Follow this and additional works at: https://nwcommons.nwciowa.edu/beacon2017
Burn survivor uses struggles for good

FRESHMAN BURNED IN YOUTH SHARES HER STORY

BREE HODNEFIELD
WRITING & RHETORIC

Most children are told at a young age not to play with fire, but many don’t know the consequences that can come with not listening until it’s too late. Freshman youth ministries and Christian education major Kayse Parrott experienced that lesson firsthand, which has shaped her life in many ways.

“I want to be a motivation speaker to help people through my experience and have God use me as a light for others,” Parrott said.

In 2003, at four years old, Parrott had just finished her last day of preschool. Once at home, Parrott decided to pick up a candle she found on the stove. She was wearing a dress, and when she tried to blow out the candle, a string on the dress caught fire and Parrott was suddenly engulfed in flames. In shock, she stood until she felt the pain of the scorching heat on her fragile skin.

In the Sioux City St. Luke’s Burn Unit, doctors discovered 45 percent of Parrott’s body had third-degree burns. She was put into a semi-induced coma and couldn’t feel the pain, but could sense everything happening around her. While in the hospital, Parrott’s lung collapsed, and she was given a 5 percent chance of living. Ten days into her coma, something radical happened.

“I went to heaven and walked with Jesus,” Parrott said. “He told me I had a purpose and luckily decided it wasn’t my time, so he sent me home to my earthly body.”

Months later, Parrott started rehab, and eventually was able to go home and back to school. Throughout this time, Parrott suffered from depression and anxiety because of bullying and got into an extremely dark place in her life. It was after this time that Parrott committed her life to Jesus and became a believer. Today, Parrott has gone through 51 surgeries with another one next month, and between five to 20 more after that.

“After hearing her story, I was about two minutes from crying,” said freshman Jonathan Johnson. “Her story is beautiful and powerful; she is one of the strongest people I know.”

Through this incident, Parrott has learned a lot and has been able to use her struggles for good.

Pax Christi Catholic club offers conversation

CLUB ADDRESSES MISCONCEPTIONS AND TOPICS ABOUT CATHOLIC FAITH

LUCAS SANDER
WRITING & RHETORIC

A strongly Reformed college campus with a Catholic club? You might not think you would find anything of the sort here but you would, of course, be wrong. Pax Christi (Latin for “Peace of Christ”) president Marie Jeppesen gets a lot of astonished reactions when she brings up the club.

“When I say I’m Catholic, people are like, ‘There are Catholics on this campus?’ and they’re really, really surprised,” Jeppesen said.

Last year, the club discussed topics in Catholicism and what it means to be Catholic on a Reformed Christian campus, but the leaders have a new direction they hope to take the club this year. With help from the new adviser Prof. Chris Hausmann, the club hopes to welcome non-Catholic students into conversations about a variety of issues, and also talk about what Catholicism can mean for their own faith no matter where they stand.

“We wanted to make it more open for students of any denomination to come,” Jeppesen said. Pax Christi hopes to clarify what Catholicism is, as well as what it isn’t.

“One of the big misconceptions is that Catholics worship Mary, and worship the saints, the whole idolatry thing – and that is completely not true,” Jeppesen said.

Students will have lots of opportunities to discuss topics that are important to them as well as learn about the issues and what they can mean in the context of the Catholic faith. Jeppesen envisions “an apologists sort of thing where people bring in their own questions and we talk about them as a group.”

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

PHOTO BY: CHERISH HENRY
Pax Christi president Marie Jeppesen.

PHOTO BY: CHERISH HENRY
Marie Jeppesen serves as president of Pax Christi, speaking up about Catholic topics.

INSIDE
2 | "American Vandal"
3 | Pax Christi
4 | Day in the Life
5 | DACA
6 | Cross Country
7 | Homecoming
8 | Homecoming
Netflix keeps the hits coming

TRUE-CRIME SATIRE SLAYS
JAYCEE VAN DEN BERG
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

True-crime shows and documentaries have been around for as long as viewers can remember, but "American Vandal" is not your average true-crime documentary. The show is a sardonic yet engaging crime series and not for the faint of heart. The capstone of the plotline is finding out who spray painted a certain crude male body part on 27 faculty vehicles.

While the series revolves around not-so-serious material, the approach follows a realistic crime investigation and is well done. The obscurities and high school characters keep viewers entertained while the genuine mystery keeps viewers captivated.

Dylan Maxwell (Jimmy Iatso) is expelled from school because he fits the suspect description without a doubt. However, two technologically inclined students, Peter (Tyler Alvarez) and Sam (Griffin Gluck), take to creating a documentary and raising some important questions about the evidence.

The story starts with subtle jokes, but as the narrative develops, the content becomes more and more compelling. The actors are young and unknown; however, the delivery by the characters makes the series realistic to high school life. Even though they might be newcomers, they display effective and believable acting talent. Many stories set in high school do not often portray the experience accurately, but in "American Vandal" put hands, there would be no questions at all about who would take the fall.

While much of the plot cannot be articulated due to its unrefined nature, "American Vandal" put simply is well done. The show is multifaceted, with a humor feature as well as an intriguing scandal. If one is willing to give it a chance, "American Vandal" is sure to hold the attention of viewers until the very last episode.

'Mantasocialites': beachy pop jams

BAND RETURNS WITH A HIT
VICTORIA HORN
LITERATURE

In "Forget About Life," the closing track on Anticsocialites, Alavys' lead singer and guitarist Molly Rankin asks, "Did you want to forget about life with me tonight?" And after spending thirty minutes with her voice in your head, you'll be ready to answer: "Yes, Molly. Sing me away into your world!"

Originally formed in Toronto in 2011, Canadian garage pop band Alavys is relatively new to the U.S. music scene. While Alavys may not be well known around these parts, they got quite a taste of success three years ago. When their self-titled debut album hit U.S. college charts in 2014, Alavys quickly climbed right to the top, hitting number one in August.

If you have heard anything about Alavys, it probably has to do with their big hit, "Archie, Marry Me" (and though it has nothing to do with the CW show "Riverdale," I'm betting it will make an appearance soon).

Three years between records may seem like a long time for such a break-out group, but the success of this second album is likely owing to Rankin's determination to go off and hermit for a while in order to recharge her music-writing batteries.

Released on Sept. 8, 2017, Anticsocialites still holds the same "surf's up" charm their first album captured, with beachy electric guitar riffs and heavy drums, but this album holds a depth of sound and innovation that makes Alavys pale in comparison. In a world demanding newer and better music at an ungodly rate, Rankin holds her own — a prophetess willing to enter isolation and bring back her revelations in full, but unwilling to compromise musical values.

Anticsocialites is filled to the brim with echoing vocal effects, contrasts between lushes low vocals and ethereal high ones, classic 80s-inspired synth keyboard, sweet, sun-kissed guitar riffs and whimsical lyrics that are out of this world. The newfound strength of Rankin's vocals, as compared to those on Alavys, really allows her unique lyrics to dig their roots deeper into the soul of the listener.

The lyrics of the album read like poetry, filled with quirky, imagery-rich lines like "Meditate, play solitary, take up self defense / When you get old and faded out will you want your friends?" ("In Undertow") and "Your face was supposed to be hanging over me like a roary / So"
ARTS & CULTURE

Campus clubs: Pax Christi

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

LUCAS SANDER WRITING & RHETORIC

Though the group will talk about issues that relate to broader contexts than just Catholicism, Jeppesen is also eager to talk about rich traditions in Catholicism that anyone can take part in, such as prayer.

"We're going to look at what are normally viewed as specifically Catholic prayers — but what a lot of people don't know is that anyone can do these; it's not bad to pray the Rosary if you're a Protestant, it's not bad to pray Liturgy of the Hours if you're from the Reformed Church...it's a lot more inclusive than a lot of people understand," Jeppesen said.

For students who want to learn about the church that has been around for a while — as Jeppesen put it, "it's gone back to the beginning of time — this is the church that Jesus started" — or for those who want to put their own ideas on the table and talk them out, stop in to a Pax Christi meeting. Come at 7:30p.m. on Thursdays to the upper floor of Ramaker.

Bob Kroese to exhibit sculptures

PELLA ARTIST EXHIBITS AT NW

JAYCEE VANDEN BERG CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bob Kroese of Pella, Iowa, is set up and ready to showcase his pieces at his exhibit "Wildfowl Sculpture in Wood" in the Te Paske Gallery, Sept. 29 - Oct. 20. The exhibit will spotlight his woodcarvings. A reception will be at 9a.m. on Sept. 30.

Kroese's skill and passion for carving began 25 years ago. He started with duck decoys and has since advanced into wildfowl sculptures, though art is not his fulltime gig.

"He got into carving wood — I'm not sure how — but they're hyper-realistic representation of different bird species that he carves out of different types of wood," said art professor Emily Stokes. "It's an interesting hobby since his fulltime gig is as a hospital CEO."

Specific to materials, Kroese uses only wood from tupelo gum trees for his pieces and acrylic paint to finish off the details.

"I would say the skill and patience that goes into it is incredibly unique," Stokes said. "I think they are quite realistic pieces."

Kroese's work goes far beyond art installations. His pieces have won Best in Show at national wildfowl carving competitions, and his wins at the highest world levels have brought him the title of Master Wildfowl Artist. Organizations like Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever have also come to appreciate Kroese's skill in his compositions.

His pieces have made an environmental difference, as these different organizations have actually duplicated and used many of Kroese's wildfowl works to raise money for related causes. His carvings have raised more than $2 million for habitat and wildlife preservation. The art department and NW hopes that both students and alumni will come out to see Kroese's exhibition.

"To have him here over Homecoming weekend will hopefully be a nice way to bring some traffic into the gallery, from both students and alumni," Stokes said. "It's also a really great chance to see an artist who has this daytime job, but also a passion for the arts that he pursues aside from that, which is a great example for anyone to take a look at."

Kroese's opening reception will take place on the morning of Sept. 30 during Homecoming weekend. It will run until Oct. 20, and all students and community members are welcome to visit the exhibit.
FEATURES

Exploring faith through music

'WY IN THE LIFE'
SERIES CONTINUES

BLAKE MULDER
THEATRE

Music is a natural part of life, and for some it is the very focus of their life. This is true for junior music major Blake Grev.

Grev starts his day at 5 a.m. and spends his early morning either exercising or doing homework, along with 20 minutes of devotional time and sometimes a quick breakfast. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, Grev attends Music History class with Professor Thomas Holm at 10:40 a.m., followed by German 201 with Professor Michael Kernick. He then eats a quick lunch and either does a little homework or relaxes before Music Theory with Professor Daniel Huray at 2:10 p.m.

Grev's Tuesdays and Thursdays are filled with music classes, beginning with Vocal Direction class at 9:35 a.m. In between classes, Grev goes to chapel or lunch before heading back to DeVitt Music Hall for his piano class at 12:05 p.m. After piano, Grev spends his afternoon attending voice lessons and a Music Theory lab.

In addition to choir, Grev attends Symphonic Band rehearsal on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. He plays the euphonium, an instrument similar to a small tuba, which he’s only been playing for two years. The band starts each rehearsal with warm-ups and prayer, then they play through the pieces and work on spots they need to work on as a group.

Around 6 p.m. every day, Grev eats dinner with his roommate, then either does more of his homework or hangs out with his brothers or his girlfriend.

“Tin my free time, I hang out with my brothers and my older brother’s wife at their place and either play games or just talk with them,” Grev said. “I also love being with my girlfriend. We talk about what God is doing in our lives and go on walks and also have a lot of fun and funny moments.”

As a music major, Grev has an intense schedule, but he recognizes what a gift it is to spend his days making music.

“Although there is a lot of work involved, the people in my classes and the staff that I’ve learned in class have helped me with learning and performing music. It is a joy and a privilege to serve God through the gifts that he has given me.”

PHOTO BY MATTHEW SHUKA

Grev has spent a lot of time on stage, performing with the Symphonic Band and choir during concerts.

The celebration of homecoming

NW HONORS TRADITION

VANESSA STOKES
LITERATURE

Over 100 years ago, the University of Missouri had an epic rivalry game against the University of Kansas. Missouri’s coach Chester Brewer knew the stakes were high. In a stroke of brilliance, Brewer decided to invite alumni to “come home” for the game. He also added a spirit rally and parade to top off the antics of the game: over 10,000 alumni showed up. As a result, Brewer’s successes in 1911, the tradition of homecoming was born.

Although Northwestern only has 1,200 students, over 700 alumni return to celebrate. For one weekend in September, the Baby Boomers and Generation X are able to relive their glory days vicariously through the events put on by students.

“Alumni come back to reconnect with faculty who mentored them over the years and bring their families to revisit former classrooms, residence halls and the chapel,” said NW’s Alumni Programs Coordinator Aletia Benson. “They marvel at how much the campus still feels like home.”

This coming weekend does not focus solely on alumni, though. Homecoming also celebrates NW’s current students, and they have access to many of the celebratory events on campus, and most are involved in one way or another.

Homecoming is one of sophomore Nicole Koertzer’s favorite parts of the school year because of all the opportunities for students.

“We get to show off our school spirit by going to staff like sporting events and concerts,” Koertzer said. “Then we top it off with the homecoming dance.”

Students are also given the opportunity to serve the community by participating in Morning on the Green. Morning on the Green is Saturday, Sept. 30, and Orange City families are invited to come play games and win prizes at booths set up by clubs on campus.

“I think students who get involved during the weekend serving others have a lot of fun, especially those who volunteer for Morning on the Green,” said NW’s Director of Student Programs Aaron Beadner.

In addition to Morning on the Green, there are a countless number of activities planned for homecoming weekend. For the runners out there, the Road Race is at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Students can dance all their cares away at the homecoming dance at 10 p.m. Saturday. And who could forget the event that started it all, the football game. NW is playing Morningside, and the game is free to students and their parents. For more information on any of these events, check out www.nwciowa.edu/raiderdays.

Ultimately, whether your fancy is sports, art, music or theater, there is a place for all at NW’s homecoming. Come out and celebrate the rich, immeasurable heritage of the place we all call home.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NW PUBLIC RELATIONS

Homecoming has been a long-loved weekend for both students and alumni.

Bibles for Missions
Thrift Center

All proceeds support Bible placement in Haiti.

Find furniture, electronics, kitchen supplies, clothes and more.

We’d also love to have you as a volunteer!

Check us out:
116 2nd St. NW
707.9933

Like us on Facebook for updates on sales and specials!
Burn survivor inspires many

We all have scars. Even though they aren’t always visible, everyone has them, and we determine when and how we will show them.

- Kelsay Parrott

"Life can change at any second, even for people who follow Christ and are good people," Parrott said. "You just have to learn to make the best out of what happens. We all have scars. Even though they aren’t always visible, everyone has them, and we determine when and how we will show them."

Parrott said the burn caused a loss of a lot of Parrott’s childhood. By age 12, she knew she wanted to become a beacon for those who struggle with accepting a new theme in a new life, so she started an organization called Joy Bags to bring joy to children and adults of all ages in hospitals. She collects and packages toys along with many other things and attaches her story for others to read.

Today her organization continues booming. Her main carriers are the Sioux Center and Omaha hospitals, but several others are looking into her bags. Over her six years, she has donated over 200 bags and plans to keep donating.

These days, Parrott is living life to the fullest, taking pride in who she is, trusting God every step of the way and sharing her testimony.

"She had high goals, but for her, they weren’t impossible, and I think we all should set high goals like her," Johnson said. "What you see is not what you get; there is always a deeper meaning behind someone’s story." Parrott has advice for all those who hear her story.

"Sometimes you just have to die a little inside in order to be reborn and rise again as a stronger and wiser version of you," Parrott said. "So never be ashamed of your story or who you are, because you can change the world in more ways than you think. Embrace yourself and live through God, because your story can impact millions."
Thankful for differences

I worked at a summer camp this year, and it was the greatest, most transformative experience of my life. I learned at too about working with kids, about being and living in God’s creation and about my own faith. However, there was one thing I learned this summer I was not expecting to learn about, and I will never forget this experience.

It didn’t even hit me until the weekend after meeting a camper who taught me more about curiosity and appreciation for diversity than anyone ever has in my entire life.

This particular camper was a seventh grade African American boy and the son of recent immigrants. He had such a positive attitude and really cared for the kids around him. We hung out and talked about different things like sports, school and the Bible a few times throughout the week.

He was a very bright kid and was able to formulate well-thought-out ideas and opinions about a variety of topics — rather unusual for a kid his age.

One night, we were sitting down and he asked me why people have different skin colors and why different skin colors even exist? The easiest way I could explain this to a seventh grader was that skin color was a natural adaptation to the sun’s rays, which is a direct correlation to where someone’s ancestors lived in relation to the equator.

After quietly processing this for a little while, the camper grabbed my arm and said, “You know, I’m glad we all have different skin colors.” He took his arms and put one on top and one below my arm and concluded, “If everyone was the same, we wouldn’t be able to make Oreos, and everything would be so boring.”

I think we can all learn something from the astounding wisdom of this seventh grader: being different is an awesome thing. Diversity in race, diversity in religious beliefs, diversity in hobbies and interests and even diversity in opinions are all great. This wide berth of differences that we can experience can only make us greater when we learn to listen to one another.

I think we overlook how important it is to have diversity in many different aspects of our lives. As my camper said, if everyone was the same, everything would be boring.

Imagine a world where everyone is the same. Same heritage, same interests, same hobbies, same opinions and viewpoints. How would life even be interesting? We should all be thankful we’re allowed to be different, and use this to learn from one another and challenge ourselves. Differences between people are what bring life and vibrancy to the world around us.

I think about the more the single piece of wisdom from this camper challenges me because he is absolutely correct. Life would be boring without the unique qualities each individual holds.

Therefore, I cherish, encourage, and celebrate in a way that allows people to understand the differences we have. We are not all the same, we don’t all think the same and we should be thankful that we’re not.

Mountaintop moments

I am not an adventurous person. This has always felt like something I needed to hide, a confession I must make to a priest behind a curtain. While the other kids climbed monstrous monkey bars, I dug through the sand beneath the swing set.

While the other kids got back on their bikes after their fathers kissed their booties better, I never touched a bike again. And while the other kids asked their crushes to the junior high dance, I stayed home watching the Disney Channel with my twin.

Those other kids were always aiming for the sky while I was caught up trying to figure out the mechanics of how to fly.

For a long time, I thought I was just being true to myself — refusing to give in to what society told me I had to do to be normal. But the gnawing feeling in my stomach told me differently: I was letting my fears get in the way of the person I could be, the person I desperately wanted to be.

Flash forward to Sept. 17 — the final day of my first year on the Black Hills Retreat and one month into my senior year at Northwestern. The sun was just starting to rise, but I couldn’t see it yet. Just outside Camp Judson, I stood at the bottom of Mount Baldy, craning my head, mouth agape, trying to fathom myself scaling such a giant.

I couldn’t forget my insane fear of heights and infamous penchant for tripping — Mount Baldy is exactly what the name suggests: bold. Victoria plus big, slippery rocks did not suggest a winning combination.

And yet, a dozen prayers and a couple curse words later, at 6:52 a.m. that Sunday, I had my very first mountaintop moment. For the first time in my life, I truly understood what it meant to be breathless.

My brain kept whispering that I was only halfway up, but my heart told it to shut up: I had never been so high in my life. My throat was tight with the reality of me — puffy, perpetually anxious Victoria Horn — gazing out at the whole world rolled out like a blanket before me.

Softly, I heard God whisper the word we had spent all weekend meditating on: behold. In that moment, I caught a glimpse of the person I want to be, the person God wants to shape me into, and I haven’t been able to forget her since.

Do so the things that scare you. Smile at that cute guy you keep running into at the Caf. Have that really hard conversation with you friend about why you’re upset with her. Invite that wing mate without fail breaks plans to join you on your adventures. Go out for coffee with someone you have had a friend crush on for the longest time.

And always, always, say yes to sunrise mountain hikes, because God is dying to take you up to his mountaintop and show you how the world could look every day if you just took that risk and trusted him.

Get wealthy off your words...
Running well in the Twin Cities

EPP AND BOSCH PUT ON SHOW AT ROY GRIK

JAYCEE VANDER BERG
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Roy Grik cross country meet, hosted by the University of Minnesota, is one of the largest meets in the country. With over six collegiate races, it's an event college teams from NAAI to Division I look forward to competing at.

This past Saturday, Sept. 23, the Red Raider cross country team had the opportunity to take on the course and finished with some headlines to be proud of.

On the men's side, Northwestern College finished as the top NAIA team. Senior Hans Fipp came in first for the Raiders, with a 26:48 time for his 8K race. This was the second best individual finish at this meet in NW history. He was followed by senior Peter Smith at 27:42, and with seniors Tanner Goetsch and Tim Rose not far behind. Across the season, there have been three different Red Raiders with the best NAIA times at a meet, which speaks a lot for the depth of these four teammates and the way they work together as a pack.

Following the first four, freshman Nick Bernhagen, junior Peter Helling and freshman Josh Starr all came in within nearly a minute of each other. Each of these runners finished with their best times ever on the Gopher course. As a team, the Raiders posted the lowest score at Grik in the history of the men's cross country team.

On the women's side, senior Katie Bosch was the first runner in for the Red Raider team and the first NAIA finisher as well. Running her 6K in 23:03, Bosch was 45 seconds faster than the next NAIA runner to come in.

The women's team placed second among the NAIA teams competing. Bosch was helped by sophomore Bre Harthoorn, coming in at 24:50 and senior Sarah Lunn at 25:01. Sophomore Emma Van Meeteren and sophomore Katrina Engebretson finished off the scoring for the women's team. Coming in 5th for the team, Engebretson showed up with her best team finish of her entire career.

As a team, the lady Raiders left with the highest place and lowest score ever in performance history of the Red Raider women.

NW's weekend at Grik speaks a lot for what is to come for the Red Raiders this season. With a week full of training, the team has this coming weekend off for competition. The Raiders look forward to competing next on Oct. 7, at the Bruin Cliff Invite.

---

Big win over Doane

FARNSWORTH NETS A HAT TRICK IN TUESDAY'S WIN

KENDRA MCGINNIS
PUBLIC RELATIONS

This last week marked the start of GPAC play for the women's soccer team. Saturday, Sept. 23, the Raiders took on the Midland University Vikings. The match would end in a tie of 0-0 after two periods of overtime play. The match between the Vikings and the Raiders was physical and grueling for both teams. The Raiders had four shots on goal compared to the nine attempts by Midland.

This last Tuesday the Raiders traveled to Crete, Neb. to take on the Doane University Tigers in the Raider's first GPAC away game of the season. NW would prove to be too much for the Tigers as the Raiders would go on to win 5-0. Three of the five NW goals came in the first half of play. The first goal of the game came at the 39 second mark by freshman Nicole Farnsworth with an assist from senior Madison Bertman. Throughout the first half, Doane could not stop the attacking power of the Red Raiders. The next goal would again come from the duo of Bertman and Farnsworth, only this time the scoring tap would come from Bertman during the 10th minute. The third goal for NW came at the 32nd minute with a collaboration between Farnsworth and junior Jossi Carver. Carver managed to strategically place a 15-yard ball behind the Doane defense, which perfectly set up Farnsworth for a one-on-one against the Tigers' goalie.

The second half saw the same offensive Raider squad, with another two goals being scored. The last time a NW women's soccer team saw a hat trick was 4 years ago - that was until the fourth goal of the match, which came from Farnsworth. In the 61st minute junior Sarah Homan cleared the Tiger defense, setting up Farnsworth for another one-on-one against the goalie. The final goal of the game was scored by sophomore Elise Arant in the 90th minute thanks to an assist by Homan.

The women's record improves to 6-2-2 on the season and 1-0-1 in the GPAC. Sophomore Naomie Schimmel also earned the honor of being the GPAC Women's Soccer Defensive Player of the Week. The women's soccer team will host Mount Marty during homecoming at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. Later in the week, the team is away on Wednesday, Oct. 4 to play the Dakota Wesleyan University Tigers. The Raiders return play back home at 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 7 against the Concordia University Bulldogs.

---

Pizza Ranch
NOW HIRING
NIGHTS AND WEEKEND HELP
APPLY ONLINE OR CALL:
712-737-3711
FOR MORE INFORMATION
Beacon Staff

Shelby Maznio Editor-in-Chief
Abbey Slattery Arts & Culture Editor
Rachel Koertner & Emerie Swonger Co-Features Editors
Ben Patzlaff Opinion Editor
Brian Follett Sports Editor
Jamie Prescott News Editor
Cherish Henry Photo Editor
Victoria Horn Hannah Horstman Jayde Logemann Copy Editors

The editorial staff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, clarity, and length.

Advertising Manager Connor Ulben at Connor.ulben@nwcu.edu

Grant received

$5,000 AWARDED FOR NEW COURSE

SAPANA GASTREIGER

Social Work

Jason Lief, Religion professor at Northwestern recently received a $5,000 grant from the Science for Youth Ministry Initiative to develop a course for the Religion department's youth ministries curriculum. Lief's vision for the course is to answer the question of why young people are leaving the church.

Lief believes many high schoolers and young adults feel like they have to choose between science and faith.

"I would like to build bridges between faith and science in hopes to prevent some of those roadblocks that shouldn't be there," Lief said.

To develop the course, Lief has done some reading about the topic of faith and science and is doing a qualitative research study with one of his classes this fall. He is going to continue his research with a qualitative research study in the spring.

Along with studying religion and science, students enrolled in Lief's spring course will look at surrounding churches in the community to observe how they engage science in their ministries.

Lief's inspiration for the new course came from his interest in faith and science; but also from Andy Root, professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.

"I kind of like science," Lief said. "I like watching PBS, Nova and those types of shows."

Lief has already written several books, one of them focusing on the question of why young people leave the church.

Lief has a passion for the church, youth leaders and how best to equip them to start conversations about faith and science.

After researching in the spring, students in Lief's new course will create a high school youth group curriculum that will be offered to churches. This curriculum will include documents, presentations and videos to help facilitate conversations on the relationship between faith and science.

NW to celebrate Raider Days

CAMPUS TO FILL WITH ALUMNI

EMILY RAPER UNDECIDED

It's Raider Days Homecoming and Parent's weekend at Northwestern, meaning campus is about to burst with new activity.

This weekend is a great opportunity for alumni, students, parents and staff to gather together and enjoy unique events around campus.


Today (Fri. Sept. 29) at 5 p.m., NW will host a Celebration Banquet and student showcase. Arts recognize donors and student scholarship.

Bringing Friday evening to a close is the theatre production "Fantastic Mr. Fox." This children's show will be performed at 7 p.m. in the Black Box Director, Drew Schmidt describes the show as "bold, bright, funny, engaging and interactive."

For Schmidt, it's the audience that makes the production so rewarding.

"The kids that come running over, they are what make this production so unique," Schmidt said.

Beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday is the annual Red Raider Road Race. Participants can choose to run the 5k or walk for one mile.

Also at 9 a.m., on Saturday is the Bob Kroese Art Exhibition and Graduate School & Adult Learning Reception.

Alumni games start at 9 a.m. with men's basketball, followed by baseball at 5:30 a.m., women's soccer at 11 a.m., men's soccer at 1:30 p.m., and softball at 5 p.m.

"These alumni activities provide a great opportunity for former teammates to connect and build relationships with our current coaches and team members," said Director of Athletics, Earl Wondra.

In addition to alumni games, NW will host a 1:30 p.m. football game vs. Moravian, 5:00 women's soccer game versus Mount Marty and a 7:15 p.m. men's soccer game versus Mount Marty.

Morning on the Green will begin at 10 a.m. and last until noon. This kid-friendly carnival benefits student clubs and organizations. Children and families are invited to attend.

The reception for retired faculty and staff will take place at 10:30 a.m.

Beginning at 11:00 a.m. is the Athletics Recognition Luncheon to honor Red Raider Hall of Fame inductees.

The tailgate picnic and class reunions begin at 11:30 a.m. and will continue on the way in the afternoon before the football game at 1:30 p.m.


As athletics continue into the afternoon, a second showing of "Fantastic Mr. Fox" will take place at 4 p.m., followed by the Distinguished Alumni Banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Vermeer Dining Room. This banquet invites guests to celebrate alumni who will be receiving special recognition.

Finishing off the weekend is the concert and Parents Reception at 7 p.m. This concert will consist of performances by the A cappella Choir, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Heritage Singers, Women's Choir and student soloists.

PHOTO COURTESY OF NWC PUBLIC RELATIONS

Morning on the Green is a favorite among community members and their families.