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**Christmas comes to campus:** Students celebrate the season

**By Jenna Boote**

Carols and unique Christian rap music float through the bitterly cold air as Christmas comes to Northwestern’s campus. Accompanying the season are several age-old traditions, including the Christmas caroling chapels, the winter formal and the all-campus Study Break.

Christmas caroling on the final chapel of the semester allows the campus community to celebrate an early Christmas. During chapel, students are asked to select their favorite carol and explain why it has significant meaning. Chapel-goers then sing the carol together. Chaplain Harlan Van Oort added,

“There may be some surprising selections, which is fitting. In the Incarnation, God surprised the world with exceedingly great joy by entering human history as a baby, as Emmanuel, for God is with us in Jesus.” Students may be interested to know that this year the last chapel credit is no longer free.

Winter formal will take place this Saturday, Dec. 6. The dance is Christmas-themed and begins at 9:30 p.m. in the RSC. Food and drink will be provided. The cost is $3 per person or $5 for a couple.

The all-campus Study Break, a favorite Christmastime tradition, occurs after praise and worship on Sunday, Dec. 13 in the RSC. Students can expect “chests and maybe some fresh fruit,” explained senior Kelsey Shillet, president of SAC. “It’s a great way to get some nourishment before a strenuous week of finals.”

**Holiday sounds: two Christmas concerts**

**By Jenna Boote**

Those who enjoy the sounds of Christmas will have two opportunities to hear it this season. Northwestern College’s string and brass chamber ensembles will present a concert on Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m., and Christmas Vespers services will occur on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel.

The Brass Quintet, directed by Timothy McGarvey, professor of music, will perform eight pieces. In addition to four year-round classics, the concert will feature a variety of Christmas carols including “I Wonder as I Wander,” “I Saw Three Ships” and “The Holly and the Ivy.”

Members of the ensemble include freshman Carolyn Dundas and junior Dan Mangold on trumpet, senior Josh Van Der Maaten on trombone and sophomore Zack Wolfs on tuba.

The String Quartet, under the direction of Kimberly Uthe Svanoe, associate professor of music, will play three pieces, including “Pastorale” from Arcangelo Corelli’s “Christmas Concerto” and “Canzona and Allegro” from Henry Purcell’s “Golden Sonata.” The ensemble’s final piece will be Sir Peter Maxwell Davies’ “Start Point.”

Members of the String Quartet include senior Carrie Manifold and junior Anna Christensen on violin; sophomore Alexandra Spreigl on viola; and Morgan Weis on cello. Svanoe will join the quartet on harpsichord.

This year’s Vespers theme is “Carols From Around the World: The Nations Celebrate the Savior’s Birth.” The A cappella Choir will perform 11 pieces, including “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” and “El Desembru.” The origins of the compositions include countries such as Spain, France, Haiti and Poland. “Alegría,” a Puerto Rican piece, will feature tenor soloists junior Nick Crippin and senior Abbi Dut. An early American tune, “The Hills are Bare,” will include a solo by junior Erin Brogan. A bell choir under the direction of Dr. Heather Jesselyn-Cranston, director of music ministries, will perform the Ukrainian “Carol of the Bells.”

“We have chosen carols and other Christmas selections from 18 different countries or regions. The music styles will range from German motet to Haitian calypso,” says Thomas Holm, associate professor of music and director of Northwestern’s A cappella Choir. “We will also have several Christmas readings, first recited in one of four non-English languages, then recited in English. In addition, the program will involve several carols for audience participation.”

The Brass Quintet will open the concert with “Alleluia” by Jacobus Gallus. The Symphonette will play Bach’s “Sheep May Safely Graze” and perform “Deutches Magnificat” with Women’s Choir. The Women’s Choir will perform “Norwegian Carol,” “O’Come to Bethlehem” and “He Came Down.”

**Word on the street:**

**What do you love about Christmas at NW?**

**Kristi Korver**

I’m a professional winter-fanatic. There’s something about wearing a flowing evening gown through the freezing cold, then warming up with a few hot dance moves.

**Andrew Klumpp**

Carolining chapel. You can sing your favorite songs, procrastinate studying for finals and enjoy that quirky Christmas spirit that may manifest itself in the form Christmas sweaters and Santa hats!

**Amanda Gramstad**

I love walking to class when there is Christmas music blaring from Zwenner. It makes want to sing and dance!

**Tyler Nesper**

I like Fridays during the Christmas season when Heemstra’s music plays so Zwemer’s turns off.
NW/ Dordt Juried Art Show coming Dec. 5 to Jan. 13

BY LEANN JOHNSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Northwestern College directing students will present 14 short plays Wednesday, Dec. 10, beginning at 6 p.m., in the England Theatre of the DeVitt Theatre Arts Center.

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Korver said that both actors and the stage manager have made everything worth it thus far. Their willingness to try anything at least once makes for a much smoother ride. She said that all of her hard work will be worth it and that she can’t wait to sit back and enjoy the show.

“I’ll probably be worried about something going wrong,” she said. “But it’ll be a good lesson in letting go and trusting other people. Besides, my job is done then; the performance is my cast’s time to be loved.”

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Northwestern College direct
**Plateless: the next step to solving world hunger**

**BY PEARLY KEEN**

**AWLESS WANDERER**

The Governing Body of Students (GBS) recently extended the previously-implemented Trayless Tuesdays to a full Trayless Week. Though some students rebelled against the trayless movement and began using textbooks and binders as replacements, others were inspired by GBS’s decision.

Visionaries considered the cornucopia of food that could be saved and shipped to third-world countries, failure to account for its perishable nature. “I really feel like what I’m doing makes a difference” said freshman Connie Vincenble. “On the days when I wish I could take my silverware, sandwich, plate of salad and bowl of soup all at once just look at the signs that have been posted in the caf and remember how lucky I am.”

If hundreds of gallons of water can be saved by not using trays, just think of what would happen if we stopped using plates!

-Carsrun Formee

Theater students imagined themselves to be tribal members in remote parts of Africa as they were forced to walk from table to fountain and back to table carrying their drinks. Some even went so far as to balance cups on their heads. “Having to make a separate trip in order to get my diet soda really helped me relate to those who haul their drinking water every day,” remarked sophomore Sheila Van Winkerhalen.

Artistic students saw untrayed tables as fresh canvases awaiting landscapes of mashed potato mountains and grape juice rivers. Over-involved students, already too busy to sit down for a meal, loaded their plates with food and ate on their way to the conveyor belt.

GBS was so impressed by the results of trayless week that they have decided to take it a step further. “If hundreds of gallons of water can be saved by not using trays, just think of what would happen if we stopped using plates,” said GBS president Carsrun Formee.

Other members of GBS are excited by the idea. “It’s a well-known fact that your stomach is roughly the size of your fist,” reasoned sophomore GBS representative Sara De Watzi. “Why would you need to eat more than you can fit in your hands?”

A trial week of platelessness will begin on January’s return from Christmas break. “The American population is overfed as it is,” said Formee. “What can it hurt to make eating a little more challenging for the student population?”

“We got a great response to going trayless,” Formee added. “I am certain we will hear even more from students once plateless week begins.”

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**Fake. Northwestern:**

**BY CRYSTAL LIGHT**

**PROFESSIONAL PUGGER**

Northwestern’s new admissions video, Real. Northwestern, has caused many students to debate how inappropriately it portrays NW’s campus. In an effort to reclaim the integrity of promotional videos, four of those students decided to take matters into their own hands and create a separate video to show what the campus is really like. They entitled it Fake. Northwestern.

The small team of students identified which part of NW most bothered them and began working on the new documentary. Footage of students having difficulty parking and dealing with hyperactive RAs unveils the campus’s true colors.

College students in the video are constantly looking for things to do, places to go and food to eat. One scene shows students hungry late at night and hoping to buy some food. Not in Orange City! Everything in the town closes by 9:00 p.m. Sophomore, Chloe S. Dallways said, “By the time I’m done with all of my homework it’s been hours since dinner. All I want to do is go somewhere close and get some food! I get really crabby when I’m hungry and I think I’ve lost friends because of it.” Hungry students can be seen waiting in the cold for the bakery to open in the wee hours of the morning just to get some sustenance.

Freshman Wanda Dorklos reports troubles of a more relational nature. “I am not a very out-going person,” Dorklos said. “The day I met my RA was so overwhelming, I think I will be haunted forever. All she did was smile and laugh, and she was way too excited about everything. She started telling me how much I was going to love it at this place. How can I love it when I don’t have any privacy…ever?”

Living in the dorms isn’t an ideal environment for everyone. Having to share a bathroom with 32 other girls and being forced by your resident assistant to participate in wing activities are all things that could make an introvert cringe. “And what is it with always having to have my door open all the time?” Dorklos added, “I don’t get it! I may as well take my door off.”

Those looking for a private study spot off campus can feel free to do so, but it will probably cost a good parking spot. Senior Jan Pact is student teaching right now and has to use her car every day. “It’s frustrating knowing that I use my car so much and other cars that are parked close stay there for weeks. Even with enrollment down by 100 students, the parking lots are not nearly big enough to accommodate the students here,” said Pact. “When I come home from teaching, it’s like a game. I do whatever it takes to get close to my apartment. I have different point values for different parking lots. Please, don’t ask me what my total score is right now.”

Parking isn’t the only place where students get creative with playing games. In lieu of adequate workout equipment, junior Jim Ustink plays basketball in the mini-gym nearly every day. “It’s fun to play pick-up games, but NW’s mini-gym is worse than my high school’s practice gym. I never thought college facilities would be a step down, but I guess new discovery is what college is all about. Who would have thought that ‘discovering Northwestern’ would be disappointing? I suppose learning to deal with it is part of getting a whole education for your whole life,” concluded Ustink.

Fake. Northwestern is still in the preliminary stages of video editing, but will be posted on YouTube over Christmas break. If the video is effective, NW students might just see a drop in students and an increase in parking spaces.

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**NWC Alert tells all**

**BY PEARLY KEEN**

**PROFESSIONAL PUGGER**

In the past month the intricate inner-workings of Northwestern Alert have proven their usefulness to the college community. In light of this, the administration has decided to expand the alert system. Not only does the upgraded system allow NW faculty and students to keep tabs on the level of hazardous material on campus, but further informs them of updates in the lives of members of the NW community.

Similar to the “stalker feed” on Facebook, a continual feed of recent updates now scrolls across the bottom of NW computer screens. Updates regarding the relationship status of members of the Northwestern “friends” directory are displayed in red and all caps.

“I think the upgrades will really help students and staff connect,” said communications professor Kernal Vander Van. Sophomore Farley De Glopoppster agreed. “I felt a deep bond with Professor Lose when I discovered we had both gotten sick from eating the Greek-style fried cod at lunch this afternoon,” he said.

Chaplain Orland Van Hoot believes the alert system will foster deep discussion among students. “I was so stoked when NW Alert told me that Gerta Fields had found her vocare,” Von Hoot said. “I can only imagine how excited she was when her friends all asked for details.”

Though some students may see the updated alert system as infringing on their privacy, Vander Van believes they will come around. “It’s only a matter of time,” he said. “Before you know it, the system will just be another part of their holistic education.”
NW to try to quell passion in students

BY ELLA STEGOSAURUS

Despite the cell phone blocker incident in October, NW is once again trying its hand at preventative measures affecting student behavior. The new “passion blocker” will be installed at various locations around campus in an effort to encourage students to be more prudent in their relationships.

While some may be outraged or irritated at seemingly meddlesome blocker that tampers with their private lives, Chaplain Orland Van Hoot and Residence Life staff approve of the measure.

“The first thing we did when we heard of the passion blocker was to verify that it was legal,” said Van Hoot. “Really, it seems too good to be true; it’s almost too easy.”

It may seem too good to be true for those in charge of keeping students accountable, but many students have already spoken out against this new form of accountability. Others have admitted that it is probably a wise move, especially during the fall semesters now that the October Rule has been dissolved.

The blocker, approximately the size of a small dictionary, is black with a porcupine-like array of antennas to match different types of passion action. Without going into the biological detail of the mechanism’s construction, it interferes with hormone levels and also perceives adrenaline rushes.

Students in passion-blocked areas may notice, if previously impassioned, a sudden listlessness or apathy. Those who enter the area without a previous hint of passion will not notice the blocker’s influence. Getting out of the range of a blocker will not automatically restore previous passion.

The blocker does have some cons, Van Hoot admits. “Unfortunately, the blocker cannot distinguish between passion and an acceptable adrenaline rush. For example, a student could have an adrenaline rush from the happiness of having received acceptance to a grad school, but if they walk through a blocker’s area, they will experience a loss of excitement. It’s not a perfect system, and what we’re hoping to see in the trial run is whether or not it’s worth it to keep the blockers running.”

Blockers will be installed in the Stegenga Lobby, RSC mall area, Hospers Lounge, obscure corners of the library, Heemstra suite 009 and various rooms throughout Colenbrander and Stegenga according to the advice and discretion of Residence Life staff.

The trial will last about a month.

NW announces new study abroad program in exotic Sioux Center

BY ELLA STEGOSAURUS

Northwestern will launch its third semester-long study abroad trip in the Spring of 2010.

In addition to the Romania and Oman semesters, NW students will now have the option to study in Sioux Center, Iowa for a semester in order to fulfill cross-cultural credit and gain new experiences.

According to Semester Study Abroad Coordinator Carl Dougson, the Sioux Center program has been in the works for several years.

“We’re so excited to finally be establishing a program there,” Dougson noted. “We believe that it will be an excellent opportunity for students to expand their worldviews and be challenged.”

The Sioux Center Semester is a 15 credit program that involves intensive cultural study. Students will spend part of their time studying in classrooms at Dordt College, a Christian Reformed college approximately the size of NW.

“Because Dordt is similar in size to NW,” commented Summer Study Abroad Coordinator Carry Chrome, “our students should feel a little more comfortable there from the start. It will also give them the opportunity to get to know both the native students and also students from other programs who are studying there.”

In addition to classes, students will have the opportunity to visit local coffee hotspots like Butler’s, to interact with natives and get a taste of the culture. From the precursor faculty trip, Chrome noted how amazing it can be to engage the “cultural other.”

“It’s incredible to actually be there and make the cultural comparison for yourself,” she said. “It’s not like De Koffee Hoek. The joy of noting the cultural similarities in addition to the valuable difference is something that you can’t really understand until you’ve experienced it.”

Students will also have the opportunity to explore a variety of religious experiences. Sioux Center offers not only a wide variety of Reformed and Christian Reformed churches, but also an Evangelical Free church, two Lutheran churches and a Hispanic church.

Worship attendance is one of the program features that will help students immerse themselves in the culture rather than simply observing a different location.

“My hope is that students will really dive into the worship experience,” Dougson explains. “I think they’ll be amazed to see what the Reformed denomination can look like in the context of another culture.”

Both Dougson and Chrome expressed their excitement about the program, as it will present opportunities not readily available in Orange City, and have been pleased with student interest so far.

“We think that the Sioux Center program will be a perfect companion to the Romania and Oman semesters,” Chrome added.

“All three are unique, fascinating locations that many people just won’t get the opportunity to see. Each program will challenge the student’s worldview and self-view. We’re confident that the Sioux Center Semester will be an enriching experience.”

Word on the streak:

Students share their opinions about feeling the Iowa wind in their hair...and everywhere:
The brotherhood of the traveling Spongebob boxers

**BY MISS TEA LOVER**

DANCING FOOL

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The brotherhood of the traveling Spongebob boxers

**BY ROACH REESES & REINY KNIGHT**

FUN-LOVING ROOMMATES

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The RSC will not have to change its interior before being converted to the new airport.

**PHOTO BY REINY KNIGHT**

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Several major airlines such as United, American Airlines and Frontier are trying to boost their sales by making their services more available to college students. Glenn F. Tilton, CEO of United Airlines will be great to have an airport close to campus so I can fly home to the next county over during breaks.

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**PHOTO COURTESY OF BLOG.MLIVE.COM**

As Berry fulfills his lifelong dream of fishing all day long, he feels the presence of his friends, even if he’s not wearing the boxers. When his turn is complete, he walks on over to the laundromat in International Falls and washes them with Tide Color.

"Our guidebook states that Spongebob is never to be disrespected," Berry said. "Using Tide Color keeps him looking new and from fading, kind of like our friendship."

Boat, a 4.0 student at Alaska Pacific University, was the one who came up with the idea of including Post-it notes with the boxers. Writing down a word of wisdom or a quote from the week bonds the men together. Even if it means heading to the store and purchasing a new neon green pad.

Mound walked through the RSC on a visit and said, "it is like this building was made to be an airport."

Architects have recently drawn up the plans for the remodel and there is surprisingly little to do. The mall area will remain virtually the same.

The school is even selling all the international flags and furniture.

Designers Ray Bow sat down on one of the red couches and said, "These are great for an airport, stiff and sturdy to prevent sleeping."

The major construction will come with the mini gym which will be converted to the baggage terminal.

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Students are rejoicing that the RSC will be put to such practical use, some are even calling it God’s will. Jellen Shake said, “It is amazing how God provides. Before we even asked, the RSC was designed to be the airport we needed.”

Feather Hold is suspicious, “I wonder if the RSC’s designers had this in mind all along and now they will be highly acclaimed for their architectural genius.”

The RSC will now be used to its fullest potential and the NW community will soon be able to broaden its worldview with convenience.

The boxers shorts have remained in good condition despite the four years of wear. The brotherhood does realize that eventually it may be time to find a replacement, but that's the least of their worries.

"This tradition will live on for quite some time," Top said. "When the time comes, we will hunt down another pair of Spongebob boxers because the brotherhood must live on."
**NWC harmony? Northwestern installs new touchscreen**

**BY GENERAL BOOTS FASHION EXPERT**

Despite the great necessity of a touchscreen alumni directory, the plans that were a brainchild of the Northwestern administration largely met with resistance by students, who felt that the directory would not be as effective as a singles directory.

Reg Kristine explains, “In my few months here, I’ve noticed a concern about privacy regarding the dating situation on campus. I found my spouse at college. I hope others can have that same experience.”

The directory will include bios of single students living on campus. In addition to students’ lookbook photos, the bios will also include pertinent information regarding major, hometown, height, weight and church affiliation. A windmill icon will denote students of Dutch heritage. All other ethnicities will be marked by a large black skull. Genetic diseases and desired number of children are also listed.

The touchscreen will be linked to Facebook’s relationship status feature. A single student can choose to have their bio deleted from the touchscreen. When a student’s relationship status changes to single, the school will deploy Northwestern Alert to inform the campus. Because of this, NW administration advises students considering the termination of relationships to do so at a reasonable hour.

Reaction to the decision was mixed. Faculty members were worried that the loss of the directory would prevent dating among students. Prior to its removal, most students strove to attain higher echelons of romantic status. Students found to be in a relationship will have their bios deleted from the touchscreen.

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By Wiley Coyote Hunter

Friends don’t let friends go to Dordt, but... friends don’t let friends go to Dordt. However, some students at Northwestern feel it is appropriate to allow significant others to go to Dordt.

Many NW students have to cope with long distance relationships that span the length of fifteen miles from NW’s campus to Dordt’s campus. It can be a difficult journey to make a relationship work over the distance...and the rivalry.

Keeping the flame alive over such a distance can be an arduous task. If you are a part of one of these conflicting long distance relationships, make sure to allow plenty of time to keep in contact with your love. Text throughout the day, while in chapel, class, at work or while you study. Make little calls just to say ‘hi’ or ‘thinking of you’ as you walk from building to building.

“I keep in constant contact,” says sophomore Nora Western. “It’s hard to keep a relationship up over a distance. It takes lots of time and lots of work.”

Making occasional trips throughout the week is ideal. “I bribe my roommate to drive me to Sioux Center by telling her we can stop at Wal-Mart,” said Western. “Then my boyfriend drives me back later.”

Make sure you are not being taken advantage of and that you are not the only one doing the visiting.

“When students come from Dordt to visit their significant other, they see what an ideal college NW is,” said admissions counselor Gore Aiders. “Ten percent of these Dordt students then transfer here to be closer to their significant other and that increases our enrollment. It’s a plus for everyone.”

The best way to keep a relationship strong is to be honest. Even though you may not get to see your boyfriend or girlfriend every day, you still need to take opportunities when together to talk about serious issues. A main argument between NW/Dordt couples is over which school is better.

“It’s obvious, but he just can’t get it through his thick head that NW is more talented at sports, more intellectual and obviously more Christian,” said Western. “If we don’t have to go to chapel, because no one has to force us to go worship God.”

To break the tension between the two sides, a few things can be done. Attend each other’s sporting events. Cheering for the opposite team can break down mental barriers against the other school.

Gifts of the opposite school’s regalia can guilt the other person into giving them support for the other school. Buy a NW sweatshirt for your Dordt boyfriend or a Dordt t-shirt for your NW girlfriend. Helping them show support for your school can strengthen your bond and decrease the strain in the rivalry.

Tension can also be strong among friends when one is in a mixed relationship. It is important to be open and honest about this.

“I don’t know what she’s thinking, ’cause I don’t either,” said Western’s roommate Fern Smith.

But long distance relationships are hard. They take openness, honesty and commitment.

“Students have to remember that God put them in a specific place,” said Western. “If he wanted a NW student to be with a Dordt student, why didn’t he give the Dordt student enough intelligence to come to NW in the first place?”

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**For the facial hair challenged**

**BY LOU OVENS TREATING MECHANIC**

“No-Shave November” or “Beard Month” has come and gone. Many men on Northwestern’s campus use the month of November to see how long a beard they can muster.

There is, however, another side to “No-Shave November” — the side of the facial-hair challenged. These individuals will have to wait another year before they can once again don their patchy faces.

The story of the facial-hair challenged is one of pain, embarrassment and in some sad cases, ridicule. However, during the month of November these individuals come together and grow their patches proudly for all to see.

The Underground Society of the Facial Hair Challenges meets weekly during the rest of the year in an undisclosed location. At these secret meetings, members share their struggles as well as rejoice in each other’s triumphs.

“People don’t realize what it can do to a man when he can’t grow sufficient facial hair,” said the president of the NW chapter of the society, who wishes to remain anonymous.

“Many men eventually grow out of this lack-of-hair phase, but sadly others are doomed to remain patchy and in the worst cases, peachy-fuzzy.”

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**THE END**
Miles overcomes injury, runs to 31st at nationals

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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Sophomore Charity Miles from Thedford, Neb. finished her season at the NAIA Women's Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Kenosha, Wisc.

Miles ran a season-best 5K time of 18:08, finishing in 31st place, only one spot away from repeating her season at the NAIA Women's Cross Country Championships meet earlier this season.

Sophomore Charity Miles sprints to the finish line at the USD meet earlier this season.

Miles ran a season-best 5K time of 18:08, finishing in 31st place, only one spot away from repeating her season at the NAIA Women's Cross Country Championships meet earlier this season.

Miles, who spent countless hours outside of practice on the bike and elliptical machines, said she is "simply overwhelmed by what God has taught me during this whole process and by his mercy to return the gift of running to me.

"I would really like to thank my teammates and coaches for wrapping their arms around me at this time and encouraging me to stay positive.

"I learned a priceless lesson through it all: it's in the full submission and the letting go of our dreams that we find our real fulfillment in Christ's hope."

Women's basketball defeats rival Dordt College 86-73

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The Northwestern women's basketball team proved they were a force to be reckoned with on Tuesday, Dec. 2 night in the Bultman Center as they commenced GPAC play with an 86-73 win over rival Dordt College. The Raiders improve to 5-4 overall, 1-0 in the GPAC.

Freshman Katie Nieuwsma, whose pre-game prediction of the final score was 86-72, commented, "We knew Dordt would be decent, but it felt awesome to beat them. It was definitely a great start to Thanksgiving break!"

Dordt did manage to pull ahead 19-12 early in the game before the Red Raiders scored 13 straight points to snatch a 25-19 lead with 5:54 left in the first half. NW went into the locker room at the half with a somewhat comfortable 10-point lead, 41-31.

Head Coach Earl Woudstra's squad opened fire in the second half, taking a decisive 58-40 advantage over the Defenders. Dordt managed to close the gap to 14 points and grabbed their largest lead of the game, 82-59, just under four minutes to play. After clearing the bench, the Raiders easily slid into the 86-73 victory.

"It was so fun to be a part of the rivalry for the first time and to come out on top," said sophomore Amy Kallemeyn. "We always focus on our principles and have great defense. We are really learning how to play together."

Junior Anna Anderson agreed. "The team is working so hard together and we are finding out that it is really fun when we play for each other."

The numbers back them up. The Raiders shot 47 percent for the game compared to 34 percent for the Defenders with four players scoring in double figures. NW was led by freshman Kami Kuhlmann, who had 17 points with 7-of-14 field goals and also collected a team-best four steals. Sophomore Becca Hurley netted 16 points and tied her career high seven rebounds, dishing out three assists and snagging three steals along the way. Junior Andrea Wedel added a career-high 15 points off the bench and Nieuwsma tied her career-high with 13 points.

Despite the lack of years of college experience, the girls expressed no inhibitions about the team or the upcoming season. "Having a young team has been really fun because there were a lot of unknowns coming into the season," said Anderson. "We have all figured out that we have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

The Raiders will resume play on Dec. 6 as they head to Fremont, Neb., to play Midland Lutheran in a GPAC basketball double-header.

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Men’s Basketball scores high in USF Classic, falls to Dordt, SMSU

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The Red Raider men’s basketball team won two high-scoring games in the USF Classic, then fell to Dordt last week and SMSU this week. Northwestern drops to a 4-5 overall record, 0-1 in the GPAC.

NW 63, SMSU 96

The Red Raiders traveled to Marshall, MN on Wednesday to face 24th-ranked NCAA Division II Southwest Minnesota State. NW stuck with the Mustangs at the beginning, tying the score at 13 points until SMSU went on an 11-2 run. The Raiders battled back and closed the gap to four, 24-20, but the Mustangs pulled away again to take a 49-28 halftime lead. SMSU took control coming out of the locker room and outscored the Raiders 34-13, and they never looked back.

The Mustangs outshot NW 56-44 percent. Senior Kale Wiertzema scored 18 points to lead the Raiders, and junior Michael Jiskoot got another double-double by scoring 11 points and pulling down ten rebounds. SMSU pulled down 45 rebounds, including 20 on offense, while NW had 26.

NW 79, Dordt 89

NW stayed close to Dordt in the rivalry game on Tuesday, Nov. 25, but was unable to pull ahead and lost their first conference game, 79-89. NW was up 20-17 early before Dordt went on a 7-2 run to take the lead. The Defenders continued to widen the gap and went into the intermission ahead 54-42.

A 9-4 run by the Raiders to start the second half brought NW within seven, but Dordt again responded and built a 14-point lead. As the clock ran down, the Raiders pulled within four, 80-76, but the Defenders scored the next five points en route to a Dordt victory.

The Raiders shot 45 percent from the floor compared to the Defenders 51 percent. Wiertzema excelled with 31 points, four rebounds and two assists. Junior Ben Brown also scored in double figures, led a team-high six assists. Jiskoot led the rebounding effort with 13 and added eight points. The Raiders had 12 offensive boards and out-rebounded Dordt 31-28.

USF Classic
NW triumphed twice in the USF Classic on November 21 to 22 in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Red Raiders dominated Nebraska Christian on Friday night, winning 127-52. NCC had a small 7-6 lead after two minutes of play, but the Raiders gained the lead and rolled to a victory.

NW shot 66 percent from the field, while NCC had 33 percent. Seven Raiders scored in double figures, led by senior Josh Van Es with 25 points. Sophomore Klarc Korver added 19, freshman Walker Seim had 15, Jiskoot had 14 and junior John Pribnow had 12. Juniors Brent Dunkelberger and Jerome Hoegh each added ten points. Jiskoot pulled down a team-high eight rebounds, and senior T.J. Philips dished out seven assists.

On Saturday, NW faced St. Ambrose in a rematch after they lost 67-81 to the Fighting Bees on Nov. 15. The Raiders fared better this time, winning 112-108. Wiertzema scored 32 points and added four assists to lead the Raiders, who shot 63 percent from the field and 47 percent behind the three-point line. Senior Andrew Stimson added 19 points, and Brown and Jiskoot scored 18 and 13 points, respectively.

NW will play their second conference game of the season tomorrow against Midland Lutheran at 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Wrestlers go 9-12 against D-I and D-II competition

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With tough competition and many injuries, the Northwestern wrestling team started the week by going to the University of Nebraska Omaha and competing in the Kaufman Brand Open. The Raiders ended the day going 9-12 overall while competing against Division I and Division II competition.

Some of the other schools appearing in the meet were Nebraska, Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois and Minnesota. Sophomore Clay Wakefield finished 2-2 after pinning his first two opponents. Wakefield competed in the Freshmen/Sophomore Amateur division. Junior Martin Beeler also competed in the Amateur division and finished the day 0-2.

Competing in the Junior/Senior Elite division were seniors Levi Price, Sam Minor, Tom Eaton and Cole Spree. Price finished 1-2 on the tournament after losing to wrestlers from Northern Iowa and Minnesota. Going 0-2 on the day was Minor, who competed in the 137 weight class. Spree and Eaton both wrestled in the 184 weight class. Spree finished 2-2 on the tournament, defeating last year’s NAIA National Champion. Eaton was the only Raider to place in the tournament and came out with the fifth place medal, finishing 3-2 on the day.

The Raiders then took off to Des Moines to take on Grand View College in their first dual of the year.

NW was forced to forfeit three matches in a row as freshman Matt Dowell, in the 141 weight class, was injured and they had no wrestlers in the 125 or 133 weight classes.

“We had to forfeit three matches right off the bat which really dropped the score down,” said Dowell.

The overall score on the day was 12-30 in favor of Grand View. The Raiders were 3-4 in the matches with actual wrestlers, but were 3-7 counting the forfeits.

Eaton, in the 174 weight class, came out on top with a score of 11-4. Beeler also defeated his opponent, this time by a score of 6-1. The third victory for the Raiders came from Spree, who pinned the opponent in 3:38.

The next opportunity for the Raiders to add to their record will be at home tomorrow in the NWC Open at 10 a.m.