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Beginning in May, Northwestern will be launching an online Master of Education degree program. There will be two different tracks within the program: teacher leadership and early childhood education.

"We chose those two because we have this good history of offering an endorsement online in early childhood," said Director of Online Learning Rebecca Hoey. "We have a lot of students who have graduated from NW as adult students who have already been online learners with us."

Another reason why NW created a master's program is to promote and recognize teachers in more areas.

"The state of Iowa is moving to a teacher leadership and compensation system," Hoey said. "Schools that use the system will promote about 25% of their teachers into leadership roles like peer coach, instructional coach, grade-level lead and mentor. We want to prepare teachers for those kinds of positions."

The teacher leadership program is a 30-credit degree and the early childhood program is a 33-credit degree. Both of the programs can be finished in two years or fewer.

NW seniors share big dreams

The spring semester brings a long-held Northwestern tradition of "I Have a Dream" speeches.

These speeches, which showcase the thoughts and ideas of senior students, have been part of NW's spring semester chapel schedule for as long as Chaplain Harlan Van Oort can remember.

Each year, faculty and staff are asked to nominate senior students who they feel would have important messages for the campus.

In any given year, Van Oort receives around 60 nominations, then narrows the numbers down to six to 10 speakers. The faculty and staff select speakers based on who hasn't had the opportunity to speak as well as those who receive the most nominations.

NW is unique compared to other Christian colleges in that it allows students to speak in chapel.

"Our purpose is to allow students to speak so we can hear seniors put together God's word with their experience at NW and project a vision for their future," Van Oort said. "This provides a marvelous opportunity and gift for both the speakers to use their gifts and share their wisdom and students to hear what seniors have to say."

One of this semester's speakers, Kristen Schuler, delivered a message to the students about God's presence persisting, despite the darkness and evil in the world.

"I wanted to remind people that even though there is a lot of darkness in the world, there is still good as long as God is in our world," Schuler said. "I shared this with the students through a story that I had experienced in my own life."

Schuler was told she had been nominated by faculty and staff and was asked to speak in chapel. When Schuler was selected, she wasn't sure the campus had picked the right person.
Casa Azul celebration lifts winter spirits

In the midst of the harsh Iowa winter, finding weekend activities can prove to be difficult. Only so many weekends can be spent inside before a deep, piercing desire can help fulfill that desire. Artists from all around the community, including three Northwestern students, will gather to present their various works of art, including family toffee recipes, original piano pieces and slam poetry.

For the featured artists, Casa Azul is more than just displaying or performing their art. "I would say the event in general is about bringing artists together and encouraging people to share their work," said Lyric Kundert, a staff member in the Public Relations department and resident of Hospers Hall, has similar thoughts about the featured art. "I think it’s just a really great way for people in the community to be introduced to artists within the community that they might not know," Kundert said. "It helps people become aware of the awesome things that other people are doing right next door."

Andrew Currier, a music major and another featured artist, will perform a variety of musical acts. "I’ll be doing lots of piano works that I’ve written myself and one or two mashups with my own spin," Currier said. Currier also has a surprise planned for those in attendance. "I’m excited because one of my pieces is not on the piano," Currier said. "I’m excited to see the reaction and what people will think ... it’s not often you get a chance to just present works for an audience, so I’ll take any chance I get."

Morris has also prepared a diverse array of pieces for the evening, showcasing her various talents and adding a little variety to the night. "I’m going to be doing kind of two main things," Morris said. "The first is showing some of my artwork, which is kind of like an in-progress presentation of the stuff for my senior art show. I’ll be some paintings, textile work and embroidery. The second part is sharing some slam poetry. The poetry will be a combination of things that people might have heard before, but also some new poems that I write more as I come up with inspiration."

In addition to Currier and Morris, Kundert will also be showcasing some of her own work. "I’m kind of all over the map," Kundert said. "I’m considering bringing a couple paintings, embroideries, cross-stitches and my Grandma Tate’s toffee recipe."

"In a time when educational budgets are being tightened, usually the first thing to go is the art program," Kundert said. "I think art really bleeds into different parts of your life, and it can affect how you live life and view the world. So being exposed to people who value their creativity and work on it as a daily basis is important to keep you inspired and working on it."

"People should come because it offers a nice study break, and a change of pace," Currier said. "Get out of the routine; lose your mind in art."

The Casa Azul Celebration is 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 at the Old Factory.
In their debut self-titled album, Ibeyi entrances music-loving souls. The 20-year old Afro-Cuban twins Lisa-Kaindé and Naomi Diaz from Paris go in and out of singing in English and Yoruba, a beautiful West-African language that came to Cuba during the slave trade. The two pull this mix off better than most bilingual bands in the industry today. Combine this with the Cuban percussion sounds, the influence of French jazz and synthesized beats and the product is a truly creative and full sound.

The album begins with "Ellegua," a Yoruban spiritual of the Santería religion. The album features many references to the sisters' religious beliefs. The Santería religion features many orishas—spirits that reflect a manifestation of God. Ellegua is the name of the spirit that represents the beginning and end of life, and is always the first orisha acknowledged in a Yoruban celebration. This powerful introduction captures the beauty of the sisters' vocals with this stripped down, harmonious a capella song.

Mixed in with the spirituality of the album, the twin sisters mourn the loss of their older sister and their father who both died when the girls were just 11. In the songs "Think of You," "Mama Says" and "Yanira" listeners can hear the pain of the sisters' loss. In "Mama Says," the song starts with "The man is gone and mama says she can't live without him. She has no one to stop her tears." Their father, a former Cuban percussionist, is clearly the driving influence of the album.

The most popular track on the album is their song "Ghosts." This track features the sisters' musical talents in their instrumentation. Lisa-Kaindé, an excellent pianist, takes the lead vocals while Naomi adds depth with her enchanting harmonies and skillful percussion beats on the cajón and batá. This song, along with "River," is one to turn up the bass and really listen to the creative rhythms and beats.

With their debut album, Ibeyi creates a unique, powerful sound that fans of all genres of music can appreciate. NPR captured the album best by calling it "sonically stunning." With the twins only being 20, fans have much to look forward to for the future. In the meantime, listeners can count on this new intoxicating sound resonating in their soul.

Key Tracks: "Ghosts," "Think of You," "Mama Says," "Ellegua"

Rating: ★★★★★

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Picks of the Week
A weekly fix of what sustains the Beacon staff during paper production.

Will: "Pilot" - The Map Room
With driving drum and tambourine, the soothing dual vocal harmonies in this track make any listener swoon. "Pilot" is an ethereal masterpiece that keeps hearts beating and toes tapping.

Lyric: "We Are Alive" - Golden Youth
This lively anthem has hopeful words and soaring melodies that are sure to pull even the bluest of NW students from the dark depths of February-itis.
Coldwater offers adventure for students

A group of people promoting the Coldwater Foundation visited the Rowenhorst Student Center this week. This organization has been supported by many students on campus and has helped to further develop leadership and community in these students. According to its mission statement, the Coldwater Foundation encourages middle school, high school, college students and adults to “nurture the important connections between knowing and doing; believing and behaving; love for God and love for neighbor.”

Coldwater offers a variety of different trips from skiing in Canada to canoeing in Boundary Waters. The trips challenge students to look at God in a different way specifically through creation.

Northwestern student Kara Nonnemacher has been involved in the Coldwater Foundation since she began college. The first trip she went on was the four day Snowcamp in Canada. Nonnemacher remembers being worn out after her first semester of college.

“I ran through it all so fast with very little time to process,” Nonnemacher said. “Going through Snowcamp gave me a chance to slow down, spend time with some amazing people, and be challenged by those around me to really look back at my (first) semester of college and allow it to shape me. It was a refreshing retreat that challenged me, but was also tons of fun.”

Over spring break Ashley Maloney will be co-leading a group of students to Duluth and Grand Portage, Minn., through the Coldwater Foundation. Maloney has been working with Coldwater for two years now and is excited to once again experience God’s presence through this year’s Spring Service Project.

“I think anyone who has ever experienced God’s creation can agree that they experience God,” Maloney said. Her first trip with Coldwater was to Grand Portage, Minn., just before college.

Portage is geared specifically to college freshmen and transfer students. Students grow and bond as they canoe across Minnesota’s many different lakes and routes. Maloney describes Coldwater as a chance for students to give up all their physical and mental strength. By doing this, students are challenged to depend fully on God and others because the challenges they face can’t be done alone. She encourages students to get involved in Coldwater by attending the different backpacking trips, Snowcamp, SSP and leadership trips.

New game shop opens near campus

Students who are fans of comic books, card games, role-playing adventures and any board game under the sun can rejoice, as they now have a safe haven here in Orange City.

“Most of our products are geared toward high school and college students, but students don’t have much disposable income, so usually one of the friends will buy a game and then they’ll get together to play it,” Riphagen said. “Older customers, on the other hand, have more disposable income so they will buy multiple games for their collections.”

Because the owners realize college students aren’t made of money, they encourage students to come in and hang out, even if they aren’t purchasing anything.

“Selling games and comic books is basically how we are going to make money, but you are more than welcome to bring in your own games and hang out and play,” Riphagen said. “Or if you have a game that you want to play but don’t have enough people to get a game going, we’ll play it with you. There isn’t a single game that I would refuse to play.”

There are around five games that anyone can come in and try out.

“You have to get over two hurdles to come here,” Riphagen said. “One, is this too nerdy for me? Can people see me playing this in public? I’m already going to be the nerdiest guy in here, so what are you going to do, try and ‘out nerdy me?’ And then, don’t be intimidated. Most people are pretty nice, and want more people to play your game, so I would say it is a welcoming atmosphere.”

The store can be a little hard to locate. It is in the same shopping plaza as Los Tulipanes and the movie theater, tucked around the back side. From the outside the store may look like a large mechanic’s shop, but it’s the right place.

The owners and founders of the store are three old high school friends who graduated from MOC-Floyd Valley High School. Together, they were able to fund and construct the store, and take turns manning the counter.

One of the three co-owners of OC Games and Comics, Seth Riphagen, described the long process of opening the shop.

“We worked on this for about one and a half to two years,” Riphagen said. “We started a group on Facebook where we would find a space that we could hang out at for a night, and then we’d just go online and tell people, ‘Hey everyone, come on over and play some Magic, or whatever other game we were playing that night.’

“We started getting a regular group every week, but we were always having to change the venue,” Riphagen said. “We were actually in the Mexican restaurant Los Tulipanes for a while. We paid them by working, we helped tear out the old movie theater seats and such. We had a budget, and had our loans ready to go, we just had to find a place.”

“We talked to the chamber of commerce and people willing to rent out their spaces,” Riphagen said. “Either they would rent it out to someone else or it wouldn’t work for us. So this is a garage... but it is definitely cheaper than any of the other spaces we were looking at renting. A majority of that time was spent floating around waiting for people to get back to us.”

Once the three friends had found a space, opening the store became more of a reality.

“The first thing we had to do was build all of the counters, walls and shelves,” Riphagen said. “Our neighbors are the kitchen to the Mexican restaurant, and if you listen closely when the theater is playing an action movie you can occasionally hear some bass.”

Although they didn’t start out with much, they were able to turn the space into a very comfortable and professional looking shop. There is display space on the walls for all of their inventory, as well as storage and a bathroom.

Riphagen was partially inspired by a store in Ames, Iowa. The store had plenty of seating to hang out and play games in. OC Games and Comics has a similar feel, with several tables set up for customers or visitors to use.

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PHOTO FROM COLDWATER FOUNDATION FACEBOOK PAGE

NW students Trevor Delamater, Andrew Scholten, Luke Galloway, Tukker Bogaard, Miles Fletcher participated in Coldwater’s “Snowcamp” last January. Coldwater is a Minnesota-based organization that offers outdoor expeditions for students.

Coldwater offers these opportunities all year round. It’s a great way to connect with God during any season.

“God and wilderness are so tightly connected that it’s impossible for Coldwater experiences to not impact one’s faith,” Nonnemacher said. “When I’m on Coldwater trips, I’m reminded of the important things in life, which are the things closest to God’s heart. I’m reminded of the power of a person’s story, solitude and reflection, the value of every individual and the breath-taking beauty of nature.”

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Seniors Present: ‘I Have a Dream’

“I didn’t believe it,” Schuler said. “I thought they had the wrong person, but I realized it was the perfect time because I had a message to share with the campus, so I was really excited at the same time.”

When it came time to prepare, Schuler started by writing down her ideas in a story format she thought others would enjoy. Because she wasn’t comfortable speaking in front of such a large crowd, she then wrote the speech out to have in front of her. Overall, the process went smoothly, and she was able to share her ideas with campus and still feel comfortable sharing with the audience.

This year’s “I Have a Dream” speeches are extraordinary in that NW has had two students who graduated in December share their vision with the campus.

“Normally, we have maybe one student who has already graduated share, but this semester, we have had two, which is unique to previous years,” Van Oort said.

“I Have a Dream” speeches will be delivered by different seniors during chapel throughout the semester. As a community, NW has the opportunity to worship in a unique way through listening to the visions of our current students and learn from our peers.

A look at the Art of Courage through pictures

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What is healthy love?

BY LEIGH CARSON

Last week, Shelby Maznio wrote a piece on being single on Valentine's Day. I would like to use this opportunity to add to the discussion.

Love is a little like chocolate. Not in the sense that we give chocolate to the people we enjoy, but the fact that love and chocolate are addicting. And hard to get over. And it messes with our emotions. I am not someone who bemoans the fact that I am without this kind of love. I proudly support the hashtag #WhyIllNeverSettle, but I won't lie and say I don't often think about it.

Jealousy is also an intense thing. And I do get jealous of those who have found that connection with another human being. I feel like I'm missing out on some important aspect of life. Romantic love is powerful and binding. It is full of give and take, compromise and a lot of trust and dedication. It's not cheesy Hallmark cards or Justin Bieber singing about, well, whatever he sings about. It takes work. Hard work. That has been demonstrated to me by a lot of failed relationships and a lot of very strong ones.

And yet, it's not enough. Whenever I dwell on the fact I have yet to experience that kind of connection, I get a twinge of guilt that I'm missing something. It took me a long time to find what it was. But I did find it.

It was written between the lines of my prayer journal, in the weak at the knees feeling during a particularly moving praise song, and places almost methodically in the words of one of my favorite books. It was Goddy love.

Do you know how special you are? God is your fierce soul mate. He will love you for eternity and will never leave you until you are with him in the special, wonderful place he has created for you.

Do you know how loved you are? God is your lion-hearted sea captain. Your heart is a tiny, fragile thing. It could not possibly hold even a tenth of the love God has for you. But that leaves a little something to be desired, does it not? God will lead you across the storms of life and when you flounder; he will lift you into his arms of safety.

Do you know how treasured you are? God is your persistent suitor. His covenant with you began the moment you accepted him into your heart. That covenant is as sacred as wedding vows and will never cease until you are with him in eternity and will never leave you until you are with him in the special, wonderful place he has created for you.

Learning extends far beyond grades and papers and exams. Learning means trying new things and stepping outside of yourself a bit, whether that's sitting by someone new in thecaf or trying out for SSP. You learn so much by meeting new people and talking about important things.

“But wait,” you might say. “I have my sportsball/homework/insert excuse here that takes up all sorts of time!” That's okay. Do those, but you need to try other things too. This is college.

Everyone is busy, but still many find time for involvement outside of their regular activities. Again, learning means stepping outside of yourself.

Another opportunity to learn that comes to mind: sign up for a Spring Service Project sometime. I have had way too many great SSP leaders ask me if I knew any guys who would go on an SSP. That's unacceptable, fellas. It's a commitment, but nothing unbearable. Ask anyone who has gone or is going on one. They should have to turn guys away because too many apply, but that's far from reality. I have a problem with that.

I could go into all sorts of reasons why I this participation thing is a problem, but that would go for pages and no one wants to read that. Think about this though. I think part of the reason you don't participate is because you're scared. Hear me out. Participating means showing you care about something — that you're committed to it. Caring about something means risking disappointment and hurt.

And you're scared of that.

That's nothing to be ashamed of, but you won't become the person you are meant to be by remaining comfortable. The world needs the person you are meant to be. Don't hold back the wonderful contributions you all have to offer because of apathy.

This stuff is way deeper than I can do justice to in a short piece in the Beacon. I'll leave you with this: do things, diverse things. Participate in as much as you reasonably can.

Go to wing/building events. Enjoy seeing a theatre production. Try dancing once. Do service. Sit in the front row in class. Question everything. Have deep talks with deep people. Start learning and start caring.

Maybe I'm wrong about all this (and I sincerely hope that I am), but I don't think so. Prove me otherwise; I know you can.

-Righteous Turtle

Ethans Answers

Dear Righteous Turtle,

I've been texting this girl and I've even went on a Hub date with her once. It's been going pretty well, until yesterday. I was walking out of chapel and I accidentally bumped into her. I'm worried things are moving too fast or that maybe she thinks I'm not saving room for Jesus! How can I recover from this travesty?

-Righteous Turtle

Dear Ethan,

I think a long time about how to do this. I settled on a letter from me to you, as it is more personal and this is something that I benefit from hearing too. Recently, I have become aware of a general lack of male participation on campus and extreme apathy. And talking to some peers and various staff members, I'm not the only one who has noticed it.

If you're someone who is a well-involved individual, I applaud you. Keep on keeping on. We need more guys like you. If you're someone who obsessively watches 12 seasons of a show on Netflix and plays video games every hour you're not in class or sleeping, let's talk.

Why are you at Northwestern?

You may have answered “to get an education.” That's a great sentiment, though I don't think it's quite on point. You are here to learn. This is an important distinction.

Keep up with social media?

-Beacon’s Gentleman
Raiders record eight top-10 finishes

BY DALTON KELLEY

The Northwestern Track and Field team competed in the South Dakota State University Invite held last weekend in Brookings, S.D. The last regular season meet before the GPAC Indoor Championships take place on one.

“The track was a positive factor for most races. With wider curves and less laps, most athletes ran season bests if not career bests,” said Head Coach Scott Bahrke. “It was an advantage for us and the men that ran on the NAIA national automatic qualifying standard in the mile, crossing the tape in eighth place with a season-best time of 4:18.7.”

The men’s 4x800-meter relay crossed the tape first with a time of 7:39.7, just 0.23 seconds in front of the home team, SDSU. The men’s 4x800-meter relay members include senior Skyler Giddings, senior Logan Howland, junior Elliott Johnson and junior Kyle Anderson.

“It was exciting, too, for our men’s team to win the 4x800-meter relay,” Bahrke said. “We beat SDSU, an NCAA Division I program, and the men that ran on that relay team currently has the first-place finish in the NAIA.”

The team’s distance medley team of freshman Hays Epp, freshman Aaron Lemos, junior Ryan Weitgenant and freshman Tim Rose ran together for the first time last weekend and finished third in the event. The team’s time met the provisional qualifying mark with a time of 10:21.

“I was happy with how our mid-distance and distance men ran multiple races well over the 2-day meet,” Bahrke said. “That was great practice for the NAIA national automatic qualifying standard in the mile, crossing the tape in eighth place with a season-best time of 4:18.7.”

On the women’s side of the team, senior Megan Walhof and freshman Katie Landhuis led the women’s team with a pair of top-10 finishes. Walhof placed 10th in the 400-meter with a time of 58.6 and finished seventh in the 600-meter finishing the race in 1:35.9. Landhuis collected a pair of ninth-place finishes in the 600-meter, running the race in 1:36.4, and again in the 800-meter in 2:18.3.

NW will head to Seward, Neb., to compete in the GPAC Indoor Championships on Feb. 20-21. Events on Friday will begin at 1 p.m. and will resume on 9 a.m. Saturday.

“I am looking forward to watching several personal records this weekend,” Bahrke said. “We will have to be ready to compete, because the GPAC is probably the deepest it has ever been. It will be fun to watch the Red Raiders compete and give it their all as they glorify God with the gifts He has blessed them with.”

Men’s basketball falters

The Northwestern men’s basketball team was defeated 92-75 by Dordt on Wednesday, Feb. 18. The Raiders fall to a 7-12 record in the GPAC and 14-13 overall.

Dordt jumped up to a 15-2 lead after a few scoreless minutes by both team to open the contest. Dordt found themselves with a 22-6 lead until junior guard Isaiah Taylor hit a pair of three-point shots to get the Raiders on an 8-2 run that cut the lead to 10 points. However, Dordt countered back with a run of their own and closed the half with a score of 52-35.

The Defenders came out of halftime not missing a beat as they started the half on a 17-6 run that put NW down by 20 points or more for nearly the remainder of the contest.

Sophomore forward Jordan Baker led the Raiders with 13 points on 5-for-6 shooting. Junior forward Bryce Moss scored 11 points and Taylor scored 10. Junior guard T.J. Buyert added nine points.

The Raiders shot 44 percent from the field and 35 percent from three-point (6-for-17) compared to 54 percent and 37 percent (7-for-19) from Dordt.

NW did manage to outrebound the Defenders 35-34. Baker grabbed eight rebounds and freshman guard Nathan Wedel added six to go along with a team-high three assists.

The Raiders close out their season with a matchup against Hastings on Saturday, Feb. 21 in Hastings, Neb. The tipoff is at 4 p.m.

“We are going to use this last game as a building block for next year,” Wedel said. “This season has been very beneficial for Colton (Koosima), Riley (Francis) and I as freshman. We will know what to expect a little more next season.”

Women dominate rivals

The Northwestern women’s basketball team defeated Dordt 73-58 on Wednesday, Feb. 18. With the victory, NW improved to 11-8 in the GPAC and 17-10 overall. In addition, the Raiders clinched a No. 5 seed for the upcoming GPAC tournament starting Feb. 25.

Although the Raiders trailed early (11-5), they dominated the first half with separate runs of 12-1 and 14-0 to go into halftime with a 41-23 lead. Both runs were kick started by junior guard Katly Kuiper who hit a jumper and back-to-back three-point shots to ignite both scoring runs for NW.

In the second half, the Raiders extended their lead to as much as 20 points until Dordt answered with a 9-0 run to bring the score to 62-52. NW stood firm and went on a final run that outscored Dordt 11-6 to put the Defenders away for good. NW held Dordt to just one field goal over the final four-plus minutes.

“We were communicating on defense throughout the game,” said freshman guard Claudia Larsen. “And it really carried through all the way to the end.”

Senior guard Karen Ettelman led the Raiders in scoring with 19 points, which moved her up to eighth all time with 1,711 total points. Kuiper scored 14 points. Senior guard Paige O’Neal recorded 11 points and Larsen scored 10 points. Freshman guard Renee Maneman grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds. Her efforts contributed to NW outrebounding Dordt 51-42.

While the Raiders shot only 32 percent from the field, they managed to shoot 27-of-33 (82 percent) from the free-throw line.

The Raiders return to action for their final regular season game on Saturday, Feb 21 to face Hastings in Hastings, Neb. Tipoff is at 2 p.m.

“We are playing really well right now and are looking forward to the opportunity to compete again on Saturday,” Larsen said.

Raider Radar

Friday, Feb. 20

Softball vs. Benedictine 10 a.m.
Softball vs. St. Gregorys 12 p.m.
Oklahoma Baptist Invite 1 p.m.
Baseball vs Sterling (Kan.) 12 p.m.
Track and Field vs. Seward Neb. 1 p.m.
GPAC Indoor Championship 2 p.m.
Tennis vs. St. Marys (Minn.) 2 p.m.
Baseball vs. Sterling (Kan.) 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Wrestling vs. York Neb. 9 a.m.
North Central Qualifier 9 a.m.
Track and Field vs. Seward Neb. 9 a.m.
GPAC Indoor Championship 10 a.m.
Softball vs. Tabor (Kan.) 12 p.m.
Softball vs. Oklahoma Baptist 12 p.m.
Oklahoma Baptist Invite 1 p.m.
Baseball vs Sterling (Kan.) 12 p.m.
Tennis vs. University of St. Thomas 12 p.m.
Basketball (W) vs. Hastings 2 p.m.
Basketball (M) vs. Hastings 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Basketball (W) vs. TBA 12 p.m.
GPAC Quarters finals

Thursday, Feb. 26

Dance Team Showcase 7:30 p.m.
Bulman Center 9 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Baseball vs. Williams Woods 11 a.m.
Baseball vs. Ashford University 1:30 p.m.

SPORTS EDITOR

JORDAN DYSTRA

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The Northwestern women’s basketball team defeated Dordt 73-58 on Wednesday, Feb. 18. With the victory, NW improved to 11-8 in the GPAC and 17-10 overall. In addition, the Raiders clinched a No. 5 seed for the upcoming GPAC tournament starting Feb. 25.

Although the Raiders trailed early (11-5), they dominated the first half with separate runs of 12-1 and 14-0 to go into halftime with a 41-23 lead. Both runs were kick started by junior guard Katly Kuiper who hit a jumper and back-to-back three-point shots to ignite both scoring runs for NW.

In the second half, the Raiders extended their lead to as much as 20 points until Dordt answered with a 9-0 run to bring the score to 62-52. NW stood firm and went on a final run that outscored Dordt 11-6 to put the Defenders away for good. NW held Dordt to just one field goal over the final four-plus minutes.

“We were communicating on defense throughout the game,” said freshman guard Claudia Larsen. “And it really carried through all the way to the end.”

Senior guard Karen Ettelman led the Raiders in scoring with 19 points, which moved her up to eighth all time with 1,711 total points. Kuiper scored 14 points. Senior guard Paige O’Neal recorded 11 points and Larsen scored 10 points. Freshman guard Renee Maneman grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds. Her efforts contributed to NW outrebounding Dordt 51-42.

While the Raiders shot only 32 percent from the field, they managed to shoot 27-of-33 (82 percent) from the free-throw line.

The Raiders return to action for their final regular season game on Saturday, Feb 21 to face Hastings in Hastings, Neb. Tipoff is at 2 p.m.

“We are playing really well right now and are looking forward to the opportunity to compete again on Saturday,” Larsen said.
Online Master’s program offered

Beginning in May, NW will offer an online Master’s of Education program. The program will offer two different tracks: teacher leadership and early childhood education.

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In the program, one of the requirements is to complete a capstone project in an area a student is most interested in.

“Whatever their interests are in, that’s what they want to do for their capstone to really demonstrate something big from what they have learned in the master’s coursework,” Hoey said.

Elementary Education student Kayla Foresman is excited about the new online master’s program.

“I’m interested in getting my master’s in reading, but I am going to do that a while after I graduate,” Foresman said.

Hoey said more than 70 adult students are enrolled in the online programs at NW. That number is expected to rise in May when the new master’s program begins.

“A lot of the times if you come into a school and you’re over-qualified as a teacher, you have a hard time finding a job because they have to pay you too much,” Foresman said. “So getting a job and getting experience and then working on a master’s is probably what I’m going to do.”

Foresman said she would do her master’s through NW, since she will be graduating from NW.

Grond named new library director

Northwestern has named Greta Grond as the new director of the Dewitt Library.

Grond joined the NW staff seven years ago as a project assistant to the previous director until she was promoted to the position of research and systems librarian in 2011.

“I had never worked at a library before (coming here),” Grond said.

After coming to NW, she went back to school and received her masters in library science from Wayne State University in Detroit. Then she took on more responsibilities at the library.

Grond had been serving as the interim director of the library this year after the previous director, Tim Schlak, left NW last summer to take the job as the library director of Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, Penn.

Since becoming the interim director, Grond has begun several projects she hopes will better the library for both staff and students. One such project is preparing the website for storing NW scholarships. The website will be a place where students and staff can publish and organize original research or creative works.

“It will help create a more systematic assessment of who, when and how people are using the library,” Grond said.

Grond has been working on this project since the beginning of the year. Now she and other staff will be in charge of updating the system and making it more efficient for use.

Another project Grond and her coworkers carried out this week was an Art Walk, which was a part of the Day of Learning in Community. The Art Walk exhibited unique works.

“Obviously, I’m interested in getting a route into library management, but I also am interested in being creative. I’m an artist,” Grond said.

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