time, such as a specific bookshelf. He doesn’t stop cleaning that particular area until he is satisfied. Once he is done with it, he moves on to the next spot and repeats the process until the entire room is finished.

However, if you live in a dorm, things may be different. Dorm life doesn’t always give people the freedom they might have if they lived in another type of residence. Dorm rooms typically don’t grant their occupants the luxury of massive amounts of storage space, so there often isn’t much to throw out. While people can still rearrange their furniture, their ability to do so is limited.

Many dorm residents use spring and Easter breaks as opportunities to take things home they won’t need for the rest of the year. This helps lighten the load at the end of the semester.

While some use this time to get rid of unwanted materials, others view it as a time to actually expand their inventory. Some items that are thrown out are still functional. You don’t necessarily have to throw something away to get rid of it. Give the stuff you don’t want to a charity or to a friend who might want it.

Spring cleaning can be a tiring and tedious job. It can also be very exciting. Having a clean room can give one a sense of accomplishment and relief. The process may be dull, but the results are well worth it.

90’s songs to remember

BY AMANDA WRIGHT
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Growing up, we may have wondered what kind of music our parents were listening to on their eight track tapes and vinyl records. The songs they played on their extremely dated machines brought back memories of the 60s and 70s and reminded them of the days of making love, not war. It’s funny to think that someday our kids will probably think the same thing about our music and ask themselves what in the world does “Gettin’ Jiggy Wit It” mean?

The infamous words of Will Smith from back in 1999 still have a way of making us smile, and maybe making us want to dance a little. This chart topper, along with other hits of the 90s are what our parents grew up with, the songs we loved then and still do now. Here are a few songs to take you back to when you mastered the Macarena dance, Ricky Martin was livin’ la vida loca, you were dressed as a Spice Girl and you badly wanted to be one of LFO’s summer girls...it’s OK boys, you can admit it.

1 – If summer of 1999 were to have an official song it would have to be Britney Spears, “Baby One More Time.” It’s only right that it won the Teen Choice award for single of the year; the song rocked. Britney may have her struggles now, but back when she and Justin were together it was nothing but the teen dream for Brit. For all of you who secretly still love her, everyone else does too; they just won’t admit it.

A few honorable mentions to reminisce on are “Wannabe” by the Spice Girls, “Waterfalls” by TLC, “Kiss From a Rose” by Seal, “Walking On The Sun” by Smashmouth, and pretty much anything by the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync.

Popular with critics and fans, the song was even nominated for a Grammy. “Wonderwall” by Oasis was the biggest hit the band from the United Kingdom would see in the U.S. The band knew right away that it would be their biggest hit from the album (‘What’s the story) Morning Glory.” The song has had much continued success, even becoming one of the most covered songs in recent history. A few covers worth listening to are recorded by Ryan Adams and Cartel.

“Hate the sinner, love the sin.”
- Sophomore Curtis Ver Mulm misspeaking to sophomore Eduardo Rodriguez concerning issues in his life.

“This is way better than stuff that matters.”
- Freshman Aaron Appel while making his armor for the West Hall Epic Battle.

“All of you who are business majors are basically majoring in hell.”
- Professor of history Robert Winn on Thomas Aquinas’ view of business being unjust and unlawful.

“Nations are like sports teams on a life-threatening scale.”
- Senior John Calsbeek while discussing the absurdity of the idea of nations.

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Graduating summa cum laude

BY KADY BRAM
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Members of this year’s senior class are no doubt experiencing a variety of emotions as graduation draws near—excitement in expectation of things to come, sadness, even relief. The excitement of graduation is even more meaningful to several students who have excelled well past graduation requirements.

Of this year’s 2,857 graduates, 92 are graduating with honors. However, only 22 will graduate summa cum laude—with the highest honors.

In order to graduate summa cum laude at Northwestern, students must graduate with a cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher.

Some of the strategies these students claim as being integral to their academic success were fairly general: get to class, do all the assigned readings and manage time wisely.

Some students mentioned using a schedule or planner as a way to keep track of assignments and other obligations in an organized way.

These students also offered more specific information about certain things that have helped them in their studies.

Living on campus means all sorts of distractions. Yet, apparently not all noises are bad.

“Sometimes I study with music in the background,” philosophy major Brenna Lura said, “but I never choose anything that I know will draw me away.”

Another common thread was their consciousness to doing homework during the day, leaving their nights free for relaxation and other activities.

“When I use my free time throughout the day for homework and studying, I have much less to do at night and that allows me more freedom to do what I want—like hang out with friends,” psychology major Jaime Haverly said.

Actuarial science major Ben Kester agreed. “I’m able to participate in other activities that hold meetings in the evenings, because I get a lot of my homework done during the day.”

Many of the students said that even though it’s sometimes easiest to study alone, studying in groups is a good way to be both productive and have some social interaction.

Being proactive is also in students’ best interests.

“I try to start studying for tests a week or at least a few days in advance,” religion major Josh Van Der Maaten said. “I also try to start writing papers a few days early, leaving time for editing and revision later.”

Taking classes with the right professors is also helpful for students striving to do their best.

“I have found that it’s very helpful to talk to students that have previously taken the courses on my schedule,” Haverly said. “Asking other students about professors you’ve never had before is also a good idea.”

Every senior graduating summa cum laude would likely agree with Brenna’s final advice to underclassmen, “You don’t have to be a total nerd to graduate with honors. I was able to have a life, build strong friendships and do well in my classes all through simple planning and wise time management.”

Remembering Pavel

BY KADY BRAM
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As both a committed student and athlete, Pavel Rezabek touched many people’s lives during his time at Northwestern. At the chapel service dedicated to celebrating his life, NW was able to hear from several students and faculty members that were blessed to have known him well.

From his home in the Czech Republic, Pavel came to NW in January 2006 to play football and major in public relations.

Honest and hardworking, even after learning of his cancer diagnosis, Pavel remained focused in his faith and the reasons he had for coming to the states.

“After he returned from the hospital in Sioux City, I went to visit him…we watched the Brett Favre news conference when he retired from Green Bay and critiqued it,” recalled assistant professor of communications Ann Minnick.

Pavel withdrew from school and returned home for treatment in the Czech Republic, where he eventually lost his battle against cancer.

In addition to his dedication to his studies, Pavel lived and breathed football. In junior high, he met coach Kyle Ackerhoff and NW’s football team for the first time when they traveled to the Czech Republic.

Years later, he received his own Raiders football jersey when he became a member of the team in the fall of 2006.

Pavel will be greatly missed and remembered by his friends, professors and coaches at NW.

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Bringing the married students back into community

BY SARAH BROWN
STAFF WRITER

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Rent, utilities, Internet, insurance. For married students, the reality of these bills has set in.

Northwestern has decided to do something to help. Beginning this June, NW is opening Courtyard Village East and South for married students.

“I think it’s great for married students to be in community too,” Patrick Hummel, director of residence life, said.

Married students would be on a rent system, paying $425 for a regularplex and $500 for a basementplex, which is large enough to accommodate a child. Rent would include all utilities and Internet.

Students in married housing do not need to have a meal plan, but there will be the block 50 option available.

“If one spouse is a student and the other is not, we want them to be able to eat together,” Hummel said.

He thinks this is the perfect time to try married housing again.

“I think married housing is beneficial, because we have the facilities and we have the spots right now,” Hummel said. “It allows us to fully use our facilities.”

Students will have an RD and aplex manager. Seth Currier, current RD of West Hall and Courtyard Village, has been named the RD of married housing.

“Seth will be heading up some activities for these students next fall, in order to keep them involved,” Hummel said. “Also, students do not need to sign a one year lease. They can pay for the nine months of the school year, or a whole year if needed.”

One disadvantage to married housing is the spots being removed for regular students.

“We will leave the Courtyard Village South empty if we do not have the demand from the married students,” Hummel said.

Sign-up for the summer is May 1 and the sign-up for fall living is June 1.

“I think it is advantageous for married students to live in community,” Hummel said. “They can share the joys and the struggles of being married. It is healthy to journey together.”
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How about some credits for my dancing?

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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At various times throughout the year, eight-counts are chanted as dances are learned for various events. Recently, dance seems to be taking Northwestern’s campus by storm. With RUSH, RUSH Presents, musicals, dance team, dance classes and this year’s addition of Dancing with the Pros, students are taking an increasing interest in the art. Yet, even with all the popularity, students still cannot major or minor in the field.

“If you want color for your wardrobe, the best place to go is Forever 21,” junior Hannah Reinders said.

Karen Barker, professor of theatre and speech, thinks dance would be a useful addition to the department.

“Actors need to be able to use their bodies well,” she said. “That’s their tool.”

Hubbard would also be glad if a dance program was instilled.

“Advocate for it,” he said. “We’d be thrilled if it happened.”

According to Hubbard, if NW added a dance program, we would be the only “expressly Christian college” to have one.

There are a few things holding the department back from entering a proposal for the additional major.

The main concern is the national economic crisis that has begun to seriously affect campus.

“The college is financially strapped,” Hubbard said.

Bringing in a new faculty member to teach dance could cost $60,000 to $70,000.

Though the theatre department does offer one credit dance classes each semester, an adjunct professor is always brought in, instead of hiring a full-time faculty member.

“RUSH taught us that, if marketed correctly, dance has the ability to leap over any boundaries we put on our groups and communities,” Karen Barker

In order to think about adding a program, the theatre department would have to submit a proposal to Academic Affairs. The proposal must include research on why it would be valuable to expend resources on the program or that the program wouldn’t cost any additional money.

“It’s a tough sell,” Hubbard said.

Facilities are also an issue at NW. A wrestling/dance room was created when the Bultman Center was built in 1995.

“It was supposed to be for both,” Barker said.

However, during the entirety of wrestling season, the mats cover the dance floor beneath them.

“It limits what our possibilities are,” Barker said. “We put the floor in to be a dance room and put the mirrors in to be a dance room.”

Yet, dance classes can only be taught the first half of fall semester and second half of spring semester, because of the mats.

Hubbard said that perhaps a dance program could be shared with the Kinesiology department, because it already offers some classes that could overlap with a dance major or minor.

“We’re open to any proposals,” Hubbard said.

A department sponsored dance recital would be in order as well.

Even with all the potential difficulties, Barker and Hubbard would be very willing to advocate for a dance program.

“Never say never,” Hubbard said. “We’d all be excited about that possibility. If it was feasible, some of us would fight towards it.”

Though not all students involved in dance events would be a part of the program, some dance team members would love to major or minor in dance.

“If there had been a minor in dance I would have been a part of the dance program,” senior Kristi Korver said. “I am interested in teaching dance part time in the evenings at a studio in Cedar Rapids next year to make some extra money. I am sure I would be more marketable with a dance minor.”

Sophomore dance team member Hannah Reinders would have loved the chance to major in dance instead of social work.

“I really wanted to major in dance, but since there wasn’t that option I had to change my plan,” she said. “I would have loved to be a dance major.”

Simple things to do to get this spring’s chic looks

BY BRITTANY MOORE
STAFF WRITER

“I’m excited for cute summer dresses and flip flops,” junior Stefany Foster said.

With the warm weather on its way, many college students, both guys and gals alike, will want to be seen in 2009’s latest spring fashions.

According to “Elle Magazine,” the trends that are hot this season for both men and women are, “Colors… lots of colors and accessories for the spring.”

Although most of us don’t have the money for such labels as Prada or Chanel, we can find some great bargains at local stores or online.

If you want color for your wardrobe, the best place to go is to get what you are looking for without breaking the bank is Forever 21. They are affordable and have the most recent fashion to hit the stores for the younger crowd. However, they only carry clothes for women.

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NW women’s tennis loses close match to Midland Lutheran, 5-4

BY RENEE NYHOF

In a close match played in Orange City last Tuesday, the Northwestern women’s tennis team fell to Midland Lutheran, 5-4, in a conference match-up. The Red Raiders fall to a 3-5 record in the GPAC, 3-8 overall.

Three out of four winning NW matches were picked up in singles play. One came from Sophomore Nessa Summers, who has now won her fifth straight match with a 6-0, 6-1 win in her no. 6 singles match-up. She improved to 5-2 on the season.

“My biggest challenge versus Midland was trying to come out of a game with bad serves and double faults,” said Summers. “I feel my biggest strength was lobbing. The girl would come up to the net and a lob seemed to work.”

Senior Rachel Hermann also defeated her Midland opponent, 7-5, 6-2 in her no. 4 singles match-up to improve to 4-6 in the season.

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The fourth win for NW came from doubles match-up, Jessica Pomeranke and Kate Mannenbach, who improved to 6-4 at no. 3 doubles with an 8-1 win over Fuerst/Deanna Rezac. Yet, Rachel Hermann and Laura Starr lost the closest match of the day at no. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-4 in tie-break).

Women’s golf improves two spots in the GPAC

BY HEIDI MILDEBRANDT

The Northwestern women’s golf team competed in three meets last week, the GPAC Qualifier no. 3 on April 13, the Briar Cliff Invite on April 16 and the Dana College Open on April 18.

The Red Raiders had a very successful outing on Saturday, with the varsity finishing second place (335) and JV finishing right behind in third (370) at the eight-team meet. All five varsity golfers placed in the top ten. Freshman Andria Hinze tied for third place with an 81, closely followed by sophomore Maggie Achterhof, who finished fifth with 82. Seniors Kelsey Shiflett and Carrie Spree shot an 85 to tie for eighth place and junior Rachelle Pedersen placed tenth with 87.

NW White was led by junior Anne Eberline, who finished 11th with an 89, and senior Chelsea Harberth, who shot a 93 for 16th place. Senior Lisa Wiersma and hammie Fuerst/Deanna Rezac. Yet, Rachel Hermann and Laura Starr lost the closest match of the day at no. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-4 in tie-break).

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Men’s golf hopes to improve in final round of the GPAC championships

BY CAMERON CARLOW

The Northwestern men’s golf team has completed the third round of the GPAC Qualifier and will head into the final round on Tuesday, April 28.

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Alongside Pannkuk, junior Luke Vermeer shot an 81 to tie for 25th place followed by freshman Ross Kiewiet with an 82. Junior Jon Roberts finished the day with an 83 and senior Jamie Jeltema rounded off the Raiders’ scoring with an 86.

Following the GPAC Qualifier, NW traveled to Storm Lake to take part in the Buena Vista Invitational.

Baseball looks to bounce back from five-game skid

BY CAMERON CARLOW

The game against Nebraska Wesleyan on Wednesday.

Sophomore Drew Nonnemacher warms up for the Raiders in the top of the 6th inning and Rachel Harris and the other by 7th inning. NW totalled gained their run at the top of the double header, the Warriors are now 8-14 and they are 11-

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Softball as they fell to Midland.

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Baseball looks to bounce back from five-game skid

BY CAMERON CARLOW

Five straight losses, including two double headers last week, has dropped the Northwestern baseball team’s record to 17-21 and 6-14 in the GPAC.

Mount Marty

Two of the losses came from Mount Marty in a double header last Friday, April 17. In the first game, NW fell behind 3-0 after the first inning, however, and Mount Marty tied it up in the bottom of the inning.

The game remained tied at 4-4 and went into extra innings. After 11 innings, the Raiders put up another run taking a 5-4 lead off of freshman Mike Shields’ squeeze bunt to drive in Payne.

Once again, the game ended up in a Mount Marty lead after an inning of each. Sophomore catcher Chuck Stiltner went 2-4 with an RBL, along with junior center fielder Matt Gray who also went 2-4. Throughout the game, the Raiders used 17 different pinch hitters.

In the second game at Mount Marty, NW lost 6-5. The Raiders scored over half of the game in the bottom of the 7th inning. Curtis Bomgar scored a run and drove in a run for NW, going 2-4-0.

Mount Marty ended the 11th inning in a Mount Marty lead after a three-run inning, but still could not produce enough runs. Payne went 3-4 in 4-inning game, driving in two and scoring once himself. Senior Jake Jansen drove in two runs, going 2-3-0. Junior Curtis Bomgar also drove in a run for NW, going 2-4-0.

Nebraska Wesleyan

After the two losses to Mount Marty, NW played a double header against Neb Wesleyan. After falling behind early in the first game, the Raiders could not bounce back and lost 7-3.

Payne scored one run on his only hit of the game and Bomgar, who scored two runs, went 1-0-3.

In the second game, NW jumped out to an early lead going up 1-0 after the first inning, Neb Wesleyan put up three runs in the second to take the lead and never looked back. Despite tying the game at three in the fourth, Neb Wesleyan went on to win 13-3 in a series of hits late in the game.

Going 3-0-3 on the day was sophomore Kent Drickey of NW. Drickey scored one run and went 2-0-4 with an RBL. Bomgar also earned a run in the second, scoring one run and 3-0-4.

NW looks to bounce back from its five-game losing streak tonight against Briar Cliff before ending its regular season at Dordt on Saturday, April 25.

Track teams find success at the Sioux City Relays

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT

The Northwestern track team turned an impressive 15 top ten performances at the competitive Sioux City Relays last weekend. The team saw some outstanding performances both in the ideal weather on Friday and the rainy conditions Saturday.

The Red Raider field events had a great meet, led by sophomore Logan Ogden, who placed second in the shot put with 50 feet, 7 inches, and second in the discus with 151-4. Fellow sophomore Paul Lundgren threw the shot 47-7.25 to take fourth and placed ninth in the discus with 122-8. Freshman Kiley Murra also finished in the top ten in the shot put, throwing 43-2.5 to place tenth. Senior Matt Roesser heaved the javelin 152-6 to third, while freshman Mark Mirescu scored 3-32.5 in the high jump to place sixth.

On the women’s side, freshman Danielle Fry threw 131-9 in the discus to place fifth. Freshman Elizabeth Stevens took ninth in the javelin with a toss of 89-6, and sophomore Angela Wiesema leaped 33-8 in the triple jump to place seventh.

The running events also had a strong showing, with junior Emily De Weerd running 15.66 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles to finish fourth. Junior Kyle Sauter took fifth in the 110-meter hurdles (15.15) and the 400-meter hurdles (55.37).

Junior Ingrid Carlson ran 19:00 in the 5000-meter to take eighth, and senior Nick Peterson ran the 3000-meter steeplechase in 10:08 to place tenth.

Three NW relay teams placed in the top five. The men’s 4x400-meter relay team placed third with 3:24.2. Team members were Sauter, sophomore Kevin Krueger, and seniors Derrick Rensink and Ben Brown. Sophomore Jordan Langer, senior Jameson Gutfiiller, freshman Parker Moore and junior Luke Reitnaufer combined to run a 4x100-meter time of 43.6 and place fourth. The women’s 4x400-meter relay team of De Weerd, junior Andrea Wedel, sophomore Stacey Dietrich and junior Delainye Hardersen placed fifth with a time of 3:32.6.

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“The Foreigner” brings comedy to NW campus for the semester’s end

BY KRISTIN KOOIMA
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Northwestern’s drama department is proud to present “The Foreigner,” by Larry Shue. This comedy will be at the England Theatre in the DeVitt Theatre Arts Center on April 24 - 25, 29 - 30 and May 1 - 2 at 7:30 p.m.

“The Foreigner” is a play set in Georgia in the 1980’s. Charlie Baker, an Englishman and Froggy LeSueur, an American, travel to the United States before Froggy leaves for training. Charlie does not want anybody to speak to him and, in turn, Froggy tells people he cannot understand or speak English. This continues until the American turns, Froggy tells people he cannot understand or speak English. It is a director’s dream.”

Theatre professor, Jeff Taylor is directing along with senior Hannah Sauerwein, who is the assistant director and the director of the play. The directors, cast and crew members have been working on this play for about a month and a half. Rehearsals go six days a week and can last up to three hours.

Senior Tucker Schneider plays the role of Charlie and freshman Daniel Sikkema plays Froggy. Schneider and Sikkema both said they were challenging to portray somebody very unlike themselves. Sikkema had the added challenge of speaking with a Cockney accent. This will be Schneider’s last production at NW.

“It is sort of sad, but I feel like I am going out with a bang playing one of my favorite characters I have ever gotten to work on,” Schneider said.

Other cast members include seniors Kailen Fleck and Hannah McBride, junior Cody Raak, sophomores Sara Chipman and Kory Jensen, and freshmen Aaron Bauer and Joel Koster. Taylor is extremely excited about this play. He said he “truly got to work with a dream cast. Everybody was on the same page and everybody was creative. It is a director’s dream.”

Sikkema said, “It’s a great show that will provide relief from the stresses of the end-of-the-year rush. Laughter is one of the best remedies for stress, and this show will provide them with that.”

Taylor wants the audience to walk away from this play feeling encouraged. He wants them to laugh, but also think about who they are and what their friendships are about.

“Shue shows a good way to answer the hard questions in life, and its starts with having good friends,” said Taylor.

Tickets for “The Foreigner” are $5 and can be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased by calling the box office at 712-707-7098 or e-mailing boxoffice@nwciowa.edu.

NW volunteers services to Orange City community

BY TEDI SWANSON
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This Saturday, April 25, marks the first Northwestern College Day of Service for the Orange City community. This event was inspired by a tradition at Texas A & M University that began in 1982 called The Big Event. The Big Event began when the vice president of the Student Government Association realized how much the community gave to the college and decided it was time that the college showed its appreciation for the community.

“The vision is for students, faculty and staff to unite in an effort to say thank-you to the Orange City community, who continually support NW college,” said Brittany Caffey, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinator at NW.

Caffey is a member of the Committee for Volunteer Awareness, and was responsible for planning the event. Other members of this committee include seniors Jenny Bagley, Libby Burkitt, Courtney Holm and Jamie Richards, junior Lindsey Peters and sophomore Lisa Thvedt. The group sent out invitations to churches and organizations asking for volunteer jobs. They then advertised to the campus to ask for volunteers for the service day and partnered the volunteers with the jobs they had available. The 65 volunteers will work in two shifts from 10 to 11:45 a.m. and 1 to 2:45 p.m. in crewed up by members of Committee for Volunteer Awareness.

“Two crews are helping out individuals on the Tulip Festival committees: one crew will be removing a wall from a shed where floats are prepared. Another will be painting announcement stands,” said Caffey.

Other crews will be cleaning, organizing and doing yard work at the Family Crisis Center, scraping paint off of a wall at Church of the Savior, babysitting and organizing at The Bridge Transitional Housing, helping to divide plots for the community gardeners at the Community Garden, painting shelves and cleaning the basement at Hands Around the World and doing yard work for both Hope Haven and various members of the community.

“I'm excited to see how the first Day of Service turns out,” said Caffey. “I think it is a great opportunity for us to get involved in the community.”

Caffey encouraged of fellow students to present things. “I think that by giving students the opportunity to show others what they're doing it will encourage students to say, ‘I can do this too’ and motivate them to work beyond just class work,” she said.

Presentations range from the fields of social work, nursing, psychology, biology, chemistry, physics and theater. Cambetas hopes that this event will show students that scholarship is not exclusively categorized as “boring” research. Both creative works as well as research projects will be displayed.

“It’s research but it can look different,” she said. “Scholarship looks different throughout any discipline.”

While planning this event, Cambetas focused not only on the sharing of student research, but the

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