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Student wins T-shirt design contest

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Junior Amanda Wright is the 2008 winner of the annual “Be a Hero” T-shirt design contest sponsored by the Siouxland Community Blood Bank.

Various high school and college graphic art departments in the tri-state area were encouraged to include the T-shirt design contest in their curriculum or ask the students to design a shirt on their own, according to www.siouxlandbloodbank.org.

“Scorza made it an assignment for my graphic design class,” said Wright. “We had the option of submitting if we wanted.”

Wright was astonished, yet excited to fulfill Scorza’s wishes. “I made it really fast, so I’m surprised it turned out so well,” said Wright.

The winning design is used on thousands of T-shirts given out for the Siouxland Community Blood Bank’s “Be a Hero” program, which recognizes any volunteer blood donor who donates four times in the calendar year. Wright will also receive a plaque for her achievement and a $200 savings bond.

Northwestern musical talent to be displayed

BY TEDI SWANSON
STAFF WRITER

Two members of the Northwestern music community will share their talents this weekend in separate performances as a student and faculty member give their respective recitals.

Heidi Ackerman

“He’s been super helpful,” said Ackerman of Professor Gary Schuemann, who helped her put together her senior recital program. Ackerman will perform on Sunday, Feb. 10 in Christ Chapel.

Ackerman said the most challenging part of preparing for the event has been putting her mind at ease. “I just want to be as good as I can be. That’s the main thing.”

The songs Ackerman has chosen for her recital include “A Woman’s Life and Love” by Robert Schumann, a selection of Bach’s Cantata No. 170, “I Am in Need of Music” by Ben Moore, and “Life, Love, Song,” the theme of senior Heidi Ackerman’s vocal recital, to be performed at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10 in Christ Chapel.

With assistance from her vocal coach, Emily Lodine, Ackerman has chosen and practiced her music throughout the course of the year.

Heidi Ackerman

“’Life, Love, Song,’ this is the theme of senior Heidi Ackerman’s vocal recital to be performed at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10 in Christ Chapel.

The objective for the contest was to communicate the nature of the Siouxland Blood Bank through the theme of “Be a Hero,” according to www.siouxlandbloodbank.org. Other rules included creating a two color design for the front and back of a T-shirt.

“I was excited to make the T-shirt design because I give blood every chance I can, and I’m always hoping to get one of the free T-shirts,” said Wright. “Now I’ll be getting my own,” said Wright.

A Dordt student won last year’s contest according to Phil Scorza, instructor of art, who was hoping for Northwestern to bring it home this year.

“This contest is a way for us to acknowledge the students who give blood,” said Wright.

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Juyeon Kang

After being awarded the Northwestern College Endowed Research Fellowship for the summer of 2007, Juyeon Kang, assistant professor of music, began the project of recording a classical piano music CD. As part of the dispersion plan for the project, Kang has been giving recitals that involve the music from her CD in several locations, one of which includes a performance in Christ Chapel tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Kang will be performing pieces such as “Thy Song Expands My Spirit” by Samuel Adler, and “Sonata No. 5, Op. 53” by Alexander Scriabin, as well as pieces composed by Johann Sebastian Bach, Johannes Brahms and Claude Debussy.

“Since my CD title is ‘Joyful Noise,’ I tried to choose some pieces that sound happy. Also I chose my favorite pieces to reflect my joy through them,” said Kang.

With the true joy that Kang tried to incorporate in her music, as well as an entire summer of hard work, the faculty piano recital she will hold will be a fun way for students to see a professor in her element of expertise.

Life without e-mail

BY KIM EASON
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We’ve all experienced it in the past few days: clicking the “Campus e-mail” link, supplying our username and password and getting to a blank page that says “HTTP/1.1503ServiceUnavailable,” and feeling frustrated once again.

Ten minutes later we’ll check it again, hoping for different results, but to no avail.

There are a number of possible causes for the problem: the network is down, the server is down, the software is down, or the system is down. “I think it’s best to restart your computer,” Jorgensen said.

The burning question in everyone’s minds: When is it going to be fixed?

“Last night, I would have told you today,” said Jorgensen. “But that’s not the case.” Jorgensen hopes to have the problem fixed by last night or today.

“If it keeps going down, there’s just another step in figuring it out,” said Jorgensen.

There is a glitch in the computer system, and until they figure out what that glitch is, Computing Services is unable to tell anyone exactly what went wrong this week.

This is the first time in nearly 10 years that NW’s e-mail server has had problems.

Jorgensen hopes the problem will be resolved quickly, echoing the sentiments of many students and faculty on campus. As soon as the problem is fixed, a notice will be posted above the Informer on the Campus Net, with a mass e-mail explaining the problems that happened.
Is there a problem?

BY TRACEY PRONK

Seven percent of Colenbrander Hall greeted me in the Fern lobby on Sunday wearing nothing but socks, tennis shoes and several layers of underwear.

Oh yes, in anticipation of writing this article, I waited for the almost thirty-year tradition of Great White North to accost me with their half-nakedness and off-key melodies. I’m not going to lie. I laughed when the 14 shirtless men tried to sing to an intelligent cal worker through the glass door she was intent on keeping closed. I thought to myself, “Traditions like this are what makes college what it is.” But the whole point of my silent study of Great White North on Sunday was to wonder why I couldn’t take part in such an event.

I used to think that Great White North was just one more way for men to assert their backwards dominance on campus. But did you know that a similar tradition for women existed in the early 2000s? It was called “The North Hall Bra Run” and consisted of North (Stegenga) Hall residents running around campus at night in their bras and shorts. The tradition was quickly mixed by NW administration (a male majority), causing much heartbreak for women who wanted a half-naked ritual of their own.

Why the obvious double-standard? In my high school youth group, the men had a yearly talk about dressing modestly so as to keep our Christian brothers from “stumbling.” The men, in turn, were taught to keep their minds pure from sexual immorality. These paradigms have been passed down year by year until it has become a “moral fact” on our Christian campus that women’s bodies cause impurity and modesty is a non-issue for men.

Perhaps much of modesty and purity comes from intention. One woman who lived in North Hall when the bra run tradition began said that the participants’ “intent was for people to see them,” even running around Colenbrander Hall to greet boyfriends. Great White North can be seen as an attempt to prove some sort of twisted masculinity, while the North Hall Bra Run gave feminism a appearance of a border under control.” As an American I respect the drive to create a better life for oneself, and as a Christian I respect these people’s rights to live.

In 2006, two young volunteers with a Christian organization called No More Deaths came across three migrants who were so seriously dehydrated that medical personnel instructed the volunteers to bring the migrants to a hospital immediately. For aiding the migrants, the two volunteers were arrested and are in the process of being charged with smuggling immigrants across the border.

As Christians, God calls us in Exodus 22 to not mistreat the alien among us and in Leviticus 19 to love them and treat them as we would our own countrymen. I do not understand how most Americans, descendants of foreigners who were seeking a better life for themselves and their families, can refuse new immigrants that same dream. As for the environment, in Genesis God gave us charge over it and the animals. We must tend to them.

My cry now is, can we as Christians really endorse such a horrific strategy just to improve the security of our earthly domain? I would hope many of you would agree with me, and stand for what God stands for: creation and life.
Valentine’s Day in the O.C.

BY KATIE VAN ETTEN
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As the hallmark holiday of love approaches, it is of dire necessity to consider that we aren’t exactly living in the city of love. So what can we possibly do to celebrate St. Valentine’s Day here in the orangest of cities? Oh, there’s plenty! Here are 10 ways to enamor your roommate, friend, significant other or even your lover.

1. Go on a walk (these are good when done alone and even better when done with someone). Nature provides the most stunning backgrounds for any conversation. You can go on the puddle jumper, around the golf course, or even just around town. Remember to consider what time of day it is! Go in the afternoon during the warmest part of the day or bundle up.

2. Present a potted love plant. Fern, flower or cactus—plants can brighten any room. And, even if the love eventually fades away, your Naim will become an instant favorite.

3. Make heart-shaped pancakes. Good for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or even a snack—just don’t forget to add red food coloring!

4. Read poetry together. You could stick with the good of classics (i.e. Frost, Yeats, Eliot, etc.), you could go for something a little more youth-oriented (i.e. Shel Silverstein, Dr. Seuss, Roddy Doyle)—he’s not a poet, but he’s a genius etc.) or you could try your hand at writing your own poems and reading those to one another. “Extra” challenge: save the poems you write and compete with them at the next Poetry Slam here on campus!

5. Go star-gazing. I know what you’re thinking: “You’re crazy! It’s way too cold outside for something like that!” Stay inside and cozy up to the stars on the TV screen. Watch a flick like the “Constant Gardener,” “Motorcycle Diaries” or “Blood Diamond” that will get you talking about how you can love the world.

6. Wear only the colors red, pink and purple.

7. Engage in the beloved childhood practice of signing V-day cards and sending them through the mail. Don’t have the money to buy them? Make your own! Cut, paste, write or even design something and print it off. Either way, you’ll be saying a lot just by sending the cards.

8. Go on a picnic. In the genre you listen to is not always an easy thing to enjoy. There is more to life than an artist who sings different songs that all sound the same.


For your listening enjoyment

BY AMANDA WRIGHT
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Music is an incredible force that has the power to affect our lives on many different levels. It’s incredible how a single song can trigger memories and feelings like nothing else can. Music is what feelings sound like.

We all have our old favorites, but new tunes to rock out to are always fun. Finding new music to listen to is not always an easy thing to do. It should be something you can connect with, in the genre you enjoy, or at least something you think sounds good. Browsing online is a great way to find new music. Navigating iTunes for fresh sounds is easy and fun. I love finding a new song that can help me relax, make me want to get up and dance, or even make me cry. Lately I have been looking for warm melodies from inspiring artists to update my music library and have found some to share with you.

As a fan of all genres of music it is hard to narrow down the ones I really want to tell you about. Some of you may have heard of Nickelback, the hard rock band sweeping the nation with their chart toppers like “Photograph,” and “Rockstar.” Well... lucky for you, I’m not going to tell you about them, or even coddle listening to them. There is more to life than an artist who sings different songs that all sound the same.

Nada Surf, an indie rock band who made their debut in 1996, has made a surprising comeback after being dropped from their record label in 1998. With a new album; “Lucky,” released in stores Feb. 5, they have recaptured their old fans as well as created new ones. “Lucky” is not at all a risky album, Nada Surf stuck to what they know and created a consistent and easy-to-listen album full of catchy tunes with mellow and sincere lyrics. Song to try out: “Weightless”

Female artistes have been breaking onto the scene in all different genres. A girl rock star teasing on the show in the alternative metal band Flyleaf, the more mellow jams of Feist and Yael Naim have become the themes of iPod and Mac ads and soulful alternative singer Cat Power released her second album, “Jukebox,” with truly individual sounds and emotional lyrics.

Paris-born, Israeli-raised Yael Naim will become an instant favorite after listening to “Tar Far” and “New Soul.” Originally released in France, her self-titled debut album is already rising to the top of the charts in the United States. If you are more into rock and punk, you will probably not enjoy her calming melodies and sweet voice, but don’t worry, I’ve got something for you too.

This week’s iTunes free discovery download lead me to We The Kings, a pop-punk band from Bradenton, Fla., the home of Tropicana orange juice! If you are looking for a totally new sound, We The Kings won’t satisfy your craving. What they can offer is catchy, power-pop tunes with screaming guitar riffs and energetic lyrics reminiscent of Boys Like Girls, All Time Low and Motion City Soundtrack. They are not a ground-breaking band with a totally original sound, but their easy-to-digest melodies are sure to have you jumping in your skinny jeans and jamming with your headphones.

Songs to try: “Skyway Avenue” and “Check Yes Juliet”

Other groups worth checking out: The Mars Volta (rock), Hot Chip (electronic), Liam Finn (indie pop), Air Traffic (alternative), Lupe Fiasco (hip-hop/rap), Ingrid Michaelson (pop), Meiko (folk), Matt Costa (alternative), The Bird and The Bee (alternative), Under the Flood (rock) and Rockie Lynne (country).

For your listening enjoyment

“Double-stuffed, like evil Oreos.”
- Professor Michael Kensak referring to heretics in Dante’s “Inferno”

“I’ll let you read that, I still have pizza juice in my mouth.”
- Professor Eric Eider explaining why he couldn’t lecture at the moment

“I love regular Jesus, but baby Jesus did squat.”
- Januar Elle Pieth explaining why Christmas carols shouldn’t be sung in January

“It’s like speed dating for grad school.”
- Senior Brittia Kaltenbach describing her grad school interview process

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Raising concern for Kenya

By Kristi Korver

On Dec. 27, 2007 the people of Kenya re-elected Mwai Kibaki as president. But this inauguration could not have been any more different from his landslide victory in 2002. In 2002 Kibaki was inaugurated as president, ending the 24-year rule of Daniel arap Moi. His campaign promised big changes and while the economy has improved with a steady growth rate of 6 percent, his attempt to create a constitutional referendum failed due to division within his initial government. There were several candidates in the election, representing different parties and tribes, but the main competition Kibaki faced was from Raila Odinga. Representing the Orange Democratic Movement, Odinga was narrowly in lead when voting day approached.

70 percent of eligible Kenyans came out to vote when election day arrived. At some polling stations the line of voters stretched out for more than a kilometer, quite a contrast to most United States elections. In the words of sophomore Beth Wiyual, an international student from Sudan, “Politics in Africa are crazy; presidential debates in the U.S. are nothing.”

Because of problems with the electoral register, voting was extended by two hours. The counting process went very slowly due to the massive turnout and close results. It wasn't until Saturday, Dec. 29 that all the votes were counted. Mwai Kibaki was announced the winner at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre in Nairobi. During a quick midnight ceremony at the State House Kibaki was inaugurated for his second term as president of Kenya. The dancing that filled the streets on the evening of Kibaki's initial inauguration was replaced with a flood of violence.

Odinga and his party believe that Kibaki had a hand in the slow voting process and that he altered the votes so that he could win. In protest, thousands of Odinga supporters started setting fire to buildings in the Kibera slum of Nairobi. The protesters then tried to move toward the city and the police reacted by firing live rounds and using tear gas to control them. Situations similar to this broke out in several areas in Kenya, and riots and violence from protesters and police soon escalated into violence between different Kenyan tribes.

Tribal conflict has long been a problem in Kenya. Jeff VanDerWerff, associate professor of political science, speculates that this is due to the haphazard European colonization of Africa. Even with tribal conflict Kenya used to be one of the most stable countries in Africa, but that has changed. Since the December elections an estimated 1,000 people have died, and 300,000 people have been displaced from their homes.

One of the areas most affected by the violence is the Kibera slum in Nairobi, home to over two million people. A place that was desolate to begin with has now been looted and burned. Senior Laura Schmidt describes the pain she felt on first hearing about this: “I spent some time in Nairobi, Kenya this past summer on my SOS. As I watch the news online and see pictures of the crisis, my heart breaks as I recognize some of the places in Nairobi and as I see the pain so clearly written on the Kenyan faces.”

This violence and uproar is not present in every part of Kenya, but all of Kenya has been affected by it. With tourism down, the economy has taken a big hit and food prices have soared.

Senior Jenny DeKoster went on an SOS to Kenya this past summer. She has recently been e-mailing the pastor at the Mukaa Children's Home where she stayed most of the summer. He writes, “Dear Jenny, I am happy to hear from you after so long. We are all safe here. Businesses are running well. Only Kisumu, Eldoret, Mombasa and Nairobi are affected. We are praying God to bring peace. Prices of food staples are going up and we are struggling to get them for they are beyond our budget. We have the staff in the market but it is difficult to meet the cost. Hope you understand. Pray that God may provide for His children.”

Efforts are being made to restore peace to this beautiful and hurting country. On Thursday foreign ministers from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda and Somalia arrived in Nairobi for a meeting of the East African regional group, Iagd, to discuss the crisis. The UN security council has called on Kibaki and Odinga to make it “their responsibility to engage fully in finding a sustainable political solution and take action to immediately end violence.” Former United Nations Secretary Kofi Annan is hard at work to find a peaceable solution to the problem. Kenya is in a humanitarian crisis; some morgues are overwhelmed with bodies. The UN and the African union have sent peacekeepers to Kenya. The Red Cross is hard at work to provide aid. But what senior Jake Kloel says Kenya really needs is “true ethical leaders that understand their people as a unit.”

Here in Orange City Iowa, we are left with the responsibility to pray that these needs would be meet and that Kenya would again be characterized by peace.

Pray for Kenya

That peace would reign
Safety
Justice and reconciliation
Hope
Comfort for those who have lost loved ones
Provision for those who are displaced
Wisdom and humility for President Kibaki and the Kenyan government
Wisdom and humility for Odinga and the opposition forces
Wisdom and humility for the African Union, the UN, and all other outside organizations involved in this crisis
Encouragement for the many missionaries in Kenya

That the Kenyan people would turn to God during this time of tragedy
Valentine’s Day is full of romance, chocolate, flowers, cards, hearts, love and...did I mention chocolate? Yet, some at Northwestern may feel they are missing out on the meaning of the holiday for one simple reason: they’re single. It may come as a surprise, but, yes, there are students at NW who do not receive a ring by spring.

Some singles prefer to change the holiday to Singles Awareness Day. It can be a S.A.D. day for those who don’t have a certain someone to share a meal or cuddle up with, but the day can still be special, even if your prince, or princess, has yet to come.

Valentine’s Day was created to celebrate love. It doesn’t matter if that love is romantic or platonic. We all shared in the elementary school tradition of putting valentines in colorfully decorated cereal boxes on classmates’ desks. Maybe our parents even left us cards, gifts or candy to honor the day. Those celebrations are not of romantic love, and yet they still make the day special.

There are many things to do to spice up your or others’ Valentine’s Day, or ways to at least make it through. First, if you are going to be single and don’t want to be, use this day to make a plan. Evaluate your love life, or lack thereof, and make changes so you can get where you want to go.

If you are hurting because of a recent loss of love, don’t act like the day doesn’t hurt. Be honest with yourself and others. Get support and love from the people around you so the day isn’t any worse than it has to be.

Serve someone else and make the day special for them, even if it doesn’t feel special to you. The day could turn into a blessing if you get the attention off yourself.

Spend time with friends! Get out of the dorm, away from your homework and away from all the couples leaving for dates. Have some fun with other singles and realize that you are not alone. You could even make cheesy Valentine’s Day boxes and set them outside your door, inviting others to tell you how nice or beautiful or handsome you are.

Treat yourself. If you don’t feel like being around other people, go do something you’ve been wanting to. Make the day memorable in a good way. Or just do something little, get some ice cream or buy a new movie. Even the little things can make you feel good.

Make a “date” with God instead of a boyfriend/girlfriend. Show him how much he matters to you, and how much you love him. Even if you’re not in love with another human, you can still be in love with God.

Think of all the money you’re saving. College kids are poor enough, and you don’t have to buy a gift or spend money going out on a date. The average American spends $100.89 on this day alone, with men spending about $135.67 and women spending an average of $68.64, according to the National Retail Federation.

If you just plain can’t stand the holiday, ignore it! Go to class, do your homework, eat your meals and pretend that it’s just another day, because it is.

If you’re single, you may feel like Valentine’s Day is the worst holiday to go through. However, just like life, it’s all in how you look at things. Appreciate each day and make the most of the holiday no matter the situation you are in right now.

What do NW singles do to celebrate Valentine’s Day?

- Go out to eat with friends
- Get presents from parents
- Buy themed candy for others and yourself
- Go to a sports game
- Buy single friends presents
- Give cards to friends
- Make valentines for d-group
- Watch a romantic movie
- Give valentines to a whole wing or brother/sister wing
By Jonathan Meerdink
Staff Writer

After losing to Dordt at home on Jan. 30, the Red Raiders bounced back with quality wins over Sioux Falls on Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Nebraska Wesleyan on Saturday, Feb. 9.

NW 84, Sioux Falls 77

Although a rally from a double-digit deficit was in order, the Red Raiders managed to come away with the win against a tough Sioux Falls team.

Neither team gained an advantage after trading punches in the first half; the score was tied at 40 at halftime. Sioux Falls, however, came out roaring, gaining a 13-point advantage in the first five minutes of the second half.

The tide, though, was about to turn. With just under 15 minutes to go, the Raiders forced the Cougars into a shot clock violation, stoking the fire of the home crowd. The Raider men whittled away at the lead, finally gaining a 13-point advantage by the 10:30 mark.

NW 77, Neb. Wesleyan 53

The Raider men led wire-to-wire in this one, even without the services of leading rebounder Schuiteman. NW sprinted out to a 14-3 lead to open the game and led by 13 at the break.

The Red Raiders built on their first-half success after the break, torching the twine with 63-percent shooting in the second period and never leading by fewer than nine points. NW got stronger down the stretch, finishing the game on a 20-7 run.

Korver pointed to the Raiders’ perseverance as the reason his team slammed the door on any and all of Nebraska Wesleyan’s comeback plans. “We really just kept grinding out there,” said Korver. “Our defense was good; their [usual] leading scorer only had four [points].”

“’There was no magic formula on offense or defense. We just got stops and stuck the ball in the hoop.’”

- Kris Korver

While Nebraska Wesleyan had their difficulties jump-starting their offense, NW had no such problem, featuring four players in double figures. Schilling led the way with 17 points while Stimson added 12. Senior Mark DeYounge and sophomore Travis Van Regenmorter netted 11 and 10, respectively. The Red Raiders also dominated on the glass; seven players had at least four rebounds. Wiertzema had a game-high of nine and also dished out six assists.

The NW men will next travel to Seward, Neb., to face Concordia on Saturday, Feb. 2.

By Beth Mouw
Sports Editor

It was another successful meet for the Northwestern track team as they traveled the short distance to Sioux Center on Saturday, Feb. 2 to participate in the Dordt College Invitational.

Four more Red Raiders qualified for nationals on the day. Junior Dan Walhof qualified in his first event of the season, taking second in the 5000-meter run with a time of 15:18.59. He came in just .28 seconds behind the Morningside victor, and both times were sufficient to break the 24-year-old meet record.

Freshman Logan Ogden also grabbed a first-place finish, winning the shot-put with a toss of 45-00.75. Fellow freshman teammate Paul Lundgren took fourth in the same event.

On the women’s side, senior Laura Jacobson qualified for nationals in her third event, taking first in the 600-meter run and breaking the meet record with a time of 1:37.13.

Freshmen Charity Miles and Olivia Johnson each qualified in their second events of the season. Miles grabbed a new meet record in the 5000-meter run with a time of 18:12.4, while teammate Johnson likewise set a meet record, boasting a time of 3:00.99 in the 1000-meter run.

Along with the four top-place finishers, NW also had 15 runners in the top five in their respective events.

Sophomores Kyle Sauter and Luke Hofmeyer took second and third in their respective events. Sauter ran an 8:05 in the 55-meter hurdles, while Hofmeyer ran a 6.79 in the 55-meter dash. Freshman Tyler Peekschneider grabbed fifth in the 1000-meter run.

Seniors Jess Regan and Lori Wolf each placed fifth in their events, Regan in the 400-meter and Wolf in the mile. Freshman Kaitlyn Beaver took fourth in the high-jump, clearing 5-01. Although only taking sixth place, sophomore Emily DeWeerd set a new school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 27.21.

The women’s 4x800 team, consisting of Wolf, Johnson and freshmen Steph Powell and Akacia Wentworth, took third with a time of 9:50.62. In the same event, the men boasted both a third- and fifth-place finish. The third-place finish went to freshman Kevin Krueger, senior Mark Den Hartog, junior Ben Brown and sophomore Andy Norris, who ran a time of 8:07.57.

Sauter, Brown, Krueger and senior Brock Jensen grabbed second place in the 4x400, finishing just .7 seconds behind first.

The Red Raiders will next participate in the BVU meet today night’s contest. DeLange pulled down seven rebounds against the Cougars.

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Raiders tie records, win eleventh straight

BY HEIDI HILDEBRANDT
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The Northwestern women won their eleventh-straight game Wednesday at home, dominating USF 110-66. The Raiders remain second in the NAIA national rankings and improved to 13-0 in the GPAC.

NW 110, USF 66
NW made a bold statement right away with an 18-4 run in the first five minutes. USF bounced back to tie the score within 15, but the Raiders once again pulled away, ending the half 42-28.

The Cougars faced a barrage of shooting in the second half, as the Raiders scored 68 points compared to USF’s 38. NW’s final score of 110 tied the school record for the most points in a game.

“Some of you already know; it’s almost time,” commented senior Crystal Algood.

“When you have a good ball movement, it’s when we’re able to score.”

Senior Deb Remmerde scored 37 points to lead the Raiders, while senior Amy Larson added 20 points and freshman Becca Hurley added 16. Seniors Miranda Boekhout and Mandy Carr had nine and six assists, respectively. Algood recorded a double-double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

NW 80, Neb. Wesleyan 39
A high scoring percentage gave the Raiders a clear advantage on Saturday, as they topped the Prairie Wolves 80-39. NW held the Wolves to a mere 17 percent in the first half, leading 35-16.

The women stayed in control the entire second half and ended the game with a 33-9 run to claim the victory.

“Our defense has come a long way from the beginning of the season and from previous years,” Algood said. “We are able to contain their shots.”

Remmerde and Larson led NW with 23 and 16 points, and Boekhout and sophomore Randa Hulstein each scored 10 points. The Raiders tied the school record with 16 blocked shots in the game. Algood had eight herself, along with nine rebounds. Carr dished out nine assists to tie her season high and Boekhout added eight rebounds, five assists and five blocked shots.

This Saturday the Raiders will travel to challenge ninth-ranked Concordia at 2 p.m. A win would be especially significant as Head Coach Earl Woudstra is looking to pick up his 300th career victory as the head coach at NW.

SPORTS SHORTS

BY BETH MOUV
SPORTS EDITOR

Wrestling
The Northwestern wrestling team participated in the Briar Cliff Invitational in Sioux City on Saturday, Feb. 2, then hosted Briar Cliff on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Sophomores D.J. Jackson (137) and Lamar Reed (165) each took home the crown in their respective weight classes at Saturday’s tournament. Both wrestlers went 4-0 on the day. Sophomore Martin Beeler (197) also made a good showing, taking second place with a 3-1 record.

At Tuesday’s 35-15 victory, freshman Clay Wakefield, Reed and junior Cole Spree all pinned their respective opponents. Jackson won by technical fall while juniors Levi Price and Enock Francois beat their opponents 9-3 and 3-2, respectively.

The Red Raiders will now compete in the GPAC championships in Mitchell, S.D., on Saturday, Feb. 16. The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

Baseball
The NW baseball team started out their season on Saturday, Feb. 2, with a doubleheader against Mount Marty College in Minneapolis’ Metrodome. The Raiders split on the day, winning the first game 4-2, but dropping the second 8-4 in a Metrodome time limit which brought the game to a halt after five innings.

In game one, NW was able to get on the board first with freshman Brett Westra scoring from first on a fiercely hit triple by freshman Mike Zoeller in the second inning. Zoeller then scored on a double-play ball, giving NW a 2-0 lead.

The sixth inning produced more action with senior Joe Heizttriter and junior Grant Wall scoring off Zoeller’s second hit of the day.

Senior pitcher Mihai Burlea gave up two hits, one run and one walk and struck out six opponents in three innings of play. Junior lefty Trevor Kuiper then took the mound, allowing three hits and one run and striking out three batters.

Senior Joe Grady came in for the save to secure the NW victory.

The Raider’s baseball team will next face Avila on the road at Kansas City on Saturday, Feb. 9.
Check out the new and improved online Beacon

BY KIM EASON  
NEWS EDITOR

Do you love to read the Beacon, but were unable to get your hands on a copy this week? Never fear, there's hope for you. As of this semester, the Beacon has a whole new look and feel to it in the shape of its completely redesigned website, www.home.nwciowa.edu/beacon.

In the past, the website has offered exactly the same thing as the paper edition every week, minus a few pictures. If you were lucky, there were even archives from past weeks. Appealing to alumni and other Northwestern supporters, the Beacon online gave the same effect as the paper with a click of a button.

However, in the ever-evolving technological age we live in, this has proved to be too little. Over Christmas break, freshman web and design editor Ryan Mathiot took it upon himself to redesign the whole website, making it more accessible as well as adding several new features.

The first thing you might notice when you visit the website is the new layout. With every story from the paper visible without needing to scroll down, you can find the story you're looking for easily.

Read one story and want to read another? A list along the side directs you to the other stories from that section of the paper.

Maybe there's a picture with the story, but you want to know who's in the picture or what's happening in it. Just click on the picture. It will pop up in a separate box, a caption below explaining what is happening.

After reading all the stories you want, maybe you're just so impressed that you want to let the editors know how pleased you are with the paper. Click on the "About Us" link at the bottom of the page. Every staff member's name and smiling face will appear, letting you know who is in charge of the section you're curious about. Click on the name, and your computer will automatically direct you to an e-mail address ed to them.

Though not quite implemented, there are also a few more features that will soon be added to the Beacon online.

Find an opinion article that really grates on your nerves? A forum will soon be up for each article, inviting response and further discussion on the topic. While the Beacon only comes out once a week, the issues don't always last for weeks on end, creating a more immediate place to discuss the problems.

Missed the basketball game this past weekend? One picture may not be enough to satisfy your curiosity, but maybe a whole slide show of various pictures our photographers took at the games will. Click through, get a feel for the excitement, or find funny expressions from your favorite players that didn't make it into the paper.

News doesn't just happen on Fridays. When the big events happen during the week, check out the Beacon blog online for input from staff members about news that might not make it into the paper.

"I'm excited for the greater options that the Beacon online will allow," said senior editor-in-chief Laura Jacobson. "I hope the forum and additional photos will encourage students and alumni to be more involved and better informed."

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Carlson gives performance art tonight

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Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Te Paske Gallery, Professor Arnold Carlson will be presenting his piece entitled, “Explaining Images to a Dead Rabbit.” The piece will be performed with additional performers and participants from the community.

Carlson draws from renowned artists such as Joseph Beuys, Allan Kaprow and Rirkrit Tiravanija who were associated with the Fluxus movement. The Fluxus movement consisted of altering the boundaries of art and the artist. Carlson's event and its related objects are the exploration of the process of creating images, the nature of images, community dynamics and non-theatrical performance as described by Kaprow.

While the performance will only be tonight, the objects used during the show will be on display in the gallery Feb. 9 to 22.

The public is invited to the reception/performance to view the event, which is free and informally structured. Those who attend may stay for all or part of the performance.

Carlson holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Memphis College of Art in Memphis, Tenn., as well as bachelor's degrees in visual arts and biblical studies from Northwestern College in Roseville, Minn. His art has been shown in exhibitions in Tennessee, Michigan and Maine.

Prior to joining NW's faculty, Carlson was a visual arts instructor at the Interlochen (Mich.) Center for the Arts and an adjunct instructor at the Memphis College of Art and the University of Memphis. He has worked as an illustrator and gallery assistant and has participated in the studio program of the Minnesota Museum of Art; a blacksmithing workshop at the Haystack Mountain School of Craft in Deer Isle, Maine, and in the Foundations Instruction Think Tank at the Art Institute of Chicago.

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The redesigned Beacon online is much more reader friendly and offers many more options than the previous website.

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The president of Chad's first address since an insurrection last weekend claimed that the government was in complete control over all of the country after rebels flooded Chad's capital, N'Djamena, causing thousands of citizens to flee the city. Many residents are uncertain. However, radio and television broadcasts have been affirming the regain of control and are encouraging people to return to their homes.

A judge in Spain issued arrest warrants for 40 Rwandan military officers Wednesday. The 40 men, currently or formerly in the military, were indicted on several counts of genocide and abuse of human rights during the 1990s. The international arrest warrants were issued after an investigation concerning the disappearances and deaths of eight Spaniards during that time.

Turkish warplanes bombed 70 targets in three Kurdish villages on the borders of Turkey and Iraq on Monday, according to a Turkish military statement. The attacks targeted rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK. The PKK has been attacking Turkey from across the border. There were no casualties.

A grenade attack in northeastern Somalia Tuesday left at least 21 dead and 100 wounded as of Wednesday. Those dead are presumed to be Ethiopians heading to the Arabian Peninsula. The attack is not linked to a specific group, although it is supposed to be related to long-existing tension between the people of Somalia and Ethiopia.