Jazz bands team up with NISO in concert

BY RENEE NYHOF
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Northwestern’s Jazz Band will perform during the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) Pops Concert presented at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night as the BJ Haan Auditorium, located on the Dordt College campus.

Music from the non-classical tradition will be performed under the direction of Henry Duitman said Associate Professor of Music Timothy McGarvey.

NISO is comprised of several outstanding regional musicians that range from adults in Northwest Iowa and South Dakota, along with college students from NW and Dordt and a few area high school students. Each year NISO presents three concerts with an annual Concert for Children in fifth and sixth grades in November.

For the Pops Concert tomorrow night, the symphonic orchestra will take the stage for part of the concert and share the remaining time with the Dordt and NW jazz bands.

NW’s Jazz Band has been working hard in preparation for tomorrow night’s concert according to McGarvey. They have the opportunity to share three pieces, which are selections the Jazz Band originally played in NW’s fall concert.

Another treat for this winter concert will come from a guest drummer and composer/arranger soloist, David Glunk. This Professor of Studio Composition from Purchase College State University in New York is a member of an internationally known RHYTHM & BRASSgroup. Glunk will perform with both jazz bands. In addition, Glunk will also present a solo of a world premiere composition he wrote for NISO using a multiple percussion instrument setup.

Hearing this renowned soloist and coming together with regional musicians is not the only anticipation NW’s Jazz Band has for tomorrow night.

“Getting to play for a different audience and play to people who wouldn’t normally hear us is exciting,” said McGarvey.

All in all, NW’s Jazz Band hopes to share a variety of musical melodies with various artists tomorrow night at the NISO Pops Concert and they encourage you to join them. If you want to learn more about the concert or are interested in sampling a taste of the music NISO performs, check out NISO’s website at http://niso.dordt.edu.

Aqua Teen marketing scheme shuts down part of Boston

BY KIM EASON AND JAIME EVENHUIS
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Parts of Boston were temporarily shut down on Wednesday, Jan. 31, when several blinking electronic devices were found at bridges and other spots and panicked the city.

The electronic devices resembled a circuit board with protruding wires. The one-foot

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A bomb squad member inspects the suspicious Mooninite electronic devices.

Sean Stevens and Peter Berdovsky are the suspects in the Boston scare on Wednesday.
Have patience in spouse hunting

The other day (that likely being yesterday) I, a well-seasoned sophomore-by-semester-junior-by-credits, was reflecting on how my views of Northwestern have changed from the time I was a young and naive prospective student. I recall the summer I received my housing information revealing to me where and with whom I would be living.

Knowing nothing of dorm stereotypes (or the exceptions to them) I immediately began finding my own pros and cons. Hoppers was all the way on the other side of campus (which, in reality, was only a two minute walk) from the cafeteria and the sports complex. It had the smallest rooms of the three female dorms and lofting was not an option. However, it also housed a small community, was near the chapel and right next to Colybranden, the largest of male dorms. This, I thought, would be most beneficial.

A dating-deprived and hopelessly hopeful freshman, I pictured the men of Coly coming over to Hoppers to visit. How fortuitous that the smallest of female and largest of male dorms would be side-by-side. Surely this would help to combat the two-to-one female-to-male ratio so typical of small Christian colleges and universities.

Little did I know that NW was home to many a female hunter, and it was always open-season on male students. Open dorm hours began and the spotted prey stood no chance. Females from all parts of campus flocked to Coly (and perhaps other dorms) to stake their claim.

My friends and I called them the “Cookie Girls.” It appeared that their tactic was to bake several dozen cookies and proceed to knock down the doors of Coly, hoping to find a worthy specimen. Within a few weeks I gave up on this tactic and simply knocked on the doors of the largest of male dorms. This, I thought, would be most beneficial.

Still, something seemed amiss. Why was this campus (myself included) so insistent on pursuing romantic partners? Whatever happened to “Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires” (Song of Songs 8:4)?

I’m not arguing for a return to arranged marriages. I’m not even trying to argue (there seems to be enough of that on campus). All I ask is that you consider an alternative to competitive pursual. Is it really so difficult to conceive waiting for relationships to develop naturally?

I’m no theologian (though I realize we all practice theology), but it seems to me that there is an awful lot of Scripture that directs us to wait and seek God. “In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation (Psalm 5:3).” If we are pursuing anyone it should be God. “My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!’ Your face, O LORD, I will seek” (Psalm 27:8).

Instead of chasing through the halls of a male dorm with a tray full of cookies, I think I would be much better off taking my heart full of prayers and seeking the love of my life in the chapel.

OPINION

God’s word is not a matter of opinion but of absolute truth

BY CHANTELLE STEGERGDA

When it comes to the issue of truth, many cross the line. We cannot measure truth by opinion.

There is a story of some blind men trying to figure out what an elephant is like. Each feels a different part and concludes that the elephant is like that part. No one man is correct by himself. Neither can the blind men figure out what the elephant is like only by looking to the testimonies of the other men. They can’t put all of the pieces together because no man can describe where his part is in relation to all the others. The only way for him to know is either to see it or to feel the entire elephant himself.

This is a picture of us as a community trying to define what is right and wrong. None of us can see the whole thing. Although we can listen to the opinions of others, we are all still blind, and there’s no way for any of us to have all the pieces.

Discovering the joys of secondhand food in the cafeteria

BY KEVIN SAS

This past week, I only ate leftovers. The only food I ate was from what others put on the conveyor belt in the cafeteria. I was trying to put myself in a position where I would be like someone who is poor or homeless and does not have the same luxury of eating what “normal” people can eat. I also wanted to do this to show how much food is wasted by us here at Northwestern.

The first meal was difficult. I went into the cafeteria, grabbed a fork and spoon, and sat down by a table near the conveyor belt. It was hard to make myself go up and take others’ leftovers.

Honestly, I was a bit afraid of what I could see from the food. Would it be like the wasted leftover foods that might have been done to the food. Maybe someone who was sick had put their food through the cafeteria. How long had they been playing with the leftovers on their tray before bringing it up to the conveyor belt?

Finally, I was able to eat some partially-eaten grilled cheese sandwiches and some pasta that was left. After the first few meals, I left the caf a little bit hungry. I had no idea what the food would be like. But as I continued, I found it easier to eat half-eaten food, take leftover drinks that came to the conveyor belt, and eat foods without the condiments that I would normally have with it. Most of all, I found it easier to eat food that I was used to, even if it was a little colder than when I usually get it.

One time I saw people mixing their leftovers together, dumping salt and pepper on them, and putting them in their drinks. I almost felt like saying something because I wanted that food they were playing with. I wanted what they didn’t want. I wanted to drink their milk. But they had “ruined” it.

I thought about how a homeless person would feel when he or she is simply trying to find food. Others would walk by, seeing the trays by the conveyor belt, and wonder what this crazy guy was doing. They might whisper to those they’re walking with, talking about the person digging through the garbage. That’s the only food that person can get, and yet we walk by in our nice clothes, not knowing that our next meal will come from. We’ll eat until we’re stuffed, realize we’ve taken twice as much as we can eat, throw the rest away, maybe after playing with it for awhile, and mock the person who finds our trash to be a delicacy.

This person has to put up with our strange glances and eat food that no one else wants while we get our fill on an abundance of food that we want, prepared how we want it. We waste our food, leaving things about how our next meal will come from. We think about how long it might take to get a meal for a homeless person. If they don’t make it to the soup kitchen, they might have to dig through the garbage for a meal or beg for money in order to buy a meal.

We can’t shape truth. It’s absolute. We shouldn’t value our opinions to the point of shoving them over an issue of truth or Christian morality in order to buy a meal or beg for money. We can’t change God’s truth for human opinion. Biblical Christianity has never offered such a wishy-washy version of truth. A relative truth is one that you can die for because it is subjective to preference and opinion.

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Welcome to the Black Parade: a sardonic blend of bittersweet anthems

BY BETHANY KROEZE
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My Chemical Romance’s (MCR) most recent release, “Welcome to the Black Parade,” reeks of mid-seventies pop-punk melodies but thrives in current pop culture. MCR’s third release boasts 13 tracks, plus a hidden bonus track, and includes the top ten hit “Welcome to the Black Parade.”

The first single, “Welcome to the Black Parade,” starts off slow, emphasizing the strong vocals of lead singer and songwriter Gerard Way. The compelling piano line leads into a new sound with marching band-esque drums and more screamed vocals. A drumroll leads into another change in sound, emphasizing MCR’s pop-punk style label.

The marching band feel seems appropriate with the opening lyrics, “When I was a young boy / my father took me into the city / to see a marching band.” When I first heard this song, the lyrics that stuck to me the most were the father’s words to his son, “Son, when you grow up, / would you be / the savior of the broken, / the beaten and the damned?” The father continues to instruct his son to defeat his demons, those who don’t believe in him and, ultimately, carry on without his father. The peppy chorus repeats “We’ll carry on...” and though you’re dead and gone believe me / your memory will carry on.”

MCR claims several influences, including Queen, Thursday, Iron Maiden and Pink Floyd. This variety of influence is easily heard throughout the new album.

The song “Mama” begins with a bouncy melody and vocals, which reminds me of the AC/DC song “Big Balls.” The verses of “Mama” continue with this bouncy, slightly sardonic sound. As the song continues, the bitter lyrics become more clearly reflected through the intensity of the music. The exquisite variety of sound featured in this song easily makes it my favorite track on the album.

“I Don’t Love You” is more of a classic punk ballad with a gentle flowing sound and a slight feel of sadness. In this song, the singer cries out to his girlfriend as she leaves, “Well, when you go / don’t ever think I’ll love you like I did yesterday.” This bitter sadness is felt throughout the song, which finishes with the slightly less dramatic declaration “I don’t love you like I did yesterday.”

I felt like this song was trying to fit into a mold that the band should not conform to—the need for a love ballad. The contrast from the rest of the album is quite drastic. While most of the album revolves around death, evil and suffering, the suffering in this song does not come close to being comparable. The melodic variety in this song is limited and the general sound of the song is more or less the same.

The track “Teenagers” reminds me of the ska punk flavor of ‘90s group The Offspring, particularly their song “Why Don’t You Get a Job?” “Teenagers” is about how teens are scared to those surrounding them. The chorus says that teenagers “could care less as long as someone’ll bleed.” The lyrics to the second verse hit on high school cliques while the general idea of the hurt and destruction teenagers emit is conveyed through the entirety of the song.

Hemingway: not only for readers

BY AMANDA KUEHN
FEATURES EDITOR

Born July 21, 1899, American novelist and short-story writer Ernest Hemingway continues to find his way into the lives of present-day Americans. Some know him through the literary circle of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Ezra Pound. Others are familiar with his famous works “For Whom the Bells Toll,” “A Farewell to Arms” and “The Old Man and the Sea.” Still others recognize him as a decorated hero who was injured in WWI and went on to serve as a war correspondent in both the Spanish Civil War and WWII. Then there are the few residents of Orange City who may first come into contact with Hemingway at a local bar and grill.

Adjacent to the city-renowned Blue Mountain, Hemingway’s Lodge is a sophisticated little place which provides an atmosphere that is simultaneously rugged and sophisticated. Created in the spirit of Hemingway himself, the lodge features a roaring fireplace, high top tables, a large screen TV and high quality fare.

Hemingway’s prides itself on cooking over a charcoal grill. The smell of it is enough to make your mouth water. After walking into this joint, the lucky customer orders at the counter from a menu featuring drinks, appetizers, burgers, hot dogs, specialties and sides. These menu items range in both variety and price, from buffalo wings for $6.00 to cheese balls for $3.50 to a side of fries for $1.25. You may even venture out and try some smoked chicken nachos, the Buffalo burger or the Hemingway Sandwich, which boasts Italian sausage, onion straws, cheese and BBQ sauce.

I selected a quartet of the jerked chicken for $2.75. Opting to use the convenient water station helped me save some additional change. My lunch dates chose the chicken quesadilla and Hemingway Sandwich. Though both were deemed “a little pricey,” they were nonetheless delicious.

Hemingway’s could be described as a male version of “the coffee shop.” It serves as a fine place to get together for drinks and appetizers or have a casual lunch meeting—business or otherwise. Though perhaps not practical for the penny-pinching college student, it certainly is a step up from traditional cafeteria food.

Campus Quotes

“It is entirely possible for me to be wrong. I am, after all, on drugs.”
- Professor Joel Westerholm, discussing “The Ramayana” and drinking coffee

“That is my opinion, worth nothing to you, worth nothing to me.”
- Professor Jackie Smallbones, in her Christian Spirituality class

“He’s almost like Jesus...”
- Sophomore Amanda Maloney, describing Robin Hood

“The Faculty Ghetto.”
- Professor Michael Yoder, referring to where the faculty sit during chapel

Send your Campus Quotes, with context, to beacon@mnciowan.edu.
Realize and utilize untapped resources

BY AMANDA KUEHN
FEATURES EDITOR

One of the most overlooked resources on campus, the Center offers many of the things college students desire most direction, advice, opportunity and space. Believe it or not, despite the completely booked classrooms and overcrowded housing, there is space for students that is not being used to its full potential. It is space that has been created for sacred and social function, space that is almost always available, space that you could be using.

If you enter the west doors of the Center, on your left you will encounter rooms 104 and 106, more specifically the Prayer Room and Student Meeting Room, both ready and waiting to be used and occupied by you.

The Prayer Room, which is open from 8 a.m. to 12 a.m., offers a stained glass window, icon-type pictures, chairs, candle, and stillness in which to pray alone or corporately. There is also a small adjoining room containing a chair, lamp and community prayer journal. It’s a great place to get away from the busyness of class and hectic life of the dorms.

Next door is the Student Meeting Room, freshly redecorated and equipped with a keyboard, high-top tables, large screen television, couches and lighting, it looks like something off Trading Spaces. Though this room is occasionally occupied during the day (as listed outside the door), it is otherwise available for reservation and student use.

Instead of complaining about the lack of resources available at a small private school, perhaps you should take advantage of the ones you do have. Check out the Center and make use of all that your tuition provides.

As active college students, sometimes stillness can be as hard to encounter in our lives as appealing food is difficult to locate in the cafeteria. Often we are unable to find enough quiet time to sleep, much less focus on spiritual disciplines involving silence. But, on Friday, Jan. 19, 17 students, two student leaders and one spiritual facilitator set out on a Spiritual Stillness Retreat with the goal of acquiring such spiritual disciplines.

Seniors Lindsey De Kruijf and Emily Fischer, Discipleship Coordinators for the Campus Ministry Team, were placed as student leaders of the event because of a personal interest in the retreat’s focus.

Professor of Religion and Christian Education Jackie Smallbones, who has previously led similar retreats both here and in South Africa, was the spiritual facilitator of the event, which was held at the BroomTree Retreat Center near Irene, S.D. The Campus Ministry Team and Lilly Grant sponsored the event, allowing students to attend for an affordable $10.

The event enabled students to experience spiritual renewal through disciplines including meditation, Lectio Divina (scriptural or devotional reading intended to promote communion with God), communal prayer, and silence. Junior Christel de Waard, describes her time at the retreat as “truly refreshing… to be able to sit in silence without a planner, cell phone, computer or visitors who stop by.”

Many of the retreat attendees expressed an appreciation for the disciplined silence that was required during the event. Ellen Schuch, a sophomore who attended the retreat, explained, “It’s so good to practice being still and listening to God, especially in a world that always produces instant gratification and results. You just have to know that you are in the presence of God, even when you don’t feel it.”

The Campus Ministry Team hopes to offer similar experiences each semester and Smallbones has expressed her willingness to lead future retreats focusing on spiritual disciplines relating to silence.

In the bustling atmosphere of NW, it is often difficult to withdraw from the noise and distraction created by hundreds of individuals. Smallbones argues that meditating in silence and solitude offers an “opportunity to practice disciplines that we may not have been trained to do.” Though it could pose as a challenge, perhaps it is something all students should try.
Bonds of love deeper than those of blood

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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What transcends skin color and joins nations together? For several Northwestern faculty and students, the answer is family. Those who have been involved with international adoption understand that family ties are not just determined by blood.

As junior Jessica Regan said of her diverse family, “The Regan family has four nations living under one roof.”

“It’s unique walking into church and having your whole family represent the diversity in one pew. We’re different, but I believe I’ve been blessed to see and be a part of the Kingdom of God,” she said.

Although international adoption is a familiar subject, many of us are unaware that adoption has played a significant role in the lives of many on our own campus.

Out of Ethiopia

Instructor in Education Laura Heitritter and her husband Steve have also been a part of the Kingdom of God through international adoption. Though the Heitritters originally considered adopting from China, NW Cataloger and Library Systems Specialist Sherri Langdon influenced their decision to adopt from Ethiopia.

After a year-long process, the Heitritters welcomed two little Ethiopian girls into their family on December 16, 2006. Though their personalities are very different, Megan and Shaya are biological sisters from an orphanage in Ethiopia.

“She had experienced ‘motor delays due to lying down for so many months in an orphanage.’ Despite the health problems, Megan is a pleasant, sunny baby. ‘We needed a happy baby,’ Heitritter smiled.

Heitritter has a very humble spirit about her role in Shaya and Megan’s lives. During the adoption process, Heitritter realized that ‘these are God’s kids and that He will take care of them.’

Mixed Views

Even as the Heitritters and Langdons welcome new members into their family, sophomore Hannah Watters admitted that she has “mixed views on adoption.” Watters was adopted from South Korea at the age of two.

“The circumstances surrounding adoption are really huge,” she said. Though her biological mother died and her father could not take care of her, Watters said her father gave her up for adoption because he loved her and wanted a better life for her. She also has an older brother and sister in Korea. Though she has no contact with them, she hopes to go back to Korea and look up her records someday.

“I don’t think people understand how hard [being adopted] can be,” Watters believes that parents should be better prepared to realize the “emotional and psychological effects” of adoption on the child.

Speaking of the effect of being from a different race as a child, Watters said, “Kind of related my difference from white people for awhile. “Now, she admits, “I think I usually forget that I’m of a different race. I came to accept the fact that that’s who I am and that’s part of me.”

Though laughing in recollection of her siblings teasing her about her Asian appearance, she said, “The Asian race is a very well-respected race.”

Identity

Philippines at the age of one, admitted, “I have struggled to understand where I come from biologically and that I am not just Filipino but half African-American as well.”

Reflecting on her childhood, Regan said, “Growing up, I always understood that I was adopted and that it was special. I knew very well that my skin color didn’t match that of my parents, but my mother’s famous quote was this, ‘Jessica, you may not be of my tummy but you’re of my heart.’ That has stuck with me since day one and I’ll never forget it.”

Regan’s strong faith in God was integral to establishing her identity. “I needed to first make my identity in Christ. When that was in place, it didn’t matter if I was an Asian-American or an adoptee. I am a child of Jesus Christ,” she said.

Watters also found her identity in Christ but noted that her home environment contributed to her having a secure identity. “My parents were very, very loving and created an amazing environment for me to grow up in,” she smiled. “[It] was like my whole family was adopting me.”

Though sophomore CJ Wurpts recalled times as a child when the vicious comments of his peers made him ashamed of his non-European identity, he has also found his security in Christ.

“I used to wonder why God would send me into the world only to be rejected by my birth mother and sent off to some hicks in Iowa. I eventually changed my mind, however, and now see it as I do any other aspect of my life… It’s who I am and who I am is because of God and who he wants me to be,” he said.

Racism

Adopted from South Korea at the age of six months, Wurpts has not always experienced civility and respect. While the teasing remarks of peers are a familiar memory, he reflected on the presence of racism in his life.

“Perhaps the ugliest portion of being Asian in Northwest Iowa is the actual racism that pervades the entire area at times. Racism is one of the nastiest experiences you can have, and when it’s unfounded, it’s even worse. Mostly it’s a subtle hatred that shows itself in the form of being ignored in conversation, but other times it’s much more apparent.”

Wurpts related a recent experience in which he was confronted by an employer’s prejudice after merely seeking a job application.

Sophomore Camille Martin also recalled the racism that her adopted Korean sister, Jill, has often faced. When Jill was buying an item at a gas station one day, the cashier would not put the change in Jill’s hand as he had for other customers but instead plunked it down on the counter.

Adopted Siblings

Adoption affects receiving siblings as much as it does those that are adopted. Several NW students have enjoyed having adopted siblings in their lives.

In addition to her 21-year-old adopted sister from South Korea, Martin also has a 26-year-old adopted brother from Tennessee.

She said that Jill and Trevor have “enriched [her] family’s life as a whole.” Attesting to the closeness she shares with her sister, Martin said, “I do not see my sister as a race but as my sister.”

Martin has received comments for having adopted siblings. “So you don’t have any real brothers and sisters?” people would ask. To this question, Martin would reply, “They are my real brother and sister. It’s family. I don’t care if there are blood ties or not.”

Sophomore Chelsea Harberts’ family is also strongly considering adoption. “Ever since I was little, my Dad and I had talked about it but never really told my mom,” she grinned. Recently, her parents have started reading books and going to meetings in Sioux Center where approximately 15 couples meet to learn about adoption. Though countries such as Guatemala, China, and Poland have been discussed as possible adoption sites, Harberts said, “I want to get them out of India because of the religion aspect.”

With the likelihood of adoption standing at “90 percent,” Harberts is very excited by the prospect of one or two new additions to her family.

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Shaya and Megan spend some time together.

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NW defeats Dordt, builds win streak to 6

BY MIKE VAN ENGEN

In a packed DeVitt Gymnasium, the heat turned up as Northwestern took on conference rival Dordt on their home court last Saturday, Jan. 27. The Raiders topped Dordt 76-59 and improved to 17-6 overall and 10-3 in conference play. The win boosted the Raiders to a share at the top of the GPAC and a ranking in the national top 10. NW has now won six games consecutively and looks to further their standings in NAIA division II basketball.

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Women’s basketball defeats rival Dordt

BY LAURA JACOBSON

SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwestern women's basketball team defeated rival Dordt College on Saturday, Jan. 27, in a decisive 96-73 victory. The game began in a dry spell, with the two teams tied at 8-8 nearly halfway through the first half after trading leads throughout the first seven minutes. But the Raiders pulled ahead to gain a substantial lead of 48-29 going into the break.

Despite the slow start, Head Coach Earl Woudstra credited the win in part to the women's offensive effort. “In the first two minutes, we weren't as sharp,” Woudstra said. “We were in a hurry. But our offensive execution in the last 15 minutes of the first half was as good as it's been all year.”

Amy Larson also noted the factors contributing to NW's win. “We came out ready to play our game from the start,” said the junior guard. “We attacked the basket well and were able to get points from the post and perimeter players. It was a fun atmosphere, and everyone got the chance to play quite a bit, so that made it more fun.” Larson also commented on the team's improvement on the offensive end. “We took care of the ball better than we have all season and had good ball movement,” she said, “which helped us get good shots.”

Juniors Deb Remmerde and Jaime Hoegh each added 13 points, with 13 points, eight rebounds, and six assists while sophomore Kale Wiertzema and junior Curt Schilling each added 13.

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Dana enters the contest with a 3-10 GPAC record. The Raiders are currently 10-3 in the conference and 22nd in the most recent NAIA poll. Saturday's game will begin at 2 p.m.

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**BY DAN CLIFF STAFF WRITER**

The Northwestern College track and field squad traveled to Storm Lake to compete in the Buena Vista Invitational last Saturday, Jan. 27. The Raiders came away with four first place finishes at the meet, which featured 11 different collegiate teams.

Senior Andrew Ortmeier provisionally qualified for the NAIA national meet and took first place in the weight throw with his toss of 15.81 meters. Fellow sophomore Robby Cundy qualified provisionally for nationals and took first place in the 55 meter hurdles with a time of 7.74. Freshman Kyle Sauter was third in the same event with a time of 8.14 and was a surprise provisional qualifier for nationals for the Raiders.

"This is a great milestone for Kyle," Wolf said. "He is still learning and his form is getting cleaner. I’m excited for his future."

The men’s 4x400 team also took first place at the Buena Vista Invitational with a time of 3:27.81. The team consisted of senior Bryce Becker, Cundy, junior Brock Jensen and freshman Steven Westerkaap.

“This was an excellent race,” Wolf said. “The team was able to push the whole way and it was fun to see them come away with a first place finish.”

Junior Laura Jacobson took top honors on the women’s side for the second weekend in a row, but this time it was in the 400 meter dash. Her time of 1:00.54 was nearly two seconds faster than the second place finisher from Dordt College with a time of 1:02.22. Last week Jacobson was third at the Iowa State Open with her time of 29:02.0 in the 600 yard run which also qualified her for the NAIA Indoor Nationals.

“This was a good run for Laura,” Coach Nate Wolf said. “This is not a race that she usually runs but we put her in it for a change of pace.”

Seven other Raiders grabbed a place in the top three in their individual events. Freshman Halee Wilken tied for first in the pole vault with her 2.65 meter effort. Senior Kristen Becker finished second in the 600 meter run with a time of 1:36.3. Junior Jon Woehl both ran in the 5,000 meter run. Woehl took second with a time of 16:15.47 and Woehl finished behind him in third with a time of 16:35.79. Michael Ortmeier, a junior, finished third in the pole vault after clearing 3.77 meters.

“For half of our squad this was their first meet of the year and it looked like we responded pretty well,” Wolf said. “We showed potential with both our men and women runners, but we still have some work to do before the conference meet.”

The squad’s next competition is Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Dordt College Invite in Sioux Center.

**Wrestlers work hard for a strong finish**

BY BETSY HEIBERGER ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Despite their effort and focus, the Raider wrestlers didn’t manage to pull off two more dual wins this past week. The Northwestern men hosted the Morningside Mustangs on Tuesday, night which ended in a final score of 22 to 12 with Morningside taking the lead.

Even with this loss, the Raiders still had some outstanding matches. Freshman Sam Zylstra (285) fought a long fight against his man, finishing in the win with a two-point lead. Ever the winner, sophomore Enock Francois (174) did not disappoint, defeating his opponent with a final score of 9 to 3.

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- Coach Petty

Levi Price (141) came out with a 11 to 6 win against Jarett Pickett of Morningside who had placed third in the Raider Invite. Senior Chris Keating (149) also contributed to the team point total with his 10-4 victory. Senior Courtney Goodwin (157) fought a good fight against eighth-ranked Matt Gustafson, losing narrowly in the overtime match.

On Friday night, Jan. 26, the Raiders wrestled well in a dual against defending champions, Dordt College, but came up short with a 14-22 ending score. Head Coach John Petry commented, “We had our chances but didn’t capitalize on them.” However, he was also very positive about the experience.

“I feel extremely good about our performance as a team and the way we competed in a hostile environment,” Petry said. “I believe the GPAC, the region and soon the nation will know that the Red Raiders mean business.” The Raider wrestlers did succeed in a few of their matches. Francois, Keating, and sophomore Derek Koster (174) recorded wins by decision in the away dual. Francois and Koster each bumped up a weight class for the competition. Petry was pleased with their performance, saying Koster “defeated a very solid wrestler” and Francois “had a great victory.”

The last win against Dana went to Price who defeated his eighth-ranked opponent with a pin fall of 6-48.

At this point in the season, three NW men are nationally-ranked. Junior Andrew Lundgren (197) and Francois are both ranked fourth in their respective weight classes. Sophomore Jordan Keckler is ranked sixth at 133 pounds.

Only two wrestling events remain before the GPAC Championships on Saturday, Feb. 10. Tomorrow the Raiders travel to Sioux City to participate in the Briar Cliff Invitational starting at 9:00 a.m. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, the Raiders will return to Briar Cliff to face the Chargers in the final dual match of the season.

**PROFILE**

Andrew Lundgren

BY KAYLA MAXEDON STAFF WRITER

Skin diseases. Extreme weight loss. Grueling daily workouts. Wrestling is not a sport many people seem to dare to try. But junior Andrew Lundgren of Storm Lake is the exception.

“I love it,” he says he lives by Psalm 144:1. “It just reminds me that God is with me and that I can go up against anything,” Lundgren said.

There are a few people who have greatly helped Andrew get where he is today. "My father has always been there for me,“ Lundgren said. “He coached me through high school and continues to, which has not only helped me as an athlete but also made our relationship strong." Lundgren also notes the role played by his faith. “Jesus Christ is a huge impact on my life and I could not do this without Him,” said Lundgren. “Just knowing He is always there for me is what gets me through the tough times.”

According to Head Coach John Petry, “Andrew is the pulse and heart of the team and in the classroom. He is also a great person and a great spirit to be around.”

When not on the mat, Lundgren enjoys fishing, camping and other outdoor activities. His future plans include graduating from Northwestern in 2008 with a degree in physical education, marrying his fiancée Emily Elsberry that summer, and then settling into teaching and coaching somewhere in Orange City.

Andrew wants to congratulate his teammates on how they are doing. “They are doing great and are all doing a good job at achieving their goals. I also want to thank everyone for all of their support.”

“I never thought I could be a wrestling coach one day,” Petry said. “I believe the GPAC, the region and soon the nation will know that the Red Raiders mean business.”
Winter family fun this weekend

BY JAIME EVENHUIS
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The Sioux City Art Center will present the exhibition “Celebration: Our Siouxland, Our Art Center” Feb. 10 to May 10, in honor of the Art Center’s 70th birthday as well as the 10-year anniversary of the new building. The exhibition will feature artwork by over 500 students from public and private elementary and high schools in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. Professor of Art Rein Vanderhill will judge the exhibition along with University of Vermillion Professor of Art John Banasiak. Students will receive awards for each grade level. Elementary awards will be presented Feb. 11, middle school awards on Feb. 25 and high school awards March 11.

miike Goll and Nicole Ubben enjoying being dressed as senior citizens at BINGO last year.

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Alex Moser of Lester, Iowa, placed second in the nation in the sheep shearing division at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo. Moser lives on his family farm, where he learned sheep shearing from his father. Moser has been shearing sheep since he was fourteen and can shear 242 ewes in an eight-hour day. He attended Iowa State University in Ames and majored in animal science. Moser was awarded $1,000 for placing second in competitive sheep shearing.

The Iowa Supreme Court suspended the law license of Orange City attorney Andrea Van Beek due to alcoholism. Van Beek has been struggling with alcoholism, according to the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board, since March 2005. During the disciplinary hearing, several clients testified to Van Beek’s inability to perform her job due to alcohol. Van Beek will be able to apply to have her license reinstated by filing an application with the Attorney Disciplinary Board and the chief judge of the 3rd Judicial District and by showing a sustained period of sobriety.

Do you want a Nintendo Wii? Play BINGO Friday night

BY JULIE JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Tonight, the SAC is hosting a BINGO night starting at 10 p.m. in the RSC. The grand prize winner will receive a Nintendo Wii.

Other prizes include a semester movie pass, DVD player, board games, a cappuccino machine, a car accessories kit, a pizza pizzazz and various gift certificates.

BINGO is a long running tradition at Northwestern. Students who dress head-to-toe like a senior citizen will receive 5 extra BINGO cards. Without dressing up, students will receive 15 cards: one for each round. SAC member Jenna Fox said that of the expected 600 to 700 students, the majority usually dress up and get into the spirit of the evening.

Laaveg and Landegent hold recital

BY BETHANY KROEZE
EDITOR

Seniors Dan Laaveg and Titus Landegent will perform a student recital on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 3 p.m., in Christ Chapel.

Laaveg will be singing 11 pieces, ranging from English baroque to Handel’s “Messiah” to Broadway selections.

Laaveg will begin with three pieces composed by Henry Purcell: “If Music Be the Food of Love,” “Music for a While” from “Oedipus” and “Hark! The Echoing Air” from “The Fairy Queen.”

Next, Laaveg will perform his favorite piece of the set, J.S. Bach’s “Mache dich” from “St. Matthew Passion.”

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