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SGA discusses lack of exercise equipment

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Northwestern’s Student Government Association met on Friday, Jan. 30 to address additions to NW’s campus that would benefit students.

Funding for new exercise equipment was discussed, as the lack of exercise equipment was one of the top four complaints NW received from its 2008 graduates in their exit surveys.

In regards to exercise equipment, President and senior Carson Norine said, “We are at the bottom of the totem pole in comparison to other GPAC schools.”

Since previous attempts were not bringing in sufficient funds for the equipment, the SGA decided to stop calling alumni.

The SGA is instead asking for money through a capital funding request sent to the administrative council. Typically, only NW departments make requests for this fund.

“If student groups haven’t ever requested capital funding, this is a unique case,” Norine said. “It’ll be interesting to see the precedent set here.”

The NW administration previously asked the SGA for its opinion on the best location to place a donated large screen television in the Rovenhorst Student Center. In response, the SGA suggested turning conference room RSC 149, located in the southwest corner of the RSC, into a television lounge. The SGA offered its office as a replacement for the lost conference room.

The SGA’s second choice is the southwest corner of the RSC between RSC 149 and the office of Dale Thompson, director of the RSC. The SGA feels that a corner stand place there would give students a lounge feeling that is not obtained with the current placement of the RSC’s TVs and would be “more ideal for viewers so they are not distracted by walk-by traffic.”

The SGA also voted on a student representative for the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC), which specializes in planning, budgeting and program development activities. Senior Tyler Nesper was selected as the representative.

International Writing Centers week celebration at NW

BY SARA CURRY
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On Wednesday, Feb. 11 the Writing Center will be hosting a party in celebration of International Writing Centers Week.

Introduced in 2006, International Writing Centers Week serves as an opportunity to celebrate writing and to raise awareness of the influential role of campus and community writing centers. An international celebration that officially runs from Feb. 8-14, Writing Centers Week has been celebrated around the world and has now made its way to Northwestern’s campus.

Tom Truesdell, NW director of academic support, is very excited for Writing Centers Week and has high hopes for its benefits to campus.

Not only does he want to recognize and celebrate the important and influential work of the Writing Center and writing tutors through this celebration, but also the role of writing as a whole.

“We want the NW community to celebrate writing and recognize the important role it plays in all of our lives, both personally and professionally,” Truesdell said.

Food, games and prizes will be provided in the Writing Center throughout that day. As it is a celebration that honors writing, games like Boggle and Speed Scrabble will be available for students to challenge each other’s language skills. Running high scores will be kept throughout the day, with prizes given to the highest scorers.

Even if students are not able to come up with fancy words and triple word scores, there’s still hope to win a prize. Mad Libs, which doesn’t require fancy adjectives or high-scoring letters to be successful, will also be available for party-goers. A prize will be given to the best Mad Lib at the end of the day, as determined by the writing tutors.

Along with these festivities, essays from each of the tutors about why they enjoy tutoring will be available for students to read. There will also be short essays from the Writing Center faculty and staff about the role of writing in their lives.

Writing is important and should be celebrated, according to Truesdell, but is not the sole factor behind this Writing Center celebration.

“Perhaps most importantly,” Truesdell said, “we were just looking for an excuse to throw a party.”

All campus bingo: a night of costumes and prizes

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Friday Feb. 6 at 9:30 p.m., Northwestern College will put on their annual all-campus Bingo night in the RSC. Bingo night is free and gives students the opportunity to win prizes while playing 15 rounds of bingo.

Students are encouraged to dress up as senior citizens. If students do so, they will receive five extra bingo cards.

“Don’t just wear a wig or glasses,” said Lori Couch, director of student activities, “students need to wear a full-on costume.”

Along with the incentive of more Bingo cards, there are also prizes for the best-dressed “elder.”

Some of the prizes include: a 32 inch flat screen TV set, which is on display in front of the Student Development Office, a year-long, unlimited movie pass for one person and a friend at Holland Plaza Theatres, a digital picture frame, an iPod shuffle and a variety of gift certificates to various local business establishments.

Although Bingo night is free, students must bring their I.D. cards in order to receive bingo cards. This will prevent any non-NW students from attending and winning prizes.

When asked why he thinks students enjoy it so much, SAC member sophomore Alex Menning said, “It gives them a glimpse of how fun life can be when you’re an old person. It’s not just sitting around watching TV and drinking juice.”

Bingo night has been going on for three years now and continues to be a hit among students. When the idea was first introduced to the SAC, people were unsure about how students would respond. They called it “Senior Night,” thus making the tradition of dressing up as senior citizens.

Couch’s favorite part of the night is seeing what interesting costumes the students come up with. Her least favorite part is dealing with the inevitable few students who try to cheat.

“It’s a fun twist to a regular thing; old people and great prizes, candy and quality fellowship with students,” Couch said.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHELSEA GOULET

Senior Kristin Spidahl and alumna Chelsea Goulet dressed up as senior citizens for last year’s annual bingo night.

PHOTO BY JENNI SYBESMA

Randi Van Peursen, academic support professional assistant, working on an assignment with freshman Olivia Wielenga.

PHOTO BY JENNA STREESMAN

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Leadership is a very demanding job and should never be taken lightly. When looking into being a leader in any situation, you need to know what you will be dealing with and how to properly handle it.

When you are in a leadership role, especially in the context of a larger group, you will be dealing with at least one person who doesn’t like you. These situations need to be handled properly, with maturity and without emotions. It is possible that having some people dislike you indicates that you are doing your job correctly, depending on the situation. Either way, if you need to make a decision, make it upon facts and or qualifications as opposed to feelings.

There are different leadership styles: laissez faire, team leadership, authoritarian, transformative and servant leadership.

Laissez faire is when you are like a dog in the back of a car window that nods his head with the movement of the car; you say yes to everything and show that you really don’t care. As a team leader, you seek input from others and make decisions for the common good based on that input.

Authoritarian leadership is when the leader makes all decisions, whatever the consequences may be. Workers are considered subservient to the leader and have little say in the decisions made.

In a Christian institution, the type of leadership style that aligns the most with Christianity is transformative leadership or servant leadership. Just as Jesus transformed us, leaders need to transform others in a positive manner. Similarly, just as Jesus washed the disciples’ feet, leaders need to serve those whom they guide. This kind of positive interaction cannot exploit others and will not cause judgmental or inferior feelings.

A vital leadership character trait is the ability to realize when you are in the wrong and need to apologize for the situation. Workers resonate with a leader who is caring, empathetic and works hard to be fair. Much more can be accomplished in an organization that has an effective leader who shows that kind of character.

I believe these qualities are the most important if a leader is to maintain good relationships. Leaders who show compassion and are flexible and organized have been the most effective in every situation in which I have been involved.

In the four years I’ve spent at Northwestern, I’ve seen an administration that neither effectively listens to students nor spends money in ways that represent students’ desires.

This is evident in the poor planning of our facilities. Take a look at Dordt’s campus, and you will see that they know how to build facilities for their students. Which would you prefer: the two swimming pools, bowling alley, two game rooms, exercise facility and ice rink that Dordt offers or the shin splint-inducing track, old bikes, overworked ellipticals and make-shift corner for pool and ping pong that NW offers?

The new student center—perhaps more aptly called the prospective student center—is another campus issue. The building was supposedly created for student use and recreation, with butt-numbing chairs and awkwardly located TVs that people have to strain their necks to watch. It is the student building where you talk in low whispers to avoid getting dirty looks from studying students who should be in the library. The RSC appears to have been designed solely to win architectural awards (which it did). Our PR office even put out a release that stated, “[The RSC] has resulted in an attractive student building where you talk in low whispers to avoid getting dirty looks from studying students who should be in the library.”

I have honestly never met a NW student who would agree with that statement.

Who in their right mind would look at the old RSC, knowing how central it was to student life, compare it with the architectural plans for the new one, and think students would like it? Who honestly thought that students would prefer sterile white walls and classrooms to a game room and a comfortable TV viewing area complete with a cozy fireplace?

Numerous times our exercise equipment has come as close as possible to being upgraded, but the initiative was resisted by a staff member with authority on the issue who would rather students follow his own exercise philosophy than exercise according to their needs and preferences. Though the resistance was interpreted by the administration to be the desire of students, the administration didn’t seek input from actual students, nor did the staff member admit that this was only his opinion rather than that of the students.

Then there is the campus outside of the student center. This summer, money was given to NW with instructions to make the campus more beautiful. NW decided to purchase some new benches, cut down a tree and buy some rocks and a cascade that can run for about half of the year (3 months of which students aren’t around). Why didn’t NW ask students what they thought would make the campus more attractive?

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February is not just for Valentines anymore

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February is a month riddled with holidays. We celebrate great authors, inventors, presidents and activists, superstition, rodents, love, fake planets, the beginning of lent, the passing of four more years and ethnic history. These celebrations are necessary to make the passing of frigid February bearable.

Black History Month

The celebration of Black History Month begins to lift the spirit of life in February. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a black historian from the early 20th century, found it disturbing that history books largely ignored or insulted blacks in society. He designated the second week in February as a week to celebrate black history. This month houses many other dates pertinent to black history: such as Feb. 23, the birthday of activist and civil rights leader W.E. Dubois, Feb. 25, the date that the first black civil rights leader took office. Sen. Hiram Revels, on February 2, the Christian holiday of Candlemas, winter will last another six weeks. Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this year, so we will have to endure another six weeks of winter.

Charles Dickens Day

Charles Dickens Day, on February 7, celebrates the activist and author who fought for the working class and the poor in hopes of bringing about social change. Traditions surrounding this holiday include reading “Oliver Twist,” “A Christmas Carol” and “A Tale of Two Cities” all in one sitting.

Boy Scouts Day

If none of those holidays tickle your fancy, then there’s always Boy Scouts Day. On February 8, 1910, William Boyce created the Scouts, a program to offer lessons of virtue and life skills to boys. Across the country scouts celebrate this day with a cake at their weekly service or campout. That is if anyone camps in the middle of February.

Thomas Edison’s Birthday

Iniscuing doesn’t make you feel better about February, then Thomas Edison should. He was born on February 11, 1847.

Edison invented the first movies with sound. We have him to thank for the modern movie quotes we love. Movies wouldn’t be the same without him, and neither would walking at night. He also invented the light bulb.

Valentine’s Day

Valentine’s Day is a day dedicated to grand gestures of romance. According to the History Channel, mid-February romance likely comes from a pagan celebration honoring Lupa, the she-wolf of Rome who suckled Romulus and Remus. The original celebration consisted of an animal sacrifice, followed by ritualistic slapping of young women with whips drenched in blood to bestow fertility. In an effort to Christianize this practice, the church declared February 14 as St. Valentine’s Day. St. Valentine opposed Roman Emperor Claudius’ ban on marriages in his armies by defying the ban and continuing to marry young lovers in secret. He was sentenced to death, but the young couples he married brought him notes and flowers, and eventually he fell in love with his tether’s daughter.

Presidents Day

Several famous leaders have been born in February, including U.S. presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Presidents Day falls on the third Monday of the month, which is also when Washington’s birthday is celebrated. Women’s rights leader Susan B. Anthony was born in February as well.

Pluto was discovered

February also marks the month in which the ex-planet Pluto, may it rest in peace, was discovered. Pluto was discovered in 1930 by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh. From then until 2006, it was regarded as the ninth planet in our solar system. Perhaps we can use this time to remember the days when, “my very educated mother just served us nine pizazzas.”

Mardi Gras

One famous celebration that is held every February is Mardi Gras. The festival is well-known for its crazy parties and exciting parades, but it actually started as a religious event. Mardi Gras takes place over the course of several weeks, starting January 6 and ending on “Fat Tuesday,” which takes place the day before Ash Wednesday. Parades are held on every day of the celebration, but the largest ones are during the last five days. While Mardi Gras is known for the often amoral behavior of its participants, it holds its roots in Christianity. It is seen as a final period of pleasures and feasting, before the fasting of Lent. The Romans also held a similar tradition of holding parties before fasting. After Hurricane Katrina, the city of New Orleans was very low on funds. That year, the city was prepared to cut back funds for the parades and festivals significantly, but enough people petitioned for the show to go on. Funds were still cut, but not nearly as drastically as they had been planned.

Leap Year

Although we missed it this year, every four years we add a day to the end of February and call it a leap year. Other than to completely throw off people’s schedules, this event also has a practical use. Leap years are intended to keep the calendar consistent with the Earth’s revolution around the sun. Contrary to popular belief, it does not take 365 days for the Earth to travel around the sun. The time is actually closer to 365 days and 6 hours. While this may not seem like a big difference, after a hundred years, the calendar would be almost a month ahead of schedule. This is why every four years we add another day onto February, to make up for the lost time.

It can be interesting to learn about the history of these celebrations and how they came to be. Normally when we think of February, we just think of Valentine’s Day and skip over many of the other holidays and celebrations it has to offer. Rather than dwelling on the cold temperatures and the ice you are bound to slip on, be thankful for the lightbulb, our founding fathers and that you weren’t born on a leap year. Here’s to all the strangely grown-up four-year-olds out there.
**Features**

**Need a haircut? Hair today, gone tomorrow**

**By Lee Stover**

The life of a college student is a life of trying to save money. We buy books online, go out only on special occasions and look for deals on, well, everything.

The list of “things to find for cheap” might also include a good haircut.

Fortunately for Northwestern students, pocketbook relief of the haircut variety can be found on campus.

Resident Directors, Brandon Van Marel of Coly, Brian Moriarty of Heemstra and Lisa Barber of Fern offer students a chance to lose a few inches without losing so much green in the process.

Van Marel has been cutting hair since his first year as Resident Director of Coly.

“Andrew Stimson and Dave Klein wanted hair cuts before an SSP,” Van Marel said. “We got some clippers, all buzzed each other’s hair, and I’ve just been doing it ever since. It’s a good way to spend time with the guys and have a good conversation.”

Van Marel doesn’t charge for cuts and will set up appointments via phone or e-mail.

“I usually do the cuts in the laundry room in Coly,” he said. “And I only do short hair, an inch and shorter. I use clippers, so if you need something else, I suggest talking to Lisa Barber.”

Barber cuts hair in her apartment kitchen in Fern for the enjoyment of it.

“It started a few years ago when people always asked me if I could cut hair,” Barber said. “I did it for favors, but then it turned into a lot of fun and now I really enjoy it.”

Three to five haircuts per week keep her busy and has even sparked the thought of hair school in the future.

“I would love to know more about styling and other things,” she said. “I think it would be a good trade to know, it could always be something to fall back on.”

Barber charges $5 per cut for people who live outside of Fern, $2 for bangs and will cut guys’ or girls’ hair.

For residents of Fern, her services are free.

To set up an appointment, just e-mail Barber at barber@nciowa.edu.

Moriarty has been cutting hair since his freshman year of college.

“My friends and I were cheap, so two of us or so started cutting each other’s hair,” Moriarty said. “We started out just using clippers and giving buzz cuts, but I’ve just gotten better since I’ve been doing it.”

Moriarty can cut any length hair and is willing to try any style. He has only cut guys’ hair before but wouldn’t be opposed to trying his skills on something more challenging.

“I’ve never given a haircut to a girl, but if anyone is willing to take a risk and let me try, I would,” he said.

There is no charge for a Moriarty cut and appointments are usually made in the dorm with a simple, “And I only do short hair, an inch and shorter. I use clippers, so if you need something else, I suggest talking to Lisa Barber.”

**Working on your fitness**

**By Andrew Lovgren**

You want to stay in shape, but running when it’s 20 below zero just doesn’t seem worth it. Fortunately, the Orange City area offers several indoor opportunities to stay fit this winter.

Closest to home, the RSC provides free and easy fitness opportunities. With just a student ID, you gain access to an indoor track, racquetball courts, basketball hoops, exercise bikes, ellipticals and the nearby weight room filled with both free and machine weights.

“It’s nice to have a place close-by that offers variety, but is still free for me to use,” freshman Matt Bodenstein said.

The RSC is open during various hours each day. Hours can be found on Northwestern’s website.

Another fitness option in town is O.C. Area Fitness, located in the front of MOC-Floyd Valley’s gymnasium, across from Fareway on Highway 10.

It offers treadmills, elliptical machines, Nikes, steppers, free weights, weight machines and televisions with each piece of equipment, as well as services like body testing and nutrition analysis.

They have a one-year student membership for $192 or a daily pass for $5. Body tests and services cost extra.

“It is wonderful for a small town to have such a great variety and large quantity of equipment as we do at O.C. Area Fitness,” director Mitch Aalbers said.

O.C. Area Fitness is open from 5 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Fridays are the same except that the center closes at 7 p.m. Saturdays it is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To find out more, contact O.C. Area Fitness at 712-707-9494.

Just down Highway 10, the Orange City Area Health System has an indoor aquatic center that is available year-round. It has two lap pools, full showers and waiting rooms.

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The center is open 5:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The cost is $15 for one month, $35 for two months and $99 for a full year membership. To join, visit the medical center and pick up an application.

Another option, Curves, has relocated to the north end of town after a fire destroyed their old location.

Curves is a gym strictly for females that will help create a workout catered to the individual in a female-friendly environment.

“It’s a place just for women where you can get a personalized, total-body work-out in only 30 minutes,” local Curves owner Connie Julius said.

To get more information on the hours and pricing, visit Curves in the basement of the former hospital at 400 Central Avenue.

The All Seasons Center in Sioux Center also has a variety of services and opportunities.

The center has an indoor pool and an ice arena. Throughout the year various events take place at each.

“The pool offers countless different exercises, such as water aerobics and lap swimming,” said Jill Miller, marketing manager of the center. “These exercises are less stressful and are good for rehabilitation.”

The pool features six lanes, has a diving section, two water slides, a zero entry area, lily pads and a spa.

Open hours for the pool vary for public swim, lap swim and aerobic classes. Open swim costs $5.

The ice arena is available for public skating and public stick & helmet skating, as well as hosting skating classes and hockey games. Skates are available to rent for $3 and free skate admission is $4.

The All Seasons Center is located on the north side of Seventh Street, across from Dordt College’s sports complex. With ever-changing hours, visit www.alseasonscenter.org or call 712-722-4FUN to find out more.
VENTURING TO KANSAS CITY

ACTF took place Jan. 19 to 24. The approximately 80 people in Terror Texts’ cast and crew headed to Kansas City for the week, leaving a noticeable hole on NW’s campus.

Not only did Terror Texts receive the honor of performing at the Festival, but the show also won six awards for various parts of the production and performance. The awards, announced the second night of the Festival, were given based on performances at Northwestern that had been attended by ACTF judges.

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Some attended the entire week of seminars, performances and the Irene Ryan competition. Others came only Jan. 21 to 23, traveling solely for the Terror Texts performance that had been attended by ACTF judges.

The performance

At 7:30 p.m. the cast and crew of Terror Texts prepared to hit the stage.

Doorenbos said he always says a quick prayer before he goes on stage.

“It’s usually something like, ‘Dear God, don’t let me suck.’ I say my prayer around and couldn’t make out a single person,” he said. “The audience was a mass. They started clapping and cheering when they realized we were taking the stage. I said a second prayer and suddenly forgot what it was like to play my instrument.”

Doorenbos has always dreamed his band would play for a packed house.

“My heart felt like it was dropping out. I couldn’t wait to actually start playing,” he said. “Now I can put a feeling to the childhood dream.”

Meanwhile, Chipman and other actors waited backstage.

“You get so worked up and antsy,” she said. “Energy was pumping. Then to see the crowd and everywhere there were people. You got even more pumped up.”

The audience may not have gotten what exactly it was about, but I think they understood something important was going on.”

- Jos Doorenbos

Being their final performance, the cast gave their all — and the audience ate it up.

“We could do no wrong. They would clap after every song. You know, we just figured it was for the actors, but they even went semi-ballistic when we got done with our encore,” Doorenbos said. “That was pretty awesome.”

Final thoughts

Even though the cast and crew appreciate the compliments about their show, they hope the audience received something besides a stellar performance.

“I hope people will go back and read their Bibles and be intrigued by what they saw,” Chipman said. “I want it to spark conversations, for people to think about things they usually don’t think about.”

Doorenbos wanted the message to reach theatre people who tend to separate themselves from Christianity.

“One of the responders said that afterwards they went back to their hotel room, pulled out the Gideon Bible and looked up the stories that we performed,” he said. “That’s kind of the point though. We really want people to look it up and read about it.”

Although the performance at ACTF did not win Terror Texts a trip to nationals at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., Barker has high hopes for where Terror Texts will go from here.

“Nearly a hundred people from the festival have asked for scripts and scores,” he said. “Hopefully some of them will produce it. We’re also talking about the possibility of touring it in a year or two. And I’d love to see it in New York. But that’s going to require a ton of help.”

No matter where this brilliant musical goes, hopefully it will touch hearts and cause its audiences to think about the Bible the stories come from.

“Terror Texts” is a show that will continue to run, Barker said, whether or not it wins any awards at ACFT.

“It’s usually something like, ‘Oh, you were in Terror Texts.’ Doorenbos said. “I was joking that maybe I should lift my shirt, because I still had all my markings on there. So I just lifted it once and someone goes, ‘Hey, you were the guitarist in Terror Texts.’ It was pretty nuts.”

Chipman heard a lot of good things after the show as well.

“Someone bowed in front of Brady [Huffman],” she said. “That was weird.”

One of Barker’s favorite responses was from another theatre professor who attended ACTF.

The professor said, “I wish I were thirty years younger. I’d buy the rights because it’s going to show up on Broadway.”

“Exhilarated, but dead tired at the end of that,” Doorenbos said. “Strike could’ve taken five hours. We wouldn’t have cared.”

Many then went to celebrate at 1-HOP but after a long day everyone was exhausted.

Barker said they felt, “Elsilibrated, but dead tired at the end of that.”

By the time they all returned to the hotel, the name of Terror Texts raved on everyone’s lips.

Read the Texts:

2 Samuel 6:24-7:20
2 Kings 2:23-25
2 Samuel 6:1-23
Judges 3:12-30
Joshua 7:2-26
Judges 19:21

For Terror Texts' photos, music and video visit www.myspace.com/terrortextsthemusical
Wrestlers to raise funds for Westwood High School accident victims

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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Emotions have run high for the wrestling team this year carrying the team through everything, even death.

On Nov. 8, the team was traveling to Westwood High School in Sloan, Iowa to put on a wrestling camp. On the way down the highway they noticed a crash on the road. A suburban and a van appeared to have hit head on.

Head wrestling coach Rik Dahl made the decision to pull over and assist. When he checked the suburban he found the Westwood High School wrestling team, along with the coach, all unconscious. It was the same team that NW was on their way to teach.

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Dahl went to check the van where he found the driver dead. Dahl and the team waited for the boys to come to and after about five minutes they regained consciousness.

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After an EMT arrived, the boys were taken in stretchers to the hospital. Jorgenson suffered from such bad wounds he was declared paralyzed.

The rest of the team will recover from the injuries and one is even wrestling again. The team’s coach shattered his knee cap and will most likely walk with a walker for the next year according to Dahl.

Dahl went to visit the team in Sloan following the event.

“It was amazing to see the community come together,” Dahl said. “Half of the town was there.”

On Wed. Feb. 11, the team will host Dakota Wesleyan in a dual where a portion of the proceeds will go toward the team’s medical expenses and also toward building a new house for Jorgenson. The Westwood wrestling team will be named honorary captains and will accompany NW on the bench for the dual following an introduction.

Dahl hopes to get attendance up for the occasion and has sent out fliers to the local schools to come to and after the match make the decision to pull over and assist. When he checked the suburban he found the Westwood High School wrestling team, along with the coach, all unconscious. It was the same team that NW was on their way to teach.

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Dahl went to check the van where he found the driver dead. Dahl and the team waited for the boys to come to and after about five minutes they regained consciousness.

“It was pretty emotional,” Dahl said. “Blake Jorgenson was hanging out the window behind the passengers side.”

After an EMT arrived, the boys were taken in stretchers to the hospital. Jorgenson suffered from such bad wounds he was declared paralyzed.

The rest of the team will recover from the injuries and one is even wrestling again. The team’s coach shattered his knee cap and will most likely walk with a walker for the next year according to Dahl.

Dahl went to visit the team in Sloan following the event.

“It was amazing to see the community come together,” Dahl said. “Half of the town was there.”

On Wed. Feb. 11, the team will host Dakota Wesleyan in a dual where a portion of the proceeds will go toward the team’s medical expenses and also toward building a new house for Jorgenson. The Westwood wrestling team will be named honorary captains and will accompany NW on the bench for the dual following an introduction.

Dahl hopes to get attendance up for the occasion and has sent out fliers to the local schools to help raise money for the Blake Jorgenson Fund.
Men’s basketball seven-game win streak snapped by Dana

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After winning seven straight games, the Red Raider men’s basketball team was defeated last Saturday by Dana College, 69-77. Northwestern rebounded from the loss and claimed a victory over the University of Sioux Falls on Wednesday night, 77-70. The Raiders are now 15-8 overall and are tied with two other GPAC schools for second place, holding a 10-3 conference record.

NW 77, USF 70

The win on Wednesday night did not come easy for NW. The Cougars came into the game on a five-game winning streak, while the Raiders had just fallen to Dana. The game went back and forth several times. Each team took turns taking the lead but it was NW that went into the locker room with a 33-31 advantage.

Neither team was willing to give up the score remained close for much of the second half. The Raiders finally took control with an 11-3 run, which gave them the lead for good. Yet, USF did not go down without a fight and came within three points with just over two minutes of play, but several free throws by seniors Andrew Stimson and Kale Wierzema as well as freshman Alex Huisken, along with an offensive rebound by Huisken, secured the Raider victory.

NW was able to earn the victory because, “We played together as a team,” said head coach Kris Korver. “Different guys stepped up at different times to give us a lift throughout the game.”

NW shot 47 percent for the game compared to the Cougars’ 42 percent. Wiertzema finished with 22 points and four assists, while Huisken added 11 points. Junior Brent Dunkelberger got into foul trouble early on but was still able to score ten points and grab two steals. Junior Michael Jiskoot led the rebounding effort with ten points, respectively. Huisken also pulled down five rebounds, and Jiskoot had seven rebounds along with seven points. Dunkelberger had seven rebounds as well, including four off the bench. Junior Ryan Hoogeveen added four assists.

The Raiders will take on Concordia at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Bulletman Center. The Bulldogs, who are looking to extend their four-game winning streak, are tied with NW at a 10-3 record in the GPAC and are 18-6 overall. Coach Korver is looking for the squad to “finish strong and position ourselves to play for the GPAC title. We have a tough five game stretch to end the regular season.”

To accomplish this goal, Korver said, “We need to keep working hard and keep believing in each other. If we take care of the little things the big things will take care of themselves.”

Rather than focusing on his success, Van Es chose to continue his basketball career at the college level because “I just love the game.”

Van Es said that in basketball, “You have to win individual battles but keep it in the team perspective, so it’s an interesting game to play.”

He added that Northwestern specifically is a great place to play basketball. “I think everybody is God-centered.” This really helps his motivation during hard practices and games. “It makes it easier to give it your all when you know what you’re playing for.”

Three track athletes meet NAIA qualifying standard

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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The Northwestern men’s and women’s track teams took off running into their second meet of the season.

Sophomore Charity Miles, junior Emily De Weerd and junior Kyle Sauter were each able to meet the automatic or provisional qualifying standard in their individual events. These standards qualified the athletes to run in the NAIA Indoor Nationals.

Miles, who automatically qualified in the 3000-meter run, crossed the line in 10:20. This put her in first, and over 20 seconds ahead of the second place runner. Miles has also automatically qualified in the 5000-meter run.

With a time of 8:38.44 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles, De Weerd placed third and met the provisional qualifying mark. She then went on to finish fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.87 seconds and sixth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.96 seconds.

Sauter got fifth place in the 55-meter hurdles and was able to meet the provisional qualifying mark with a time of 7.91 seconds. Other men that placed by finishing in the top eight were junior Andy Norris in the mile (4:46), senior Jack Peterson in the 3000-meter run (9:23), freshmen Mark Mineart in the high jump (5-11.5) and sophomore Logan Ogden in the weight throw (43-10.5) and in the shot put (48-2.5).

The women also had other top finishers in freshmen Stacey Dietrich in the 400-meter dash (1:04.27), sophomore Corrie Fautsch in the 400-meter dash (1:04.32), sophomore Stephanie Powell in the mile (5:55) and sophomore Heidi Hildebrandt in the mile (5:51) and the triple jump (31-06). Also finishing in the top eight were junior Mary Maassen in the mile (5:52), sophomore Jenna Sorensen in the 3000-meter run (10:58), sophomore Kaitlin Beaver in high jump (4-11.75), freshmen Jacklyn Brooks in the pole vault (9-4), junior Halee Wilken in the pole vault (8-10.25), sophomore Angela Wiersema in the triple jump (33-04) and Kara Den Herder in the weight throw (41-11). The Raiders will look to continue their success this week at the Dakota Dome in the Bill Hillbrandt Open in Vermillion, S.D. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 5-6.
Called2Go hosts benefit to package food for Haiti

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Called2Go, Northwestern's hunger/homelessness ministry, is hosting a food packaging day on Thursday, Feb. 12 to benefit people who are in need in Haiti. The packaging will occur from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the RSC mall area.

NW decided to host this event after a couple of anonymous donors donated $6,250 specifically so that NW could partner with Kids Against Hunger to package food for starving Haitians.

Kids Against Hunger, according to its website, is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to stop the tragic fact that "every hour of every day twelve children per minute die of starvation or malnutrition related diseases." This organization "packages and ships highly-nutritious, life-saving meals to starving and malnourished children in developing countries and the United States."

Haiti, the destination for the packaged food, is currently in a serious food crisis after four major hurricanes ravaged the island in 2008. These hurricanes destroyed half the country's crops and killed more than 500 people according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

This country is one of the poorest nations in the Western hemisphere with 80 percent of Haitians living below the poverty line and half of the country cannot meet its minimal food requirements. Some Haitians have even had to resort to eating dried mud and salt pies to gain sustenance.

Marlon Haverdink, NW's director of service learning, said that Kids Against Hunger "only bring food into an area of great need, where there's an emergency." At this point, the RSC mall area.

"We're going to need a lot of people to come help us," Haverdink said. "Show up and we'll put you to work.'

Parker reveals life canvas

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From Monday, Feb. 9 through Friday, Feb. 13 Shelbi Parker's gallery titled "Life is a canvas" will be displayed in the TePaske Gallery of the Kvorner Visual Arts Center.

The title, Parker said, came from a quote by Danny Kaye. "Life is a big canvas, throw all the paint on it you can."

Parker has wanted to be an art major "basically forever," because it's the only thing she could see herself doing. The title fits with the inspiration for her artwork.

"I find inspiration everywhere I go," she said. "I see something I find intriguing or beautiful, and I find the need to paint it." While some of the work in her gallery came from projects she made for class, most of it she made during her free time. Her favorite piece is a series of paintings of women. Rather than painting on normal canvas, she used women's undergarments as a backdrop for the pieces.

"A lot of my friends have commented that they like the series," she said. "It's one that I'm really proud of."

Though the Impressionist movement holds much of her favorite artwork, Parker's favorite artist is Jackson Pollock, a well-known and more contemporary abstract artist.

"He was the first to do it, the first to cover a blank canvas that way," she said. "It looks really abstract, but he threw the paint methodically. It was actually quite controlled."

The pieces to be displayed in Parker's show include acrylic paintings, sculpture, printed digital work and charcoal and pastel drawings.

"I'm looking forward to seeing people's reactions, both other art majors and people I don't know," she said.

At 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 9, Parker will host a reception in the TePaske Gallery, to start the week-long display.

The concert will involve individual performances from NISO, each jazz band, both brass groups and a combination of each jazz band and the Stoneback Brass, who will join them on stage. Stoneback Brass is comprised of the identical triplet Stoneback sisters and their parents, who have performed over 1,000 concerts since 1992.

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NW jazz band joins professional performers

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This Saturday, Feb. 7 will be the fifth biennial Jazz Band/NISO concert. NISO, or Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra, will join the stage with Northwestern and Dordt's jazz bands as well as two professional brass groups: the Stoneback Brass and Stoneback Sisters.

The performance will be conducted by John Thomson, NISO's concertmaster. NISO will present their popular "Winter Pops" concert which features pieces by Arriaga, Falla, Gimenez and more. Composed of the finest musicians in the tri-state area, NISO will give the audience the opportunity to hear a professional orchestra in addition to the work of the musicians in the Dordt and NW jazz bands.

In preparation for the concert, the NW jazz band has been rehearsing three pieces that they have been working with since the beginning of the school year: “Samba de Los Iguanas,” “I’m Getting Sentimental Over You” and “Barnburner.”

“We are keeping these active while learning all of the music for the Feb. 21 ballroom dance, for which we are providing all of the music,” said Tim McGarvey, professor of music and conductor of the NW jazz band.

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Stoneback Brass will join the NW jazz band on the performance of "Barnburner." The two groups will have their first and only opportunity to rehearse together on the morning of Feb. 7 prior to the concert. The concert will provide the audience with the opportunity to hear performances from groups they may not have experienced before.

"It is a great opportunity to hear some great professional performers and to hear them with the NWC Jazz Band,” said McGarvey.

The NISO/Jazz band concert will be held this Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College in Sioux Center. Tickets are $5 for students and $13 for adults. Tickets may be ordered by e-mailing niso@dordt.edu or by calling 712-722-6230. They are also available for purchase at the doors the night of the event.