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Students take China by computer

BY LEANN JOHNSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

For the second year in a row, a team of three Northwestern students has been chosen as one of 100 teams from six continents to compete in the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest’s world finals. This year, the event will take place Feb. 1 to 6 in Harbin, China. NW, the only Iowa school to be selected, received an at-large bid after its team finished in third place in the North Central regional competition on Oct. 31. Members of the NW team are seniors John Calsbeek and Curt Van Wyk and junior Mark Haselhoff. Calsbeek and Van Wyk were on the team that competed in the 2009 world finals in Stockholm, Sweden.

As a member of the 2009 team that went to Sweden, what was your experience like?

Calsbeek: It was relatively tame first-time-out-of-the-U.S. experience for me. Stockholm itself is a gorgeous city. The contest was lots of fun—there was a fair bit of adrenaline pumping—and it was a treat to be in the same room as 99 other teams working on the same stuff.

Van Wyk: I was impressed by Sweden’s rich history. We went to an old fortress island and participated in a set of challenges throughout the island. Our opening ceremony and closing ceremony took place in the same buildings where the Nobel Peace Prize ceremonies are.

Do you have any memorable stories from the Sweden trip?

Calsbeek: We sat almost directly across from the team that placed first in the entire contest. In the world finals, every team gets a balloon tied to their workstation every time they solve a problem. So our entertainment during the contest was watching the cloud of balloons near our station grow larger and larger.

What is it like being in a room with so many smart students from all over the world?

Van Wyk: It is humbling to be in the presence of so many brilliant students. It is also very encouraging to know that there are so many bright people that can do a lot to improve the world. With such people, smarter solutions to new world problems are attainable.

What part of the China trip are you most looking forward to experiencing?

Haselhoff: This will be my first time overseas, so I’m really looking forward to experiencing a different culture. This year the contest is taking place during the Harbin International Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival, so seeing all of the sculptures will be exciting too.

Does your team have a new strategy for this year’s world finals?

Calsbeek: Probably. Last year we used pretty much the same strategy as we use at regionals—divide and conquer. We split up all the problems, try to find the easiest and have one person work on that while the other two work on a problem by themselves. Turns out, the problems at the finals are harder...

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From carols to ragtime, the music hall’s got it all

BY LIZ LAWRENSEN
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This Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m., Northwestern’s music department will present its annual Christmas Vespers concerts. The concerts will feature pieces performed by A Cappella Choir, Women’s Choir, Heritage Singers, Chamber Orchestra, Brass Ensemble and Chimes Ensemble. Selections will range from the traditional carols to large-scale works making use of choir, strings, organ and brass.

The concert has been named “A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.” It is patterned after a traditional service at King’s College Chapel in Cambridge, England. Interlaced with musical selections are nine scripture lessons read by various NW faculty, staff, students and members of the community. The readings start with creation and the fall of man and will culminate with the affirmation of the deity of the Christ child.

The A Cappella Choir, directed by Thomas Holm, will sing pieces ranging from the spiritual “Go Where I Send Thee” by Caldwell and Ivory, to the grand “Gloria Patri” by Bach to the piece “Three Kings” set to the text of a poem written by 20th century poet Laurence Housmann.

Linell Gray Moss will lead the Women’s Choir as well as a collaborative piece with the women from A Cappella Choir. Timothy McGarvey will direct the brass ensemble, and Jungho Kim will conduct the Chamber Orchestra. The Chimes Ensemble will perform under the direction of Heather Jesselyn-Cranson.

In addition to the Vespers Concerts this weekend, next weekend on Friday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m., the brass quintet and saxophone ensemble will perform. This concert will be a fun way to finish off the semester. McGarvey, director of both ensembles, commented, “This concert has a great variety of music, including things from classical to ragtime.”

The Brass Quintet will perform six pieces, including “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” by Rusty Dedrick. Members of the ensemble include Carolyn Dundas and Marilee Akland on trumpet, Rachel Schultz on horn, Matt Skelton on trombone and Zack Wolf on tuba.

The Saxophone Quartet will perform five pieces. Its repertoire includes “Sarabande and Air” by G.F. Handel and “Rondino” by Frank Erickson. Members of the Saxophone Quartet are Kelby Robinson and Brianna Ellis on alto sax, Suzanne Grebner on tenor sax and Steve Ehlers on baritone sax.

Changes in the cafeteria

BY EMILY BREWER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Sodexo representatives opened the SGA meeting on Nov. 30 with an update on the correlation between going trayless and food waste.

Present at the meeting were Don Keith, general manager of Sodexo campus services; Wanda Pauling, production manager in the cafeteria; and Andy Woodbury, the Hub retail manager.

Keith opened the meeting by presenting statistics on food waste so far this semester. Compared to last year, at breakfast Northwestern has seen a 10 percent decrease in waste of beverages and a 13 percent decrease of food waste. At lunch, there has been a 72 percent decrease of beverage waste and a 46 percent decrease in food waste. There has been a 56 percent beverage waste decrease and a 29 percent decrease in food waste at supper. Keith said that more adequate comparisons will be made when the semester actually comes to a close.

Keith also discussed some potential changes in cafeteria serving stations that are in the works for next semester. He talked about the possibility of having a pizza station for every meal, which would offer cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza and some sort of specialty pizza.

There is also the potential for a permanent grill area and a deli area, where students could order a sandwich and have it made for them, comparable to the Subway set-up.

Because of the number of meals being served in the Hub, Keith believes that these changes should not create long lines or a congested food court area.

Also on the agenda for the SGA meeting was a discussion about the potential of a fire pit on campus, but due to the absence of the person who initially proposed the idea, the discussion was tabled until next week.
Students act out final exams

BY SARAH LUPKES
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Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m., Northwestern students in Jeff Barker’s directing class will present six short plays in the Black Box Theatre. These plays are produced as the student-director’s final exam for the course.

“The goal of the course is for each student to experience the directing process from script search to strike,” Barker said.

Students participating in this final project include seniors Brandon Assmann and Molly Te Slaa, juniors Sarah Fisher, Rebecca Dix and Renee Ausborn and sophomore Andrew Stam.

“Each student puts a great amount of heart into their work,” Barker said. “It is one of my favorite nights of theatre for the year.”

Fisher is directing the one-act play “Airmail to the Moon” by Tom Birdseye. “It was a challenge to find a good script that I loved and that worked best for this project,” Fisher said. “It has been rewarding working with the actors and seeing the growing progress of the play. It is so fun to see your ideas come to life and actually work.”

The one-act play “Tower of Babel” is the final directing project for Dix. The script is verbatim from Genesis 11:1-9 in the King James Version.

“This story is straight from scripture, but it is definitely my own style,” Dix said. She also said that she hopes the audience will see something beautiful in her play.

“This story is commonly overlooked,” Dix said, “so I hope the audience sees a part of the story they have never realized or thought of before.”

Not only do the directors contribute their skills to the final project, but the actors make the plans of the directors a reality.

“ Each actor brings a fantastic attitude and amount of energy to this project,” Fisher said.

They also bring a willingness to try new things and try my ridiculous ideas, which has been great.”

Both Fisher and Dix hope the audience will see all the hard work put into these one-act plays.

According to Barker, this show will provide a variety of talent and style. He said, “The actors are a wide mix of experience, and the style of the shows is wildly varied. There is always a great deal of passion and unpredictability.”

NW and Dordt find a bond through art

BY MEAGAN MCDougall
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Northwestern and Dordt College are almost always rivals, whether competing in NC/DC or on the basketball court. However, the art department has designed an event that will bridge the gap between the rival schools. Art students from both schools will be putting on a joint art exhibition starting Friday, Dec. 4, in the Te Paske Gallery in the Korver Visual Arts Center. This event, which has taken place annually for more than ten years, is student-run and student-directed. Three art majors are chosen as judges for both Dordt and NW. The NW students will choose their favorite of all of Dordt’s submissions, and the Dordt students will in turn choose their favorites of all of NW’s submissions.

“It’s very selective,” art professor Rein Vanderhall said. “Students get to see what’s it’s like to try to get something chosen to be in a show. It’s very competitive.”

More than 100 pieces of many different varieties are submitted, and only about 15 from each school are chosen to be shown.

At the opening on Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., students will critique each other’s artwork and explain why they chose the pieces they did.

Senior Moriah Anderson is one of the judges this year, along with juniors Kevin Krueger and Brittany Corlew. Anderson has had pieces chosen for the exhibit the last two years, and she is excited to be a judge as well as to submit both art photography and ceramics pieces this year.

“I’m really excited to submit a Photography II project I’ve been working really hard on,” Anderson said. “It has to do with the seven deadly sins, and it’s taken me the whole class to get done with, so I’m hoping it does okay.”

After reviewing Dordt’s art submissions, all three judges will choose their favorite piece and explain why they liked that one best to those attending the exhibit opening.

“It’s a chance for students to do peer evaluation and get comments from people they don’t really know,” Vanderhall said. “There aren’t really prizes except for recognition by faculty and their peers.”

Students are welcome to attend the opening or visit the exhibit through the end of the semester.

* Winter Formal *

Saturday, Dec. 5
9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.

$3 for admission

Beverages and snacks provided.
Plate spinning solution

**BY GONZA GONZALEZ**

GOOSE EXPERT

In the face of student dissection over the decision earlier this year to go trayless, President Craig Misty has invited world famous clown Arnaud D’Aubigne-Chinet to hold plate spinning classes. The classes will teach students how to carry multiple plates in the cafeteria without spilling any food. Classes will be held this afternoon in the RSC mini-gym.

“We realized students were unhappy, and we needed to explore alternatives,” Misty said on Monday. In a fit of candor, he continued, “Honestly, we were just tired of students whining about having to save money and food instead of using trays. It’s a move of self-preservation.”

D’Aubigne-Chinet, a world-famous plate spinner from France, D’Aubigne-Chinet along with his mime assistant Mel Amine, broke David Spathaky’s decades-long record of 108 simultaneously spinning plates in 2008. Making the feat even more impressive was that D’Aubigne-Chinet was wearing size 20 clown shoes.

“Je suis un artiste avec des plats et un grand nez rouge,” the French D’Aubigne-Chinet told the Beacon. “Jespéren enseigner un Northwestern bien comment tourner les plats.”

Amine, when asked if he thought other campuses would abandon trays for plate spinning, gave the typical mime response, “ “ and pretended to climb up a ladder.

The student body is overall excited. This excludes the members of the juggling club, who have described themselves as “put out” and plan to present President Misty with a “Ban Monsieur D’Aubigne-Chinet and his creepy mime” petition early this afternoon.

Misty mentioned that a few changes would have to be made to the cafeteria to make it more conducive to mass plate spinning. Among them include new plates in festive colors to make lunchtime more aesthetically pleasing and poles made from environmentally friendly materials for each student.

Ron Teets, cafeteria manager, has agreed to pipe “The Sabre Dance,” the so-called national anthem of plate spinning, during meals.

D’Aubigne-Chinet insists plate spinning is “impossible” without the irritating little ditty.

Red Tray Socialism

**BY R.L. STINE & BEST BUTTER**

IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO, BABY

After the decision was made last year to cease using trays in the cafeteria, Northwestern College was left with 1263 bland, mostly blank, boringly-colored trays and not enough projects to find suitable uses for all of them. An unnamed source from Maintenance has, on the condition of anonymity, provided the Beacon with the detailed description of what’s happened with each of those trays. Maintenance has gone socialist by redistributing the trays.

- 556 of the trays have been slated for use as new roofing tiles for Heemstra. “We’re still working out the kinks, whether we’ll have to cut off the rounded edges or cut them in half or what, but we’ll get there,” said our source in Maintenance.

After the campus uproar about the impending closure of Heemstra, the administration appears to be Hoping that this last-ditch effort will keep Heemstra open for a few more years. If the tiles don’t work as a roof, maybe we can give them to the fire marshal as a bribe to keep the building open a few more years,” the Maintenance source joked.

- 411 of the trays have been donated to an engineering group committed to creating windmills out of experimental materials. “We had a plan in the works to try a windmill made entirely of recycled paper—we figured students would like knowing their papers from freshman English were put to good use—but when we got the chance to use trays, we had to take that,” said Christopher Van Vaanderberg, chief engineer for Spin It Windmills, Inc. “Plus the trays will help the windmill itself sort of blend in, especially in wintertime—all that gray will pretty much look the same.”

- 100 trays were given to Slug Bunderson for a use at Ramaker Library, which he would not disclose. However there is speculation that they will be used to build a small Northwestern-College-Board-approved “band-aid” library, which will serve campus till the Board decides to spend money on a real library.

- The Wellness Center requested 51 trays. Smelly Fredman said that the trays will be used to offer anger management sessions. “When students are frustrated with a class, with something that’s happening in their life or with overly loud neighbors, students can find some relief through these sessions.”

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**DA REEFER**

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CHRISTMAS HAM — the forth day of the 12th month of the 2009th year

Dutch donors get their blooming wish

BY BEST BUTTER
HAN CONNISUR

A recent gift from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Haarlen Maars Haarlensen will help Northwestern College as it attempts its greatest transformation yet. “What we feel, really, is that Northwestern College is a uniquely transformative place,” Van Maars Haarlensen said “and we felt that, with a few physical changes, the school’s actual, physical design and layout might be able to reflect that transformative sense.”

“The transformation of Northwestern College into Tulip University — which we’re figuring’ll get shortened to ‘Too You’ once people acclimate—will happen in four stages,” said Janer Lorage, Provost. “The first stage will be that, this spring, instead of the tulip festival only lasting one weekend, we’re gonna stretch it out for, well, forever.” Lorage explained that recent developments in biomechanical engineering have resulted in tulip bulbs which bloom weekly (though never on Sunday), and that these tulips will be one of the key features on the new Tulip University campus.

“The tulips themselves are only just the beginning — step two is where it gets interesting,” Lorage continued. According to stipulations in the Van Maars Haarlensen’s bequestment, the school will also change not only the name of each building on campus, but the structures themselves will eventually be changed as well. As of September, 2010, each residential building on campus will be renamed for a type of tulip, from the horned tulip to the waterlily tulip to the lady tulip to the Rembrandt tulip. “We’re still working out the details of which building gets which name, but it’s probably safe to say the lady tulip won’t be the name of one of the male dorms,” said Lorage. Nonresidential buildings—the RSC, VPH, Zwemer—will be named after the various parts of a tulip—the pistil, the stamen and so on.

The third and fourth steps, as outlined by Lorage, will be the steps which make Tulip University a fundamentally different institution of higher education — steps, Lorage believes, which will make Too You “a school of tomorrow for the students of tomorrow.”

The change will begin in June with the construction of a series of large, inward-curving walls surrounding each building on campus. The walls will have a range of motion of 14 degrees and, shaped like the petals of a tulip, they will be able to mimic ‘opening’ and ‘closing.’ “Of course, the petals will be painted to resemble the name of the building,” Lorage said. “By building new suite-style housing, we saved enough to ‘tulip-ize’ 80 percent of the buildings, and we’ll have the remaining 20 percent of the buildings taken care of at the end of this capital campaign, 2012.”

The first three steps will make Too You a thoroughly tulip-like place, from the building names to the buildings themselves to the flowers grown on campus. The fourth and final step, to be implemented in the fall of 2010, will be for a narrowing of academic focus across disciplines.

Until now, the phrase ‘integrative learning’ has meant an integration of faith and learning, but next fall integration will connect three fields: faith, learning and Dutchness. Everything from Bib Studies to freshman English to choir will integrate and emphasize faith, learning, and Dutchness.

“Like all colleges, we’ve had to take some close and hard looks at what makes us unique,” Lorage said, “and for North—I mean, Too You, what makes us unique is our Dutch heritage. What better way to proclaim that than through tulips? Students may wonder if these changes aren’t pretty drastic. I’d say they are—sure, they’re drastic. But you know what? They’re part of a process that’ll bring out all the best elements of our school, who we are, our culture.”

CMT engages ailing students at Double D’s

BY DR. DJ SPANK
PHD IN EVERYTHING

Rhubarbare Dewalters, Campus Ministries Coordinator, affirmed Wednesday that Northwestern College Campus Ministries will be sponsoring and hosting a bible study Friday nights at Double D’s in Alton.

Dewalters commented, “We all know that it’s a common weekend hang out spot for Northwestern students, so we wanted to engage that culture and create movement toward those students by bringing the bible to them.”

Dances commonly occur at Double D’s, and statistics show that one-third of the student body attend these dances, while the other two-thirds judge them. A recent survey revealed that three-quarters of those attendees are freshmen. Another recent survey noted that Residence Life tends to “turn a blind eye” toward the matter. And, yet another recent survey noted that it is hard for blind people to do anything but make funky 80’s worship music about strange internet relationships.

Freshman Almuerzo Desuyo asked the III to speak to us in an interview about his experiences at the dances. “I love going out to Double D’s on Friday nights, all my friends are there, and there’s nothing else to do in Sioux County.” Statistics show that there is nothing else to do in Sioux County. Doc’s in Sioux Center seems to be the only other option.

“Doc’s is our next target,” said Dewalters. A special campus ministries task force called the Bar Bible Bunch is taking on the responsibility of leading the bible studies. Leader Hwan Van der DeOosterkampjonghoefstrakim told us, “We will begin our bible study in John with the story of Jesus changing water into wine.” The story holds great significance for all Christians: it’s ok to get loose every once in a while.

“We want to meet people where they’re at,” said Van der DeOosterkampjonghoefstrakim. And, statistics show that people are at Doc’s and Double D’s. There has even been talk of a partnership with the management at Double D’s to have Steven Curtis Chapman albums be the main music for future dances. SAC has even talked about moving Winter Formal to Double D’s. SAC president Nor Gonzalez said, “Since numbers have been low at our nominal events this year, we decided to get out of the box and think about some new ideas, like moving Winter Formal to Double D’s.”

Back to the bible study, Vander DeOosterkampjonghoefstrakim will lead the study on Fridays at 11:15 p.m. “Bring your bibles, your dance shoes and yourself, and we will encounter God in fellowship with each other in community. We will address the best ways to objectify women, justify sin and take care of the alien, the orphan and the widow. We’re hoping to move into the book of II Hesitations after we’re done with John.”

The Bar Bible Bunch has plenty of places to do their ministry: Bob’s Bar in Martinsville, NE, The Hideout in Germantown and Doc’s and Double D’s. And they are planning on having a conversation and informational meeting about how to “minister to the Northwest Iowa culture” this coming Wednesday in the Theatre Lobby at 7 p.m. All are encouraged to attend, especially NW freshmen who haven’t yet had the chance to dance at Double D’s.

Do the people think?

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Oh so bloody vain


due to the starving economy, Congress has decided to restrict the twelve days of Christmas to help save on money and expenses. Some politician said, “it’s ridiculous to have to buy more than 10 gifts for one person. Congress could use that money for more paper so that we can continue debating the health-care reform. As a result of this legislation, we have compiled different ways to think about the days of Christmas students have left.

On the ninth day of Christmas: Nine lives. Find a stray cat wondering around some farm and give it to your loved one claiming that you saved it from certain death and that it’s nine lives represent the ninth day of Christmas.

On the eighth day of Christmas: Eight hotdogs. Buy a pack of cheap hot dogs and put them in the freezer, maybe next year you’ll have saved enough to buy the buns too.

On the seventh day of Christmas: Day of rest. Tell your loved one that God rested on the seventh day and you also need to. This should work especially well in Northwest Iowa.

On the sixth day of Christmas: Six-pack of eggs. This just seems like a cheaper option than six geese a-laying. Buy her the eggs and then have her make you breakfast.

On the fifth day of Christmas: Five golden rings. It is out of the question to buy actual rings, so get ringtones instead. Download them off the Internet for free and save some money.

On the fourth day of Christmas: Fantastic Four. Find a friend and borrow the movie Fantastic Four. Spend a night with your loved one cuddled up on the couch watching the movie, but don’t forget to prop the door open.

On the third day of Christmas: French Fries. It is too expensive to import three French hens, so just take your love to the Hub and use your meal plan to buy some French fries.

On the second day of Christmas: Two candy bars. Don’t buy two candy bars; instead, stick to the Twix or Peanut Butter Cups. This way you get two candy bars for the price of one.

On the first day of Christmas: One homemade card. After this sad attempt at the twelve days of Christmas, your loved one will be very upset. Make a card explaining that your love is more than just material things and beg for forgiveness. It is foolproof.
Chronic illness causes chaos

The outbreak of MRS-7 is highly prevalent in the human species, yet it has also permeated the germ world. After a highly publicized, turbulent romance of H1 and N1, both have succumbed to MRS-7 and were married Dec. 3.

While the entire campus population is at risk, the senior class is the most susceptible to the effects of MRS-7. This is an especially concerning disease due to its tendency to break out in two people simultaneously.

According to reports from the NW Wellness Center, typical symptoms of MRS-7 include perpetual smiling, compulsive hand-holding, and fatigue due to a disruption of normal sleep patterns. Loss of focus in some individuals has led to a decrease in GPA, and some victims of MRS-7 have reported leg cramps on account of their high frequency and length of nocturnal walks. Men, in particular, may experience a drop in bank account balances.

"I've never had a dream come true till the day that I found you," said Ty Theknot to his new fiancée Rin Y. Spring, thus exemplifying an additional symptom: inability to curb gushy, love speech.

NW's upcoming Winter Formal is only perpetuating the condition. Men and women are spending an increased amount of time with each other in order to procure dates to the dance. This increased exposure results in higher chance of contracting MRS-7.

According to the CDC, once infected, the only treatment options include undergoing a marriage ceremony or surgery to remove one's significant other from the hip.

Due to the serious nature of this disease, NW administration is committed to precaution. Under the direction of NW's head physician Dr. Mc Dreamy, NW has implemented an evacuation plan. "This plan will only be used if the infected population reaches 5-percent of the student population," said Mc Dreamy.

"But since there are approximately 64 reported cases, which roughly equates to 3-percent, with several more anticipated outbreaks, this is much closer to reality than to a precautionary measure."

While this outbreak has caused alarm on campus, some singles are not worried. "I'm pretty sure I'm immune," said junior I. Jess Fine.

"Contact the NW Wellness Center for more information on prevention and a break-through vaccine.

Top 8 things SGA can and will approve no matter what just because they can

BY R. L. STINE
QUEEN OF BUSINESS

Due to an impending fiscal challenge that Northwestern will face in the next school year, and because the gift from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Haaren Van Maars Haarlen has already been assigned a purpose, the SGA decided that the time was right to act in helping aid the school to save funds this year. As a result, SGA teamed up various NW departments to approve the following:

1) VHP will no longer be heated because, even when the heat was on, students never felt it (Disclaimer: All close-range parking will be barricaded to ensure that everyone has to park at least a half mile away. This will provide warmth for both students and faculty before they get to class). 
2) Heemstra will be sold brick by brick. 
3) As a fundraiser, the RSC front desk will actually be used. Each student will have to spend at least one chapel session per week behind the desk, and, during each session behind the desk, the student will need to solicit money from all passers-by. 
4) Because the mini gym seems to have no purpose, it will be converted into various study rooms and will be the only place in which the lights will remain on after dark. Only natural sunlight will be used to light all other locations on campus (Reminder: candles are illegal. Anyone caught using, will NOT get any free chapel credits). 
5) All landline phones will be disconnected and the phones will be sold because students don't know what they are anyways. 
6) All shower water will be reused to wash dishes in the cafeteria and the Hub, thereby increasing NW's recycling efforts and improve the campus immunity; there will be no need to spend money on flu shots because everyone will have the flu together! 
7) The cafeteria and the Hub will only provide pop in cans in order to redeem the five cents Iowa gives for recycling them. 
8) All free coupons that Northwestern receives will be sold to other community members.

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THE END
La Buena Vista

BY JENNIFER NILSON
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"As my time in Spain draws to a close, I've found myself needing to make sense of everything that I've experienced. It's hard to lump everything into one category, as you can't really just say, "It's different than Orange City." This is obviously true; but saying only that would be an insult to the whole experience.

I've learned the most from my daily interactions with the various people I've met here, whether it is my host mother or the guy handing out newspapers in the morning. One man named Larry has had a particularly significant impact on me. Larry is not actually from Spain at all, rather he was born in Lagos, Nigeria. He attended a university there and briefly lived in the UK, where he learned English. He is one of the many African immigrants who have come to Spain during recent years in search of better opportunities (The United States isn't the only country that has immigration issues). However, unfortunately for him, Spain's economy isn't exactly the greatest and unemployment is a significant problem. So the best work he has been able to find is selling Kleenexes on a street corner.

However, this setback has done nothing to hurt his pride. He told me very adamantly that he is not ashamed of what he does for a living. As long as it helps him get the bills paid, he is perfectly fine with a job many people would find to be demeaning. He enjoys life, even when it seems to have cast him down to the bottom of the social ladder. Personally, I do not know if I would be able to be quite so optimistic. I don't know much about the Nigerian educational system, but I imagine that attending college there is something few are able to afford. To go from what was probably the upper class to selling Kleenexes would destroy my spirit. Yet Larry is able to greet me everyday with a smile.

Larry has high expectations for his life, despite his current low social status. He hopes to one day move to Chicago, once his documentation is approved. The first time I talked to him, he mentioned to me that the thing he enjoys most about life is keeping him going, but I do know he's one of the most optimistic people I've ever met. There's definitely a lot I could learn from the guy.

Dorm Beat: Wings set to clash in Christmas Bash

BY SARA CURRY
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With locations such as fast food restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies and convenience stores, Redbox kiosks are becoming more and more popular. In fact, a new kiosk has found a home in the Sioux Center Wal-Mart.

Beginning in 2004, the company has now passed Blockbuster in the number of United States locations, and by 2008 it had reached the 100 million rental mark. With this increasing popularity, one might wonder how it will begin to affect our traditional and local movie rental stores.

Robert Lowe, president of Redbox, came up with this idea back in 1982; however, it failed because people were uncomfortable using their credit cards for such casual transactions. Lowe didn’t give up, hence the Redbox machines. Beginning with only 12 kiosks, Redbox now processes almost 80 transactions a second on Friday nights.

Redbox is different from your traditional movie stores in that you select your movie from a computer touch screen, which then vend from slots on the side of the machine. After the selection is made, the customer swipes their creditcard, being charged a dollar, plus tax, for each DVD. Redbox DVDs may also be reserved online at redbox.com.

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Redbox makes a showing in NW Iowa

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The men of 2W celebrate their 2008 Coly Christmas win with the theme of “Tradition Lives Here,” aka Let’s make fun of Dordt.

For 24 hours, each of Coly’s eight wings will receive total makeovers representing unique themes to usher in the 2009 Coly Christmas Bash on Dec. 7, from 9-11 p.m.

“Each wing will unite to try to make their theme a reality,” Coly RD Ryan Anderson said. “I’m excited to see this process.”

Although this year’s themes are secret until the unveiling of the event, some of Coly’s past themes have included tropical, western, ghetto, Heemstra, Dordt and a tribute to Bob Barker.

As the 12th annual Coly Christmas Bash, this event marks an enduring tradition and legacy for Coly residents.

“The Bash is a chance for the men of Coly to welcome the community into their living space,” Anderson said. “It’s a significant tradition that connects the guys to something bigger.”

Not only can students experience the Coly community up-close and personal, but they can also become enlightened by the creativity of Coly guys that often goes unnoticed.

“It is nice to see how creative a boy’s dorm like Coly can be,” junior RA Kory Jensen said. “You will be surprised about the creative, fun things that we come up with.”

But don’t let this disclosure of Coly’s creative, artsy side fool you into thinking Coly guys have gotten soft. With around 180 guys crammed into one place, the prevalence of testosterone is bound to instigate some hardcore man-on-man competition.

The Christmas Bash entails much more than just an opportunity to be creative and tap into hidden artistic talent; it also serves as the battleground for an eight-way rivalry between the wings.

“There is a competitive drive in Coly that gets guys really involved in the Bash,” Anderson said. “The hall is divided. Floors are divided. The only allegiance that matters is to your wing.”

Though the Christmas Bash calls for an “every wing for itself” philosophy, the dorm as a whole has a common objective for this event that extends far beyond simple friendly competition and entertainment.

With an entry fee of $1, all proceeds will be used to purchase donkeys, chickens, goats and other animals for impoverished countries from the World Vision Gift Program.

As an opportunity to take a break from stressful studies, have fun with friends, learn about the Coly community, laugh out loud and make a difference by serving others in need, this event has the potential to have an impact on both the campus as well as across oceans. Since Coly is known as “The Big House,” it seems logical to say that the impact of this event will be nothing less than big.
Volleyball starts strong in National Tournament

BY CAMERON CARLOW
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It's that time of year: the weather is getting cold, snow is starting to fall and the Northwestern volleyball team is in the National Tournament.

The Raiders won their first three games of pool play, putting up a 3-0 win against Shawnee State, a 3-2 win against Indiana Tech and a 3-0 win against Biola.

Shawnee State came into the game with a 26-game win streak and a 31-3 record. That didn't last long as NW handled the Bears and won the first game, 25-12. The Raiders didn't let up in games two or three, winning 25-14 and 25-15.

Junior Hillary Hanno led the team with 14 kills followed by senior Randa Hulstein with ten. Hulstein also added seven digs and nine serves received. Junior Kaolin Beaver tossed up 42 assists for the Raiders as well.

No. 3 NW moved into the second game of pool play against No. 17 Indiana Tech.

Indiana Tech jumped out to an early lead, winning the first two games 25-15 and 25-19.

The Raiders rallied and won the last three games 25-23, 25-19 and 15-12 to win the match and move to 2-0 in pool play. Indiana Tech moved to 1-1 in pool play on the Tournament.

Hanno had 25 kills, six digs and two blocks in match. Hulstein also put up big numbers, finishing the day with 14 kills, 10 digs and 19 serves received. Sophomore Rylee Hulstein finished with 11 kills, 12 digs and 27 serves received. Beaver dominated the match with 54 assists, moving her total to 96 in the National Tournament.

NW finished out pool play against Biola on Thursday, Dec. 3. The Raiders won the match, 3-0, moving the team to 3-0 in pool play.

Biola entered the game with a Saturday home game against Indiana Tech and a 10-game win streak. The Raiders dominated the match with 14 kills and 13 digs, outscoring Biola 25-12.

Junior Ryan Hoogevan led the team with 29 points and 11 rebounds and freshman Ben Miller had 17 points and 11 rebounds, moving her total to 96 in the National Tournament.

The winning streak continued in a rivalry game against Dordt College with a 3-0 win over the Rams. The Raiders average 77 points per game and junior Becca Hurley, sophomore Kami Kuhlman and freshman Kendra De Jong all average double figures in scoring. The team also celebrates earning the top spot in the NAIA division II women's basketball poll.

NW's record currently sits at 7-1 as they will host Dana at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Men defeat Dordt Defenders

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The Northwestern men's basketball team continued their seven-game win streak with a decisive 97-77 victory over rival Dordt College Wednesday night.

“The NW-Dordt games are always filled with emotion, drama and adventure,” said Head Coach Kris Korver.

After finishing the first period tied, the Raiders scored 63 second-half points to put the game away.

“Our guys played well to start the game and played incredibly well in the second half,” Korver said. “Basketball is a game of momentum swings. We had some runs and we extended those runs at different points in the game and fortunately when Dordt went on a run we were able to limit their runs.”

Sophomore Walker Seim led the team with 28 points and four rebounds. Junior Ryan Hoogevan had 17 points and 11 rebounds and freshman Ben Miller had 17 points and nine rebounds.

“Ball movement and unselfishness are keys to Raider success. Always has been and always will be,” Korver said. “It was great to see our guys share the ball and not care who gets the shot; just keep moving the ball and sharing it and help each find an easier shot in rhythm.”

The weekend before, the Raiders handled the Bears and won the first game, 25-16. In the third game, NW put away Biola with a 25-16 victory.

They will now move into the elimination portion of the tournament, where NW will take on the winner of the sixth-seed Lee v. the eleventh-seed Taylor on Friday, Dec. 4, at 8 p.m.