**Students take a stand in their local caucuses**

**BY SARA JANZEN AND KIM EASON**

If you were to name one topic that has permeated the news, talk shows, radio, TV and Internet advertisements in the past six months, your first response would probably be politics.

Almost since the election of Bush in 2004 politicians have been anticipating the election in 2008 by making predictions on who would run for the presidency. Four years later, the time has arrived for another election, and the predictions haven’t stopped in one of the largest candidate pools in years.

The names are all familiar: for Republicans the front-runners are Rudy Guiliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, Mitt Romney and Fred Thompson; for Democrats they are Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Barack Obama.

The process has now begun, state by state, to narrow the candidates to one person per party for the general election in November.

Iowa was the first state to make their decisions by holding the caucuses on Jan. 3. Citizens broke up into one of the 1,784 precincts in the state, ready to support and cast their ballot for their chosen candidate.

Various Northwestern students participated in the caucuses as well.

Junior Eli VanOort went to the Democratic caucus in Orange City.

Upon arriving, she had to sign in and mark who she planned to caucus for. The group then split up into various corners of the room, according to the candidate they supported.

“You basically make a bold statement about who you support,” said VanOort.

After the groups were in their respective corners, they were given the opportunity to debate and recruit others to support their candidate. VanOort’s precinct was solidly Obama, so there wasn’t much debate. However, some people would switch camps to help out another candidate, and others actually switched and supported another candidate.

VanOort felt it was important to know where you stood. “You have to know what you’re talking about,” she said. “People will come up to you and ask ‘why?’ and expect you to know.”

Senior Jen Shafer also attended the caucuses in Orange City. She is originally from Nebraska, but as a college student living in Iowa, she is eligible to register to vote in Iowa and participate in the caucuses.

“Living in Iowa we have this really huge privilege to participate in this and have the candidates come through,” said Shafer. Because of Iowa’s position as the first state in the nation to hold their caucuses, candidates strive to make campaign stops here.

“I think Iowa gives you a much better chance to be heard,” said Shafer.

Junior Sarah Breen attended the Republican caucuses at the Boyden Public Library. There was a secret ballot and everyone got a piece of paper to write the name of the person they wanted to vote for. There was some opportunity to debate, but no one volunteered.

“It was very informal,” said Breen.

Sophomore Hannah Watters and junior Kelsey Shiflett’s experiences were similar at their Republican caucuses in Cedar Rapids and Humboldt.

“I was surprised at how low-key it was,” said Watters.

Both Watters and Shiflett were also surprised by the numbers that showed up. Watters said it was so packed that they ran into where the Democrats were meeting.

Shiflett said there were usually around 40 people that showed up, but this year it was closer to 400.

After the night was over, Obama took first on the Democratic side and Huckabee took first for the Republicans.

Since that night, New Hampshire and Michigan have also held their primaries. Clinton and McCain both won in New Hampshire and Romney won in Michigan. Because the primaries were moved up in Michigan, Democrats are refusing to accept any of the delegates from that state.

When asked why they participated, students’ answers were similar.

“This was the first year I could vote for a president,” said Shiflett, “so I thought I should be involved with the whole process, not just going and picking a person on Nov. 2.”

“It’s a great way to get involved with politics in your community,” said junior Tyler Granger, who attended the Democratic caucus in Woden.

“It’s hard to ignore the caucuses are happening,” said VanOort. “As Iowans, it’s something we take pride in. We don’t have sports teams, we have the caucuses.”

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**Sing and shout, let’s have some fun with headphone karaoke**

**BY CHANTELLE STEGGERDA**

Making its debut as an all-campus event tonight at 9 p.m. in The Hub is Northwestern’s first official night of headphone karaoke, and you can be involved!

Headphone karaoke consists of someone singing to a song that they alone are hearing through headphones, while the audience hears only the performer. Marty is familiar with the concept after seeing the video made a few years ago of Fern RD Lisa Barber demonstrating with “Bring Me to Life.”

“I had my eyes closed the whole time,” said Barber, “singing my heart out. When I opened my eyes they were taping the whole thing. Since then I’ve tried to get as many people as possible to do it as well.”

The video can be found on YouTube as “Lisa headphone karaoke.”

Those wishing to participate in tonight’s activities should arrive 10 to 15 minutes beforehand so they can have some time to look at the songs when they sign up. Singing can be done solo or in a group as big as four. There will be a wide range of songs from which to pick, but participants may bring their own songs if they wish.

Special appearances will be made by various faculty and staff members, including Alumni Director Rachel Van Den Broek, various RDs, Intercultural Affairs Coordinator Anila Karunakar and President Greg Christy.

“With regular karaoke you have to sing really well,” commented sophomore SAC member Hannah Watters, “but with headphone karaoke, you’re going to sound bad no matter what, so you might as well have a go at it and it’ll be fun.”

Prizes will be given at the end of the night, based on an audience vote for the best or funniest performance. Winners could receive gift cards for Blue Mountain, iTunes, Pizzapizza or the Hub.

“We’ve never done anything like this before,” said Watters. “I hope enough people come to participate.”

“It’s just something kind of goofy to do,” said Barber. “It should be a hilarious event. It’s like watching a really bad version of karaoke.”

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**OPINION**

**A God of justice**

**BY MATT HULSTEIN**

We all gazed at the projected footage through watery eyes. None of us could swallow. An elderly nurse was holding an emaciated baby in a Kenyan hospital. Its dark, wrinkled skin was pulled tightly across its skeletal frame; its limbs jerked side to side. The baby hadn’t eaten for days and would die soon; its body could no longer absorb any nourishment.

The video explained that the multi-national fruit corporation Del Monte had overrun the subsistence farms which once fed this child along with thousands of others. Now DelMontegrowsoabanassion the land, and the displaced farmers are forced out of necessity to work for the plantations for less than what they need to survive. I went to the caf for supper after class. I went to grab a banana and then saw the sticker. Sure enough, Del Monte. I haven’t been able to eat a banana since.

Such exploitation pervades our entire lives. Many of Nike’s products are made in sweatshops. In the ‘90s, Michael Jordan made $10 to address below.

The cite should, of its own intent, be of direct correlation to the topic being researched. If you are arguing the invalidity of Communism, it is unlikely that you would consult a Chinese cookbook, despite the connection between China and Communism.

The citation must also accurately reflect authorial intent. For instance, although Gandhi’s famous quote, “An eye for an eye only makes the whole world blind,” could take on some alternate meaning like “Where violence increases, so does spiritual blindness.” The author only means to make a statement about retribution and peace.

Somehow these academic principles have lost their place when the Scriptures are referenced. Here’s one of my favorites. The theory states that “it is a matter of Christian devotion that we live healthy lives—we ought to look good, watch our diet, and refrain from physically detrimental habits like smoking and getting tattoos.” Why? The citation states, “your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.” The idea, then, is “You wouldn’t want to attend a church with chipped paint or threadbare carpeting,” as one author has said. “The Christian has certain aesthetic responsibilities.” Huh? Yeah, it uh, it says it right here, uh, (where uh, it says it in 1 Corinthians).

Again, this passage is not addressing a matter about things that go into the body, what is on the body, or anything generally anatomical or health related. Instead, the concern is what comes forth from the body—in other words, the conduct of the Christian individual. Specifically, the author is saying that sexual immorality is impermissible within the church because our bodies were made in the image of the Lord. Plus, if this passage were relaying a message about physical intake and physical exterior, it would be at odds with the rest of Pauline literature. Paul’s ministry was validated on the basis that “it is not what enters a man that defiles him,” he adapted the diet of a Gentile, which was previously unacceptable for a Jew.

No, you wouldn’t want to attend a church with chipped paint. But citing this source does not help that argument. Some cite the Song of Solomon to resemble the “marital relationship between God (the ‘Lover’) and the Jews or the church (the ‘Beloved’).” If that is the case, then there must be some explanation as to what the author is referring to when he describes the Beloved’s eyes, legs, hair, and breasts. As a male, I know that I don’t have breasts. So why, according to the metaphor, are my breasts?
Coming to a resolution

BY JAMES BIERLY
STAFF WRITER

"Juno," although overall an excellent film, gets off to a rocky start, with a jarring scene apparently calculated to destroy any suspension of disbelief from the get-go. The lead character, named Juno (Ellen Page), makes her way to a convenience store to use a pregnancy test, only to be greeted by Dwight from "The Office," playing himself, apparently, and overacting as if his life depended upon it. The exchange between the two epitomizes the style of dialogue that will dominate the film: a bizarre mix between the dialects of Napoleon Dynamite and Buffy the Vampire Slayer ramped up to the tenth power and lacking genuine originality or wit. No one in this film seems to ever call a noun by its proper name, or even a commonly recognized slang term, but speak instead using a language unique to the film which is filled with cheesy euphemisms and phrases meant to be catchier than they actually are.

However, once you penetrate beyond the clunky dialogue and learn to either tolerate it or enjoy it for what it is, you'll find that it is concealing a cast of lovable human characters who actually do have a good story to tell. Juno is a young, nerdy girl who has been impregnated by her affable best friend Bleeker (Michael Cera). At first she plans to have an abortion, but a classmate protesting outside the abortion clinic causes her to have second thoughts. She decides to have the baby and give it to a couple that wants to adopt.

This scene highlights one of the strengths of "Juno." Apart from the annoying pseudo-slang, and the aforementioned dreadful opening scene, nothing in this film is too overstated. There is no voice from heaven or dramatic revelation. Instead there is a somewhat pathetic-looking high school student standing alone and reciting the mantra "all babies want to be borned." The town undergoes a quiet change of seasons, with plenty of shots of sleepy fall days, and no major storms at dramatically appropriate moments. Juno's parents are subtle characters who at times are hurtful and insensitive but still love and support Juno beyond the best of their abilities.

Kids at school harass Juno, but there is nothing that strikes the viewer as exaggerated beyond what normal teenage angst represents. It's his grasping for subtlety and complexity that helps "Juno" suck you in and make you believe in the world that is being portrayed. This isn't the world of screaming, crying confrontations, dramatic breakdowns and action packed finales that we have come to expect from Hollywood. It's much more believable.

When Juno meets the couple who will be adopting her child, the film really takes off. Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman turn in spectacular performances, bringing to life the internal turmoil of a relationship in self-betrayal. Bateman is fatherly, pathetic and downright creepy as a troubled married man who clings to his fleeting youth. His wife, played by Garner, is a gentle and loving woman who is too grown-up for her own good. Into this environment walks Juno, bearing her child's future.

The ending to the film is understated and sweet. It is reasserted despite the traumatic experience of teen pregnancy, Juno is still basically the same person and little has changed. A catchy anti-folk soundtrack is prominently featured in the film's transitions. The music fits Juno's personality perfectly and gives the film a tone that is both nostalgic and contemporary at the same time. This feeling is the strongest point of the film. Although "Juno" tries hard to be trendy and inject a pile of new slang into the pop culture vocabulary, it is the picture of a character who comes of age and never grows up. It makes us fall in love with Juno. Rating: Three of five stars
FEATURES

ODDS AND ENDS
BY AMANDA KUHEN
FEATURES EDITOR

Greetings Beacon readers. After a semester abroad, I have returned to the realm of features editor of this your favorite college newspaper. In the past, I've tried to maintain a running column that would provide some (even the most remote) form of entertainment, amusement or assistance to the student population.

Former attempts have included the Word of the Week, Fun Facts, Fact or Crap and a Got Questions? column. This semester I'd like to share with you interesting things that I learned or observations I made while in England, specifically the odd or unexpected differences that you might encounter were you to visit yourself.

If I follow through with the best of intentions I will also be providing you with stories from other students who have returned from semesters spent in various other foreign cultures. For the time being I will give you a short lesson in British word choice.

What’s it called?

In England the term pants is used only when referring to one’s underpants. Trousers is used to refer to jeans, khakis and even pajama bottoms.

If you were to attend teatime sporting your nifty new vest you ought to refer to it as a waistcoat. A vest is worn under clothing, like an undershirt.

Though a jumper is a term that usually refers to a sort of dress in the States, when used in the UK it is a substitute for sweater.

Suspenders, the things that hold up trousers, are referred to as braces. If you were to use the word suspenders one would think you were referring to garter belts, which hold up stockings, not trousers.

Call it what it is, tube tops are more appropriately referred to as boob tubes and can be found in a number of local clubs, along with other strategically placed ruffles.

You’d save yourself a good deal of awkward glances by calling a funky pack a bum bag.

If your young child is a bit stinky you may need to change his nappy.

Rainy day in London town? Never fear, just slip on your wellies, short for Wellingtons, which Americans call galoshes.

Forget formal clothing, use the phrase black tie for classy dress.

Impact: Gulf Coast 2007

BY KRISTI KORVER
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On Dec. 15 Northwestern sent two teams to the Gulf Coast for weeklong service projects. The teams consisted of faculty, students and even some alumni.

During long van rides through terrible weather the teams were forced to bond quickly. This camaraderie proved invaluable when the teams were met with challenging situations and provoking thoughts.

One team went to Jackson, Miss., to work with the John Perkins Foundation in cooperation with Justice For All. The second team served in New Orleans, La., with Trinity Christian Community.

The idea for a trip to the Gulf Coast started in 2005 in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As the NW community prayed and mourned for the people impacted by the hurricanes, a common question kept surfacing, “Why don’t we go down there?” They did.

As Dave Nonnemacher, director of service learning, tells it, one student took the initiative and planned a hurricane relief trip that involved 35 NW faculty and students. Relationships were formed, and God’s work was done.

In the subsequent years NW has continued to organize Gulf Coast trips during Christmas break. The communities affected by Katrina and Rita are recovering, but it is a long process. NW is committed to being a part of that process.

Sophomore Emily Mortenson went to New Orleans. She and her team repainted a fence, put in floors and gutted a house. In light of all the volunteer work that has been done in New Orleans, Mortenson said that what they did felt small, but she learned that “people appreciate the little things.” She will never forget the warm embrace of a dear elderly woman after the team finished repainting her ragged fence.

The Jackson team primarily worked on a house. A few of the females on the team had the opportunity to visit Genesis One, a Christian school. They read and played with children, giving the underpaid servant teachers a break. Freshman Bobbie Jean Rich realized that, while resources were limited, “the school is only a fraction of the problem—the entire town is still so separated and torn and poverty is common, making gang violence and teen pregnancy an unfortunate fact of life.”

During their trip the whole team was forced to wrestle with issues like poverty and racism. Sophomore Halee Wilken was filled with a sense of guilt as she traveled back home to her Christmas presents. She learned to turn her guilt into gratitude and made a commitment to “use the blessings that the Lord has given me to do his work.”

While in Jackson working with the John Perkins Foundation the team had the incredible opportunity to interact with John Perkins for devotions each morning. At 77 years old, he was an inspiration. Carly Miller, admissions counselor, described him as truly being “the hands and feet of Christ.”

All of these challenges, thoughts and lessons are of invaluable worth. Nonnemacher believes that it is “important for students to understand and partner in ministries, not just paint walls.”

Through these service projects students were able to both serve with their hands and engage their minds while considering and discussing provoking thoughts and issues. Three years after the first student-initiated venture, the Gulf Coast trips are still making an impact.
Do you part to “play fair” just got easier

BY KILEY SELIGMAN
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According to the Fair Trade Federation, 2.7 billion people in the world survive on less than $2 a day. Yet, hope has emerged for the five million who have found help in fair trade. According to the Fair Trade Federation, “Fair trade is a system of exchange that seeks to create greater equity and partnership in the international trading system.”

The fair trade system goes back to 1946, but has recently gained popularity with people who strive to attend to serious world issues. Through fair trade, people in impoverished countries can export their crops and crafts to earn a livelihood. Different retailers work with people in these countries to help them sell their goods in other places.

Fair trade reaches places all across the world, even Orange City. Hands Around the World is a local shop that sells fair trade products exclusively. According to Margo Vanderhill, manager of the shop, there are multiple reasons for supporting fair trade.

“As an artist myself, I identify with people who make things. It’s important that people are paid fairly for what they do,” she said.

Fair trade organizations care about the environment and make sure that all crops sold through fair trade are grown in a way that causes no environmental damage. Fair trade also helps impoverished and disrespected women around the world live better lives. Women who earn an income for their families gain respect, do not have to marry as young, are not beaten and are generally treated better.

As governments see their citizens getting out of poverty, they are stepping up to help fair trade producers further their work. With their help, producers have set up dental clinics and trash pick-up. Some are even promoting religious reconciliation by using trade to cross religious borders.

“Fair trade is not a rope, but a net that reaches out in all directions and does many things at the same time,” said Vanderhill.

Fair trade products range from coffee, tea and cocoa to lace natively scenes and are usually no more expensive than regular products. The difference is that retailers work more directly with the craftsmen, eliminating the middleman and allowing more of the money to go to the craftsmen.

Fair trade retailers and companies are everywhere and can be identified by the Fair Trade logo. Lists of members can also be found on fair trade websites. The Hub uses fair trade coffee, and even Starbucks buys from some fair trade retailers.

Though it is more difficult for retailers to get things fair trade, due to bad roads, poor communication and civil unrest in impoverished countries, it is worth it. The good that comes from fair trade is making the world a better place for millions of people.

As students at Northwestern, we strive to follow biblical mandates. By supporting fair trade companies and buying fair trade products, we can live out the commands to help the poor and live justly. Fair trade helps make it possible for families to feed children and send them to school. It helps women earn respect and raises millions out of poverty.

Even though we might refer to ourselves as “poor” college students, in reality we have a great deal of wealth, especially in comparison to the rest of the world. We can use our abundant resources wisely, buying fair trade products and helping the truly impoverished of the world to live better lives. Your effort to procure fair trade counts.

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Worlds collide: Romania’s impact

BY LINDSAY SQUIRES
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Perhaps you have distractedly turned to this article while eating lunch or are glancing over these pages before class. You have probably heard of the Romania Semester, but if you are not one of the students who went or who are thinking of going this fall, how could Romania possibly matter to your world?

Why should you care to learn about the Jiu Valley, its people or the work of the New Horizons Foundation? The Romania Semester was one of the most significant experiences of my life, but how does that touch your world?

Fortunately, this is not about your world or my world. It’s about God’s world. It’s about doing here every day what God has called us to do around the world: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; and ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’” (Luke 10:27).

Maybe you have listened to these words so many times that it requires conscious effort to actually hear them. “Love your neighbor as yourself…”

The seven of us who ventured to Romania through Northwestern’s first study abroad program had the opportunity to see what this command means in a different part of the world. As we joined the work of New Horizons among the high school students of the Jiu Valley, we saw love—not the comfortable love of charity, but an enduring, persistent love—a love that will eventually change Romania.

Part of this love involves taking seriously what Dana Bates, founder and executive director of New Horizons and Romania program director, describes as the spiritual duty to mend a broken world. For the Bates, sustainable development has been part of their obedience both to this responsibility and to God’s commandment to love our neighbor. The Bates, their staff and volunteers would call themselves ordinary, but the depth of their love for a very difficult region of the world is extraordinary.

As Christians, all of us have the opportunity to be agents of restoration in our world. In Romania, I saw a country broken on nearly every level. When I was discouraged, I would look into the faces of the IMPACT kids. What I saw in them was hope—throbbing, overpowering and growing hope. I could spend hours telling you about these special high school students and how indelibly they touched my heart, but again, how does that relate to your world?

If these high school students can take the little they have and make it into something that will change their country, surely we can take the much we have been given and turn it into something that might impact our world.

As a college student, you have a privilege that only a small fraction of the world knows. While some students in the Jiu Valley dream of the mere possibility of college, we have to remind ourselves to be grateful for the opportunity. Here it is easy to become caught up in the things that don’t matter, in the busyness and in the constant pressure to do. We must lift our heads from the details of our world and remember that there is so much more in God’s world.

Eighthours ahead of us, a city and its people are waiting. Lupen, Romania is waiting for the next group of students to come, to experience its story, to stand amid its mountains, to see its strength, to feel its brokeredness and to join in its restoration. To six other students and me, Romania gave something different but something precious, and several of us already pray that we might return one day to the place where so much of our hearts remain.

Maybe God will take you to another country, or perhaps he will keep you where you are. Regardless of your location, the spread of God’s shalom begins here and today with love—for him and for your neighbor.

If the first Romania Semester could breathe renewed meaning into this command, deeply affect the lives of seven NW students, shape the way they understand the world and allow them to invest themselves in Romania’s future, this program has been a profound success indeed.

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SPORTS

Raider women top Chargers, Remmerde breaks scoring record

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The Northwestern women’s basketball team improved to 17-1 on Wednesday night with an 80-70 win over Briar Cliff. The Raiders, ranked second in the nation, remain undefeated in the GPAC conference (7-0).

NW 80, Briar Cliff 70
Northwestern jumped to an early lead against the Chargers, scoring the first six points of the game. Their lead extended to 11-2 before Briar Cliff went on a 5-0 run. After a solid rest of the first half, the Raiders went into the break with a 39-27 lead.

The Raiders came out of the locker room strong and outscored Briar Cliff 12-3, giving them their biggest lead of the game, 51-30. Although the Chargers rallied back to within five points with four minutes left of play, the Raiders were able to net five free throws to raise their lead to ten, sealing the deal at 80-70.

The undisputed highlight of the game was with 8:29 left in the first half, when senior Deb Remmerde drilled a fade-away jump shot to set the new all-time NAIA Division-II women’s basketball scoring record. She also became the new all-time Iowa collegiate leading scorer byinking a free throw with 2:55 remaining in the game.

Remmerde led the Raiders with 23 points and seven rebounds. Senior Amy Larson added 18 points, while sophomore Randa Hulstein scored 10 and added 8 rebounds. Senior Miranda Boekhout contributed 7 rebounds and 10 assists to the win.

NW 73, Doane 59
Last Saturday, the Red Raiders defeated Doane College 73-59. The 24th-ranked Tigers started with an early 18-16 lead, but Larson set off a 13-2 run for the Raiders by scoring 7 points. The Raiders ended the half up 31-24.

Early in the second half, an 8-1 run brought Doane within two points before the Raiders rallied for a 13-4 run that extended their lead to 47-36. NW controlled the rest of the game for the win.

Remmerde led the Raiders in scoring with 29 points and Larson added 19. Crystal Algood had nine points, six rebounds and four blocks.

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Raider men’s winning streak ends

BY JONATHAN MEERDINK
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On Wednesday night, the Red Raiders nine game winning streak came to an end against Briar Cliff, falling 65-70 to the Chargers.

Within the last week, the Northwestern Raiders wrestling team traveled to both Cedar Falls and Sioux Falls, facing a total of five different schools. They’ve come home with two wins and three losses, putting them at 2-4 in the GPAC.

Senior Chad Schuiteman turned in a stellar performance, netting 16 points and grabbing 18 rebounds. Sophomore Ryan Hoogeveen added 12 points, while junior Andrew Stinson and senior Curt Schilling both chipped in 11.

NW 92, Doane 64

The host Raiders cruised to a 28-point victory over the Doane Tigers on Jan. 12 at the Bulman Center.

Wyatt Communskey

Sports recap

SPORTS EDITOR

The world of Raider sports continued its flurry of activity over the much-needed Christmas vacation. Here’s the recap:

Men’s basketball

The Raider men enjoyed a very successful December, boasting a perfect 6-0 on the month.

At the Holy Names Classic held on Dec. 29 and 31, NW hosted Holy Names University 99-95, bringing the Hawks’ five-game winning streak to a halt.

They moved on to defeat Dominican 85-74, closing the month with zero losses.

Then on Jan. 5 they defeated GPAC rival Hastings, outscoring the eighth-ranked team 87-84.

Women’s basketball

On Dec. 28 the Raiders women suffered their first loss off the season to Augustana, falling 64-68. They rallied back to beat Dakota State 90-83 the day after.

Then on Jan. 5 they defeated seventeenth-ranked Hastings 67-63.

Wrestling

On Jan. 5, seven members of the Red Raiders wrestling team participated in the Dana College Open. The tournament hosts over 200 wrestlers from 17 schools, including a few D-1.

Both Enock Francois and Jordan Keckler made it to the championship in their respective weight class. Both took second to D-1 wrestlers.

Junior Levi Price and sophomore Lamar Reed each took sixth.

Raider wrestlers eighth in conference

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Within the last week, the Northwestern Raiders wrestling team traveled to both Cedar Falls and Sioux Falls, facing a total of five different schools. They’ve come home with two wins and three losses, putting them at 2-4 in the GPAC.

Despite the losing record, the team earned a number eight ranking in the latest NAIA poll.

NW 65, Briar Cliff 70

Despite having nearly a two to one advantage in rebinding and out-shooting the host Chargers, the Raiders could not pull off the victory on the road.

Briar Cliff led by eight midway through the first half, but a 16-6 run allowed the Raiders to lead 30-28 at the break. The Chargers came out strong in the second half, scoring the first six points. Despite several rallies by the Raiders, the Chargers sealed the deal with an impressive 19-20 shooting performance from the charity stripe down the stretch.

Senior Chad Schuiteman was strong all around, earning a number eight ranking in the latest NAIA poll.

Three other Raiders made top ten individual rankings. Senior Andrew Lundgren (197) and junior Jordan Keckler (141) are both ranked number three in their respective weight class, while junior Tom Eaton (174) holds the number two ranking.

Francois also had a big day, moving up a weight class to face number two ranked Brian Fritchman from MUS-Northern. In Petty’s words, “Enock just destroyed him.”

Up next for the Raiders is the Paul Bartlett/Red Raider Invitational to be hosted here on Saturday, Jan. 19, starting at 9 a.m.

While the team is working hard to prepare for conference matches, it’s important to remember the hard work and dedication of the athletes.

“Raider men’s winning streak ends”

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On Wednesday night, the Red Raiders nine game winning streak came to an end against Briar Cliff, falling 65-70 to the Chargers.

“‘It’s a necessary evil, waking up early. But that’s going to be the key thing we do — outwork the rest of the nation.’

- John Petty

We’re working hard for God and for our team, and that’s all we can do.”

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Coach Petty admitted he was extremely happy with Eaton’s performance this week.

“Eaton has been very impressive lately. He’s worked hard and it’s paying off.”

At the Jan. 12 meet in Cedar Falls, Eaton, along with junior Levi Price, was undefeated on the day, leading the team with two pins and beating his opponent 19-7.

NW shot above 50 percent in both halves and took the lead for good with more than 12 minutes to go in the first half. Defensively, the Raiders also played well, forcing 25 turnovers and allowing only two Doane players to score in double figures.

Five Raiders scored more than ten points. Schilling led all scorers with 17 and also had 5 assists.

Good defense was key as the NW men again had to make up some ground in the second half.

Sioux Falls took advantage of 20 second-chance points and a strong performance by their bench to take a four-point advantage, leading 46-42 at the half.

The Cougars also started the second half well, running their advantage to 10 just five minutes into the period. The Raiders clawed back, though, taking the lead on a Wiertzema three-pointer with 8:36 left.

The Raiders never trailed again, relying on their tough defense to hold their opponents scoreless for the last 4:21 of the game to pull off the victory.

Wiertzema paced the Raiders with 23 points while Schilling and Schuiteman scored 15 and 14 respectively, with Schuiteman pulling down 8 rebounds.

The Raiders next host Mt. Marty at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

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Collaboration underway in Te Paske Gallery

“Doing art” reads one of the brightly colored tiles currently covering one section of wall in Northwestern’s Te Paske Gallery, located in the Korver Visual Arts Center.

These tiles, which contain old photographs, paintings, drawings, witty statements and even stamps, are just one of the attractions displaying the creative and collaborative artwork of John Bowitz and Shannon Sargent.

Bowitz has won 24 awards in juried shows and was presented with the Outstanding Teacher Distinguished Service Award by the Art Educators of Iowa in 1988. Sargent is a registrar/preparator to the Sioux City Art Center and works as an adjunct art professor at Morningside and NW. The two have provided NW and the surrounding community members with provocative artwork.

“I liked looking at the pieces and trying to make sense of the choices that these two artists made,” said Lisa Barber, Resident Director of Fern Smith Hall. “The pieces seemed chaotic, but it was good to look for the deeper meaning.”

When examining such visually interesting works as those of Bowitz and Sargent, an individual may begin to wonder about the source of their inspiration.

Thanks to the exhibit opening on Jan. 10, those attending were able to converse with the artists directly and clear up some of the mystery behind the pieces.

“It was most helpful in trying to understand the process the artists used making the art,” said Rein Vanderhill, art professor. “We asked them direct questions, and they pointed to specific examples.”

Residing in the Te Paske Gallery until Jan. 25, the art display brings bright colors and different textures to the arts center.

“People should go and see these pieces because it’s a unique art show with a different kind of style than is normally seen in our art gallery,” said Barber.

The tales of two city volunteers

Once upon a time, the ears of children would perk up and wait intently for their story time to continue because who knows what could come next. As students get older, story time becomes more and more limited or possibly nonexistent.

Yet, if there are still ears on campus in want (or in need) of story time, chapel on Wednesday, Jan. 23 will present “Stories from the City.” This will be an opportunity for adults to awaken once again to hear stories from two 2006-2007 Mission Year participants. Brittany Caffey, now Northwestern’s AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer coordinator, and junior Mike Noble left NW to experience God in a different place. Each spent a year with other students from various locations volunteering in a city, Noble in Philadelphia and Caffey in Chicago.

“Mike and I will each be telling a story (or two) about an encounter we had in the city,” said Caffey, “one that stretched and challenged us or perhaps changed the way we view the world.”

By listening to the stories, Caffey and Noble hope to stir up the minds of their audience.

“We don’t expect every person to deal with the issues we had in the same way we did,” said Noble. “We hope some questions will come up in their minds for them to engage in and keep thinking about.”

Both will also incorporate how their Mission Year participation shaped their sense of identity and calling.

“I still have no idea what I’ll do after I leave NW,” said Noble, “but Mission Year really put a fire under me to focus.”

Student recital to come

On Sunday, Jan. 20, senior Aubrey Weger will be giving a violin recital in Christ Chapel at 3 p.m.

She will perform four pieces, accompanied by staff accompanist Lori Vande Brake. She will start with Mozart’s “Adagio in E Minor, K. 261.” Following this she will play Eugene Ysaye’s “Sonata No. 4, Op. 27;” Niccolo Paganini’s “24 Caprices for Solo Violin, Op. 1, No. 9 and 11;” and Tchaikovsky’s “Concerto in D Major, Op. 35, mvt. 1.”

Weger is a music education and violin performance major and is student teaching in Le Mars this semester. She is planning to pursue graduate studies for violin performance next year.